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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting **** CANCELLED ****
General Membership Meeting **** CANCELLED ****



Merry Christmas – Buon Natale a Tutti



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY.



The Club Board wishes all of our members and their families a **Merry Christmas** and a **Joyous New Year**. Be safe, be healthy, and keep hope 2023 for a better year. **There are no membership meetings in January and February 2023.**

A Message from our President



December has arrived quickly and the Holiday Season is upon us. This is always the time of the year to reflect on the blessings we all have. I have been blessed to oversee the club the past six years and to watch it transform into a purely social club despite the setbacks from the pandemic. We have grown to 266 members, and there is no reason why that growth won't continue. Our friends and family members are the best opportunities to

bring into the club. Let's make an effort to ask those who are closest to us to share in the opportunity to promote the Italian culture by joining us in 2023.

Buon Natale a tutti,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

**DIAC Christmas Party
December 11, 2022 @ Bentley**



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.

The event **is not** filled to capacity. If you wish to attend, call **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491. See details in the November newsletter. The deadline is November 30th.

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

2023 Card Party at K of C



A future reminder, the first 2023 Card Parties are scheduled for **Tuesdays, February 7, 2023, and March 7, 2023**, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, 3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Club members and their g



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Firekeeper Casino Bus Trip



A bus trip to Firekeeper Casino has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 20, 2023**. The club has reserved 25 seats on the bus. The cost is \$45.00 per person on a first-come, first-serve basis. The reservation must be received no later than January 10, 2023.

Grace Pizzo will be taking reservations for this trip. Grace can be reached at (734)379-9491. Send reservations to Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8618; Check made out to DIAC.

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 our many caretakers of ailing family members. May God bless them all. May God bless our troops. Get Well Wishes to members: Don Kerr, Mimi Kerr, Emilia Gonella, Florence Coleman, and others.

It's Christmas; it's Christmas

Each merry bell chimes

A time for remembering

Old friends and old times

A time for warm greetings

Old ties to renew

Moreover, a time for good wishes

For good folks like you!

Merry Christmas

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

Michael and Susan Shields (12/18)

Don and Mimi Kerr (12/31)

Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (01/04)

Jack and Filippina Rubino (01/05)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

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| <i>Daniel Galeski (12/04)</i> | <i>Margaret Waltz (01/03)</i> |
| <i>Bruce Yinger (12/05)</i> | <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (01/03)</i> |
| <i>Sylvia Vitale (12/06)</i> | <i>Gianna Trupiano (01/04)</i> |
| <i>David Esordi (12/08)</i> | <i>Frank Giannotti (01/05)</i> |
| <i>Gerry Wenzel (12/10)</i> | <i>Miriam Lumia (01/06)</i> |
| <i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i> | <i>Nino Vitale (01/06)</i> |
| <i>James Waltz (12/15)</i> | <i>Mary Lonigro (01/09)</i> |
| <i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i> | <i>Susan Fuchs (01/10)</i> |
| <i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i> | <i>Honor Schoemaker (01/12)</i> |
| <i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i> | <i>Lilla Vitale (01/13)</i> |
| <i>Giavanna Palazzolo (12/19)</i> | <i>Susan Herbert (01/14)</i> |
| <i>Joanne Wolfgang (12/19)</i> | <i>Grace Pizzo (01/16)</i> |
| <i>Angela M Palazzolo (12/20)</i> | <i>Andrea Prato (01/18)</i> |
| <i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i> | <i>Mark Grazioli (01/22)</i> |
| <i>Rose Gronda (12/23)</i> | <i>Sam Randazzo (01/22)</i> |
| <i>Ryan Pagano (12/26)</i> | <i>Jack Rubino (01/22)</i> |
| <i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i> | <i>Joyce Pietrangelo (01/23)</i> |
| <i>Steven Vitale (12/28)</i> | <i>Claudia Ferrera (01/24)</i> |
| <i>Pete Perniciaro (12/29)</i> | <i>Alice Patton (01/26)</i> |
| <i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</i> | <i>Catherine Rotondo (01/26)</i> |
| <i>Nancy Cosentino (01/01)</i> | <i>Nino Trupiano (01/28)</i> |
| <i>Anthony V. Vitale (01/02)</i> | |



Calendar of Future Events

- Dec. 11, 2022, **DIAC Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Feb. 7, 2023, **DIAC February Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Feb. 20, 2023, **Firekeeper Casino Bus Trip**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Mar. 7, 2023, **DIAC March Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

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