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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**** IMPORTANT DATES **** July/August 2024 Newsletter – Issue #328

Club Board Meeting: ***** CANCELLED *****

General Membership Meeting: ***** CANCELLED *****

Club Annual Picnic – Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024



**2023 - 2024
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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



Buona Sera Members:

As temperatures rise and the days grow longer, we welcome beach outings, road trips, poolside fun, ice cream treats, and barbecues with family and friends.

We had an excellent turnout at the June luncheon at the Bentley Banquet Center and I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events.

We have an exciting summer lineup for you:

July 2nd: Card Party at the Wyandotte K of C (don't forget to wear red, white, and blue for the raffle!)

July 17th: Detroit Diamond Boat Trip and Pizza Event

August 11th: By Bye Birdie musical and luncheon.

August 18th: Club Picnic featuring delicious barbecue'

Our club board meetings will now be held at 11 AM on the day of our general meetings. This year, we only have three more months of club meetings: September, October and November. Also, I would like to thank all those members who have been bringing those wonderful desserts to the General Meeting Luncheons.

If you are interested in joining the group traveling to Italy in October, please give me a call 734-282-1257.

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

Ciao, - Leslie Lupo – Club President

Card Party at K of C



This month's **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 2, 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 **RED, WHITE & BLUE** -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 **Sue Byrd**; give her a call at **(734)258-2822** and let her know you are attending.

Welcome New Club Member



Please welcome new club member **Josie Boore**; of Northville, MI; sponsored by **Grace Pizzo**.

August Offsite Luncheon

The August 21, 2024 **St. Vincent Pallotti luncheon** event **HAS BEEN CANCELED**.



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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 (Wyandotte) 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. **For 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 can be downloaded from the club website, www.diac.us.

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 flyer included in the June newsletter. The flyer appeared in the June newsletter. **A flyer can be downloaded from the club website, www.diac.us**.



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 this newsletter.

School Memories

One Word, Six Letters,
Millions Of Memories,
Thousands Of Mistakes,
Hundred Of Stories,
Zero Regrets, Infinite Love,
Care And Happiness

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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. **Mimi Kerr, Vivian Palazzolo, Alice Patton, Edith Gendron, and ???**

Condolences to the family of **Angela McCarty** on the death of her sister, **Mary Ann Leto Foley**, who passed

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away on June 19, 2024, at the age of 69. *May her memory be a blessing!*



Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes to our members celebrating their birthdays.

- 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) Rosalie Lazzarino (8/01)
- Vincenzo Vitale (7/07) Geraldine Altomaro (8/04)
- Karl Underwood (7/08) Don Kerr (8/04)
- Maria Johnson (7/10) Giorlando Giammalva (8/05)
- Jim Bely (7/11) Margaret Vitale (8/05)
- Elda Fracassa (7/13) Robert Carrier (8/07)
- Damiano Vitale (7/13) Victoria Meyring (8/09)
- Grace Kachinski (7/14) Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)
- Nicole Sander (7/14) Eric McCann (8/11)
- Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15) Maria Horvath (8/12)
- Antoinette Dominski (7/15) Rose Zahara (8/12)
- Cindy Dingell (7/16) Sharon Pagano (8/14)
- Leslie Lupo (7/18) Josie Badalamenti (8/15)
- Paulette Decamillis (7/20) Barbara Bianchi (8/17)
- Marshall Grazioli (7/20) Jennifer Vitale (8/18)
- Nancy Prone (7/23) Grace Lewis (8/22)
- Nina Palazzolo (7/25) Emalie Shifflett (8/25)
- Maria Robinson (7/28) Janet Flaherty (8/29)

Happy Anniversary - Buon Anniversario



We extend our Best Wishes for many Happy and Healthy Years together to our club members celebrating their Anniversaries.

- 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)

- 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) 50th
- Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16) 56th
- Bill and Susan Herbert (8/23)
- Robert and Nicole Sander (8/28)
- Sam and Serafina Badalamenti (8/29)

Calendar of Future Events

- July 2, 2024, DIAC Card Party
Sue Byrd, (734) 258-2822
- July 17, 2024, Diamond Jack Boat Ride
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- Aug. 6, 2024, DIAC Card Party
Sue Byrd, (734) 258-2822
- Aug. 11, 2024, Bye Bye Billie Musical Play
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Aug. 18, 2024, Club Annual Picnic
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Sept. 3, 2024, DIAC Card Party
Paula Rice, (734) 748-0998
- Sept. 23, 2024, Frankenmuth Bus Trip/Luncheon
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Oct. 1, 2024, DIAC Card Party
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Oct. 27, 2024, Fall Dinner Dance
Leslie/Charles Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Nov. 5, 2024, DIAC Card Party
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Dec. 3, 2024, DIAC Card Party
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Dec. 8, 2024, Membership Christmas Party
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A Bus Trip to Frankenmuth, MI



Monday - September 23, 2024

Bus Departs at 7:30 AM from Sam's Club – 15700 Northline Rd, Southgate, MI 48195 Park Near the Gas Station Area. Bus Returns at 7:30 PM

56 Tickets Available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis.

Trip includes Frankenmuth, Bronners, and Birch Run Outlet Mall.

Enjoy a **Bavarian Inn** Chicken Dinner with Dessert

Meal 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.

Price Members: Bus only **\$35** (Includes Snack and Beverage both ways), Bus with Lunch **\$65**

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



Luxury Motorcoach
Transportation is included.

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(734) 379-9491 for questions.

Paula Rice 734-748-0998 •

Grace Pizzo 734-379-9491 ☁

Sue Byrd 734-258-2822 •

Please fill out this form and return it with your payment to: **Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173**, before September 9, 2024, or until the trip is sold out (56 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis). Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian American Club or DIAC**.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____

In case of emergency, please notify _____ Phone No: _____

Today, my travel companion is: _____