



53rd Year, 1971-2024

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2024 Newsletter – Issue #327

Club Board Meeting:Tues., June 11, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. @ K of C
General Membership Meeting:Wed. June 19, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley



Happy Father's Day – Sun. June 16, 2024



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Buona Sera Members: It certainly has been a special year with two astronomical events: a famous solar eclipse of the sun in April (the next one will be in 2045), and then in May, many people were able to see the **Northern Lights**, I went out each night but was unable to see those spectacular colors, so I guess Alaska or Norway will be on my bucket list. The **Social Committee** has planned many special events this summer, so make sure you review the newsletter and sign up (before they sell out) for some fun activities, like the **Toledo Mud Hens, Diamond Jack Boat Ride, Club Picnic, Frankenmuth, a Royal Caribbean cruise around Italy, Bye Bye Birdie Play**, as well as our monthly **Card Partys** at the Wyandotte K of C. We will hold the June 19 General Membership Meeting at the **Bentley Banquet Center**, Lunch at Noon, and a meeting at 1 p.m. Call me (734) 282-1257 to confirm your luncheon attendance. Thank you.

This year, we had a mild winter, a great springtime (a little rainy weather, but the gardens loved it), and I am looking forward to a nice warm summer (but not too hot).

"Enjoy life while you can, it can be taken in a heartbeat."

Ciao, - Leslie Lupo – Club President

reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo** at (734)282-1257 no later than one week before the luncheon.

Card Party at K of C



This month's **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 4, 2024** 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 \$3.50 each (new price); snack items are available. Cash bar service is available.

To be eligible for this month's gift card drawing, one must wear a **PURPLE**-colored item of clothing.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity. The event is chaired by **Grace Pizzo**; give her a call at (734)379-9491 and let her know you are attending.

August Offsite Luncheon Meet



The **Social Committee** has scheduled an offsite luncheon on **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**. The location is at **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Hall**,

located at 334 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48194. The luncheon is served between 12:00 Noon and 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for a club member and \$20.00 for a non-member. See flyer contained in this newsletter for further information. Contact **Sue Byrd** at (734)258-2822. Send the reservation coupon with your check to **Sue Byrd, 721 Lincoln Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192-2610**, no later than the date specified on the flyer.

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, June 19, 2024 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



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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The flyer was contained in the May newsletter.

*** PLEASE NOTE: THE JULY 17, 2024 LUNCHEON (BEFORE THE BOAT RIDE) HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

"Bye Bye Birdie"

Superstar - Sunday, August 11, 2024



The **Social Committee** will be hosting a "Bye Bye Birdie" play on Sunday, August 11, 2024. The biggest rock and roll Superstar in the World.

The Musical play is performed by the **2nd Live Street Players**, performing

at the **2nd Street Performers** playing at the **1123 2nd street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (near Goddard)**. The doors open at 2:45 p.m. - the play starts at 3:00 p.m. Dinner is at approximately 5:30 p.m. at **Major Biddle's, 930 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.

The cost is \$40.00 for members and \$55.00 for non-members. Select one of five meal selections and write it in the returned coupon to **Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8510**, no later than August 2, 2024. Twenty-five (25) tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Get your reservation early. See flyer in this newsletter for further information.

Diamond Jack Chartered Boat Ride



This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024**.

The chairperson is **Frank Giannotti (734)283-7394**. The boat ride will be heading north, passing the new

Gordie Howe International Bridge. 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 **\$25.00 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 for the pizza and salad is \$5.00**. Return the coupon and monies **no later than July 7, 2024**. See the flyer in this newsletter for further information. **The boat's capacity is 125 passengers. Paid reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Covid masking is optional (at your discretion)**. The flyer appeared in the May newsletter. A flyer is also found and can be downloaded at the club website.

Membership Picnic – August 18, 2024



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2024**.

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

The event is hosted by the **Social Committee, Jim and Julie Bademian, Sue Byrd, Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. See the attached flyer in this newsletter.

Trip to Frankenmuth – Sept. 23, 2024



The **Social Committee** is hosting a trip to **Frankenmuth, MI** on **Monday, September 23, 2024**. The bus will depart from the Southgate **Sam's Club**, located at 15700 Northline Road, Southgate,

MI 48195, at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m.. Park your vehicle near the gas station. Fifty-six (56) tickets are available on a **First-Come, First-Serve** Basis.

Price for Members: Bus only \$35 (Includes Snack and Beverage both ways), Bus with Lunch \$65. Price for Non-Members: Bus only \$45 (Includes Snack and Beverage both ways), Bus with Lunch \$75

Lunch includes Family Style – Chicken, Homemade Bread, Noodle Soup, Cole Slaw, Three Seasonal Salads, Mashed Potato, Baked Dressing, Hot Vegetables, Buttered Noodles, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk, or Soda.

Return coupon and payment to **Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Drive Rockwood, MI 48173-8618**, tel. (734) 379-9491 for further information. A flyer will appear in a future newsletter.

Sick and GoodWill Notice



Our thoughts and prayers go 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 (and their families) who are not feeling well. **Sunny Eaton, Vivian Palazzolo, Alice Patton, Doug Melzer, and ???**



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Condolences to the family of **Mark S. Grazioli**, who passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024, at the age of 87. Mark and his late wife (**Mary Jane** [deceased January 31, 2024]) joined our Club in November 1973 and have been members for over 50 years. Their participation in the Club is overwhelming. Mark has had many official roles in the Club. He was Club President (2007-2008) and again in (2011-2012). Mark held various roles on the Hall Business Board and the Club Board for many years, including chairing the Club Pasta events. He spent many years working on different projects on behalf of the Club. From the beginning, he worked and supported the Club, starting with the **Italian Festivals** at Yack Arena. They participated in many club events, including trips, dances, parades, picnics, **St. Joseph Celebration**, Christmas parties, **Taste of Italy**, and **The Legends Live**; the list goes on and on. Mark and Mary Jane were always there to greet you with open arms. They were the life of our **Italian Club**. They enjoyed playing cards with members. We will miss our friend Mark. *May Mark's Memory be a Blessing!*

Our deepest Condolences to the family members who are in the Club. **Marshall and Colleen Grazioli** and **Steven and Marlene (Grazioli) Erno**.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our **congratulations and best wishes to our members who are celebrating their birthdays** this month.

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| <i>Joe Cuva (6/01)</i> | <i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i> |
| <i>Nancy Martinelli (6/01)</i> | <i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i> |
| <i>Kelsey Parker (6/02)</i> | <i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i> |
| <i>Robert Sander (6/02)</i> | <i>Sarah Eaton (6/15)</i> |
| <i>Randall Rice (6/03)</i> | <i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i> |
| <i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)</i> | <i>Robert Lepidi (6/17)</i> |
| <i>Serafina Badalamenti (6/06)</i> | <i>Gary Roberts (6/20)</i> |
| <i>Mark Randazzo (6/06)</i> | <i>Roger Robinson (6/21)</i> |
| <i>Allison Vitale (6/06)</i> | <i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i> |
| <i>Patrick DeCamillis (6/07)</i> | <i>Gerald McGowan (6/29)</i> |
| <i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</i> | |

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



We extend our Best Wishes for many Happy and Healthy Years together to our club members who are celebrating their **Anniversary** this month.

- Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)*
Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)

- Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)*
Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)
Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)
Patrick and Paulette DeCamillis (6/20)
Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)

Welcome New Club Member



Please welcome the following new club member:

Eric M^cCann; of Allen Park, MI; sponsored by **Frank & Liliana Giannotti**.

Welcome New Family Member



Edith Gendron proudly announces the birth of her new great-granddaughter, **RoseMary Lynn Doroher**, born on May 16, 2024, weighed in at 7 lbs-8 ozs. The proud parents are **Allison and Sean Doroher**. Congratulations to the **Gendron** and **Doroher** families.

Calendar of Future Events

- June 14, 2024, Toledo Mud Hens Baseball**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- July 17, 2024, Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
 Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- Aug. 11, 2024, Bye Bye Birdie – Musical Play**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Aug. 18, 2024, Club Annual Picnic**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Aug. 21, 2024, Luncheon at St. Vincent Pallotti**
 Sue Byrd, (734) 258-2822
- Sept. 23, 2024, Frankenmuth Bus Trip/Luncheon**
 Paula Rice, (734) 748-0998
- Oct. 27, 2024, Fall Dinner Dance**
 Leslie/Charles Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Dec. 8, 2024, Membership Christmas Party**
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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Downriver Italian-American Club Membership Picnic Party Sunday – August 18, 2024



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 sponsored Dessert.

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

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

Bocce, horseshoes, and other summer games are 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 3, 2024**. 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, Sue Byrd, Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

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



Board Members will be helping.
Thank you for your promptness.
Sue Byrd, Grace Pizzo, Jim & Julie Bademian, Paula Rice, Sam, and Randazzo.

Darlene



I/We will be attending the **Club Annual Picnic** on Sunday, **August 18, 2024**.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, August 3, 2024**. Please jot down food quantities.

NAME: _____ # Ribs _____ # Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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

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

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

