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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

July/August 2023 Newsletter – Issue #319

Club Board Meeting: *** CANCELLED ***

General Membership Meeting: *** CANCELLED ***

Club Annual Picnic – Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023



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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.

A Message from Club President



Hello everyone, we are now in the nice warm summer months – in any culture, it is a time that is bursting with energy and life. Enjoy the outdoors, take a vacation or visit **Michigan's** great lakes, invite friends and family to a picnic, or spend more time with those you love. Our June evening meeting had 60 members in attendance, with everyone enjoying a social get-together. Thank you to the **Social Committee** for providing the menu items. July 18th is our **Annual Detroit River Boat Ride Adventure**; make sure you sign up for this fun time with **Frank Giannotti**, and our **Annual Picnic** is August 13, with a delicious menu. I hope to see you at our July/August events and remember, *"Enjoy life while you can, it can be taken in a heartbeat."* Ciao,
Leslie Lupo – Club President

Diamond Jack Chartered Boat 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 do 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**. A flyer was included in the June newsletter. **Paid reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

Club Annual Picnic Sunday, 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, Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. Meal selection is required. **Please! Do not make your reservation/payment on the day of the picnic; the headcount needs to be known to order sufficient food for the party.** Bocce will be played near the pavilion. The food is prepared by **Chef Joe Pagano**

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(same as in previous years); See the picnic flyer in this newsletter.



Firekeeper Casino Trip September 13, 2023



A one-day fall bus trip to **Firekeeper Casino** has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**.

Alice Patton will be handling trip details. Enjoy 5 hours of gambling! Receive \$20.00 free play and a \$5.00

food voucher, all for \$45.00 per person. Pickup and drop-off points are at a Meijer store parking lot location.

If you are considering this casino trip, contact **Alice Patton** at (734)765-0167. Her address is **8779 Hardwood Drive, Belleville, MI 48111**. Please respond before July 19, 2023. Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**. Tickets are limited; respond ASAP.



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 our members who are not feeling well.



Condolences to the family of **LaVerne (Rocky) Kaune** who passed away on June 12, 2023, at the age of 98. Rocky joined the Club in 1972 some 51 years ago. He was very active, with his wife, **Nancy Kaune** (deceased Dec, 11, 2016).

They attended many club functions, including the Italian Festivals, Spaghetti Dinners,

Dances, trips and etc. Rocky also served on the Hall Board for many years. They both loved the Club and were well known by many club members. *May Rocky's memory be a Blessing!*



Condolences to the family of **Miriam Lumia** on the loss of her husband **Anthony "Tony" Lumia**, who passed away on June 20, 2023, at the age of 85. Tony and Miriam joined our Club in February 2002. They were very active at many club functions -

Festivals, Spaghetti Dinners, Dances, Parades, Trips, etc. Tony also served on the Club Board and also on Hall Business Board. Tony was the chairperson for the **Taste of Italy** event for many years. All profits went to **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**. He and Miriam were always willing to help out wherever needed as dedicated members of our Club. Tony was well-known by many club members; we will miss our friend **Tony Lumia**. *May Tony's memory be a Blessing!*



Condolences to the family of **Grace Pizzo** on the loss of her husband, **Samuel (Sam) J Pizzo**, who passed away on June 27, 2023, at the age of 86. Sam and Grace joined our Club in February 1973; been members for 50 years. Their participation in the Club is

overwhelming. They worked and supported the Club from the beginning; Italian Festivals at Yack Arena assisted/organized/participated in all the Club's Pasta Events. Organized many, many club events, including trips, dances, parades, picnics, St. Joseph Celebration, Christmas parties; the list goes on and on. Sam was always there to greet you with a smile and open arms. He was the life of our Italian Club. He enjoyed playing cards with members. He loved our Club. We will miss our friend **Sam Pizzo**. *May Sam's memory be a blessing!*

Our Deepest Condolences to **Grace**, sister-in-law **Stella Marzano**, and the following family-related club members: **Joseph Pizzo, James & Margaret Waltz, Mitchel & Francesca Wolski, Steven & Samantha DeYarman, Robert & Nicole Sander, and Jared Waltz.**

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:

Patrick and Paulette (Rocco) Decamillis; of Southgate, MI; sponsored by **Frank Giannotti**.

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Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

- Connie Becker (7/01) Geraldine Underwood (7/28)
- Betty Palazzolo (7/05) Gloria Fragassi (7/29)
- Laurie Randazzo (7/06) Ruth Lepidi (7/30)
- Mimi Kerr (7/07) Our Friend (7/30)
- Vincenzo Vitale (7/07) Rosalie Lazzarino (08/01)
- Karl Underwood (7/08) Sharon Thibeuau (8/03)
- Maria Johnson (7/10) Geraldine Altomaro (8/04)
- Jim Bely (7/11) Don Kerr (8/04)
- Elda Fracassa (7/13) Giorlando Giammalva (8/05)
- Damiano Vitale (7/13) Margaret Vitale (8/05)
- Grace Kachinski (7/14) Robert Carrier (8/07)
- Nicole Sander (7/14) Elaine Cartrette (8/09)
- Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15) Victoria Meyring (8/09)
- Antoinette Dominski (7/15) Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)
- Cindy Dingell (7/16) Maria Horvath (8/12)
- Leslie Lupo (7/18) Rose Zahara (8/12)
- Steven DeYarman (7/19) Sharon Pagano (8/14)
- Paulette Decamillis (7/20) Josie Badalamenti (8/15)
- Marshall Grazioli (7/20) Barbara Bianchi (8/17)
- Liliana Mazzalonga (7/21) Jennifer Vitale (8/18)
- Nancy Prone (7/23) Grace Lewis (8/22)
- Nina Palazzolo (7/25) Emalie Shifflett (8/25)
- Robin Remington (7/27) Janet Flaherty (8/29)
- Maria Robinson (7/28)

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.

- Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)
- Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)
- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)
- Nick and Mary Lonigro (7/10)

- Marshall and Colleen Grazioli (7/13)
- Vito and Betty Palazzolo (7/14)
- Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)
- Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)
- Paul and Diane Lupo (7/18)
- Roger and Maria Robinson (7/19)
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)
- Jim and Rhonda Verdone (7/26)
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27) 50th
- Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)
- Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)
- Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)
- James and Margaret Waltz (8/07)
- Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)
- Daniel and Rose Boileau (8/16)
- Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16) 55th
- Bill and Susan Herbert (8/23)
- Robert and Nicole Sander (8/28)
- Sam and Serafina Badalamenti (8/29)

Calendar of Future Events

- July 18, 2023, Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- Aug. 13, 2023, Club Annual Picnic**
Sam Randazzo, (734) 676-8463
- 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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Downriver Italian-American Club Membership Picnic Party Sunday – August 13, 2023



WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

TIME: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

SERVING TIME: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PRICE: Club Member: \$10.00

Children (over 18): \$15.00 Guest of Member: \$15.00

WHO: Club Members, their Family and their Friends.



----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----

Meal: **Ribs or Chicken**, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverage, Watermelon, Membership Prepared Dessert.

The meal is prepared onsite by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**.

Volunteers needed to bring dessert - would be appreciated. Call **Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264**

Bocce tournament, horseshoe, and other summer games allowed - bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Saturday, August 5, 2023**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate headcount so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the returned coupon.**

The picnic is hosted by: **Jim and Julie Bademian, Dennis and Alice Patton, Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

Sam Randazzo
3391 Brookshire Street
Trenton, MI 48183-3970
Phone: (734) 676-8463

Board Members will be helping.
Thank you for your promptness.
**Dennis, Alice, Grace,
Jim, Julie, Sam, and Darlene.**



I/We will be attending the **Club Annual Picnic** on Sunday, **August 13, 2023**.

This coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, August 5, 2023**.

NAME: _____ # Ribs _____ # Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ Emergency Contact Tel. _____

Number of Adults (\$10.00): _____ Children over 18 (\$15.00): _____ Guest (\$15.00): _____

A check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

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

Return coupon and your payment to **Sam Randazzo, 3391 Brookshire, Trenton, MI 48183-3970**