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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting:Tues., June 13, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. @ Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting: Sun., June 25, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. @ Wyan Boat Club



Happy Father's Day – Sun. June 18, 2023



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Hello Summer, it is unbelievable how fast the months are flying by, and the warmer weather is bringing us such beautiful gardens.

We had an excellent turnout for the **May General Membership Luncheon**, 60 members were in attendance, and they were able to review the itinerary for the **2024 Cruise Trip to Italy**, with optional extended stays in Rome and Venice. Contact **Dee Phillips** at (734)284- 1429 if you are interested in going next year (the flyer is enclosed). Our June Membership Meeting is an evening meeting on June 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyandotte Boat Club, **\$5 per member**, be sure to RSVP to me so that we have enough food available (remember I will bring the dessert). July 18th is our **Annual Boat Ride**, followed by a Pizza/Salad meal at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**, and the **Club Picnic** is on August 13th at the **Riverview Civic Center**; good food and fun. I am looking forward to seeing you at all of these events. Remember to enjoy each day, as we don't get a second chance. *Ciao*
Leslie Lupo – Club President

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 and salad provided immediately after the meeting. All beverages are cash-bar at the Wyandotte Boat Club. The meal is \$5. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo** at (734)282-1257 no later than one

week before the luncheon; so we know how much food to order.

June 6, 2023 Card Party at Knights of Columbus



The **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 6, 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.

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 The completed application must be received no later than June 30, 2023.



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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 was in the May newsletter.

Diamond Jack Chartered Boad Ride



This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. The chairperson is **Frank Giannotti (734)283-7394**. The boat ride will be heading north, passing the new

International Bridge crossing. The Club has chartered the **Diamond Jack** boat for the trip. Family and guests are invited. This is an afternoon ride from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Meet at Bishop Park no later than 2:30 p.m. Boat Boarding at 2:45 p.m.**

After the ride, there is pizza/salad at the **Wyandotte Boat Club (Across from Portofino Restaurant), 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI, 48192 (734)284-5560**. The doors open at 5:00 p.m., with the meal served at 6:00 p.m. The beverage is cash-bar.

The cost of the boat ride is **\$20.00 per person**. For Club members who are riding on the boat, the pizza/salad is free. **Non-members (and Club members who did not ride the boat), the cost of the pizza and salad is \$5.00**. Return the coupon and monies no later than July 9, 2023. See the flyer in this newsletter for further information. **Boat capacity is 125 passengers. Paid reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Covid masking is optional:**

Membership Picnic – August 13, 2023



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2023. The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park (Riverview Civic Center)**, at 14100 Civic Park Dr. (Sibley Road), in Riverview, MI 48193, same as in previous years.

The event is hosted by **Jim and Julie Bademian, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and**

Darlene Randazzo. This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. A flyer will appear in the July/August newsletter.

No Membership Meetings for July and August



There are no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club events during this period include the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** and the **Club Picnic**. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Welcome New Family Member



Salvatore (Sam) and Darlene Randazzo proudly announce the birth of their new grandson, **Rocco Salvatore Bilski**, born on March 6, 2023. Rocco weighed in at 6 lbs and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are **Mark and Gina (Randazzo) Bilski**. **Rocco** is welcomed by older brother **Roman**.

Congratulations to the **Randazzo and Bilski** 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: **Mark Grazioli** and others?

Condolences to the family of **Joseph A. and Sharon Pagano** on the death of their son, **Anthony Pagano**, who passed away on May 15, 2023, at the age of 39. Condolences to his brother **Joseph J. and Donna Pagano**. *May his 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.

Father's Day Thoughts

When I was:

Four years old: My Daddy can do anything.

Five years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.

Six years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.

Eight Years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

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12 years old: Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.

21 years old: Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.

25 years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

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>Joe Cuva (6/01)</i> | <i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i> |
| <i>Kelsey Parker (6/02)</i> | <i>Sarah Eaton (6/15)</i> |
| <i>Robert Sanders (6/02)</i> | <i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i> |
| <i>Randall Rice (6/03)</i> | <i>Robert Lepidi (6/17)</i> |
| <i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)</i> | <i>Gary Roberts (6/20)</i> |
| <i>Serafina Badalamenti (6/06)</i> | <i>Roger Robinson (6/21)</i> |
| <i>Mark Randazzo (6/06)</i> | <i>Phyllis Esordi (6/24)</i> |
| <i>Allison Vitale (6/06)</i> | <i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i> |
| <i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</i> | <i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i> |
| <i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i> | <i>John Cartrette (6/29)</i> |
| <i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i> | <i>Gerald McGowan (6/29)</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.

- Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)*
- Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)*
- David and Phyllis Esordi (6/05)*
- Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)*
- Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)*
- Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)*
- Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)*
- Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)*
- Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)*



Calendar of Future Events

- 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**
Alice Patton, (734) 765-0167
- 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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Chartered Boat Cruise & Pizza

Tuesday – July 18, 2023, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The Cruise will be Northbound Toward the New Int'l Bridge



Boat Capacity: 125 passengers. Paid reservations on first-come, first serve basis. Covid mask optional, but recommended

Board the Diamond Jack at quaint Bishop Park in Wyandotte for a two hour cruise on the sparkling waters of the lower Detroit River. Enjoy waterside views of the surrounding American and Canadian communities and beautiful wetland areas, while listening to interesting historical narration and anecdote. Ride alongside Great Lakes and ocean ships, pass steel mills, marine terminals and shipyards, historic LaSalle, Ontario and "explore" Canadian island backwaters rarely transited by commercial vessels. View historic waterfront mansions and an historic 1906 lighthouse. Relax - enjoy - and learn too! Passengers of all ages enjoy this truly unique "nautical adventure."

The Boat Ride is \$20.00 per Person. Family/Guests are invited.

Pizza & Salad is Available after the Boat Ride.

Pizza & Salad is Free to Club Members Who Ride — \$5.00 for All Others.

Wyandotte Boat Club.

1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (Across Street from Portofino Restaurant)

The Doors Opens at 5:00 p.m. with Meal Served at Approx. 5:45 p.m.

All Beverages are Cash Bar at Wyandotte Boat Club

Mail Coupon with Party Size and Total Cost. Make check payable to:

Downriver Italian-American Club. DIAC members, their families, and guests are welcome

For Further Information, Contact Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394.

Arrive at dock no later than 2:30 pm



Boat Boarding at 2:45 pm

I/We will be attending the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Pizza & Salad** on Tuesday – July 18, 2023. At Wyandotte Bishop Park Dock. Pizza & Salad at the WBC. This coupon and payment must be received no later than Sunday, July 9, 2023

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Attending Ride: _____ Member & Non-Member: \$ 20.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Member (Rider) Meal: _____ Meal - Member: **\$ Free** x _____ **FREE** Total: **FREE**

Guest Meal _____ Meal - Guest: \$ 5.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC** Total Amt: \$ _____

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