



51st Year, 1971-2022

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\***      **SEPTEMBER 2022 Newsletter – Issue #311**  
Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ... Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



## Columbus Day Celebration – October 2, 2022



### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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**PAULA RICE**



THE BEGINNING  
OF FALL  
IN YEAR 2022.

### A Message from our President



We had some kind of August this year. A lot of activity in a short period of time. First, our rescheduled **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** on the river. Well over 100 of us cruised northward to see the progress on the new **Gordie Howe Bridge**, and we couldn't have planned a more pleasant evening. Perfect weather with the sun setting in the west and the full moon rising in the east. On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, 95 members and guests had our **Annual Club Picnic**, and once again, the weather was great, the food was excellent, and good times were had by all. The following Wednesday, 52 members had lunch at the **Bentley**, played a little Bingo and another good time was had by all. Every month should be so good!

The next couple of months will see some changes for our Club as we will be holding elections for officers and trustees for the first time in four years. Nominations will be at the October Membership meeting, and many officers will be stepping aside in hopes that an infusion of new people and new ideas will propel us in the next couple of years. We have plenty of money on hand to try some different social events. I hope you will consider being an active part of the Club in the next couple of years.

We have had eight new members join us, and I'm hoping as more and more people are comfortable getting out to social gatherings, we can pick up the momentum we had before Covid-19 brought everything to a halt for two years. I look forward to seeing you in September for the lunch and meeting or at the **Knights of Columbus** for game night on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

*Ciao, a tutti*

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

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, September 21, 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

### Sept. Card Party at K of C



A Club **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**, at the **Knights 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 at \$1.00 each. The club is providing chips and pretzels. A cash bar service is available.

There is 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. The next card party is scheduled for October 4, 2022.

### Congratulating New Members



Please welcome the following new club members:

**Jared Waltz**; of Southgate, MI; sponsored by **Grace and Sam Pizzo**.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Samantha Schott**; of Southgate, MI; sponsored by **Grace and Sam Pizzo**.

**Grace (Passalacqua) Kachinski**; of Southgate, MI; sponsored by **Rose Boileau**.

**Beth Socia**; of Flat Rock, MI; sponsored by **Gary and Laura Lee**.

**James and Rhonda Verdone** of Lincoln Park, MI; sponsored by **Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi**.

**Ryan Anthony Pagano**; of Newport MI; sponsored by **Joseph Pagano**.

**Lisa Renee Aiello** of Brownstown, MI; sponsored by **Frank Giannotti**

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Keep in mind, all Office and Trustee positions nominated by a single person will be elected to that Office/Trustee position by **acclamation**. The November voting process may be canceled if all the Officer/Trustee positions are filled by **acclamation**. If an Officer/Trustee position is not filled, the club president can appoint a person to that position with the approval of the Board.

**Columbus Day Celebration - Oct 2, 2022**



The Club will be hosting a **Columbus Day Celebration** on Sunday, October 2, 2022. The event will be celebrated at **Bentley Conference and Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)246-4800**.

Live entertainment by **Gino Market Band**. The doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and entertainment at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is **\$30.00 for club members** and **\$40.00 for non-members**. A wonderful meal has been selected. See attached flyer for details.

For ticket sale and further information, contact **Charles or Leslie Lupo** at **(734) 282-1257** or return the coupon and monies to **Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301**.

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

**DIAC Memorial Mass – Nov. 6, 2022**



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 6, 2022**, at **St. Vincent Pallotte (formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)**, located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The Mass is at 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon will be at the **Sportsmen's Den, 15001 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI**, served at 1:00 p.m. The event is chaired by **Frank Giannotti**. A flyer will appear in the October newsletter. It will be a nice gesture to honor our deceased family members and deceased club members. **Please jot this date on your calendar and make an effort to attend.**

**DIAC Christmas Party - Dec 11, 2022**



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 11, 2022**. 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.

A flyer for this event will be in the November newsletter

**Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report**



The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** was rescheduled to August 10<sup>th</sup>, due to bad weather prediction. The meal served on July 20<sup>th</sup> was a success, with 90+ people in attendance. Chef **Joe Pagano** and his crew did an excellent job at preparing and serving the meal.

The rescheduled boat ride on August 10<sup>th</sup> was a success with some 90+ people attending. The weather cooperated and the ride went smoothly. The photos taken can be viewed at the club website, [www.diac.us](http://www.diac.us)

**Club Picnic Report**



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The picnic was held at the **Young Patriots Park, Civic Center**, in Riverview, MI. An outstanding job by **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his staff. The food was just delicious

Many thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Julie and Jim Bademian, Sam and Grace Pizzo, and Dennis and Alice Patton**. The ribeye steak and chicken proved to be an excellent choice this year. The members and their guests all had a great time. View the activity pictures at the club website, [www.diac.us](http://www.diac.us)

**Nomination and Election Committee**



Club president **Sam Randazzo** will be asking for 5 or 6 club members present at the September membership meeting to be appointed to the **Nomination and Election Committee**. The committee will run the nominations for Officers and Trustees at the October 19, 2022, membership meeting. A committee member cannot run for any Office or Trustee position. The committee will run the voting process at the November 27 membership meeting as well as mail out requested absentee voting ballots.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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### 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.

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.

**\*\*Election by Acclamation Is Allowed When Only One Person Is Nominated.\*\***

**Please Note:** The following Trustee terms will be expiring this year: **Jim Bademian, Florence Coleman, Alice Patton, and Dennis Patton,**

### 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: **Vito Altomaro, Jim Bely, Mona Austin, Florence Coleman,** and others??

### Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

**Mitchell and Francesca Wolski (09/02) 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lenny and Rose Zerilli (09/03)**  
**Damiano and Piera Vitale (09/06)**  
**Anthony and Rosalie Lazzarino (09/10)**  
**Joseph and Paola Ventimiglia (09/13)**  
**Nicholas and Madison Switzer (09/15)**  
**Donald and Marlene Wellman (09/16)**  
**Patrick and Janet Flaherty (09/18)**  
**Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (09/24)**  
**John and Diana Parisi (09/26)**  
**Roger and Emalie Shifflett (09/29)**



### 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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| <b>Joseph Bozzo (09/02)</b>       | <b>Roger Shifflett (09/19)</b> |
| <b>Donald Wellman (09/03)</b>     | <b>Rose Gaglio (09/20)</b>     |
| <b>Vince Vitale (09/04)</b>       | <b>Kelli McNally (09/22)</b>   |
| <b>Diana Parisi (09/05)</b>       | <b>Paul Lupo (09/23)</b>       |
| <b>Leonard Zerilli (09/05)</b>    | <b>Pauline Barraco (09/24)</b> |
| <b>Amelia McGowan (09/05)</b>     | <b>Rocky Kaune (09/24)</b>     |
| <b>Theresa Simone (09/11)</b>     | <b>Julie Bademian (09/26)</b>  |
| <b>Jared Waltz (09/11)</b>        | <b>Lina Susin (09/26)</b>      |
| <b>Steven Badalamente (09/14)</b> | <b>Madison Switzer (09/28)</b> |
| <b>Valarie Yinger (09/17)</b>     | <b>Robert Jagielo (09/30)</b>  |



### Calendar of Future Events

**Sept. 6, 2022, ..... September Card Party**  
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

**Oct. 2, 2022, ..... Columbus Day Celebration**  
 Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257

**Oct. 4, 2022, ..... October Card Party**  
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

**Oct. 19, 2022, ..... Nomination Membership Mtg**  
 Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463

**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 Columbus Day Celebration

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**The Bentley Conference & Banquet Center**

646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192 - (734) 246-4800

**Live Entertainment by Gino's Market Band, 6:30 p.m.**



**Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner at 5:30 p.m.**

**\$30.00-for Club Member**

**\$40.00 for Non-Member**

*~ Dinner Menu ~*

Dinner Rolls with Butter

Michigan Cherry Salad -

w/Mixed Greens, Raspberry Sauce

Lentil Soup

Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce

Breaded Chicken Piccata

Beef Burgundy

Meatloaf with Gravy

Garlic Roasted Redskin Potatoes

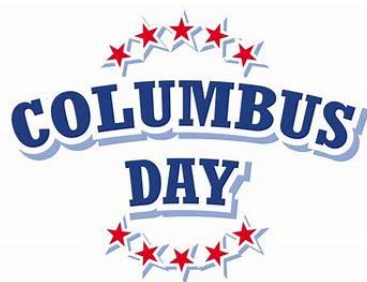
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert (Club Provided)

Assorted Sodas, Coffee, and Tea

Beer and Wine Included

Cash Bar Available



**Deadline for Reservation: Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Whole tables (of 8) can be reserved in advance. Payment can be made at the Sept. 21, 2022

General Meeting or by mail to Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301.

Tickets must be paid in advance. No cash at door on the night of the event.

**Ticket Information: Charles and Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257**

✕-----✕  
I/(We) will be attending the DIAC 2022 Columbus Day Celebration on Sunday, October 2, 2022.  
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Sunday, September 25, 2022.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club.**

Mail this form and check to Leslie Lupo ♣ 459 Cedar ♣ Wyandotte MI 48192-4301

All reservations must be reserved and paid in advance. Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating.

**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 be assigned to you.**

