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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting: Wed., Nov. 15, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. @ The Bentley
General Membership Meeting: Wed., Nov. 15, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley



Happy Thanksgiving - Thur. Nov. 23, 2023



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Club President Message



It is the start of winter season now, lawnmowers get a rest, and the snow blowers and shovels are readied for the inevitable change to the fluffy white sparkling snow. Thank you to all members who attended the October 8th **Columbus Day Party**. Special "Thank You" to **Grace Pizzo, Julie and Jim Bademian** for helping with the raffle and seating all our guests. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, great music by **Gino's Market Band**, and about 50% of the attendees were able to win a raffle or table prize. Our next **Card Party**, at the **Knights of Columbus**, is November 7th; enjoy a variety of games and maybe a taco or two.

Get ready now for another great event, the **Annual DIAC Christmas Party**. The Social Committee has been working very hard to make this event SPECTACULAR. The **Christmas Party Flyer** is included in the newsletter. Send in your reservations as soon as possible.

I wish all our members a wonderful **Thanksgiving Holiday** and look forward to seeing you soon at our scheduled events. *"Enjoy life while you can, it can be taken in a heartbeat."* Ciao,

Leslie Lupo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley

The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, November 15, 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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude, Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment, Thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live!



Nov. Card Party at K of C



A Club **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 7, 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 \$2.50 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 (212)288-2264 a



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Music Man – Musical/Luncheon



SPECIAL NOTICE

There was an error in the start time for the musical **Music Man** in the October **Music Man** flyer. The start time is 3:30 PM. Please correct the time on your flyer.

The event is sold out!

The luncheon is at 12:30 p.m. at the **Brickhouse Restaurant, 2935 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The **Music Man** musical is performed at the **2nd Street Performing Arts Center, 1123 2nd Street, Wyandotte MI 48192**. The doors open at 2:30 p.m., and the musical is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DIAC Christmas Party - Dec 10, 2023



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. Chairpersons are **Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, Julie Bademian, Sue Byrd, and Alice Patton**. Live entertainment by **Gino's Market Band**. The location is the **Bentley Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. (734)246-4800.

The doors open at 4:00 p.m. with a buffet-style dinner at 5:00 p.m. The meal selection and details are found in the attached flyer. The event is open to the member's family and their friends.

A Thanksgiving Blessing

*It is good to look back,
to remember our blessings,
and to give thanks for them.*

It is easy to be thankful for what is past ...

*We are grateful, too, for those things
still in process, still unfinished.*

This is where life is lived –

In the muddle and confusion,

*in the uncertainty,
in the ordinariness of today,
of the "here" and "now."*

*We are grateful, too, for the days that are yet to
unfold*

before us.

Who can anticipate what they might hold for us?

We can know only in a general way;

*there will be days of sadness and days of joy;
there will be moments of loneliness and moments of
love;*

*there will be hours of darkness and hours of hope;
there will times of doubt and times of faith.*

*Help us, Lord, to be open to the mysteries of life
and to be grateful for them.*

Author Unknown

Downriver Community
Food Pantry Drive

*Club Board member **Patrick Flaherty** is organizing a food drive to benefit a charitable organization of which he is a member. If you would like to donate the food described or even make a money donation, please bring the items to the November 15, 2023, general membership meeting. Please read Pat's article below.*

The **Downriver Community Food Pantry** was established on April 24, 2002, after several food pantries closed in the Downriver area. Representatives of many churches established the food pantry to meet the needs for emergency food assistance.

Our statement is to provide food with dignity and without discrimination to those in need in our community. It is not uncommon to give out 7500 pounds of food in a month.

All of our volunteers give their time and smiles without compensation.

"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me. Matthew 25:35"

We are asking members of the DIAC to donate non-perishable items during the November meeting. If you are willing to donate but cannot attend that meeting, please call or e-mail me, and I will make arrangements for pickup. Needed items, for example Boxed kids' and adult cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, etc. I will deliver this to the Food Pantry.

Many thanks for your help in making this a Happier Thanksgiving for our guests. If you have any questions please contact **Pat Flaherty** at 734-775-8794. E-mail: pat@flaherty.org

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 **Florence Coleman, MaryJane Grazioli**, and others???

Condolences to the family of **Delores (Dee) Phillips** on the death of her sister, **Marie McReough**, who passed away on October 6, 2023 at the age of 90. *May her memory be a blessing.*



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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.

Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)
Matt and Sharon Thibeau (11/10)
Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)
Vito and Geraldine Altomaro (11/14)
Scott and Rose Gronda (11/14)
Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)
Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)
Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)
Paul and Robin Remington (11/26)
Phil and Therese Barraco (11/28)
Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Birthday this month.

<i>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i>	<i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>
<i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i>	<i>Julianne Kuhn (11/14)</i>
<i>Samantha Schott (11/01)</i>	<i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i>
<i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i>	<i>Colleen Grazioli (11/16)</i>
<i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i>	<i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i>
<i>Marlene Erno (11/3)</i>	<i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>
<i>Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)</i>	<i>Garry Lee (11/25)</i>
<i>Francesca Wolski (11/07)</i>	<i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>
<i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>	<i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i>
<i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>	

Crisis Pregnancy Center Drive



The **Crisis Pregnancy Center, Lincoln Park, MI**, is an independent, non-political, non-sectarian organization that provides a vast array of

services for women, regardless of marital status, age, race, or religion. They offer free pregnancy tests, counseling, referrals for medical care, and resources for further education, housing, community assistance, financial assistance, legal assistance, and childbirth classes. The center also offers referrals for foster home care and adoption information, prenatal and postnatal guidance, and assistance with career planning.

Women who have made their decision to keep their babies reach out to the center, and the center provides many items for the baby and the mother.

These are some of the things that the center needs at the current time. If you would like to contribute, please bring your items or cash contribution to the November membership meeting (November 15, 2023) or the Christmas Party (December 10, 2023).

- Diapers – Need Newborn, any size
- New Baby Bottles – any brand or size

Thank you so much for considering this community outreach program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, **Darlene Randazzo, 734-676-8463**

Some Everyday Thoughts

- It's taken me all my life to understand that it is not necessary to understand everything.
- There is nothing wrong with making mistakes -- just don't respond with errors.
- If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.
- If it's not broken, don't fix it. If it's not done today, you still got tomorrow.

Calendar of Future Events

- Nov. 7, 2023, **DIAC November Card Party**
@ Knights of Columbus, Wyan.
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Nov. 12, 2023, **Music Man – Luncheon/Musical**
@ Brickhouse/2nd Street Perf. Art Center
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Dec. 5, 2023, **DIAC December Card Party**
@ Knights of Columbus, Wyan.
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Dec. 10, 2023, **Membership Christmas Party**
@ Bentley Conference Center
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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DIAAC Membership Christmas Party

Bentley Banquet & Conference Ctr., 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, 734-246-4800



Sunday, December 10, 2023

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.



Buffet Style Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Entertainment by **GINO'S MARKET BAND** at 6:00 p.m.



~ **Main Entrée** ~
 Apple Crips Salad w/Romaine, Red/Green Apples
 Homemade Rolls and Butter
 Cheese Tortellini w/Alfredo Sauce,
 Redskin Mashed Potatoes
 Meat Loaf with Gravy
 Chicken Marsala w/Wine, Mushroom Sauce
 Beef Burgundy w/Mushroom Sauce
 Green Beans Casserole

~ **Dessert** ~
 Cake

~ **Beverages** ~
 Coffee, Tea, Soft Beverages

Cash Bar Available



Invitation includes your Family and Friends
Members: \$35.00 Non-Members: \$45.00

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Thursday, November 30, 2023
All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance
Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating.



Make check payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**
Mail to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Dr. Rockwood, MI 48173-8618
For further information, call: Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491



Julie Bademian (313)388-2264 Sue Byrd (734)258-2822 Alice Patton (734)697-7902 Paula Rice (734)748-0998

I/(We) will be attending the DIAAC 2023 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10, 2023.
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.**

Mail this coupon and your check to Grace Pizzo ♣ 32050 Liparoto Drive ♣ Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

All reservations must be reserved and paid in advance. Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating.

If you would like to be seated with a friend (at their table), please print their name(s) here. Otherwise, seating and table location will be assigned to you.

