



51st Year, 1971-2022



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

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Club Board/Membership Meetings ..... **\*\* CANCELLED \*\***

August Membership Luncheon ..... **Wed. Aug. 17, 2022 – 12:00 noon, The Bentley**

## Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2022

### A Message from our President



Summertime is in full swing as the temperatures soar and the days get longer. We had a good turnout for our June evening meeting at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**. 53

members enjoyed pizza and salad, and the only negative was the air conditioning was down. How come the A/C never breaks when it's cool outside?

We will not be having a membership luncheon or meeting in July since it would fall on the same date as the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**. Speaking of which, we only have 68 people confirmed for this wonderful event. It takes place in the evening, and it's a good opportunity to invite friends and family. We will be having a picnic style dinner before the ride, and let's hope for a warm, dry evening to enjoy the river cruise.

Don't forget to send me your **Club Picnic** reservation for Sunday, August 14. Chef **Joe Pagano** will once again, man the grill and provide steak and chicken. You can't beat the price.

Since we are a social club, let's be social. Covid put a damper on our activities for too long. I'm looking forward to the rest of the summer and hoping all of you stay safe and healthy.

*goditi l'estate*

**Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President**

### Summer Membership Luncheon



Contrary to what was previously announced, there will not be a luncheon in July. The August date is **Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 12:00 noon**, at The Bentley

**Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192.** Make your meal reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463 no later than one week before the event.

### 2022 Club Membership Dues



The deadline for 2022 dues was June 30, 2022. If you have not paid your dues and still wish to remain in the Club, please send your dues amount no later than

July 8, 2022. After that date, your membership will be cancelled, along with the seniority years in the Club. The membership dues are \$30.00 for a married couple and \$15.00 for a single member. 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.

As a bonus, there will be a gift raffle for members who paid on or before June 30, 2022.

### Diamond Jack Chartered Boat Ride of July 20, 2022



At this moment, 64 people have paid their reservation for the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** 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 is at 6:45 p.m.**



#### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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**JULIE BADEMIAN**

**ALICE PATTON**

**GRACE PIZZO**

**PAULA RICE**



WELCOME SUMMER 2022

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

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 (734)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**

**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN**

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: **Paola Hillebrand, Rino Pagnucco, Florence Coleman**, and others??

Condolences to the family of **Ciccina (Vincenzo) Vitale**, on the death of Ciccina's brother, **Faro Vitale**, who passed away on June 4, 2022, at the age of 90. Faro Vitale lived in Jackson Heights, NY. Condolences to Club members **Gaetano Vitale** and **Anthony (Allison) Vitale**. May he rest in peace. *May his 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 **Birthday** this month.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Connie Becker (7/01)</i>     | <i>Bill Dolunt (7/16)</i>        |
| <i>Betty Palazzolo (7/05)</i>   | <i>Leslie Lupo (7/18)</i>        |
| <i>Laurie Randazzo (7/06)</i>   | <i>Marshall Grazioli (7/20)</i>  |
| <i>Mimi Kerr (7/07)</i>         | <i>Liliana Mazzalunga (7/21)</i> |
| <i>Vincenzo Vitale (7/07)</i>   | <i>Helen Sryniawski (7/21)</i>   |
| <i>Maria Johnson (7/10)</i>     | <i>Nancy Prone (7/23)</i>        |
| <i>Tony Lumia (7/10)</i>        | <i>Nina Palazzolo (7/25)</i>     |
| <i>Jim Bely (7/11)</i>          | <i>Robin Remington (7/27)</i>    |
| <i>Elda Fracassa (7/13)</i>     | <i>John Menna (7/28)</i>         |
| <i>Damiano Vitale (7/13)</i>    | <i>Maria Robinson (7/28)</i>     |
| <i>Nicole Sander (7/14)</i>     | <i>Gloria Fragassi (7/29)</i>    |
| <i>Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)</i> | <i>Ruth Lepidi (7/30)</i>        |
| <i>Cindy Dingell (7/16)</i>     | <i>Sam Pizzo (7/30)</i>          |



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

### Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

<i>Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)</i>	<i>50th</i>
<i>Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)</i>	<i>50th</i>
<i>Marco and Judy Palazzolo (7/08)</i>	
<i>Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)</i>	<i>45th</i>
<i>Marshall and Colleen Grazioli (7/13)</i>	
<i>Vito and Betty Palazzolo (7/14)</i>	<i>55th</i>
<i>Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)</i>	
<i>Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)</i>	
<i>Paul and Diane Lupo (7/18)</i>	<i>30th</i>
<i>Roger and Maria Robinson (7/19)</i>	
<i>Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)</i>	
<i>Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)</i>	
<i>Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)</i>	<i>65th</i>
<i>Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)</i>	



### 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.



### A Church Moment

The minister arose to address his congregation. "There is a certain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection plate came in, there were nineteen five-dollar bills and a two-dollar bill with this note attached: Other three on payday."

### Calendar of Future Events

- July 20, 2022, .....** Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Dinner  
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- August 14, 2022, .** Annual Club Picnic  
Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463
- August 17, 2022, .** August Summer Luncheon  
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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# Downriver Italian-American Club

## 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**