



51st Year, 1971-2022

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**** IMPORTANT DATES **** **OCTOBER 2022 Newsletter – Issue #312**
Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



Memorial Mass – Sunday, November 6, 2022



**2021-2022
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**HONORING OUR
FOREFATHERS
IN YEAR 2022.**

A Message from our President



It would appear that summer left just as quickly as it arrived. So much for a gradual decline in temperatures. Still, it beats dealing with hurricanes every year. You don't want to head

back to Florida too soon.

We still have several events to look forward to before the year ends. Our **Columbus Day Celebration** is on October 2, and our **Christmas Party** on December 11. These promise to be an exceptional evening of food and entertainment and I hope that we can have good turnouts for both events. The price is right, and a good time will be had by all.

We are electing a new Board of Directors in November, and I will be stepping down as President. I look forward to a new regime that brings fresh energy and exciting ideas for us. We are in a good financial position and should continue to have fun activities at bargain prices for a long time. I urge you to take advantage of our social events going forward. You won't regret it.

Happy Halloween,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, October 19, 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 **Leslie Lupu** at

(734)282-1257 no later than one week before the luncheon

Oct. Card Party at K of C



A Club **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4, 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 \$1.50 each. The club is providing chips, pretzels and fruit. 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**.

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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Nick and Mary Lonigro of Riverview, MI; sponsored by Frank Giannotti

Steven DeYarman of Berkley, MI; sponsored by Sam and Grace Pizzo.

2022 Scholarship Award Winner



The Downriver Italian-American Club has awarded the DIAC 2022 Scholarship Award to Anastasia Erno, the daughter of club members, Steven and Marlene Erno.

The Scholarship Committee consisting of Frank Giannotti, Juliann Bademian, Tom Randazzo, Grace Pizzo, and Paula Rice awarded the \$500.00 scholarship based on Anastasia's school grade point average (3.4), community services, coaching little league football cheer team (2 years), worked at a soup kitchen, Kids Against Hunger, Forgotten Harvest, etc. Anastasia will attend Ferris State University in the fall, majoring in Forensic Biology. Congratulation to Anastasia Erno.

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 3rd and 4th 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 is included in this newsletter. It will be a nice gesture to honor your deceased family members and the 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 with details for this event will appear in the November newsletter.

Nomination & Election Committee



At the September general membership meeting, the following individuals volunteered to be on the **Nomination and Election Committee**: Sue Byrd, Janet Flaherty, Delores (Dee) Phillips, Honor

Shoemaker, Beth Socia, and Joanne Wolfgang. They will oversee the nomination process for Club Officers and the 5 Trustees at the October 19, 2022, General Membership meeting and supervise the elections in November (if necessary). The Club By-Laws states the following:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICER STATUS

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office in the Club. Being deemed an honor, the position of any officer shall be non-salaried. New officers are elected at the November election membership meeting and their term of office shall start on January 1st. The Club Board, including the **President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer**, cannot be of the immediate family (parents, husband, wife, children, brother, sisters, in-laws).

The term for Officer(s) is 2 years. The four (4) Trustees position has a term of 4 years. A replacement Trustee has a remaining term of two (2) years.

All Officers and Trustees are required to attend all the Club Board and GM meetings.

The nominations of club officers for 2019-2020 will include: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and 5 Trustees.**

Keep in mind all Office and Trustee positions accepted 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 new club president can appoint a person to that position with the approval of the Board.

Please Note: The following Trustee terms will be expiring this year: **Jim Bademian, Florence Coleman, Alice Patton, Dennis Patton, and Leona Vizzini (retiring).**

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: **Mary Caparotta, Paula Hillebrand, Ann Lepidi, Florence Coleman, and others??**

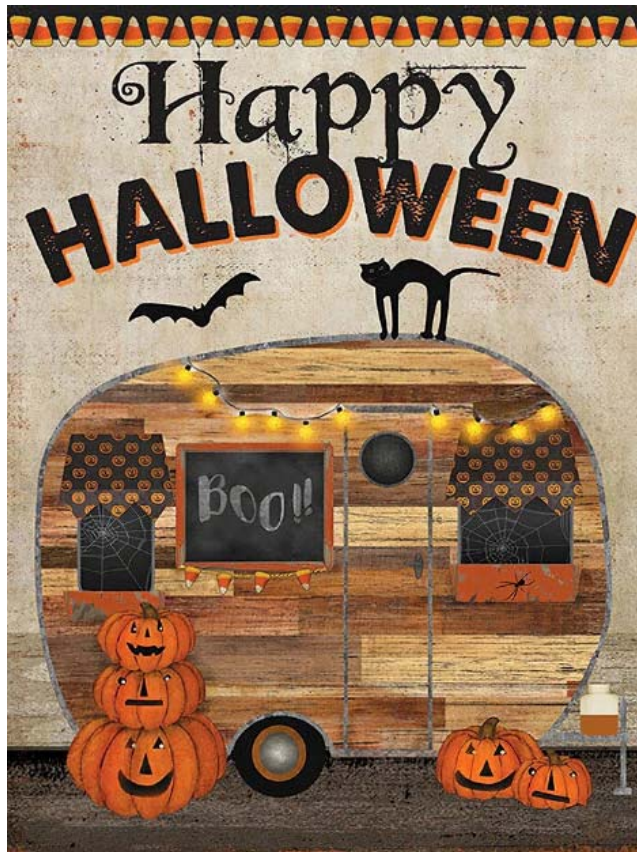
Condolences to the family of **Helen M. Sryniawski** who passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022, at the age of 95. Helen joined the Cub on April 14, 2015. **Helen** was

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very active in our Italian club; she would be at membership meetings and attend many trips and club social events. Our members knew her well. We will miss her. May she rest in peace. *May her memory be a Blessing!*

Condolences to the family of **Janet (Peter) Perniciaro** on the death of club member (her mother), **Joyce Mitra**, who passed away on Friday, September 23, 2022, at the age of 90. Her late husband, **Johnny Mitra**, passed away on June 19, 2017. They joined the Club in April 2001. Both Joyce and Johnny were very active in the club. They participated fullheartedly in preparing and serving the Club's monthly pasta events. You would see them in the kitchen working and smiling at all the workers. They attended many meetings and club events. They both loved the Club and were well known by many club members. We will all miss her. May she rest in peace. *May her Memory be a Blessing!*



Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)
Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10)
Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)

Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)
Robert and Ruth Lepidi (10/19)
Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)
John and Elaine Cartrette (10/20)
Alexander and Kelsey Parker (10/21)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Benedetta Vitale (10/2) **Darlene Randazzo (10/18)**
Lisa Randazzo (10/5) **John Finazzo (10/19)**
Gino Mazzlonga (10/6) **Patrick Flaherty (10/20)**
Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8) **Lisa Aiello (10/21)**
Linda Burnett (10/9) **Daniel Boileau (10/21)**
Joan Luzac (10/9) **Karen Caputo (10/24)**
Beth Socia (10/9) **Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)**
James Bademian (10/10) **Bill Herbert (10/24)**
Josie Klube (10/11) **BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)**
Laura Lee (10/12) **Michael McNally (10/27)**
Diane Lupo (10/13) **Angela McCarty (10/31)**

Calendar of Future Events

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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The Thirteenth Annual
DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 6, 2022



Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

P.O. Box 1797

Southgate, MI 48195-0797

Mass Service at:

St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church

(formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)

334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)285-9840

Mass at 11:30 AM - Buffet Luncheon at 1:00 PM

Sportsmen Den, 15001 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI 48193, (734)479-4800

Club Member: \$15.00/Person ❖ Guest: \$18.00/Person

Coupon and payment must be received no later than Thursday, October 27, 2022

« Menu »

Crisp Garden Salad, Italian Breadsticks, and Butter.

Baked Chicken Marinated w/Italian Seasonings, Penne with Homemade Sauce,

Bow-Ties in Alfredo Sauce, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans,

Chocolate Mousse, Coffee, Hot Tea, Hot Chocolate, Lemonade, Pepsi Beverage Product

If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.

Information call: **Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394**

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday – Nov. 6, 2022, at St. Vincent Pallotti Church.
Luncheon at Sportsmen Den. This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Thursday, October 27, 2022**

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

No. Attending Mass: _____ Luncheon - Club Member: \$ 15.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Luncheon - Non-Member: \$ 18.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

In case of emergency, please notify _____ Phone No: _____

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

Return coupon and your check to: **Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg Drive, Riverview, MI 48193-7703**