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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES ** September 2024 Newsletter – Issue #329

Club Board Meeting: Wed., Sept. 18, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. @ The Bentley
General Membership Meeting: Wed., Sept. 18, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley

Fall Dinner Dance – October 27, 2024

A Message from Club President



Ciao Club Members:

I hope you've had the chance to enjoy the beautiful summer season and its warm days. Our July **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** was delightful, with plenty of sunshine and a light sprinkle of rain. We admired the stunning **Gordie Howe International Bridge**, the **Ambassador Bridge**, and the picturesque waterfront of the **City of Detroit**. Afterwards, at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**, we savored delicious **Domino's Pan Pizza**, salad, and freshly baked cookies.

In August, our Annual Summer Picnic was a hit, thanks to **Chef Pagano's** fantastic ribs, sausage, and chicken. A big "thank you" to chairperson **Sam Randazzo** and his crew who worked so hard to make this event successful. Thank you to all those members who brought in those wonderful desserts

Looking ahead, we have an exciting trip on September 23 to the City of **Frankenmuth (Michigan's Little Bavaria)**, known for its famous all-you-can-eat chicken and fun-filled shopping at the Christmas Store = Bronner's.

Don't miss our **Fall Dinner Dance** on October 27, featuring a delectable **Silver Shore Dinner**, music by **Gino's Market Band**, a **Neil Diamond Tribute Show**, and unique Raffle Prizes.

Thank you for participating in the Club's events. Our committees work hard for your enjoyment. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Ciao, - Leslie Luopo – Club President

Card Party at K of C



This month's **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 3, 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. To be eligible for this month's gift card drawing, one must wear **CRAZY SOCKS**.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person. The event is chaired by **Paula Rice**; give her a call at **(734)748-0998** and let her know you are attending.

Nomination and Election Committee



Club president **Leslie Luopo** will be asking for 5 or 6 club members present at the September membership meeting to be appointed to the

Nomination and Election Committee. The committee will run the nominations for Officers and Trustees at the October 16, 2024, membership meeting. A committee member cannot run for any Office or Trustee position. The committee will run the voting process at the November 20, 2024 membership meeting as well as mailing out requested absentee voting ballots.

All Officer and Trustee positions nominated by a single person will be elected to that Office/Trustee position by **acclamation**. The November voting process may be canceled if all the Officer/Trustee positions are filled by **acclamation**. Suppose an Officer/Trustee position is not filled. In that case, the newly elected club president can appoint a person to that position with the approval of the Board at the start of the new administration.



2023 - 2024 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

At the October membership meeting, the membership will be voting for Club Officers; for the office of **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and 4 Trustees**. The new Officers have a 2-year term. The four (4) Trustees position have a 4 years term.

The nomination of Officers and 4 Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November (if necessary).

Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report



The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** of July 17, 2024 was a success. The ride was northbound, towards the new **Gordie Howe International Bridge**. We all saw the span is joined and it looks terrific; with completion in the near future. A pizza and salad was served afterwards at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**. The **Social Committee** did an excellent job at serving the meal.

Eighty-two (82) people attended the boat ride. We all had lots of fun.

The photos taken during the boat ride are available for viewing at the club website, www.diac.us.

A tentative date of July 16, 2025 has been reserved for next year's outing. As a note, **Diamond Jack Tours** no longer goes southbound from the Wyandotte loading dock.

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. Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano and his staff did an outstanding job. The preparation was outstanding. Many thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Julie and Jim Bademian, Grace Pizzo, and Stella Marzano**. The members and their guests all had a great time. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us, (when available).

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

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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 appeared in the July/August newsletter.

Fall Dinner Dance – Oct. 27, 2024



The Club will be hosting a **Fall Dinner Dance** on Sunday, October 27, 2024. 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**. Included will be a **Special Tribute to Neil Diamond**. 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 prizes.

The cost is \$35.00 for club members and \$40.00 for non-members. A wonderful meal has been selected. See the flyer in this newsletter.

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.

Wonder Years

I Finally Reached The
Wonder Years.
Wonder Where My
Car is Parked,
Wonder Where My
Keys Are, Wonder
Where I Left My
Phone, Wonder
What Day It Is.

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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. **Vivian Palazzolo, Alice Patton, and ???**

Condolences to the family of **Steve and Sylvia Vitale** on the death of their son, **Anthony Vitale**, who passed away on July 29, 2024, at the age of 57. *May his memory be a blessing!*

Friendships Along the Way

It's great to have some friendships
 To cherish from day to day,
 Someone who'll listen and encourage
 A friend along the way.
 Just an ordinary person
 To help laugh each care away
 And to gently pull you back together
 When your threads begin to fray.
 Sharing all the memories
 That are tucked within the heart,
 'Cause a friend is a precious treasure -
 A priceless work of art.
 So, as you journey on life's highway,
 Look for that friendship road,
 For to have a friend along life's way
 Eases the bearing of the load.

~© Linda C. Grazulis~

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Birthdays this month.

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



Happy Anniversary - Buon Anniversario



We extend our best wishes for many happy and healthy years to our club members celebrating their **anniversary** this-month.

- Mitchell and Francesca Wolski (09/02)*
- Lenny and Rose Zerilli (09/03)*
- 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)*

Calendar of Future Events

- Sept. 3, 2024,** DIAC Card Party
 Paula Rice, (734) 748-0998
Wear Crazy Socks to the event.
- Sept. 23, 2024,** Frankenmuth Bus Trip/Luncheon
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Oct. 1, 2024,** DIAC Card Party
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
Wear an Orange Item to the event.
- Oct. 27, 2024,** Fall Dinner Dance
 Leslie/Charles Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Nov. 5, 2024,** DIAC Card Party
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
Wear Red/White/Blue to the event.
- Dec. 3, 2024,** DIAC Card Party
 Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
Wear a Crazy Xmas Top to event.
- Dec. 8, 2024,** Membership Christmas Party
 Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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Fall Dinner Dance

Sunday, October 27, 2024



Silver Shores Waterfront - Banquet and Catering

1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192 - (734) 246-4800

Live Entertainment by Gino's Market Band, 6:30 p.m.

Including A Special Tribute to Neil Diamond



Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

\$35.00 for Club Member

\$40.00 for Non-Member

~ Dinner Menu ~

Dinner Rolls and Butter

Caesar – Romaine, House Made

Garlic Pita Chips, Parmesan, Caesar Dressing

Penne with Marinara Sauce

Beef Burgundy with Wine Sauce

Roasted Salmon – Bearnaise Sauce

Chicken Marsala with Marsala Sauce

Garlic Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Dessert Table

Coffee, Tea, Beverage Soda

Cash Bar Available



Raffle Tickets Available
For Great Prizes

Deadline for Reservation: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Tables (of 8) can be reserved in advance. Payment can also be made at the Oct. 16, 2024 General Meeting or by mail to **Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301.**

Tickets must be paid in advance. No cash at door on the night of the event.

Ticket Information: Charles and Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257

I/(We) will be attending the DIAC Fall Dinner Dance on Sunday, October 27, 2024.

This coupon and payment must be received no later than Wednesday, October 16, 2024.



Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

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

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

Mail this form and your check to Leslie Lupo ♣ 459 Cedar ♣ Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301



All reservations must be reserved and paid in advance. Only a fully paid table of 8 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.