



51st Year, 1971-2022

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

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Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 – 6:00 p.m., The Bentley



## Happy Thanksgiving - Thur. Nov. 24, 2022



### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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**SAM RANDAZZO**

Vice President  
**LESLIE LUPO**

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**MARILYN BOMARITO**

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Outside Guard  
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Guide  
**GRACE PIZZO**

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**JULIANN BADEMIAN**  
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### A Message from our President



As the year winds down and the holidays are fast approaching, I can honestly say that our club is in good shape both financially and socially. We had some really good events, and the future

looks solid as our social committee continues to look for different venues for us to enjoy. 2023 should provide us with quality entertainment, and I sincerely hope that we all stay healthy enough to take advantage of these opportunities.

We will be installing a new Board of Directors at our annual **Christmas Party**, and my best wishes goes to the next President, **Leslie Lupo**. I am confident that she will continue to lead the DIAC and keep the momentum going. CoVid-19 set us back for a while and is still out there, but you can't keep the Italians and friends down for long. As my **Uncle Toto** always said, "*non preoccupupati*." Actually, he never said it like that.

*Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.*

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

### Evening Dinner Meeting at the Bentley Conf. Ctr.



There is an evening dinner at the membership meeting Sunday, **November 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** at The Bentley

Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. The General Membership meeting will immediately follow the dinner.

The cost of the dinner is **\$10.00 per person** (meal and gratuity). Make your reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463 no later than one week before the dinner

### Nov. Card Party at K of C



The Nov. **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 1, 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 are at \$1.00 each. The club provides chips, pretzels, beverages, 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.

### DIAC Memorial Mass – November 6, 2022 - Cancelled



**Memorial Service**  
Due to a low reservation, the **Memorial Mass** on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**, has been **CANCELLED**.

The people that paid for their reservation are getting their refund, either by mail or at the November 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

### DIAC Christmas Party - Dec 11, 2022



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

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## Downriver Italian-American Club

The doors open at 4:00 p.m, with a buffet-style dinner at 5:00 p.m. The new Club Administration will be introduced at 4:30 p.m.

A great meal has been selected. The cost is **\$35.00 for a member and \$50.00 for a non-member**. There are door prizes and a raffle; table seating of 10 to a table. The deadline for reservation is November 30, 2022. See flyer attached to this newsletter. Please send your reservation early and help the committee accommodate the seating arrangement.

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

### Nomination & Election Results



The Nomination and Election Committee ran the nomination process for the 2023-2024 Club Officers at the October 19, 2022 Membership meeting. Nominees were for Officers and Trustee positions. The candidates ran unopposed and are therefore elected to their respective office position by ACCLAMATION. As a result, there will not be an election in November. The Officers and Trustees elected are as follows:

**President – Leslie G. Lupo**  
**Vice President – Sam Randazzo**  
**Recording Secretary – Marilyn Bomarito**  
**Financial Corresp. Secretary – Frank A Giannotti**  
**Treasurer – Antonino (Nino) Trupiano**  
**Assistant Treasurer – Mark S Grazioli**  
**Inside Guard – Charles M, Lupo**  
**Outside Guard – Patrick Flaherty**  
**Guide – Grace Pizzo**

The new Elected Trustees are:

**Jim Bademian, Alice Patton, Dennis Patton, and Paula Rice**; These Trustees have a 4-year term, which expires in 2026. There is a vacant Trustee position, which expires in 2024.

We would like to thank past president **Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo** and the 2021-2022 Officers and Trustees for their leadership and guidance during the past two years.

A special thank-you and a job well done by the **Nomination and Election Committee** for running the nomination process. The committee members: **Beth Socia (chairperson), Sue Byrd, Janet Flaherty, Delores (Dee) Phillips, Honor Shoemaker, and Joanne Wolfgang.**



### Sick and GoodWill



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: **Dee Phillips, Paola Hillebrand, Florence Coleman**, and others??

Condolences to the family of **Rose Gaglio** on the death of her sister-in-law, **Donna Cottone**, who passed away on September 26, 2022, at the age of 77. *May she 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.*

### Congratulating New Members



Please welcome the following new club members:

**Karl and Geraldine (Badalamenti) Underwood**; of Riverview, MI; sponsored by **Nino and Gianna Trupiano**.

### Letter from the Italian Consul of Detroit



**Dear fellow Italians, those of Italian heritage and friends of Italy,**

One year since the start of my tenure, I am once again writing to you on this important occasion, the **Columbus Day Celebration**. A moment to unite the

Italian and Italian-American Communities of this Consular jurisdiction.

**Christopher Columbus**, the Genovese seafarer, persevered in his belief with tenacity and determination and courageously charted a course to the New World. Several generations of immigrants have followed his path in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Many Italians, oftentimes with nothing more than hope in their hearts, embraced the unknown and embarked toward the New World. The Italian Community can take great pride in having contributed to the success of this Country and the qualities of determination and courage continue to shine even in the difficult times recently endured by this Nation.

It is with admiration that I observe a true dedication among the community members to preserve their Italian heritage. It is my hope that you may continue to sustain the strong ties to your Country of Origin and continue to offer valid contributions to this great Land. And I call upon the younger generations to take a more

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active role in learning about contemporary Italy so that they –in turn– can not only of the Italian values and traditions (which we all hold so dear), but also feel a deeper connection with Country of origin.

Last year I quoted the Latin saying: “*per aspera ad astra*”, meaning “through hardship to the stars.” As I wrote then, It is a phrase that I imagine Columbus repeating whilst navigating a turbulent ocean, and with it I extend my best wishes to the entire Italian and Italian-American Communities for much-continued success and accomplishment. And so I again exhort you all to reach for the stars, paving the way for even more Italian-American contributions to this great Nation.

La Console

**Paola Allegra Baistrocchi**

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Detroit, Michigan – 48243

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Tel: (313)963-8560 ext. 114

### Seasons of Friendship

*You are a friend for all seasons.  
In the winter of my life, when  
things seem bleak, you are  
there with love and support.  
In the spring of my life,  
when new opportunities  
are in bloom, you are  
there to celebrate.  
In the summer of my life,  
when fun times are at  
hand, you are there to enjoy  
life's treasures with me.  
In the autumn of my life,  
when I'm overwhelmed  
by changes around me, you  
are there with consistency.  
Throughout the seasons of  
my life, you've been there.*



### Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

**Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)**

**Matt and Sharon Thibau (11/10)**

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**Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)**  
**Vito and Geraldine Altomaro (11/14)**  
**Scott and Rose Gronda (11/14)**  
**Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)**  
**Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)**  
**Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)**  
**Paul and Robin Remington (11/26)**  
**Phil and Therese Barraco (11/28)**  
**Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)**

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<b>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</b>	<b>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</b>
<b>Mary Lavine (11/1)</b>	<b>Robert Coch (11/16)</b>
<b>Samantha Schott (11/01)</b>	<b>Colleen Grazioli (11/16)</b>
<b>Marco Vitale (11/1)</b>	<b>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</b>
<b>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</b>	<b>Judy Palazzolo (11/19)</b>
<b>Marlene Erno (11/3)</b>	<b>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</b>
<b>Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)</b>	<b>Garry Lee (11/25)</b>
<b>Francesca Wolski (11/07)</b>	<b>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</b>
<b>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</b>	<b>Piera Vitale (11/27)</b>
<b>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</b>	

### Calendar of Future Events

**Nov. 1, 2022, ..... DIAC November Card Party**  
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

**Nov. 6, 2022, ..... Memorial Mass/Luncheon**  
\*\*\* CANCELLED \*\*\*

**Nov. 27, 2022, ..... Evening GM Meeting at Bentley**  
Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463

**Dec. 11, 2022, ..... Member Christmas Party**  
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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# DIAC Membership Christmas Party

Bentley Banquet & Conference Ctr., 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, 734-246-4800



## Sunday, December 11, 2022

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

The Program Starts at 4:30 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Pino Marelli at 6:00 p.m.



### ~ Main Entrée ~

Cheese Display-Crackers, Jam, Dried Fruits/Nuts  
Ceasar Salad w/Parmesan. Garlic Pita Chips,  
in Caesar Dressing  
Homemade Rolls and Butter  
Bowtie Pasta in Palomino Sauce  
Chicken Marsala w/Wine, Mushroom Sauce  
Beef Burgundy w/Mushroom Sauce  
Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine

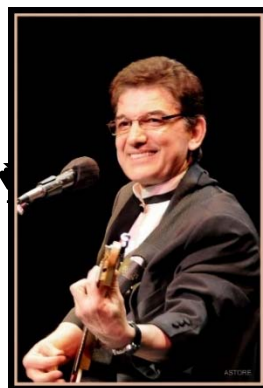
### ~ Dessert ~

Cake

### ~ Beverages ~

Coffee, Tea, Soft beverages, Beer, and Wine

**Cash Bar Available**



Invitation includes your Family and Friends

Member: \$35.00 Non-Member: \$50.00

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance

Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating.

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

Mail to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Dr., Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

For further information, call: Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491

Julie Bademian (313)388-2264 ☎ Alice Patton (734)697-7902 ☎ Paula Rice (734)748-0998

I/(We) will be attending the DIAC 2022 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

This coupon and payment must be received no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

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

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

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

Mail this form and check to Grace Pizzo ♣ 32050 Liparoto Drive ♣ Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

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**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.**

