



50th Year, 1971-2021

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021 – 3:00 p.m., KofC
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021 – 1:00 p.m., Bentley



Club Picnic – Sunday, August 22, 2021



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WELCOME
SUMMER
2021

A Message from our President



The Club met for the first time in 17 months in July, and it was like old times again. Fifty-three (53) were in attendance. The lunch was great, the meeting was fast, and the place was loud! I'm

looking forward to doing it again on August 18th.

Don't forget to reserve your spot for the Club Picnic this month. Despite the rising cost of beef, we are still offering steak for \$10. That's a price that can't be beaten. The Club Board is dedicated to making sure you get a great value for all of our events. Membership does have its privileges.

The Covid-19 virus is starting to ramp up again, so I hope that all of you are staying healthy and safe. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, I urge you to do so. It's the only way to beat back this pandemic.

Rimani sano e forte,
Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, August 18, 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.

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.

Club 50th Anniversary Party



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

Anniversary Party to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the **Bentley Banquet Center.** Details are found in the attached flyer. The chairpersons are **Leslie and Charlie Lupo.** Return the attached coupon no later than Friday, September 17, 2020. **Please be advised, if you do not reserve a full table, your seating and table location will be assigned to you.**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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DIAC Memorial Mass – Nov. 7, 2021

Memorial Service



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, at **St. Vincent Pallotte** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic Church**), located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The Mass is at **11:30 a.m.**; Luncheon will be at the **Sportsmen's Den, 15001 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI**, served at 1:30 p.m. The event is chaired by **Frank Giannotti** and **Florence Coleman**. A flyer will be available in a future newsletter.

Christmas Party – Dec. 12, 2021



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 12, 2021**. The event is at the **Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI**. Details to be provided in a future newsletter. It's good to have our social events restored after the covid-19 pandemic.

Welcome New Granddaughter



Club members **Mitchell and Francesca Wolski** proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Oakley Wolski**, born on July 22, 2021. **Oakley** weighed in at 9 lbs. – 2.5 ounces and was 21.5 inches

long. The proud parents are **Mitchell and Selicca Wolski**. **Oakley** is welcomed by her sisters, **Viviana and Willow Grace**. The proud great-grandparents are **Sam and Grace Pizzo**. Congratulation to the **Pizzo's and Wolski families**.

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: **Mary Cottone, Dennis Patton**, and others??, who were/are ill or were in the hospital — wishing for a speedy recovery.

Condolences to the family of **Ted Brockway** who passed away on July 1, 2021, at the age of 93. Ted and his late wife **Lena Brockway** (deceased March 14, 2017) joined the Club in June 1984 (Honorary members). Ted and Lena were very active in the Club; they attended many club activities and events. Ted was well known by many club members. May he rest in peace. *May his Memory be a Blessing!*

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**.

Thomas and Lisa Sasse (8/01)

Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)

James and Margaret Waltz (8/07)

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)

Robert and Nicole Sander (8/28)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Rosalie Lazzarino (08/01)

Sharon Thibeau (8/03)

Don Kerr (8/04)

Joe J. Giammalva (8/05)

Margaret Vitale (8/05)

Robert Carrier (8/07)

Elaine Cartrette (8/09)

Victoria Meyring (8/09)

Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)

Maria Horvath (8/12)

Rose Zahara (8/12)

Sharon Pagano (8/14)

Josie Badalamenti (8/15)

Linda Migliaccio (8/16)

Barbara Bianchi (8/17)

Jennifer Vitale (8/18)

Grace Lewis (8/22)

Emalie Shifflett (8/25)

Janet Flaherty (8/29)

2021 Scholarship Award Winner



Scholarship

The **Downriver Italian-American Club** has awarded the **DIAC 2021 Scholarship Award** to **Samuel Shifflett**, the son of family club members, **Roger and Emalie Shifflett**.

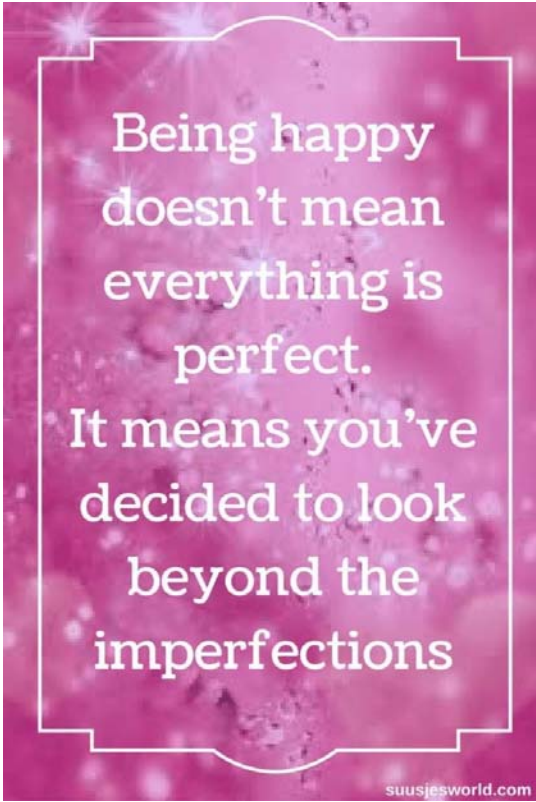
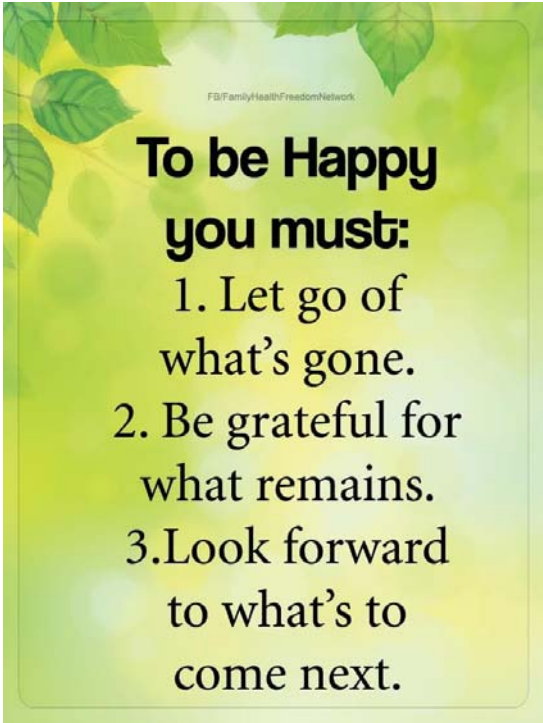
The Scholarship Committee consisting of **Frank Giannotti, Juliann Bademian, Mark Grazioli, Grace Pizzo and Paula Rice** awarded the \$500.00 tuition prize based on Sam's outstanding school grade point average (3.82), community services, school hockey, altar server at **St. Vincent Pallotti**. Sam was our dishwasher and kitchen helper during the Club's monthly pasta events.

Sam will be attending **Northwestern Technological Institute** in the fall, majoring in heating and cooling (HVAC). The award will be presented to Sam at our Club picnic on August 22, 2021. Congratulation to **Sam Shifflett**.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Calendar of Future Events

- Aug. 22, 2021, Club Annual Picnic**
Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463
- Oct. 2, 2021, Club 50th Anniversary Party**
Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Nov. 7, 2021, Memorial Mass / Luncheon**
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
Florence Coleman (313) 909-0090
- Dec. 12, 2021, Club Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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DIAC 50th Anniversary Party

Bentley Banquet & Conference Center ♣ 646 Biddle Ave. ♣ Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727 ♣ 734-285-4044

Saturday, October 2, 2021



Dress Code: Semi-formal — Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
Appetizer: 6:00 p.m. — Plated Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Welcome & Video Presentation: 6:45 p.m.
Entertainment by Gino's Market Band at 8:00 p.m.

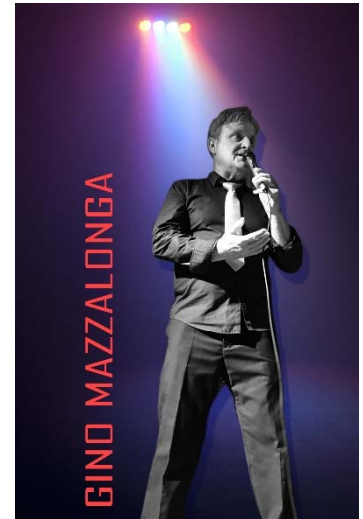


Appetizers:
Cheeses, Assorted Salami
Crackers/Crostini, Fruit
Champagne Toast

Main Entrées:
Michigan Cherry Salad
Ricotta Ravioli w/Pesto,
Filet Mignon
Sicilian Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert:
Italian Rum Cake
Assorted Cookies

Beverages:
Coffee and Tea Station w/flavors
Premium Bar Included



Invitation includes Club Member(s) and Guest
\$25.00 per Member, \$75.00 per Guest

Cash Raffles ♣ Reservation Deadline: Friday, Sept. 17, 2021

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance

Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating.

Make check or money order payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301

For further information call: Leslie Lupo at (734) 282-1257



I/(We) will be attending the **DIAC 50th Anniversary Party** on Saturday, October 2, 2021.
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Friday, September 17, 2021.



Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Tel.: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club.**

Mail this form and check to Leslie Lupo ♣ 459 Cedar Street ♣ Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301

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If you would like to be seated with a friend (at their table), please print their name(s) here: