



51st Year, 1971-2022

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting ** CANCELLED **
General Membership Meeting ** CANCELLED **



Happy Valentine's Day – Feb. 14, 2022



2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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◆ No Meetings in Feb. 2022 ◆



The Club Board and General Membership meetings for February 2022 are canceled due to the widespread Omicron infection. The next tentative general meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

It's a New Year

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had,
and may you have many more New Years
that are even better!*

A Safe, Prosperous and a Happy 2022

The Club Board wishes our members and their families a better year.

A Message from our President



Benvenuto 2022! Once again, due to concerns with the spread of the Covid-19 virus, our Club activities have been put on hold. The Board has decided to cancel our February meetings, and

we will revisit the issue to see if we can meet in March. I am trying to stay optimistic but realistic. After our **Christmas Party**, where 10 members contracted the virus, we want to be cautious about when and where we meet again.

The Board also voted to suspend membership dues until June and reduce the cost by 50%; if your annual dues are \$30, they will be \$15 this year.

Nakad Holdings has paid off the balance of the Land Contract for the building and business sale. The Board voted to invest \$100,000.00 in a 3-year annuity that will pay 2.25% interest. This still gives us plenty of cash on hand to do plenty of social activities for years to come. If you would like a full

Treasurers report, we will announce it at our next membership meeting.

I am looking forward to catching up with all of you as the weather gets warmer. There are still plans for our **Summer Picnic** in August and the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** on the Detroit River in July. We will also plan to have an evening meeting soon, so all members will have an opportunity to attend. Until then, stay safe and be healthy.

La vita e meravigliosa,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

DIAC 2022 Honorary Members



The following Club members have attained twenty-five (25) consecutive years in the **Downriver Italian-American Club** and are eligible for the position of "Honorary Member." In accordance with the By-Laws, Article I-Membership, Section 2-C, such member(s) shall have all the rights enjoyed by a Regular Member but shall not pay dues.

The following members, in good-standing since 1997, qualify for the status of "Honorary Member."

Shirley Cavataio (10/97)

Paul Consiglio (10/97)

Pina Milewski (10/97)

Today

*is a new day! you can start fresh
wipe the slate clean. begin again.
today you can embrace kindness
work for the common good. practice
compassion stand up for justice.
listen with your whole heart.
Offer hope. love well. go for it.
aspire for more. make a difference.
be the change you wish to see
in the world*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Firekeeper Casino Bus Trip



***** Note: this casino trip has been rescheduled *****

The bus trip to Firekeeper Casino has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, April 12, 2022**. Grace Tours will be handling trip details. The trip is \$43.00 per person. You'll receive \$20.00 in free play and a \$5.00 food voucher. Grace Pizzo will be taking reservations. Grace can be reached at (734)379-9491. **Make the reservation remittance out to DIAC.**

Those members who have made reservations for the original date of February 21, 2022, will need to call Grace at (734)379-9491 and let her know if this revised date is acceptable to you.

Club Membership Dues Postponed



The Club Board has decided to postpone the collection of club dues until June/July 2022. The Club has no foreseeable meetings or events due to the covid delta/omicron pandemic. A notice will be sent out in a future newsletter.

DIAC Honorary Member's List



Below are names of Club Members who have attained 25 years of continued members and who are classified as **Honorary Members**. As such, they no longer pay their membership dues. New members for 2022 are shown in **underline and bold letters**.

Giuseppe & Vita Alastra (04/90)
 Grace Asteriou (02/73)
 Josephine Badalamenti (09/92)
 Stephanie Badalamenti (03/95)
 Pauline Barraco (06/74)
 Connie Becker (10/95)
 Barbara Bianchi (01/76)
 Joseph Bozzo (04/90)
 Vivian Cacioppo (11/73)
 Angelina Carlone (12/80)
 Robert and Linda Carrier (01/93, 07/80)
Shirley Cavataio (10/97)
 Dolly Chirco (04/74)
 Robert and Susie Coch (03/93)
 Florence Coleman (02/73)
Paul Consiglio (10/97)
 Nancy Cosentino (02/81)
 Chris and Cindy Dingell ((07/96)
 Sal DiPasquale (07/71)
 BettyJean Ferraiuolo (04/90)

John and Anna Finazzo (10/86)
 Elda Fracassa (03/75)
 Rose Gaglio (11/85)
 Giorlando and Rosalie Giammalva (01/91)
 Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (06/75)
 Frank and Liliana Giannotti (03/80)
 Emilia Gonella (02/81)
 Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (11/73)
 Martha Guastella (03/79)
 Maria Horvath (04/90)
 Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (01/93, 04/87)
 Rocky Kaune (12/72)
 Theresa Klavon (04/94)
 Josie Klube (05/73)
 Mary Lavine (06/94)
 Grace Lewis (03/81)
 Frank and Nina Liberati (11/96)
 Charlie and Leslie Lupo (07/73)
 Joan Luzac (03/79)
 Marian Maniaci (09/86)
 Stella Marzano (02/75)
 Michael and Kelli McNally (02/95)
Pina Milewski (10/97)
 Angela M Palazzolo (06/76)
 Josephine Palazzolo (01/92)
 Nina Palazzolo (04/90)
 Vivian Palazzolo (05/72)
 John and Diana Parisi (12/91)
 Sam and Grace Pizzo (02/73)
 Fannie Randazzo (05/79)
 Gaetano (Tom) and Laurie Randazzo (06/78)
 Sam and Darlene Randazzo (05/93)
 Randall and Paula Rice (02/81)
 Catherine Sclafani (02/73)
 Rosalie Shimkus (05/90)
 Giacinto and Theresa Simone (12/76)
 Joseph and Nicolina Susin (11/72)
 Nino and Gianna Trupiano (01/74)
 Angela Vassallo (03/88)
 Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (02/91)
 Anthony J and Robyn Vitale (02/87, 01/92)
 Gaetano A. Vitale (06/93)
 Guy A. Vitale (01/93)
 Nino Vitale (04/90)
 Benedetta Vitale (05/91)
 Damiano and Piera Vitale (04/90)
 Marco Vitale (05/90)
 Margaret Vitale (01/88)
 Rose Vitale (10/72)
 Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (12/91)
 Steven and Sylvia Vitale (09/95)
 Vincenzo and Francesca Vitale (02/91)
 Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (06/90)
 Leonard and Rose Zerilli (12/73)



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102 Honorary Members thru 2022
There are 3 New Honorary Members for 2022

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. **Get Well Wishes** to members: **Florence Coleman, Sylvia Vitale Rosemary Prato**, and others??, who were/are ill or were in the hospital — wishing them a speedy recovery.

Condolences to the family of **John and Anna Finazzo** on the death of Anna's sister, **Antonina Biondo**, who passed away on December 25, 2021, at the age of 83. May she rest in peace. *May her memory be a Blessing!*

Condolences to the family of **Angela Vassallo** on the death of her sister, **Santina Galati**, who passed away on January 9, 2022, at the age of 89. May she rest in peace. *May her memory be a Blessing!*

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our **Congratulations and Best Wishes** to our members celebrating their **Birthday** this month.

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| <i>Mona Austin (2/3)</i> | <i>Dennis Randazzo (2/14)</i> |
| <i>Filippina Rubino (2/4)</i> | <i>Antoinette Dominski (2/15)</i> |
| <i>Ciccina Vitale (2/4)</i> | <i>Tom Sasse (2/15)</i> |
| <i>Grace Asteriou (2/5)</i> | <i>Elizabeth Dolunt (2/17)</i> |
| <i>Elisa Norscia (2/6)</i> | <i>Marlene Wellman (2/18)</i> |
| <i>Frank Liberati (2/7)</i> | <i>Leona Vizzini (2/19)</i> |
| <i>Philip Barraco (2/9)</i> | <i>Sandra DiSanto (2/20)</i> |
| <i>Rosemary Prato (2/9)</i> | <i>Marco Palazzolo (2/20)</i> |
| <i>Delores Phillips (2/11)</i> | <i>Florence Coleman (2/23)</i> |
| <i>Daniel Prone (2/12)</i> | <i>Henry LeSage (2/25)</i> |
| <i>Maria Serra (2/12)</i> | <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (2/25)</i> |
| <i>Christopher Dingell (2/13)</i> | <i>Donald Jenson (2/26)</i> |
| <i>Tony Palazzolo (2/13)</i> | <i>Marie Pagnucco (2/26)</i> |
| <i>Samantha Waltz (2/13)</i> | <i>Vita Alastria (2/28)</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Perniciaro (2/14)</i> | |

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

- Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (2/1) 30th*
Garry and Laura Lee (2/28)



Welcome New Family Member



Club members **Nicholas and Madison Switzer** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Lucy Anna Switzer**, born on January 11, 2022. **Lucy** weighed in at 7 lb. – 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Lucy is welcomed by her sister **Magdalena** and brother **Benedict**. **Lucy** was born with some complications at birth. **Please** keep **Lucy** in your prayers. She is one sweet and beautiful little girl. Congratulations to the **Switzer** and the **McKenna-Chase** families.



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Artists for Sanremo 2022 Revealed



Gianni Morandi

The artists for the Italian music Festival di Sanremo - 2022 in Italy have been revealed. The winner will represent Italy at Eurovision 2022 on home soil.

The winner will be given the chance of representing Italy at this year's Eurovision to be held in Torino, Italy.

ARTIST	SONG
Achille Lauro	Domenica
Aka7even	Perfetta così
Ana Mena	Duecentomila ore
Dargen D'Amico	Dove si balla
Elisa	O forse sei tu
Emma	Ogni volta è così
Fabrizio Moro	Sei tu
Gianni Morandi	Apri tutte le porte
Giovanni Truppi	Tuo padre, mia madre, Lucia
Giusy Ferreri	Miele
Hightsnub & Hu	Abbi cura di te
Irama	Ovunque sarai
Iva Zanicchi	Voglio amarti
La Rappresentante di Lista	Ciao ciao
Le Vibrazioni	Tantissimo
Mahmood feat. Blanco	Brividi
Massimo Ranieri	Lettera al di là del mare
Matteo Romano	Virale
Michele Bravi	Inverno dei fiori
Noemi	Ti amo, non lo so dire
Rettore & Ditonellapiaga	Chimica
Rkomi	Insuperabile
Sangiovanni	Farfalle
Tananai	Sesso occasionale
Yuman	Ora e qui

The Sanremo 2022 Italian Festival can be viewed on a paid RAI TV (Xfinity channel 3280) subscription and from many other providers. The festival can be viewed from Tuesday, February 1st and ends on Saturday, February 5, 2022.



Calendar of Future Events

Apr. 12, 2022, Firekeeper Casino Bus Trip
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

Jul. 20, 2022, Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Luncheon
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394

Aug. 14, 2022, Club Picnic
Grace Pizo, (734) 379-9491



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