



51th Year, 1971-2022

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



Happy Mother's Day – Sun. May 8, 2022



2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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TO ALL THE MOTHERS IN THE WORLD

A Message from our President



Finally we got to have a lunch (and meeting) and I must say, it was exceptional. The room was jam packed, the lunch was excellent as usual and the meeting went relatively smooth. It was good to see everyone and even better listening to all the loud conversation going on. Business as usual!

The Board agreed to only charge half price for membership dues this year. Please make it a point to send your dues in before the June 30 deadline. We will once again have a raffle and gift card to the winning member that pays their dues on time. It's worth a shot. Membership does have its privileges!

The **Social Committee** is starting to put together a calendar of events; that should have something for everyone. The more participation, the better. We have a lot of making up for lost time in front of us and I look forward to it.

In the words of my late **Uncle Toto**,
Non si preoccupati,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, May 18 2022, 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). Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463 **no later than one week before the luncheon**

2022 Club Membership Dues



As previously announced, the dues for 2022 are reduced to half the normal rates. The rates are \$30.00 for a married couple and \$15.00 for a single

member. The dues can be paid at a general membership meeting, or you can mail a check or money order (payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**). Mail to:

Frank A. Giannotti
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.
Riverview, MI 48193-7703.

Your dues invoice is contained in this newsletter.

There are **NO** dues to be paid for **Honorary Members** (those with 25+ years of continued membership).

The deadline date for dues is June 30, 2022.

This is one month before the first major club event, the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**. If the dues are not paid, you will be paying non-member prices if you wish to attend.

June Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening general membership meeting on **Wednesday, June 22, 2022**, at the **Wyandotte Boat Club, 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192**

(Across the street from **Portofino Restaurant**. The facility is rented from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m., with pizza and salad provided immediately after the meeting. All beverages are cash-bar at the Wyandotte Boat Club..



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May 3 Card Party at K of C



A Card Party is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, & June 7, 2022, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Club members, and their guests are welcome. K of C has Taco Night that evening. In addition, the Club provides soft beverages and snacks. Cash bar service is available.

There's a service charge of \$2.00 per person. The event is chaired by Julie and Jim Bademian; give them a call at (313)388-2264 and let them know you are attending.

Mother's Day Luncheon
At Silver Shores - Wyandotte

There is a Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 8, 2022 at Silver Shores Banquet & Catering, 1 James DeSana Dr., Wyandotte, MI 48192. This event is a non-club sponsored event. Meal hours are from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$46.00 for adults, \$40.00 for seniors and \$20.00 for kids (4-11 years).

The meal covers a wide variety of different salad, salad bar, carving stations, buffet, dessert station. Coffee, tea, sods included. A full cash bar is available.

Reservation is required; please call (734)246-4800; request a flyer to view the complete menu.

Diamond Jack Chartered Boat Ride



This year's Diamond Jack Boat Ride will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. The chairperson is Frank Giannotti (734)283-7394. The boat ride will be heading north, passing the new

International Bridge crossing. The Club has chartered the Diamond Jack boat for the trip. Family and guests are invited. This is an evening ride from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Meet at Bishop Park no later than 6:30 PM. Boat Boarding at 6:45 PM.

Before the ride, there is a meal at the Wyandotte Boat Club (Across from Portofino Restaurant), 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI, 48192 (734)284-5560. The doors open at 4:30 pm, with the meal served at 5:00 pm.

The cost of the boat ride is \$20.00 per person. For Club members who are riding on the boat, their meal is free. Non-members (and Club members who did not ride the boat), the cost of their meal is \$10.00. Return the coupon and monies no later than July 12, 2022. See flyer in this newsletter for further information. Boat capacity is 125 passengers. Paid reservations on first-come, first-serve basis. Covid mask optional, but recommended.

Membershiop Picnic – August 14



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2022. The picnic location is at the Young Patriots Park (Riverview Civic Center), at 14100 Civic Park Dr. (Sibley Road), in Riverview, MI 48193, same as in previous years.

The event is hosted by Jim and Julie Bademian, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo. Grace Pizzo (374)379-9491 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 flyer in the upcoming June newsletter.

Bocce Court for Club Members



Sam and Tom Randazzo made a request to the Wyandotte City Council to install new bocce courts at the F.O.P. Park, 8th Street, and Bondie, Wyandotte, MI. The DPW will install/upgrade the existing bocce court(s). They requested our Club to provide a couple of benches for people to sit on, with the Downriver Italian-American Club logo name on the benches. The work is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year. If this project goes to completion, the club members can form team and play bocce on a regular basis. Stay tuned for upgraded information in a future newsletter.

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: Grace Pizzo, Piera Vitale, Florence Coleman and others??

Condolences to the family of Theresa Simone on the death of her husband, Giacinto (Larry) Simone, who passed away on March 4, 2022, at the age of 89. Larry and his wife, Theresa, joined the Club in December 1976. They worked the Italian Festivals at Yack Arena and

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were very active in the early years. May he rest in peace.
May his memory be a Blessing!

Condolences to the family of **Grace (Sam) Pizzo** and **Stella Marzano** and the death of their brother, **Francesco Lopiccio**, who passed away on April 8, 2022, at the age of 85. Condolences to the many family members, nieces, and nephews. May he rest in peace.
May his memory be a Blessing!

Congratulating New Club Members



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

Scott and Rosa Angela (Marcantonio) Gronda; of Grosse Ile, MI; sponsored

by **Rose Boileau**.

2022 Scholarship to Be Awarded



A son or daughter of a club member; who is a graduating senior and is planning on attending higher education at a college or university may apply for a \$500 scholarship. Basic requirements: Must have a minimum B grade point average; their parents must be a member in good standing for at least 1 year. (Basis is membership by June 30 of the previous year). For further information, contact **Frank Giannotti** at (734)283-7394. The completed application must be received no later than June 30, 2022.



Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Steven Erno (5/01)	Guy A. Vitale (5/20)
Rosalie Shimkus (5/01)	Rose Zerilli (5/21)
Sal Finazzo (5/02)	Teresa LeSage (5/22)
Vivian Palazzolo (5/02)	Alexander Parker (5/23)
Colleen Tabaka (5/05)	Catherine Sclafani (5/23)
Therese Barraco (5/06)	Rose Boileau (5/24)
Matt Thibeau (5/10)	Joe Ventimiglia (5/24)
Theresa Klavon (5/11)	Salvatore Vitale (5/24)
Michael Shields (5/14)	Gail Melzer (5/27)
Vito Palazzolo (5/15)	Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)
Martha Guastella (5/16)	Anthony Lazzarino (5/30)
Vito Altomaro (5/19)	



Happy Anniversary - Buon Anniversario



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

William J. and Elizabeth Dolunt (5/06)

Gaetano A. and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)

Anthony J. and Robyn Vitale (5/15)

Steven and Marlene Erno (5/17)

Daniel and Nancy Prone (5/18)

Phillip and Linda Migliaccio (5/21)

Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)

Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)

Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)

Calendar of Future Events

- May 3, 2022,** **May Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- June 7, 2022,** **June Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- July 20, 2022,** **Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Dinner**
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- August 14, 2022, ..** **Annual Club Picnic**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- October 2, 2022, ..** **Columbus Day Celebration**
Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Nov. 6, 2022,** **Memorial Mass/Luncheon**
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- Dec. 11, 2022,** **Member Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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Chartered Boat Cruise & Dinner

Wednesday – July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Cruise will be Northbound Toward the New Int'l Bridge



Boat Capacity: 125 passengers. Paid reservations on first-come, first serve basis. Covid mask optional, but recommended

Board the Diamond Jack at quaint Bishop Park in Wyandotte for a two hour cruise on the sparkling waters of the lower Detroit River. Enjoy waterside views of the surrounding American and Canadian communities and beautiful wetland areas, while listening to interesting historical narration and anecdote. Ride alongside Great Lakes and ocean ships, pass steel mills, marine terminals and shipyards, historic LaSalle, Ontario and "explore" Canadian island backwaters rarely transited by commercial vessels. View historic waterfront mansions and an historic 1906 lighthouse. Relax - enjoy - and learn too! Passengers of all ages enjoy this truly unique "nautical adventure."

The Boat Ride is \$20.00 per Person. Family/Guests are invited.

Dinner Includes Italian Sausage, Hamburger, Corn, Dessert, Coffee.

The Dinner is Free to Club Members Who Ride — \$10.00 for All Others.

Food Prepared by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano** at **Wyandotte Boat Club**.

1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (Across Street from Portofino Restaurant)

The Doors Opens at 4:30 p.m. with Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

All Beverages are Cash Bar at Wyandotte Boat Club

Mail Coupon with Party Size and Total Cost. Make check payable to:

Downriver Italian-American Club. DIAC members, their families, and guests are welcome

For Further Information, Contact Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394.

Arrive at dock no later than 6:30 pm



Boat Boarding at 6:45 pm



I/We will be attending the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Dinner** on Wednesday – July 20, 2022. At Wyandotte Bishop Park Dock. Dinner at the WBC. This coupon and payment must be received no later than Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Name _____	Phone Number _____
# Attending Ride: _____ Member & Non-Member: \$ 20.00 x _____	Total: \$ _____
# Member (Rider) Dinner: _____ Dinner - Member: \$ Free x _____	Total: FREE
# Guest Dinner _____ Dinner - Guest: \$ 10.00 x _____	Total: \$ _____
Make your check payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC	Total Amt: \$ _____
Return coupon and your check to: Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg, Riverview, MI 48193-7703	