



53rd Year, 1971-2024



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

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Club Board Meeting: .....Wed., Oct. 23, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. @ The Bentley  
General Membership Meeting: ..... Wed., Oct. 23, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley

## Fall Dinner Dance – October 27, 2024

### A Message from Club President



**Buona Sera Members,**

As we embrace the fall season, it's wonderful to see the vibrant colors of autumn all around us. We enjoyed a fantastic summer, with highlights including our **Club Picnic, Diamond Jack Boat Ride, Trip to Frankenmuth**, and many of us are now looking forward to hearing about the adventures of those traveling to Italy this month.

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 Luop – Club President**



### Card Party at K of C



This month's **Card Party** is 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 at the 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 1st. The Club Board, including the **President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer**, cannot be of the



#### 2023 - 2024 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

President  
**LESLIE G. LUPO**

Vice President  
**SAM RANDAZZO**

Recording Secretary  
**MARILYN BOMARITO**

Financial Correspondent  
Secretary  
**FRANK A GIANNOTTI**

Treasurer  
**NINO TRUPIANO**  
Assistant Treasurer

Inside Guard  
**CHARLES M LUPO**

Outside Guard  
**DAMIANO VITALE**

Guide  
**GRACE PIZZO**

TRUSTEES  
**JAMES BADEMIAN**  
**JULIANN BADEMIAN**  
**SUE BYRD**  
**PATRICK FLAHERTY**  
**ALICE PATTON**  
**DENNIS P ATTON**  
**TOM A RANDAZZO**  
**PAULA F. RICE**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
**JULIE BADEMIAN**  
**SUE BYRD**  
**ALICE PATTON**  
**GRACE PIZZO**  
**PAULA RICE**



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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.

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

### Evening Snack Meeting @ Wyandotte Boat Club



This November membership meeting will be on **Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** 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 non-perishable 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](mailto:pat@flaherty.org)

**DIAC Christmas Party - Dec 8, 2024**



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 8, 2024**. 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**.



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

Birthdays this month.

- Benedetta Vitale (10/2)*     *Darlene Randazzo (10/18)*
- Lisa Randazzo (10/5)*     *Monica Ulczynski (10/18)*
- Vivian Nyland (10/8)*     *John Finazzo (10/19)*
- Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)*     *Patrick Flaherty (10/20)*
- Linda Burnett (10/9)*     *Daniel Boileau (10/21)*
- Joan Luzac (10/9)*     *Karen Caputo (10/24)*
- Beth Socia (10/9)*     *Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)*
- Jim Bademian (10/10)*     *Bill Herbert (10/24)*
- Josie Klube (10/11)*     *BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)*
- Laura Lee (10/12)*     *Michael McNally (10/27)*
- Diane Lupo (10/13)*     *Angela McCarty (10/31)*
- Donna Pagano (10/15)*



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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## 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.**