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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

September 2023 Newsletter – Issue #320

Club Board Meeting: Tues., Sept. 12, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. @ Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting: Wed., Sept. 20, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley

Columbus Day Celebration – October 8, 2023



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What a great summer. The weather was not extremely hot and it seemed my grass and plants enjoyed the rainy days. Luckily our July

Diamond Jack Boat Ride was a picture perfect day to be on the river. We also had a perfect day for our **August Club Picnic** that brought out over 100 of our members to enjoy a good meal, fabulous desserts and fun times. Plan now to enjoy an evening of excellent food and music with **Gino's Market Band** at the October 8th **Columbus Day Party** at **Silver Shores**, in Wyandotte, MI. It will certainly be an evening you will not want to miss, reserve your table now and also be ready to win at our **Columbus Party Raffle**, we have many nice raffle prizes and will also have ten (10) - \$50 cash prizes; this could be your lucky day. Congratulations to our two scholarship winners **Nicolina Vitale** and **Joanna Meyring**. I know we all wish them much success in their future endeavors. See you at the September 5, 2023 **Card Party** and the September 20 **General Membership/Luncheon Meeting** at the **Bentley Banquet Center**.

"Enjoy life while you can, it can be taken in a heartbeat." Ciao,
Leslie Lupu – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley

The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, September 20, 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 Lupu** at

(734)282-1257 no later than one week before the luncheon.

Sept. Card Party at K of C



A **Club Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 5, 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. K of C has Taco Night that evening; tacos at \$1.00 each; chips, pretzels, and fruits are provided. Cash bar service is available.

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 own board and card games. The next card party is scheduled for October 3, 2023.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report



The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** of July 18, 2023 was a success, with 90+ people in attendance. The ride was northbound, towards the new **Gordie Howe International Bridge**. A pizza and salad was served afterwards at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**. The **Social Committee** did an excellent job at serving the meal. The photos taken during the boat ride are available for viewing at the club website, www.diac.us.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The ribs, chicken, sausage, corn, watermelon, etc. were so delicious and plentiful. The desserts were marvelous, thank you so much to the members who donated them. The picnic was held at the **Young Patriots Park, Civic Center**, in Riverview, MI. An outstanding job by **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his staff. The preparation was outstanding. Many thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Julie and Jim Bademian, Grace Pizzo, Stella Marzano, and Dennis and Alice Patton**. The members and their guests all had a great time. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us, (when available).

2023 DIAC Scholarship Award



The DIAC 2023 Scholarship Award was shared between two outstanding applicants, **Nicolina Vitale** and **Joanna Meyring**. **Nicolina** is the daughter of club members **Marco and Jennifer Vitale**; **Joanna** is the daughter of club member **Victoria Meyring**.

Nicolina Vitale is a graduate of **Warren Mott High School**, in Warren, MI; has established very high school credentials, participated in many school activities and will be attending **Madonna University** in the fall with a major in **Forensic Science**.

Joanna Meyring is a graduate of **Grosse Ile High School**, Grosse Ile, MI; has also established very high school credentials, participated in many school activities and will be attending **Eastern Michigan University** in the fall with a major in **Psychology**.

Congratulations to winning candidates!

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.

Columbus Day Celebration - Oct 8, 2023



The Club will be hosting a **Columbus Day Celebration** on Sunday, October 8, 2023. The event will be celebrated at **Silver Shores Waterfront – Banquet and Catering, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)246-4800**.

Live entertainment by **Gino's Market Band**. The doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Raffle includes gift items and ten (10) - \$50.00 cash prizes.

The cost is **\$35.00 for club members and \$40.00 for non-members**. A wonderful meal has been selected. See attached flyer for details.

For ticket sale and further information, contact **Charles or Leslie Lupo** at (734) 282-1257. Return the coupon and monies to **Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301**.

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

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 **Jim and Julie Bademian** on the death of Julie's brother, **Jerry Pankas**, who passed away on July 11, 2023 at the age of 73. *May his memory be a blessing.*



Condolences to the family of **Rose Mary Prato** who passed away on on July 26, 2023, at the age of 86.

Rose Mary and her late husband (**Algie (Angelo)**), deceased on June 27, 2011) joined our Club in June 2009. Rose Mary (and Angelo) attended many club functions, worked the

Club's Pasta events, attended many trips, dances, parades, picnics, etc. Rose Mary was well-known by many club members. We will all miss her

Our Deepest Condolences to the families of daughter **Linda Burnett** (club member) and granddaughter **Andrea Prato** (club member).

May Rose Mary's memory be a Blessing!

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Condolences to the family of **Rose Vitale** who passed away on July 31, 2023, at the age of 91. Rose and her late husband **Joe Vitale**, (deceased on February 21, 1996), joined our Club in October 1972 (original club founders). Joe Vitale was on the club Board for many years. Rose and Joe attended many club functions, worked the **Italian Festival** at Yack Arena, worked the pasta events; attended many club events, trips, dances, parades, picnics, etc. Rose was well-known by many club members. We will all miss her.

Our Deepest Condolences to the families of **Anthony (Robyn) Vitale** and **Sue (Robert) Coch**.

May Rose's 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.

Great-Grandmother Announcement



Edith Gendron proudly announces the birth of her great-grandson, **Dean Richard Grant**, born on August 8, 2023. Dean weighed in at 10 lbs-4oz and was 21 1/2 inches long. The proud parents are **Joann and Eric Grant** of Allen Park, MI.

Congratulations to the Gendron and the Grant families.

Each New Day

This is the beginning of a new day.
 God has given me this day to use as I will.
 I can waste it or use it for some good purpose.
 But what I do with this day is important because
 I have exchanged a day of my life for it.
 When Tomorrow comes, Today will be gone forever.
 I hope I will not regret the price I have paid for it.

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.

- Mitchell and Francesca Wolski (09/02)*
- Lenny and Rose Zerilli (09/03)*
- Steven and Samantha DeYarman (09/04)*
- Damiano and Piera Vitale (09/06)*
- Anthony and Rosalie Lazzarino (09/10)*
- Joseph and Donna Pagano (09/10)*
- Joseph and Paola Ventimiglia (09/13)*

- Patrick and Janet Flaherty (09/18)*
- Karl and Geraldine Underwood (09/21)*
- Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (09/24)*
- John and Diana Parisi (09/26)*
- Roger and Emalie Shifflett (09/29)*

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Birthdays this month.

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| <i>Joseph Bozzo (09/02)</i> | <i>Valarie Yinger (09/17)</i> |
| <i>Arlene Roberts (09/02)</i> | <i>Roger Shifflett (09/19)</i> |
| <i>Vincenzo Vitale (09/04)</i> | <i>Rose Gaglio (09/20)</i> |
| <i>Diana Parisi (09/05)</i> | <i>Kelli McNally (09/22)</i> |
| <i>Leonard Zerilli (09/05)</i> | <i>Paul Lupo (09/23)</i> |
| <i>Amelia McGowan (09/05)</i> | <i>Pauline Barraco (09/24)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Simone (09/11)</i> | <i>Julie Bademian (09/26)</i> |
| <i>Jared Waltz (09/11)</i> | <i>Lina Susin (09/26)</i> |
| <i>Steven Badalamente (09/14)</i> | <i>Robert Jagielo (09/30)</i> |

Calendar of Future Events

- 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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