



50th Year, 1971-2021

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**** IMPORTANT DATES **** **SEPTEMBER 2021 Newsletter – Issue #301**
Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 – 3:00 p.m., KofC
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 – 1:00 p.m., Bentley



50th Anniv Party – Sat., October 2, 2021



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WELCOME
SEPTEMBER
2021

A Message from our President



August was sure a good month for our club. The lunch and meeting at the Bentley took place on the outdoor patio with the waterfall operating and a slight breeze. We had 56 in attendance despite the high temperature. I wouldn't mind having another meeting outside. Perhaps when things cool off a bit more?

The **Club Picnic** was a huge success. We had 110 of us enjoying steak and chicken, bocce, and cards. Chef **Joe Pagano** and his team, once again, did an outstanding job. We have reserved August 14, 2022 for our next picnic. Let's hope the price of beef goes down before then.

Check the dates for the upcoming **Card Parties at Knights of Columbus** in Wyandotte. Make sure you reserve your place for our **50th Anniversary Gala** on October 2. You are guaranteed to have a good time. It's good to be doing these events again, but please remain safe wherever you go. The virus continues to wreak havoc on our world.

Questo è tutto quello che ho da dire,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The monthly 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 luncheon.

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. See the flyer in the August newsletter.

Please be advised, if you do not reserve a full table, your seating and table location will be assigned to you.

Sept. Card Party at K of C



A Club Card Party is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 3530**

Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Club members and their guests are welcome. K of C has Taco Night that evening; tacos at \$1.00 each. The club is providing chips and pretzels. A cash bar service is available.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity. The event is chaired by **Julie and Jim Bademian**; give them a call at **(313)388-2264** and let them know you are attending. Bring your own board and card games. See attached flyer for information and future card party dates.

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 1:00 p.m. The event is chaired by **Frank Giannotti** and **Florence Coleman**. A flyer will appear in the October 2021 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. A flyer will appear in the November 2021 newsletter.

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**.

Robert and Susan Fuchs; of Brighton, MI; sponsored by **Jim and Julie Bademian** and others. **Nicholas and Madison Switzer**; of Trenton, MI; sponsored by **Gaetano (Tom) Randazzo**.

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The picnic was held at the **Young Patriots Park, Civic Center**, in Riverview, MI. An outstanding job by **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his staff. The food was just delicious Many thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Julie and Jim Bademian, Sam and Grace Pizzo, and Dennis and Alice Patton**. The ribeye steak and chicken proved to be an excellent choice this year. The members and their guests all had a great time.

THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

Eight (8) men participated in the men's bocce tournament. The participants were divided into two teams; two teams played each other.

Four (4) ladies participated in the Women's bocce tournament. One team of two (2) played the other 2 participants. A single team was the winner.

First place honors went to the following teams:

Men's Team Champion: **Gerry Wenzel, Don Jenson, Vincenzo Vitale and Joseph Ventimiglia.**

Ladies Team Champion: **Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale and Honor Shoemaker.**

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants. Their certificate will be presented at the September 15 membership meeting. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us.



Men's 2021 Bocce Champions: Gerry Wenzel, Don Jenson, Vincenzo (Vince) Vitale, and Joseph Ventimiglia



Ladies 2021 Bocce Champions: Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale and Honor Shoemaker.

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 having surgeries. Also, special blessings to all of our many caretakers of ailing family members. May God bless them all. **Get Well Wishes** to members: **Sam Randazzo, Mary Cottone**, and others??, who were/are ill or were in the hospital — wishing for a speedy recovery.

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Condolences to the family of **Theresa Talluto** on the death of her husband, **Marco Talluto**, who passed away on August 20, 2021, at the age of 90. They joined the Club in January 1991 (Honorary Membership). Marco was on the Club Board for many years as Treasurer. It is unfortunate that both Marco and his wife Theresa were in the hospital when he passed away. They were both very active in the club; they worked the club festivals at Yack Arena, attended many club activities and events. Marco was well known by many club members. Condolences to his brother **Gaetano (Tom) Talluto** and sister **Dolly Chirco** and to the family and relatives. 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**.

- Mitchell and Francesca Wolski (09/02)*
- Lenny and Rose Zerilli (09/03)*
- Damiano and Piera Vitale (09/06)*
- Anthony and Rosalie Lazzarino (09/10)*
- Nicholas and Madison Switzer (09/15)*
- Donald and Marlene Wellman (09/16)*
- Patrick and Janet Flaherty (09/18)*
- Joseph and Maria Serra (09/23)*
- Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (09/24)*
- John and Diana Parisi (09/26)*
- Giacinto and Theresa Simone (09/28)*
- Roger and Emalie Shifflett (09/29)*

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

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| <i>Joseph Bozzo (09/02)</i> | <i>Mary Cottone (09/20)</i> |
| <i>Arlene Roberts (09/02)</i> | <i>Rose Gaglio (09/20)</i> |
| <i>Donald Wellman (09/03)</i> | <i>Kelli McNally (09/22)</i> |
| <i>Vince Vitale (09/04)</i> | <i>Paul Lupo (09/23)</i> |
| <i>Diana Parisi (09/05)</i> | <i>Pauline Barraco (09/24)</i> |
| <i>Leonard Zerilli (09/05)</i> | <i>Rocky Kaune (09/24)</i> |
| <i>Amelia McGowan (09/05)</i> | <i>Julie Bademian (09/26)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Simone (09/11)</i> | <i>Gloria Kause (09/26)</i> |
| <i>Steven Badalamente (09/14)</i> | <i>Lina Susin (09/26)</i> |
| <i>Joseph Serra (09/15)</i> | <i>Madison Switzer (09/28)</i> |
| <i>Vakarue Yinger (09/17)</i> | <i>Robert Jagielo (09/30)</i> |
| <i>Roger Shifflett (09/19)</i> | |

Calendar of Future Events

- Sept. 21, 2021,** DIAC Monthly Card Party
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Oct. 2, 2021,** Club 50th Anniversary Party
Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Oct. 19, 2021,** DIAC Monthly Card Party
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Nov. 7, 2021,** Memorial Mass / Luncheon
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
Florence Coleman (313) 909-0090
- Nov. 16, 2021,** DIAC Monthly Card Party
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Dec. 12, 2021,** Club Christmas Party
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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2021 Card Parties

Tuesday, September 21, 2021	Join Us
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	Join Us
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	Join Us

Knights of Columbus Hall

3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Card, Board Games, and Social Conversation

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM or 9:30 PM

Club Members and their guests are welcome.



Snacks, Soft Beverage & Coffee Provided

Bring your own Board and Card Games

Taco Night by K of C – Tacos \$1.00 each

Cash Bar Available

For further information, contact Julie Bademian (313)388-2264

A Service Charge of \$2.00 Per Person for the Use of the Hall Facility

