

## The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

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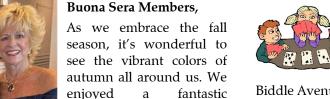
General Membership Meeting: ............ Wed., Oct. 23, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley

53rd Year, 1971-2024



## Fall Dinner Dance - October 27, 2024







Please note that due to the Italian travel plans, we have rescheduled our General Meeting to the last Wednesday of the month, October 23. Kindly make a note of this change and let me know if you'll be attending the luncheon meeting. This October meeting is crucial as we will be holding club officer nominations as we prepare for the elections in November.

Additionally, our November meeting will be held on Sunday November 24th at 6:00 PM at the Wyandotte Boat Club. Pizza and salad will be available.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **DIAC Fall Dinner Dance** on October 27th at the Silver Shores Banquet Center. We're excited to feature Gino's Market Band music and a special tribute show to Neil Diamond. It promises to be a delightful evening, and I hope to see you all there!

As we continue to celebrate both special moments and everyday experiences, let us remember to savor life's joys while we can, for they can change in an instant.

Ciao, - Leslie Lupo - Club President





2023 - 2024 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

President **LESLIE G. LUPO** 

Vice President **SAM RANDAZZO** 

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Financial Correspond

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> Guide **GRACE PIZZO**

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### Card Party at K of C



This month's Card Party scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 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 an ORANGE piece of clothing.

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

### **Nomination & Election Committee**



At the September 18, 2024 general membership meeting, the following individuals volunteered to be on the Nomination and Election

Committee: Patricia (Pat) Chalmers, Sarah (Sunny) Eaton, Rose Gaglio, Delores (Dee) Phillips, Honor Shoemaker, and Joanne Wolfgang, They will oversee the nomination process for Club Officers and the 4 Trustees October 23, 2024, General Membership meeting and supervise the elections in November (if necessary). The Club By-Laws states the following:

#### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICER STATUS**

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office in the Club. Being deemed an honor, the position of any officer shall be non-salaried. New officers are elected at the November election membership meeting, and their term of office will start on January The Club Board, including the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and **Assistant Treasurer**, cannot be of the

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immediate family (parents, husband, wife, children, brother, sisters, in-laws).

The term for Officer(s) is 2 years. The four (4) Trustees position has a term of 4 years.

All Officers and Trustees are required to attend all Club Board and general membership meetings.

The nominations of club officers for 2019-2020 will include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and 4 Trustees.

Keep in mind all Office and Trustee positions accepted 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**. If an Officer/Trustee position is not filled, the new club president can appoint a person to that position with the approval of the Board.

<u>Please Note</u>: The following Trustee terms will be expiring this year (2024): <u>Julie Bademian</u>, <u>Sue Byrd</u>, <u>Parick Flaherty</u>, and <u>Tom Randazzo</u>.

# Evening Snack Meeting @ Wyandotte Boat Club



This November membership meeting will be on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 24</u>, <u>2024 at 6:00 p.m.</u> at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**, 1 **Pine Street**, **Wyandotte**, **MI 48192**. The membership meeting immediately

follows the pizza snack.

The meal is free for members and includes pizza, salad, and cookies; a cash bar is available. Make your reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo** at (734)282-1257 no later than **one week before the date**.

#### A Tribute to the Milewski Family



Joalenn Quinn, the daughter of the late Lenny and Pina Milewski, sent us an email regarding a tribute to her mom and dad. She stated a memorial bench was erected at the Wyandotte Bishop Park in honor of Leonard and Josephine Milewski. The bench was

installed sometime in August 2024. See photo that follows this article.

Father Steven of St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church performed a blessing dedication to the Milewski Memorial Bench at 12:00 pm (Noon) on Sept. 21, 2024, with club members present. The bench is located at the south end of the Bishop park.



Fall Dinner Dance - Oct. 27, 2024



The Club will be hosting a Fall Dinner Dance on Sunday, October 27, 2024. The event location is 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 sales 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 that if you do not reserve a full table, your seating and location will be assigned to you.

# 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 monetary donation, please bring the items to the October 23, 2024, membership meeting.

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.

We are asking members of the DIAC to donate nonperishable items to the October meeting. If you wish to

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donate but cannot attend that meeting, please contact Pat Flaherty, who will arrange the pickup. Needed items are: Hamburger Helper, Sloppy Joe Mix, Instant Potatoes, Rice-A-Roni: Chicken and Beef, Large cans of Campbell soups: Chicken and Beef, Large cans of fruit: Peaches and Pears, Pancake Mix, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal: Boxes and Packages.

Many thanks for your help in making this happen. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pat Flaherty at 734-775-8794. Email: pat@flaherty.org

### DIAC Christmas Party - Dec 8, 2024



This year's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Uslmas 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 has not been finalized. More details and a flyer will be provided in the November 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. Get Well Wishes to our members (and their families) who are not feeling well.



Condolences to the family of Marlene Erno on the death of her husband, Steven J. Erno, who passed away on August 29, 2024, at the age of 62. Steven and Marlene joined our Club in June 2019. They enjoyed our Club

and attended many club events; Steven passed away from a tragic automobile accident. May his memory be a blessing.

### **Welcome New Club Member**



Please welcome new club members: Gary Pizzini; of Brownstown, MI; sponsored by Frank A. Giannotti.

Monica Ulczynski; of Riverview, MI;

sponsored by Mary Lavine.



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

Birthday this month.

Benedetta Vitale (10/2) Lisa Randazzo (10/5) Vivian Nyland (10/8) Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8) Linda Burnett (10/9) Joan Luzac (10/9) Jim Bademian (10/10) Laura Lee (10/12) Diane Lupo (10/13) Donna Pagano (10/15)

Darlene Randazzo (10/18) Monica Ulczynski (10/18) John Finazzo (10/19) Patrick Flaherty (10/20) Daniel Boileau (10/21) Karen Caputo (10/24) Beth Socia (10/9) Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24) Bill Herbert (10/24) Josie Klube (10/11) BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25) Michael McNally (10/27) Angela McCarty (10/31)

Happy

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

Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3) Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10) Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14) Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19) Robert and Ruth Lepidi (10/19) Alexander and Kelsey Parker (10/21) Alexander and Kelsey Parker (10/21)

#### **Calendar of Future Events**

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

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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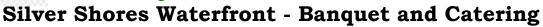
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# Fall Dinner Dance

Sunday, October 27, 2024



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

and table location will be assigned to you.

## 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**. <u>Tickets must be paid in advance</u>. No cash at door on the night of the event.

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

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Mail this form and your check to Leslie Lupo & 459 Cedar & Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301			bration Time	FESTIVAL	
All reservations must be reserved and pa	id in advance. Only a fully paid	table of 8 can be guaran	teed group	seating	

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