



50th Year, 1971-2021

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*** JUNE/JULY 2021 Newsletter – Issue #298

Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting ..... Sunday, July 25, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.



## Happy Father's Day - June 20, 2021



### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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**GRACE PIZZO**

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WELCOME SUMMER 2021

### A Message from our President



To mask or not to mask, that is the question? The CDC has announced new guidelines for mask-wearing this past week, and I am more confused than ever. The good news is that as more and more of us are vaccinated, life can start to

be a little more normal. For a club like ours, we can start to resume some of our traditional activities. We are trying to set up a membership meeting on a Sunday evening in July. The location still has to be determined since many venues are starting to make up for a lost time, and bookings are filling quickly.

We are planning our summer picnic, and once again, it will be at **Young Patriot Park in Riverview** on August 22, 2021. Despite the rise in meat prices, we will keep the cost to \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. See attached flyer for more details.

The date for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has been moved to Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Bentley Conf. Ctr.. This will be an event that you don't want to miss. Stay tuned for more details as the **Social Committee** will be re-energized and plan to make this event something special.

As life begins to become more and more normal, I can say that I am looking forward to these events with *molto attesa*. The noise and confusion, the laughing and the shouting, has been sorely missed. We are blessed that we haven't lost too many members because of the pandemic, but we will miss the ones that have passed recently. I would hope that we will be able to schedule our traditional **Memorial Mass** in November so that we can honor those members we have lost in the past two years, along with all the other members who have passed away over the years.

*Spero di vedervi presto tutti.*

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

### Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party



The Downriver Italian-American Club was formed in 1971. This year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> year. In honor of this accomplishment, the Club will have a gala 50<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversary Party** to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the **Bentley Banquet Center**. Details to be provided in the next newsletter.

### Membership Picnic – Aug. 22



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park (Riverview Civic Center)**, at 14100 Civic

Park Dr. (Sibley Road), in Riverview, MI 48193.

The event is hosted by **Jim and Julie Bademian, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo. Sam Randazzo (374)676-8463 is taking reservations.** This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. Meal selection is required. **Please! Do not make your reservation/payment on the day of the picnic; the headcount needs to be known to order sufficient food for the party.** Bocce will be played near the pavilion. The food is prepared by **Chef Joe Pagano** (same as previous years). See flyer contained in this newsletter.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

## Sick and Good Will



Our thoughts and prayers to our members and their families, who may be under the weather, having tests, getting treatments, or surgeries. Also, special blessings to all of our many caretakers of ailing family members. May God bless you all. **Get Well Wishes** to members: **Sam Randazzo, Dan Boileau, and Alice Patton**, and others??, who were/are ill or were in the hospital.

Condolences to the family of **Tony and Miriam Lumia** on the death of their son, **Michael Anthony Lumia**, who passed away on April 8, 2021, at the age of 62. May he rest in peace. May his memory be a Blessing.

Condolences to the family of **Nancy Cosentino** on the death of her husband, **Salvatore (Sam) Cosentino**, who passed away on April 9, 2021, at the age of 93. They joined the Club in February 1981. Sam had many roles in the Club; Sam was Club President (1983-1984), was on the Club Board for so many years; worked on the Bond Drive Committee, they worked the Club festivals at Yack Arena, worked the Club Pasta events, chaired many events, attended many club activities and events over the 40 years. Sam owned and operated Merrillwood Barber Salon in Birmingham. May he rest in peace. May his memory be a Blessing.

Condolences to the families of **Josephine (Pina) Milewski** on the death of her husband, **Lenny Milewski**, who passed away on April 10, 2021, at the age of 90. They joined the Club in October 1997 (23 years). Pina and Lenny just recently moved from Southgate, MI, to Indianapolis, Indiana, to be closer to their daughter. Pina is sister-in-law to **Shirley Cavataio**. Pina and Lenny were very active in the Club; they worked the Club Pasta events, attended many club activities and events. Lenny was well known by many club members. May he rest in peace. May his memory be a Blessing.

Condolences to the family of **Antonio (Nino) Vitale** on the death of his wife, **Fara Vitale**, who passed away on April 11, 2021, at the age of 81. They joined the Club in April 1990. Club members **Marco (Jennifer) Vitale, Guy A. (Maria) Vitale, and Rosalie (Jason) Karawan** are their siblings. Fara is sister to Club members: **Damiano (Piera) Vitale, Vincenzo (Ciccina) Vitale, and Paula (Joe) Ventimiglia**. Fara and Nino were very active in the Club; they worked the Club festivals at Yack Arena, worked the Club Pasta events, chaired many events, and attended many club activities and events. Nino was a club officer for many, many years. Condolences to the many family relatives related. May she rest in peace. May her memory be a Blessing.

## Welcome New Daughter



Club members **Alex and Kelsey Parker** proudly announce the birth of their first daughter, **Hattie Gene Parker**, born on March 25, 2021, at 5:21 p.m. **Hattie** weighed in at 7 lbs. - 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long and attended her first DIAC Board meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The proud grandparents are **Randy and Paula Rice**. As well as great-grandparents **Charles and Leslie Lupo** and uncle **Brett Rice**, all Club members.

## Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our **Congratulations and Best Wishes** to our members who are celebrating their **Birthday**.

<i>Joe Cuva (6/01)</i>	<i>Damiano Vitale (7/13)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/03)</i>	<i>Nicole Sander (7/14)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)</i>
<i>Giuseppe LoCicero (6/05)</i>	<i>Cindy Dingell (7/16)</i>
<i>Allison Vitale (6/06)</i>	<i>Alexander Asteriou (7/18)</i>
<i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</i>	<i>Leslie Lupo (7/18)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Helen Sryniawski (7/21)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i>	<i>Nina Palazzolo (7/25)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Robin Remington (7/27)</i>
<i>Sarah Eaton (6/15)</i>	<i>Ruth Lepidi (7/30)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Sam Pizzo (7/30)</i>
<i>Robert Lepidi (6/17)</i>	<i>Joe Badalamenti (8/03)</i>
<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>	<i>Don Kerr (8/04)</i>
<i>Paola Hillebrand (6/19)</i>	<i>Joe J. Giammalva (8/05)</i>
<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i>	<i>Margaret Vitale (8/05)</i>
<i>Karen Asteriou (6/25)</i>	<i>Robert Carrier (8/07)</i>
<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>	<i>Victoria Meyring (8/09)</i>
<i>Gerald McGowan (6/29)</i>	<i>Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)</i>
<i>Connie Becker (7/01)</i>	<i>Maria Horvath (8/12)</i>
<i>Laurie Randazzo (7/06)</i>	<i>Rose Zahara (8/12)</i>
<i>Mimi Kerr (7/07)</i>	<i>Sharon Pagano (8/14)</i>
<i>Vince Vitale (Superior St) (7/07)</i>	<i>Josie Badalamenti (8/15)</i>
<i>Maria Johnson (7/10)</i>	<i>Barbara Bianchi (8/17)</i>
<i>Tony Lumia (7/10)</i>	<i>Jennifer Vitale (8/18)</i>
<i>James Bely (7/11)</i>	<i>Grace Lewis (8/22)</i>
<i>Elda Fracassa (7/13)</i>	<i>Emalie Shifflett (8/25)</i>

## Happy Anniversary - Buon Anniversario



We wish to extend our **Best Wishes for the many Happy and Healthy years together**, to our members who are celebrating their **Anniversary**.

*Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)*  
*Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)*  
*Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

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- Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)*
- Anthony and Angela Chirco (6/10)*
- Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)*
- Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)*
- Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)*
- Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)*
- Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)*
- Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)*
- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)*
- Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)*
- Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)*
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)*
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)*
- Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)*
- Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)*
- Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)*
- Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)*
- Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (8/12)*
- Daniel and Rose Boileau (8/16)*
- Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16)*
- William and Susan Herbert (8/23)*
- Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (8/27)*

**Father's Day Thoughts**

**When I was:**

- Four years old:* My Daddy can do anything.
- Five years old:* My daddy knows a whole lot.
- Six years old:* My dad is smarter than your dad.
- Eight Years old:* My dad doesn't know exactly everything.
- 10 years old:* In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.
- 12 years old:* Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.
- 14 years old:* Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.
- 21 years old:* Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.
- 25 years old:* Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.
- 30 years old:* Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.
- 35 years old:* I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.
- 40 years old:* I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.
- 50 years old:* I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

**Scholarship for Higher Education**



Downriver Italian-American Club is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a son or daughter of a club member, those attending higher education in the fall of this year. Some eligibility applies. If you are interested, a form can be emailed to you. Please contact **Frank Giannotti**, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703 or [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net) or by phone (734)283-7394.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and conduct an interview. Good luck to all who apply.

***My Daughter***

*I've seen your secret struggles,  
and I've heard your silent tears.  
I've bathed in your laughter  
and stood against your fears.  
I've cherished every moment,  
every minute of every year.  
You are my love, my life,  
God's Gift - Precious Daughter  
I hold you dear.*

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# Downriver Italian-American Club Membership Picnic Party Sunday – August 22, 2021



**WHERE:** Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

**SERVING TIME:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**PRICE:** Club Member: \$10.00

**Children (over 18): \$15.00    Guest of Member: \$15.00**

**WHO:** Club Members, their Family and their Friends.



----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----

Meal: Steak or Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverage, Watermelon, Dessert.

The meal is prepared onsite by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**.

Volunteers needed to bring dessert - would be appreciated. **Call Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463**

Bocce tournament, horseshoe, and other summer games allowed - bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Saturday, August 14, 2021**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate headcount so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the returned coupon.**

The picnic is hosted by: **Jim and Julie Bademian, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

**Sam Randazzo**  
3391 Brookshire  
Trenton, MI 48183-3970  
Phone: (734) 676-8463

Board Members will be helping.  
Thank you for your promptness.  
**Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace, Jim, Julie, Sam, and Darlene.**



I/We will be attending the **Club Annual Picnic** on Sunday, **August 22, 2021**.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, August 14, 2021**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # Steak \_\_\_\_\_ # Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (\$10.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Children over 18 (\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Guest (\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_

A check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Return coupon and your payment to Sam Randazzo, 3391 Brookshire, Trenton, MI 48183-3970**

