



53rd Year, 1971-2024

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**** IMPORTANT DATES **** November 2024 Newsletter – Issue #331

Club Board Meeting: ***** CANCELED *****

General Membership Meeting:Sun., Nov. 24, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. @ Wyn. Boat Club



Happy Thanksgiving - Thur. Nov. 28, 2024

*** Newsletter Notice ***

There will not be a newsletter for December and January.

A Message from Club President



Ciao Club Members:
What a wonderful time to embrace the holiday spirit!
From Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends to the **Annual DIAC Spectacular**

Christmas Party and the magic of Christmas, this season brings joy to all. It's a time to reflect on what we're grateful for and to look ahead with hope for the coming year.

Congratulations to the new **2025-2026 Board**, our **Nomination Committee**; in October, filled all positions and no election is needed in November. Thank you for nominating me to serve as President for another two years. See the accompanying article in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to see what the **Social Committee** will plan for 2025. In the meantime, be sure to get your holiday clothes ready for the **December 8th DIAC Christmas Party** at the beautiful **Bentley Banquet Center!**

Also, as a reminder, our November General Meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 24th**, at **6:00 PM** at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**. We'll enjoy pizza, salad, and cookies (cash bar). If you have a food allergy, please let me know in advance, and don't forget to call me with your reservation at 734-282-1257 so I can order the right amount of pizza.

It has been a pleasure serving as your President for the past two years. I've enjoyed representing you at various events,

including the special moment of blessing a bench at Bishop Park on behalf of the **Milewski Family**. On a somber note, we've lost 15 members during this time, and they will be deeply missed.

As we continue to celebrate life's special moments, let's savor the joys of today, for they can change in an instant!

Ciao, - **Leslie Lupo – Club President**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude, Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment, Thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live!



Evening GM/Snack Meeting
@ Wyandotte Boat Club



This November evening 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.**



2023 - 2024 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

- President
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ALICE PATTON
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TOM A RANDAZZO
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- SOCIAL COMMITTEE
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ALICE PATTON
GRACE PIZZO
PAULA RICE



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Card Party at K of C



This month's **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5, 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 **Red/White/Blue** piece of clothing.

The event is chaired by **Julie Bademian**; give her a call at **(313)388-2264** and let her know you are attending.

DIAC Christmas Party - Dec 8, 2024



The **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 **Pino Marelli**. 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 new Club Administration will be introduced.

A great meal has been selected. The cost is **\$35.00 for a member and \$45.00 for a non-member**. There are door prizes and a raffle; seating of 10 to a table. The deadline for reservation is November 24, 2024. See the flyer attached to this newsletter. Please send your reservation early and help the committee accommodate the seating arrangement.

Please be advised if you do not reserve a full table, your seating and table location will be assigned to you.

Nomination & Election Results



The **Nomination and Election Committee** ran the nomination process for the 2025-2026 Club Officers at the October 23, 2024 Membership meeting. Nominees were for Officers and Trustee positions. The candidates ran **unopposed and are therefore elected to their respective office positions by ACCLAMATION**. As a result, there **will not** be an election in November. The Officers and Trustees elected are as follows:

President – Leslie G. Lupo
Vice President – Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo
Recording Secretary – (Vacant)
Financial Corresp. Secretary – Frank A Giannotti
Treasurer – Antonino (Nino) Trupiano
Assistant Treasurer – (Vacant)
Inside Guard – Charles M. Lupo

Outside Guard – Damiano Vitale
Guide – Grace Pizzo

The new Elected Trustees are:

Juliann Bademian, Sue Byrd, Patrick Flaherty, and Karl Underwood: These Trustees have a 4-year term, which expires in 2028.

We want to thank past President **Leslie Lupo** and the 2023-2024 Officers and Trustees for their leadership and guidance during the past two years.

A special thank-you and a job well done by the **Nomination and Election Committee** for running the nomination process. The committee members are: **Honor Shoemaker (chairperson), Patricia (Pat) Chalmers, Sarah (Sunny) Eaton, Rose Gaglio, and Joanne Wolfgang**.

Free Covid Home Test Kits



U.S. households will be eligible to order 4 free COVID-19 tests at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). The COVID-19 Tests will detect current COVID-19 variants and can be used

through the end of the year.

COVID-19 testing can help you know if you have COVID-19 so you can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce your risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower your chances of spreading the virus to others.

Starting in late September 2024, every American household will be eligible to order tests through [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Right now, the U.S. government is making COVID-19 tests available to uninsured individuals and underserved communities through existing outreach programs. Please contact a [HRSA-funded health center](#) or [ICATT location](#) near you to learn how to access low- or no cost COVID-19 tests provided by the federal government.

Meijer Gift Card Donation Option

Dear Member of the Downriver Italian American Club:

Through the generosity of **Meijers**, we have the opportunity to take advantage of their **Meijer Double Days** to support the **Downriver Community Food Pantry**. Meijers will double the donation we give them in December. At the October lunch/meeting, our very generous members gave us about 1/3 of what is needed.

You can still donate at the **Fall Dinner Dance** this weekend or send your donation to:

Pat Flaherty, 24190 Crystal Dive. Brownstown, MI 48134

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Our goal is \$1000 for this event. Thank you, Meijers, and our very generous club members! - Pat Flaherty

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>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i> | <i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i> |
| <i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i> | <i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i> |
| <i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i> | <i>Julianne Kuhn (11/14)</i> |
| <i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i> | <i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i> |
| <i>Marlene Erno (11/3)</i> | <i>Colleen Grazioli (11/16)</i> |
| <i>Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)</i> | <i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i> |
| <i>Francesca Wolski (11/07)</i> | <i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i> |
| <i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i> | <i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</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.

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| <i>Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)</i> | |
| <i>Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)</i> | |
| <i>Vito and Geraldine Altomaro (11/14)</i> | |
| <i>Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)</i> | <i>50th</i> |
| <i>Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)</i> | <i>50th</i> |
| <i>Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)</i> | |
| <i>Phil and Therese Barraco (11/28)</i> | |
| <i>Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)</i> | |

Welcome New Family Member



Club Members **Robert and Nicole (Wolski) Sander** proudly announce the birth of their first child, **Grace Giovanna Sander**, born on September 20, 2024; she weighed in at 5 lbs-12 ozs, 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are **Mitchell and Francesca (Pizzo) Wolski**, and the great-grandmother is **Grace Pizzo**. Congratulations to the **Sander, Wolski, and Pizzo** families.

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. **Dee Phillips, and ???**

Calendar of Future Events

- 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

A Thanksgiving Blessing

*It is good to look back,
to remember our blessings,
and to give thanks for them.
It is easy to be thankful for what is past ...
We are grateful, too, for those things
still in process, still unfinished.
This is where life is lived –
In the muddle and confusion,
in the uncertainty,
in the ordinariness of today,
of the "here" and "now."
We are grateful, too, for the days that are yet to
unfold
before us.
Who can anticipate what they might hold for us?
We can know only in a general way;
there will be days of sadness and days of joy;
there will be moments of loneliness and moments of
love;
there will be hours of darkness and hours of hope;
there will times of doubt and times of faith.
Help us, Lord, to be open to the mysteries of life
and to be grateful for them.
Author Unknown*

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DIAC Membership Christmas Party

Bentley Banquet & Conference Ctr., 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, 734-246-4800



Sunday, December 8, 2024

Doors Open at 4:30 p.m.



Buffet Style Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Entertainment by **PINO MARELLI** at 6:00 p.m.

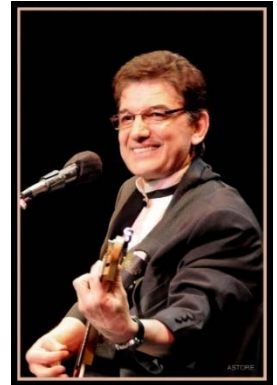


~ **Main Entrée** ~
 Apple Crips Salad w/Romaine, Red/Green Apples
 Homemade Rolls and Butter
 Cheese Tortellini w/Alfredo Sauce,
 Cheesy Potato Au Gratin
 Honey Glazed Carrots
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Beef Burgundy w/Mushroom Sauce

~ **Dessert** ~
 Chocolate and Vanilla Mousse Cake

~ **Beverages** ~
 Coffee, Tea, Soft Beverages

Cash Bar Available



Invitation includes your Family and Friends
Members: \$35.00 Non-Members: \$45.00

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Sunday, November 24, 2024

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance

Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating.

Make check payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Dr. Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

For further information, call: Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491

Julie Bademian (313)388-2264 Sue Byrd (734)258-2822 Alice Patton (734)697-7902 Paula Rice (734)748-0998

I/(We) will be attending the DIAC 2024 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8, 2024.
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

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

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

Mail this coupon and your check to Grace Pizzo ♣ 32050 Liparoto Drive ♣ Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

All reservations must be reserved and paid in advance. Only a fully paid table of 10 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.

