



50th Year, 1971-2021

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

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Club Board Meeting ..... Time, Date, and Location to be Determined  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wed., July 21, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – The Bentley



## Independence Day – July 4, 2021



### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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**WELCOME  
SUMMER  
FOR 2021**

### A Message from our President



Is it possible that we can return to life as we knew it before Covid-19? We are going to give it a try. Starting this month, we will try to resume our monthly lunch and meetings at The Bentley.

We don't have a lot of business to discuss, but we have a lot of socializing to catch up with.

I hope that most of us will be comfortable attending. I have missed the great food provided by Ziad and his staff. I miss hanging out with my *paisans*, and I really miss banging my gavel in an attempt to keep the noise down during meetings.

The Club is in good financial shape for now. The one positive that came out of this pandemic was that we spent hardly any money for 15 months. We will start to collect dues again in 2022, and for now, we have resumed the initiation fee for new members. My hope is that we can get more of our friends to join us. Besides the summer picnic in July, our **50th Anniversary Party** on October 2, 2021 will be special, and our **Christmas Party** is always a good time. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

*Mangiamo, beviamo e stiamo allegri,*

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

### Postage Stamp on the Rise



Effective sometime in August 2021, the cost of a first-class postage stamp will increase from \$0.55 to \$0.58.

If you do a lot of mailing, especially during the holidays, it pays to purchase the stamps now since they are listed as lifetime.

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The General Membership meeting will immediately follow the luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon is **\$10.00 per person** (meal and gratuity). The meal is well worth the cost. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo at (734)676-8463**, no later than one week before the meeting.

### 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 the picnic flyer contained in the June-July newsletter. Return the coupon with your monies no later than Saturday, August 14, 2021.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

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



The Downriver Italian-American Club was founded 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 a future newsletter.

**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**.

- Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)*
- Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)*
- Marco and Judy Palazzolo (7/08)*
- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)*
- Marshall and Colleen Grazioli (7/13)*
- Vito and Betty Palazzolo (7/14)*
- Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)*
- Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)*
- Paul and Diane Lupo (7/18)*
- Roger and Maria Robinson (7/19)*
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)*
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)*
- Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)*
- Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)*

**Re-instate Membership Initiation Fees**



At the June 13, 2020 Board Meeting, discussed was the current practice on new membership initiation fees. Recall, the “No-Initiation” membership drive ended on December 31, 2019. Moving forward, the Board unanimously approved to re-instate the \$50.00/person initiation fee for all new members, henceforth.

**Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno**



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

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| <i>Connie Becker (7/01)</i>         | <i>Cindy Dingell (7/16)</i>       |
| <i>Betty Palazzolo (7/05)</i>       | <i>Williams Dolunt (7/16)</i>     |
| <i>Laurie Randazzo (7/06)</i>       | <i>Leslie Lupo (7/18)</i>         |
| <i>Mimi Kerr (7/07)</i>             | <i>Marshall Grazioli (7/20)</i>   |
| <i>Vince Vitale (Superior (7/7)</i> | <i>Lilianna Mazzalunga (7/21)</i> |
| <i>Maria Johnson (7/10)</i>         | <i>Helen Sryniawski (7/21)</i>    |
| <i>Tony Lumia (7/10)</i>            | <i>Nancy Prone (7/23)</i>         |
| <i>James Bely (7/11)</i>            | <i>Nina Palazzolo (7/25)</i>      |
| <i>Elda Fracassa (7/13)</i>         | <i>Robin Remington (7/27)</i>     |
| <i>Damiano Vitale (7/13)</i>        | <i>Maria Robinson (7/28)</i>      |
| <i>Nicole Sander (7/14)</i>         | <i>Ruth Lepidi (7/30)</i>         |
| <i>Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)</i>     | <i>Sam Pizzo (7/30)</i>           |

**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 them. **Finally, Get Well Wishes** to members who were/are ill or were in the hospital.

Condolences to the family of **Mary Lavine** on the death of her husband, **George Lavine**, who passed away on May 29, 2021, at the age of 89. They joined the Club in June 1994 (Honorary members). George and Mary were very active in the Club; they worked the **Club Pasta** events, attended many club activities and events. George was well known by many club members. May he rest in peace. *May his Memory be a Blessing!*

Condolences to the family of **Frank and Nina Liberati** on the death of their son, **Angelo Liberati**, who passed away on June 3, 2021, at the age of 26. Condolences to the grandmother, **Florence Coleman**. May he rest in peace. *May his Memory be a Blessing!*

Condolences to the family of **Elda Fracassa** on the death of her husband, **Arnaldo E. Fracassa**, who passed away on June 8, 2021, at the age of 92. They joined the Club in March 1975 (Honorary Membership). Arnaldo was our Club Hall Chef during our early hall banquet years. He was very loyal to the Club. Elda would help in the kitchen at all times. He later opened his own banquet hall facility, **Arnaldo's Banquet Center**, in Riverview, MI. They were both very active in the Club in the early years. Arnaldo was well known by many club members. May he rest in peace. *May his Memory be a Blessing!*

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