

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

NOVEMBER 2021 Newsletter – Issue #303 Club Board Meeting ....... Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 – 3:00 p.m., K of C General Membership Meeting ......... Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 – 1:00 p.m., Bentley



# Happy Thanksgiving - Thur. Nov. 25, 2021



2021-2022 **CLUB OFFICERS** & TRUSTEES

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**GO BLUE** WE CHEER FOR YOU 2021

#### A Message from our President



Time flies when you're having fun. The old saying must be true because we had some fun in October and I can't believe its November. The 50th Anniversary Party was great. The food

and the music was excellent but the people made it superb. A big thank you to Leslie Lupo and the Social Committee for putting on a first class event. Thanks to Joe Pagano and Frank Giannotti for the video presentation and slide show.

I encourage everyone to attend the monthly card night at the Knights of Columbus in Wyandotte. It's a great opportunity to get together on a Tuesday evening and the \$1 tacos are a bargain. Don' forget to make your reservation for the December Christmas Party. It should be a good one.

Stay healthy and safe and Felice Ringraziamento,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo - Club President

#### **Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley**



The Club luncheon this month will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 12:00 noon, at The Bentley

Conference Center, 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 price. Make your lunch reservation by calling Leslsie Lupo at (734)282-1257 no later than one week before the luncheon.



#### DIAC Memorial Mass - Nov. 7, 2021



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 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sportsmen's Den, 15001 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI 48193. The event is chaired by Frank Giannotti. See the flyer attached in the September newsletter. The cost is \$15.00 for a member, \$18.00 for a nonmembers. We have had many deaths since our last Memorial Mass in 2019. It would be a nice gesture to honor our deceased members. The deadline for reservation is Saturday, October 30, 2021. Attached is a list of our deceased club members.

#### Nov. Card Party at K of C



A Club Card Party is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at **Knights** the 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 are \$1.00 each. In addition, the Club is providing chips and pretzels. A cash bar service is available.

There's 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. Future card parties will be shown in an upcoming newsletter.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

### Christmas Party - Dec. 12, 2021



This year's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 12, 2021. Chairpersons are Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, Julie Bademian, and Alice Patton. Live entertainment by Pino Marelli. The

location is the **Bentley Conference Center**, located at 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. (734)246-4800.

The doors open at 4:00 p.m, with a buffet-style dinner at 4:30 p.m. A wonder meal has been selected. The cost is **\$40.00 for a member and \$55.00 for a non-member**. There are door prizes and a raffle; table seating of 10 to a table. The deadline for reservation is November 30, 2021. See the flyer attached to this newsletter. Please send your reservation early to help the committee accommodate the seating arrangement.

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

#### **Congratulating New Club Members**



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

Gloria Pauline Fragassi; of Lincoln Park, MI; sponsored by Salvatore (Sam) Finazzo.

#### 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. May God bless our troops. <u>Get Well Wishes</u> to members: <u>David Esordi</u>, <u>Florence Coleman</u>, <u>Mary Cottone</u>, <u>Sylvia Vitale Nick & Karen Caputo</u> and others??, who were/are ill or were in the hospital — wishing them a speedy recovery.

Condolences to the family of **Michael and Susan Shields** on the death of Mike's mother, **Madlyn Shields**, who passed away on September 30, 2021, at the age of 86. May she rest in peace. *May her memory be a Blessing!* 

Condolences to the family of **Rose Gaglio** on the death of her sister-in-law, **Pina Bommarito**, who passed away on October 18, at the age of 74. Condolenses also to Rose's brother-in-law, **Salvatore Vitale**, who passed away on October 23,, 2021 at the age of 74. May they rest in peace. *May their memories be a Blessing!* 

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Condolenses to the family of **Giorlando (Joe) and Rosalia Giammalva** on the death of Rosalia's father **Salvatore Vitale**, who passed away on October 23, 2021 at the age of 74. 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 celebrating their <u>Anniversary</u>.

Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)
Matt and Sharon Thibeau (11/10)
Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)
Vito and Geraldine Altomaro (11/14)
Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)
Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)
Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)
Paul and Robin Remington (11/26)
Phil and Therese Barraco (11/28)
Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)
John and Theresa Menna (11/29)

#### **Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno**



We wish to extend our **Congratulations** and **Best Wishes** to our members celebrating their <u>Birthdays</u> this month.

Dolly Chirco (11/1)
Mary Lavine (11/1)
Marco Vitale (11/1)
Angelina Carlone (11/2)
Marlene Erno (11/3)
Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)
Francesca Wolski (11/07)
Emilia Gonella (11/9)
Angelo Norscia (11/11)

Joanne Cuva (11/12) Robert Coch (11/16) Colleen Grazioli (11/16) Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19) Judy Palazzolo (11/19) Angelo Schiraldi (11/22) Garry Lee (11/25) MaryJane Grazioli (11/27) Piera Vitale (11/27)

#### **Letter from the Italian Consul of Detroit**



Dear fellow Italians, those of Italian heritage and friends of Italy,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I participate in my first official **Columbus Day Celebration** with the

Italian and Italian-American Community of this Consular jurisdiction. As I child, my father was posted at our Embassy in Washington D.C. and I was able to enjoy the celebrations without fully comprehending the reason for its commemoration.

Now I approach the 2021 **Columbus Day** celebrations with a different level of awareness and utmost appreciation for a man that – 529 years ago – had faith in his convictions, followed his aspiration and did not

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give up hope, even under extreme duress. The Genovese seafarer – Cristoforo Colombo - that paved the way for roughly 5 million Italians that have since then come to call America their home and create the current Italian-American community of over 16 million hardworking men and women.

The Italian Community can take great pride in having contributed to the success of this Country and the qualities of determination and courage continue to shine even in the difficult times recently endured by this Nation and our Homeland.

There is a Latin saying: "per aspera ad astra", meaning "through hardship to the stars". It is a phrase that I imagine Columbus repeating whilst navigating a turbulent ocean, and with it, I extend my best wishes to the entire Italian and Italian-American Community for much-continued success and accomplishment. Reach for the stars.

La Console

#### Paola Allegra Baistrocchi

#### **Consolate of Italy in Detroit**

400 Renaissance Center

Suite 950

Detroit, Michigan – 48243

http://www.consdetroit.esteri.it

Tel: (313)963-8560 ext. 114

#### **Crisis Pregnancy Center - Lincoln Park**

At the General Membership meeting of October 20, 2021, **Darlene Randazzo** (wife of President) discussed our Club helping a charitable organization, the **Crisis Pregnancy Center**, of Lincoln Park, MI. The DIAC would like to provide some much-needed items. You can drop off your donations at our next **general meeting** (Nov. 17), or bring them to the **Christmas Party** (Dec. 12).

Baby Crib

**Baby Crib Mattress** 

**Baby Crib Sheets** 

**Infant Bathtubs** 

Stuffed Animals

Blankets—larger than receiving blanket size; something big enough to use to play on the floor

Baby Nail Kits

Diapers, Size 5 or 6

Clothes (outfits or sleepers) Size 2T, 3T or 4T

Onesies – Boys or Girls, Size 18 Months or 24 Months

Preemie Size Clothes

Socks – Need Toddler Size only

**Booties** 

## **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Enfamil Formula – Yellow Cans Only Stage 3 Baby Food

Baby Towels & Washcloths

Baby Wash

**Baby Wipes** 

**Pacifiers** 

**Baby Bottles** 

Thank you so much for considering this community outreach program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, **Darlene Randazzo**, (734)306-2766



for each new morning with its light for rest and shelter of the night for health and food for friends and love For Everything

#### **Calendar of Future Events**

Nov. 7, 2021, ...... Memorial Mass / Luncheon

thy goodness sends

Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394 Florence Coleman (313) 909-0090

Nov. 16, 2021, ..... DIAC November Card Party

Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

Dec. 12, 2021, ..... Club Christmas Party Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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# 4C Membership Christmas Party

Bentley Banquet & Conference Ctr., 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, 734-246-4800



# Sunday, December 12, 2021

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m. Buffet Style Dinner at 4:30 p.m. **Entertainment by Pino Marelli** 





Michigan Cherry Salad w/Mixed Greens, Walnuts, Dried Cherries, Gorgonzola Cheese, and Cherry Vinaigrette

Homemade Rolls and Butter Chicken Marsala with Creamy Marsala Sauce Beef Burgundy w/Fried Onion Straws Cheese Tortellini w/Tomato Meat Sauce Seasonal Vegetables

> Parmesan Mashed Potatoes ~ Dessert ~

Cake

~ Beverages ~ Coffee, Tea, Soft Beverage, Beer, and Wine Cash Bar Available





assigned to you.

Invitation includes your Family and Friends Members: \$40.00 Non-Members: \$55.00

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Tuesday, November 30, 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 payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club** 

Mail to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Drive Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

For further information, call: Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491



Julie Bademian (313)388-2264 🐧 A	lice Patton (734)6	97-7902 🐧 Paula Rice (73	4)748-0998
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I/(We) will be attending the DIAC 2021 Ch This coupon and payment must be received	•		
Name:		Number of People Att	ending:
Address:	Tel:	Amount Enclosed: \$	S
Make checks payable to Downriver Italian-A	merican Club.		MERRY
Mail this form and check to Grace Pizzo & 32 All reservations must be reserved and paid in	•		Christmas

If you would like to be seated with a friend (at their table), please print their name(s) here. Otherwise, seating and table location will

DIA	C Memoria	I Mass of November 7,	2021 - In I	Memory of	10/11/2021 2:17 PM
Agrusa, Rosalie (Lil)	6/3/2010	Gandol, Dolores	Sept1986	Palazzolo, Fay	3/31/2015
Agrusa, Joseph		Gandol, James		Palazzolo, Girolomo	2/23/2000
Aluia, Giuseppe		Gantz, Gino	1979	Palazzolo, Sam	4/21/2007
Alulia,Madelena		Giaimo, Benedetta	5/12/2003	Palazzolo, Michael V.	7/17/2002
Asteriou, James		Giaimo, Giovanni		Palazzolo, Michael T.	2/21/2013
Badalamente, Grace		Giaimo, Rosalie		Palazzolo, Patricia	6/191981
Badalamente, Pete		Giaimo, Angelo		Palazzolo, Saundra	12/23/2004
Badalamente, Rosalia		Giaimo, Salvatore		Palazzolo, Pietro	7/3/2002
Badalamente, Sam Badalamente,Rosalie		Giannotti, Angelo Giannotti, Carolina (Lina)		Palazzolo, Jennie Palazzolo, Joseph V.	6/28/2008 5/6/2013
Badalamenti, Giuseppe		Giannola Vito(Bill		Pallerito, Sam	April-1985
Barraco, William (Bill)		Gonella, Raymond		Parecca, Vince	1983
Bianchi, Barbara		Gorgone, Grace		Parrino, Fara	1/27/2013
Bianchi, Frank		Gorgone, Joseph		Parrino, James	6/1/2007
Biondo, Antonette		Grasso, Victor		Parrino, Joseph A.	6/12/1997
Biondo, Ignazio		Grazioli, Louise		Parrino, Selena	June-1993
Biundo, Reitha		Grazioli Donna		Parrino, Stephanie	9/15/2016
Bomarito, Tony		Guastella, Stephen		Passalaqua, Nancy	3/26/1995
Bommarito, Carl		Gyurscik, Ida		Passaclaqua, Joseph	12/1/1990
Bommarito, James		Horvath, Ernest		Passalacqua, Margaret	8/29/2014
Bommarito, Leta		lacopelli, Jenny		Passalacqua, Fara	5/20/2001
Bommarito, Shirley		lacopelli, Joseph		Pietrangelo, Anthony	8/14/2018
Bourgeois, Milton		lacopelli, Loni		Pizzo, Fara Pizzo, Frank	6/28/2010 9/15/2013
Bourgeois, Vincenza Bozzo, Henry		Jenson, Violet Jenson, James		Pizzo, Frank Pizzo, Marianna	2/9/2003
Bozzo, Marianna		Kaune, Nancy		Pizzo, Mamie	2/17/2000
Brockway. Lena		Klavon, Karl F.		Pizzo, Procopio	12/30/1995
Brockway, Ted		Kling, Robert		Prato, Algie (Angelo)	6/27/2011
Brusca, Benedetto		Klube, Edward		Quillico, John	4/24/1997
Brusca. Josephine	1998	Kusic, Joseph R.		Quillico, Ruth	11/28/2004
Burns, Richard	5/17/2009	Kusic, Sadie	4/28/2020	Randazzo, Frances	4/29/2013
Buscemi, Francesco		LaMatia, Paul		Randazzo, Grace	5/9/2012
Buscemi, Susanna		Lavine, George		Randazzo, Marco	8/31/2003
Cacchio, Joseph		Leone Joseph		Randazzo, Mary	7/24/2015
Capezza, Donald		Lepidi, Louis		Randazzo, Sam	8/3/2015
Capezza, Nancy		Lewis, Bill		Randazzo, Sam G.	3/30/2016
		LoDuca, Rose		Randazzo, Salvatore	5/15/2002
Carlone, Valerio Checchio, Frank		Lopetrone,Rosalie Lucarelli, Eugene		Randazzo, Vincenzo Ravida, Giuseppe	10/9/1992 4/20/2003
Checchio, Emma J		Lupo, Michael		Ricci, Sue	12/29/2006
Chirco Giuseppe (Joe)		Lupo, Philip		Rotondo, Carmen	3/10/2000
Ciotti,Enrico		Lupo, Rose		Russo, Lawrence	12/11/2003
Coleman, Richard (Dick)		Lupo, Sue		Saenz, Judy	5/27/2007
Concessi, Vince		Luzac, Larry		Saenz, Stephen	7/19/1999
Cosentino, Sam	4/9/2021	Magliocco, Diaz		Salvati, Anthony	9/19/2010
Costa, Florence		Mangiapane, Joseph		Salvati, Sara	Sep-1982
Costanza, Joseph		Mangiapane, Mary		Sclafani, Antonina (Lena	6/30/1992
Costanza, Lola		Maniaci, Emanuele		Sclafani, Anthony	3/26/2018
Cottone, Anthony		Mannino, Vincenzo		Sclafani, Nicolo (Nick)	5/14/1995
Cottone, Phyllis D'Alfonso, Ceasare		Mannino, Catherine		Sclafani, Onorato	8/24/1997
D'Alfonso, Linda		Manzella, Josephine Marcantonio, Nancy		Sclafani, Sam Sclafani, Santo	12/25/1998 Mar-1990
D'Alonsio, Angeline		Martin, Georgine		Sclafani, Santo	9/14/2016
DaRos, Angela		Martino, Gino Sr.		Sclafani, Theresa	8/26/2006
DeJohn, Mileo (Leo)		Martino, Vivian		Sclafani, Maria (Filocia)	5/2/2010
DeLiz, Joseph		Marzano, Emilio (Emil)		Shimkus, Martin	3/17/2016
DeLiz Constance (Connie		Marzano, Josephine		Simone, Frank	4/30/2003
Dick, Travis	10/27/2012	Marzano, Fred	9/15/2012	Tabaka, Consetta	2/24/2009
Dick, Anna		McFaul, Ivan		Talluto, Marco G	8/20/2021
DiCarlo, Anna		McFaul, Nancy	2/27/2017	Talluto, Theresa	8/30/2021
DiClaudio, Nick		McNally,Judge Gerald		Tola, John	4/6/1997
DiClaudio, Piero		Menna, Lena		Tola,Josephine	12/30/1999
DiClaudio, Vencenza		Milewski, Lenny		Trupiano, Frances	Mar-1981
DiMaria, Giuseppe		Mitra, Johnny J.		Trupiano, Margaret	7/16/2010
DiPuggi Maria		Moccia, Veto		Trupiano, Vito	11/14/2014 9/14/2006
DiPucci, Maria DiPucci, Nick		Morrin, James Morrin, Mary		Vassallo, Agostino Venditti, Augustino	7/29/2004
DiToro, Anna		Morsello, Isabel		Venditti, Marie	12/13/2007
DiToro, Francesco		Morsello, Joseph	1989	Vespa, Antonio	12/13/2007
Donati, Edith		Muffi, Cora (101 yrs)		Vitale, Fara	4/11/2021
Eacopelli, Domenico		Mylsisz, John J.		Vitale, Jim	3/14/2007
Ernest, Catherine		Orlando, Giacomo		Vitale, Marie C.	4/17/2012
Farchione, James		Oslund, Yolanda		Vitale, Joseph	2/21/1996
Ferraiuolo, Anthony	11/20/2004	Oslund, Richard (Dick)	11/52011	Vitale, Joseph J.	Aug-1994
Finazzo, Benedicta	1/3/2002	Pagano, Gaetano (Guy)	6/14/1981	Vitale, Myra	3/2/2020
Finazzo, Tony		Pagano, Giuseppe (Joe)	5/15/2010	Vitale, Sam	2/20/2008
Frasseto, Mario		Pagano, Paul		Vitale, Vito	10/22/2003
			40/=/0000	Miorzho Mory	6/17/2013
Frassetto, Aino		Pagano, Connie		Wierzba, Mary	
Frassetto, Aino Gaglio, Faro	11/20/2015	Pagano, Rose	11/29/2018	Wierzba, Stanley	4/18/1993
Frassetto, Aino	11/20/2015 3/12/2006		11/29/2018 8/6/2004		