



51th Year, 1971-2022

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

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Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 6:00 p.m., Wyan. Boat Club



## Happy Father's Day – Sun. June 19, 2022



### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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### A Message from our President



Where did everybody go last month? Attendance for our May lunch and meeting had only 38 members and two guest, down from the 60 in April. I hope it wasn't due to illnesses, although Covid doesn't seem to be going away. Remarkably, it was just as noisy as the April meeting. There is never a lack of conversation at our luncheons.

Our next meeting will be **June 22 at 6:00PM** at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**. This is for the many who are unable to attend the normal lunch and meetings throughout the year. We hope to have a large crowd since it will be the last time to discuss business until September. Pizza and salad will be served following the meeting. Please call me for reservations. I need to know how much pizza and salad to order. The beverage is cash-bar, the pizza and salad are free.

We will continue to meet on the third Wednesday in July and August for lunch at the Bentley so mark your calendars. It's the best \$10 you will ever spend on a meal. Summer is finally here!

*Possano le tue melanzane crescere grandi e sode.*

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

### 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

Make your meal reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463 no later than one week before the event.

### 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.**

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 price.

As a bonus, there will be one gift certificate raffle for those members who paid their dues on time.

### June 7<sup>th</sup> Card Party at K of C



A **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, 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.

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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.

**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 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Meet at Bishop Park no later than 6:30 p.m. Boat Boarding at 6:45 p.m.**

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 p.m., with the meal served at 5:00 p.m. The beverage is cash-bar.

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 the May newsletter for further information. **Boat capacity is 125 passengers. Paid reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Covid masking is optional.**

**Membership 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**. **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 in previous years); See the flyer in this newsletter.



**2022 is Election Year**



A reminder to our club membership, 2022 is an election year where the membership will be voting for club officers; for the office of **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and 4 Trustees**. The new Officers have a 2-year term. The four (4) Trustees position have a 4 years term.

The club president will ask for volunteers to be on the **Nomination & Election Committee** at the September membership meeting. Officer and Trustee nominations will be taken at the October membership meeting, with elections at the November membership meeting.

If you wish to run for any office position, have a club member nominate you for an appointment; the duties are outlined in the Club By-Laws

It is recommended a candidate be a member in good standing for at least one year.

The Club Officers, including the **President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer**, shall not be of the immediate family (parents, husband, wife, children, brother and sisters, and in-laws).

**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: **Rose Gaglio, Don Wellman, Rino Pagnucco, Florence Coleman**, and others??

Condolences to the family of **Shirley Cavataio**, who passed away on May 9, 2022, at the age of 86. **Shirley** and her late husband, **Bill Cavataio** (deceased July 2, 2012), joined the Cub in October 1997. Shirley was an Honorary member. They were both very active in the Club. Worked on the monthly **Pasta Events** and attended many club functions. Condolences to sister-in-law **Pina Milewski**, who now lives in Indianapolis, IN. May Shirley rest in peace. *May her memory be a Blessing!*

Condolences to the family of **Angela Vassallo**, who passed away on May 17, 2022, at the age of 82. **Angela** and her late husband, **Augustino Vassallo** (deceased Sept. 14, 2006), joined the Cub in May 1988. Angela was an Honorary member. They were both very active in the Club. Worked at the Italian Festival at Yack Arena, worked the monthly **Pasta Events** and attended many

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club functions. May Angela rest in peace. *May her memory be a Blessing!*

*Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.*

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Joe Cuva (6/01)	Robert Lepidi (6/17)
Kelsey Parker (6/02)	Mary Lupo (6/17)
Robert Sanders (6/02)	Carole Nowak (6/17)
Randall Rice (6/03)	Paola Hillebrand (6/19)
Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)	Gary Roberts (6/20)
Mark Randazzo (6/06)	Roger Robinson (6/21)
Allison Vitale (6/06)	Phyllis Esordi (6/24)
Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)	Paula Rice (6/24)
Anna Finazzo (6/13)	Pina Milewski (6/27)
Stella Marzano (6/13)	John Cartrette (6/29)
Susie Coch (6/14)	Gerald McGowan (6/29)
Sarah Eaton (6/15)	Lisa Sasse (6/29)
Liliana Giannotti (6/17)	

### Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)	60 <sup>th</sup>
Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)	55 <sup>th</sup>
David and Phyllis Esordi (6/05)	
Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)	
Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)	
Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)	55 <sup>th</sup>
Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)	
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)	
Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)	

### DIAC 2022 Scholarship Award



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.



Life is like a camera..  
Just focus on what's  
important and capture  
the good times..  
develop from the  
negatives and if things  
don't work out..  
Just take another shot.. ♡

### Calendar of Future Events

- 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  
Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463
- 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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## Membership Picnic Party

### Sunday – August 14, 2022



**WHERE:** Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

**SERVING TIME:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**PRICE:** Club Member: \$10.00

**Children (over 18): \$15.00    Guest of Member: \$15.00**

**WHO:** Club Members, their Family and their Friends.



----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----

Meal: Steak or Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverage, Watermelon,  
The meal is prepared onsite by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**.

Volunteers needed to bring dessert - would be appreciated. **Call Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264**  
Bocce tournament, horseshoe, and other summer games allowed - bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Saturday, August 6, 2022**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate headcount so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the returned coupon.**

The picnic is hosted by: **Jim and Julie Bademian, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

**Sam Randazzo**  
3391 Brookshire Street  
Trenton, MI 48183-3970  
Phone: (734) 676-8463

Board Members will be helping.  
Thank you for your promptness.  
**Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace, Jim, Julie, Sam, and Darlene.**



I/We will be attending the **Club Annual Picnic** on Sunday, **August 14, 2022**.

This coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, August 6, 2022**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # Steak \_\_\_\_\_ # Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (\$10.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Children over 18 (\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Guest (\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_

A check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Make check payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC**

Return coupon and your payment to **Sam Randazzo, 3391 Brookshire, Trenton, MI 48183-3970**