



52nd Year, 1971-2023

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

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Club Board Meeting: ..... Tues., May 9, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. @ Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting: ..... Wed., May 17, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley



## Happy Mother's Day – Sun. May 14, 2023



### 2023-2024 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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“Buona Sera!” - Wow! What a lovely week we had in April with those summer temperatures, I enjoyed sprucing up the yard and manicuring the flowers beds for the much anticipated springtime flower show.

We had about 30 people for the April Card Party and it was a good time to get together with friends and enjoy Tacos and good conversation. At the April **General Membership Meeting** we hosted 55 members with a nice luncheon. Thank you to all members who brought the delicious desserts. After the meeting, 20 members stayed to plan for a 2024 trip to Italy. It was decided to do a cruise and the **Travel Committee** will take all suggestions and come up with a travel package for all to review. *Italian Travel Dreams* may come true. I look forward to talking with you at our May events.

*Enjoy each and every day. Ciao*  
**Leslie Lupo – Club President**

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, May 17, 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



### May 2, 2023 Card Party at Knights of Columbus



The **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 2, 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. 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.



### June Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening general membership meeting on **Sunday, June 25, 2023**, at the **Wyandotte Boat Club, 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192**

(Across the street from **Portofino Restaurant**. The facility is rented from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m., with pizza provided immediately after the meeting. All beverages are cash-bar at the Wyandotte Boat Club.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

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



The **Social Committee** is hosting **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 is found in this newsletter.

Mother's Day Luncheon  
At Silver Shores - Wyandotte



There is a **Mother's Day Luncheon** on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at **Silver Shores Banquet & Catering, 1 James DeSana Dr., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. This

event is a non-club-sponsored event. Meal hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$42.00 for adults, \$40.00 for seniors, and \$21.00 for kids (4-12 years).

The menu includes *Housemade Rolls, Salad Station, Made to Order Pasta Station, Prime Rib Carving Station, Chicken Piccata, Lemon Cod, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Root Vegetables, OOOZE Rice with Meat, Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Dessert Display with Fresh Fruits, Assorted Desserts, Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Coffee, tea, soda included*. Cash bar and more is available.

Reservation is required; please call early (734)246-4800.

2023 Scholarship to Be Awarded



A son or daughter of a club member; who is a graduating senior and is planning on attending higher education at a college or university may apply for a \$500 scholarship. Basic

requirements: Must have a minimum B (3.0) grade point average; their parent(s) must be member(s) in good standing for two (2) consecutive years. (Basis: membership before June 30 of their membership year). For further information, contact **Frank Giannotti** at (734)283-7394, or by email, [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net) The completed application must be received no later than June 30, 2023.



On Memorial Day – May 29, 2023



**Memorial Day** (originally called "Decoration Day") began as a way to honor the Civil War dead. It started when individuals, and then cities and town, placed flowers on the graves of Confederate and

Union soldiers – whether buried in the North or the South. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, **Memorial Day** has become a way to honor all those who died in service to the nation in all wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to the present. In 1968, the official holiday was moved to the last Monday in May.

*Dear Mom...*

*Since the day I was small  
Till the day I became tall  
Since I began understanding things  
Till the day I got my own wings  
Your love, has never fallen short  
You have been my only support  
I want to hold you tight and hug you  
I just want to say Thank you.*

Great-Grandmother Notice

**Stella Marzano** became a great-grandmother to **Grayson DeRose**, born on April 12, 2023, weighing in at 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Congratulations to the **Marzano** and **DeRose** families

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: **Florence Coleman, Nick Caputo** and others.

Condolences to the family of **Fannie Randazzo** who passed away on April 9, 2023, at the age of 96. Fannie and her late husband, **Sam Randazzo**, joined the club in May 1979. Both were very active in the club in the early years. They both worked at the **Italian Festival** at Yack Arena. They both loved the Club and were well known by many club members. *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.*

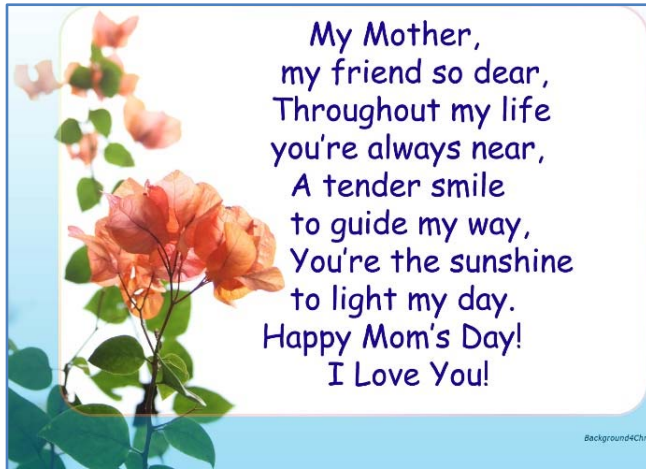
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## Email Delivery of Club Newsletter



If you have an email address and would like to receive this newsletter via your email address, send an email request to Financial Corresponding Secretary **Frank Giannotti** at [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net). There are 44 members who receive their newsletter via this method. The newsletter is sent in pdf format and in full color. You can read and print it at your own leisure.



## Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Rosalie Shimkus (5/01)</i>	<i>Rose Zerilli (5/21)</i>
<i>Sal Finazzo (5/02)</i>	<i>Teresa LeSage (5/22)</i>
<i>Vivian Palazzolo (5/02)</i>	<i>Sam Badalamenti (5/23)</i>
<i>Rhonda Verdone (5/03)</i>	<i>Alexander Parker (5/23)</i>
<i>Colleen Tabaka (5/05)</i>	<i>Catherine Sclafani (5/23)</i>
<i>Therese Barraco (5/06)</i>	<i>Rose Boileau (5/24)</i>
<i>Matt Thibeau (5/10)</i>	<i>Joe Ventimiglia (5/24)</i>
<i>Theresa Klavon (5/11)</i>	<i>Salvatore Vitale (5/24)</i>
<i>Vito Palazzolo (5/15)</i>	<i>Gail Melzer (5/27)</i>
<i>Martha Guastella (5/16)</i>	<i>Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)</i>
<i>Vito Altomaro (5/19)</i>	<i>Anthony Lazzarino (5/30)</i>
<i>Guy A. Vitale (5/20)</i>	

## 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.

*Gaetano A. and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)*  
*Anthony J. and Robyn Vitale (5/15)*  
*Daniel and Nancy Prone (5/18)*

*Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)*  
*Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)*  
*Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)*

## Calendar of Future Events

- May 2, 2023, ..... DIAC May Card Party**  
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- May 13, 2023, ..... Kinky Boots/Major Biddle's**  
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- June 4, 2023, ..... Singing in the Rain/Mallies**  
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- June 6, 2023, ..... DIAC June Card Party**  
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- June 25, 2023, ..... Sun. Evening Membership Meeting**  
 Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- July 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
- Nov. 19, 2023, ..... Sun. Evening Membership Meeting**  
 Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Dec. 10, 2023, ..... Membership Christmas Party**  
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**\$65.00 per Member**  
**\$75.00 per Non-Member**  
**\*\* 30 Tickets Available \*\***

## 'Singing in the Rain' - Sunday, June 4, 2023

Meet at 12:20 PM at Mallie's Restaurant to take the bus to Royal Oak, MI – Baldwin Theatre. Please be on time and park in the back of the parking lot. The bus will leave promptly at 12:30 PM. Play starts at 2:00 PM. Dinner follows the bus return.

**30 tickets are available on a First Come/First Serve Basis. The deadline to make your reservation is May 21, 2023.**

**Baldwin Theatre**  
**415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067**  
**Musical at ~ 2:00 PM**



Stagecrafters brings you the crowd-pleasing *Singin' in the Rain* from the golden age of movie musicals. In the limelight, silent screen stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont appear to be a hot item, but things are considerably cooler off camera. Added to that, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress working behind the scenes. Snappy dialogue, a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards, and the show-stopping title number, complete with an onstage rain shower, make this classic show a must-see.

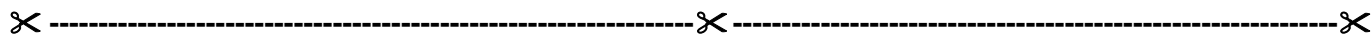
**Mallie's Restaurant**  
**19400 Northline Rd., Southgate MI 48195 Tel (734)287-0800**  
**Dinner at Return of Bus Trip ~ 5:00 PM**

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

1. Chicken Alfredo – Served with a Side Salad.
2. House Burger – Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Cheese of your Choice, Served with French Fries.
3. Thin n' Crispy Cod – Fresh Atlantic Cod, Seasoned Batter, Deep Fried, Served w/French Fries and Cole Slaw.
4. French Dip – Shaved Prime Rib, Mushrooms, Swiss Cheese and a Side of Au Jus, on a Hoagie Roll.

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

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 May 21, 2023 or until the event is sold out. Make checks payable to DIAC and mail to: *Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8618* 'Singing in the Rain' - 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

