



52nd Year, 1971-2023

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting: Tues., April 11, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. @ Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting: Wed., April 19, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley



Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua – April 9th



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PAULA RICE



“Buonasera” (Hello) Every year, the cold days of winter melt away and spring brings a new beginning. The **Social Committee** put together an exciting schedule this year, and I invite all members to review the list (the calendar is in the newsletter). Hopefully, you will be able to join some or all activities. “Thank You” **Social Committee** for developing another great year of fun.

Our events started off in March with the traditional **St. Joseph's Celebration** and it was a tremendous success. “Molte grazie”, (many thanks) to our chairperson Sam Randazzo and his committee. Special thanks to the wonderful members who made the delicious cookies for St. Joseph.

Unfortunately due to inflation on the rise, our General Meeting Luncheons at the Bentley has had a price increase from \$10 to \$15.

The **Santa Rosalia Club** is hosting a great event “A 1920's Mafia Marriage” Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner at the **Bentley Banquet Center** on May 12th, 7 PM. Tickets are \$60 per person but if you are a member of Santa Rosalia \$55. Call **Lea Giammalva** at 734-558-6143 for tickets.

A trip to Italy is in the planning stages. If you would be interested in going to Italy in 2024, there will be a meeting after the April General Meeting Luncheon to discuss options, land/cruise, etc.

Enjoy your day. Ciao
Leslie Lupo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023 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 \$15.00 per person (meal and gratuity). Make your lunch reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo** at (734)282-1257 no later than one week before the luncheon

2023 Club Membership Dues



If we have not received your 2023 dues, there is a reminder notice in this newsletter. A grace period until April 15, 2023 will be applied to make the payment. Beyond April 15, the membership will cease, as well as the seniority years. Thereafter, a new membership application is needed to rejoin. The dues are \$30.00 for a single member and \$60.00 for a married couple. Mail a check or money order (payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**), to:

Frank A. Giannotti
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.
Riverview, MI 48193-7703.

April 4 Card Party at Knights of Columbus



The **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 4, 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 guests are welcome. Snack, soft beverage, and coffee is provided. A cash bar service is available. Tuesday is Taco night.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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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 board and/or card games. See you there.

Easter Lunch at Silver Shores Banquet Hall - Wyandotte, MI



The **Silver Shores Banquet & Catering** is hosting an **Easter Lunch** on **Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Tickets can be purchased at **Silver Shores, 1 DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. This is a non-club-sponsored event. Please advise your family and friends. There are two (2) seating times: 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Adults: \$36.00, Seniors \$31.00 (60+), Children: \$21.00 (ages 4-12yrs). Reservation is required. Salad Station, Pasta Station, Full Buffet, Dessert Station, Cash Bar and more! Flyer and Menu is shown on their website <https://www.silvershoreswaterfront.com/>

Make your reservation by calling the Silver Shores at (734)246-4800 with your seating time.

Kinky Boots/Major Biddle's of Wyand. Saturday, May 13, 2023



The Social Committee will be hosting a **Kinky Boots** event on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. at **Major Biddle's Restaurant**, 930 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. The play is at the **2nd Street Performing Arts Center**, 1123 2nd Street, Wyandotte MI 48192. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. - the musical starts at 7:30 p.m. ending around 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. Select one of five meal selections and write it in the returned coupon to **Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8510**, no later than April 28, 2023.

Singing in the Rain (Royal Oak)/Mallies Sunday, June 4, 2023



The Social Committee will be hosting a **Singing in the Rain** event on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay in *Singin' in the Rain*. Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make *Singin' in the Rain*, a guaranteed good time for performers and audience members alike. A flyer with details will appear in the May newsletter.

Do you Like Chocolate???



A NOTE FROM PAULA RICE. Have you ever tried a mall-batch chocolates?? Would you like to try chocolates made from cocoa beans from Madagascar, Grenada, Mexico or Vietnam??? At the May 17th General Meeting, you will have the opportunity to participate in a chocolate-tasting event. You will learn about the process of making chocolate from beans-to-bar and taste chocolate from all over the world. The tasting will be either before or after the meeting. Look for additional information in the May newsletter.

Sick and GoodWill Notice



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: **Mary Caparaotta**, and others.

Condolences to the family of **Paola Hillebrand** who passed away on February 8, 2023, at the age of 70. Paola is sister to club members **Rose (Randazzo)** and **Daniel Boileau**. She attended many club functions and events. She loved the Club and was well-known by many. Paola served on the club Board for many years. *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.

Members Emergency Telephone Notification List



If you wish to be on a membership call list and be notified by telephone when a member passes away. Please call **Steven Vitale** at (734)283-8207. There are many members on this list. This is a great option when you do not have an e-mail address.

Happy Anniversary - Buon Anniversario



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

Gino and Lilianna Mazzalunga (3/21)

Peter and Jeanette Miele (4/06)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)
Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)
Pete and Jennifer Perniciaro (4/30)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Jim Verdone (2/29)</i>	<i>Paola Ventimiglia (4/03)</i>
<i>Brett Rice (3/03)</i>	<i>Linda Carrier (4/06)</i>
<i>Rosalie Giammalva (3/04)</i>	<i>Maria Giammalva (4/06)</i>
<i>Ann I. Lepidi (3/04)</i>	<i>Scott Gronda (4/6)</i>
<i>Mitchell Wolski (3/07)</i>	<i>Fannie Randazzo (4/07)</i>
<i>Paul Remington (3/08)</i>	<i>Nina Liberati (4/08)</i>
<i>Steph. Badalamenti (3/08)</i>	<i>Nicholas Switzer (4/08)</i>
<i>Rose Vitale (3/10)</i>	<i>Mary Caparaotta (4/09)</i>
<i>Danny Herbert (3/14)</i>	<i>Janet Hughes (4/9)</i>
<i>Anthony J. Vitale (3/17)</i>	<i>John Parisi (4/12)</i>
<i>Susan Byrd (3/19)</i>	<i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i>
<i>Joseph Susin (3/19)</i>	<i>Susan Shields (4/19)</i>
<i>Patricia Chalmers (3/22)</i>	<i>Josie Palazzolo (4/21)</i>
<i>Edith Gendron (3/22)</i>	<i>Jeanette Miele (4/27)</i>
<i>Charlie Lupo (3/22)</i>	<i>Peter Miele (4/27)</i>
<i>Nicholas Caputo (3/24)</i>	<i>Joseph Pizzo (4/27)</i>
<i>Sal DiPasquale (3/24)</i>	<i>Norm Tabaka Jr. (4/27)</i>
<i>Gaetano A Vitale (3/29)</i>	<i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i>
<i>Douglas Melzer (3/30)</i>	<i>Theresa Herbert (4/30)</i>
<i>Frances Menna (3/30)</i>	<i>Joseph Pagano (4/30)</i>

LA CASA

di Sergio Endrigo

Era una casa molto carina
 Senza soffitto senza cucina.
 Non si poteva entrarci dentro
 Perché non c'era il pavimento.

Non si poteva andare a letto
 In quella casa non c'era il tetto.
 Non si poteva fare pipì
 Perché non c'era vasino lì.

Ma era bella, bella davvero
 In Via Dei Matti numero zero.
 Ma era bella, bella davvero
 In Via Dei Matti numero zero.



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A Woman's Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray for:
WISDOM, to understand a man.
LOVE, to forgive him.
PATIENCE, for his moods,
 Because, Lord, if I pray for
STRENGTH, I'll just beat him up.

Calendar of Future Events

Apr. 4, 2023, **DIAC April Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

Apr. 22, 2023, **ABBA Tribute Concert Bus Trip**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

May 2, 2023, **DIAC May Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

May 22, 2023, **Kinky Boots/Major Biddle's**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

Jun. 4, 2023, **Singing in the Rain/Mallies**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

Jul. 18, 2023, **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
 Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394

Aug. 13, 2023, **Club Annual Picnic**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

Sept. 5, 2023, **DIAC September Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

Sept. 13, 2023, **Firekeeper Casino Bus Trip**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

Oct. 3, 2023, **DIAC October Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264

Oct. 8, 2023, **Columbus Day Celebration Party**
 Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257

Dec. 10, 2023, **Membership Christmas Party**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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\$35.00 per Member
\$45.00 per Non-Member

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Major Biddle's Restaurant
930 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192 Tel (734)283-3228
Dinner Begins at 5:00 PM

Choose 1 Menu item:(Select one meal only and enter the number in the return coupon)

1. John's Jameson Cheese Burger - Ground Angus Steak Blend, BBQ Glaze, Cheddar Sauce, Grilled Onions, Brioche Bun.
2. Major's Meatloaf Skillet - Spicy Ketchup Glaze, Mashed Potato, Green.
3. Beans Chicken Marsala - Sauteed Mushrooms, Marsala Gravy, Linguine.
4. Fish n Chips - Includes French Fries and Cole Slaw.
5. Slow Smoked Baby Back Ribs - 1/2 Slab Ribs, French Fries, and Cole Slaw.

Includes: Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink Cash Bar for Mixed Drinks, Beer or Wine.

2nd Street Performing Arts Center
1123 2nd Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 Tel (734)407-7020
Doors open at 7:00 PM, Musical at 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Kinky Boots is the big-hearted musical extravaganza that won six Tonys, including Best Musical, the Grammy for Best Musical Theatre album, and London's Olivier Award for Best Musical. Kinky Boots features a joyous, Tony-winning score by pop icon Cyndi Lauper and a hilarious, uplifting book by four-time Tony winner Harvey Fierstein. Billy Porter won the Best Actor Tony Award for his portrayal of Lola.

Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair finds that they have more in common than they realized... and discover that when you change your mind, you can change your whole world.

For More Information • Call Grace Pizzo 734-379-9491 • or Paula Rice 734-748-0998 •

Please fill in this form and return it with your payment to **Downriver Italian American Club** before April 28, 2023 or until the trip is sold out. Make checks payable to DIAC and mail to: *Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Dr, Rockwood, MI 48173-8618* Meal Number Selected: _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____ Home _____

In case of emergency, please notify _____ Phone # _____

****IMPORTANT** Today, my travel companion is: _____**