



55th Year, 1971-2026



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting: ** Board will be notified if scheduled **

General Membership Meeting: Sun., June 14, 2025 – 6:00 pm. @ Wyand. Boat Club

Happy Father's Day – Sun. June 21, 2026



**2025 - 2026
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No Membership Meetings for July and August



There are no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club events during this period include the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride, Club Picnic, and Card Parties.** Details for these events are located in this newsletter. The newsletter will not be published during these months.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

A Message from Club President



Ciao Club Members:

We've hit the halfway point of the year, and wow—what an amazing ride it's been! Your **Social Committee** has been buzzing with activity, crafting a lineup of events packed with fun, friendship, and unforgettable moments. Take a look at what's coming up: the Annual **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**, our always-popular **Club Picnic**, and the monthly **Card Parties** that keep the good times rolling. Mark those calendars now so you don't miss a single moment of the excitement.

I'm especially thrilled about a standout event I've been planning: the **October 18th Legends Show**, featuring *Legends of Vegas – A Night to Remember*. Trust me, you'll want that date saved.

All those spring showers have certainly paid off—our summer gardens and lawns are looking more beautiful than ever.

The **June General Evening Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, June 14th**, at 6 PM at the **Wyandotte Boat Club**. If you're joining us,

please reach out so we can be sure to have plenty of food for everyone.

And of course—get ready to celebrate America's 250th Birthday, especially on **July 4th**. Happy Birthday to the courageous Americans who built the land of the free and the home of the brave.

As the saying goes, *"Enjoy life while you can—it can be taken in a heartbeat."*

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

Summer Card Parties at K of C



These summer Card Parties are: **Tuesday, June 2, 2026; Tuesday, July 7, 2026; and**

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, located at **3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The event begins at **6:00 p.m.** A gift-card prize will be awarded to a lucky attendee.

The event coordinators are: (June) **Julie Bademian (313) 388-2264**; (July/Aug) **Alice Patton (734) 697-7902**; call them to confirm your reservation. There is a **\$2.00 service charge** to cover food, beverage, hall facility, and gratuity.

June Evening Meeting @ Wyandotte Boat Club



This month's evening pizza/salad snack will be on **Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Wyandotte Boat Club, 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The membership meeting immediately follows the meal.

The meal is free for members and includes pizza, salad, and cookies; cash bar and beverages are available. There is a \$5.00 meal cost for non-members. Make your reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo at (734) 748-8016 no later than one week before the date.**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Diamond Jack Chartered Boat Ride –
July 15, 2026

This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**. The chairperson is **Frank Giannotti (734)283-7394**. The boat ride will head north (from Wyandotte), passing under the newly constructed **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. **Be at Bishop Park no later than 2:30 p.m. Boat Boarding is at 2:45 p.m.**

After the ride, there is pizza/salad at the **Wyandotte Boat Club (Across from Latitude 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. See the flyer in the May newsletter.

The boat's capacity is 150 passengers. **COVID/RSV masking is optional (at your discretion).**

Membership Picnic – August 16, 2026



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2026**. The picnic location is **Young Patriots Park (Riverview Civic Center), 14100 Civic Park Dr. (Sibley Road), Riverview, MI 48193**. The meal is prepared onsite

by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano & Company**.

The event is hosted by the **Social Committee, Jim and Julie Bademian, Pat Chalmers, Grace Pizzo, Sam & Darlene Randazzo**. This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. Bring your card and summer games. A flyer is found in this newsletter.

A father's love may be
quiet, but its strength
is heard in every word
of encouragement.



Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our **Congratulations and Best Wishes** to our members who are celebrating their **birthdays** this month.

<i>Joe Cuva (6/01)</i>	<i>Grace Kachinski (7/14)</i>
<i>Nancy Martinelli (6/01)</i>	<i>Nicole Sander (7/14)</i>
<i>Kelsey Parker (6/02)</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)</i>
<i>Robert Sander (6/02)</i>	<i>Antoinette Dominski (7/15)</i>
<i>Diana Gonzalez (6/03)</i>	<i>Cindy Dingell (7/16)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/03)</i>	<i>Louis Beafore (7/17)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)</i>	<i>Leslie Lupo (7/18)</i>
<i>Serafina Badalamenti (6/06)</i>	<i>Marshall Grazioli (7/20)</i>
<i>Mark V. Randazzo (6/06)</i>	<i>Margaret Patton (7/20)</i>
<i>Samantha Sauve (6/06)</i>	<i>Ann Lenard (7/21)</i>
<i>Allison Vitale (6/06)</i>	<i>Nina Palazzolo (7/25)</i>
<i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</i>	<i>Maria Robinson (7/28)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Geraldine Underwood (7/28)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Gloria Fragassi (7/29)</i>
<i>Sarah Eaton (6/15)</i>	<i>Ruth Lepidi (7/30)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/15)</i>	<i>Rosalie Lazzarino (8/01)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Geraldine Altomaro (8/04)</i>
<i>Robert Lepidi (6/17)</i>	<i>Don Kerr (8/04)</i>
<i>Joseph Sieli (6/19)</i>	<i>Joe J. Giammalva (8/05)</i>
<i>Gary Roberts (6/20)</i>	<i>Margaret Vitale (8/05)</i>
<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i>	<i>Robert Carrier (8/07)</i>
<i>Gerald McGowan (6/29)</i>	<i>Victoria Meyring (8/09)</i>
<i>Connie Becker (7/01)</i>	<i>Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)</i>
<i>Betty Palazzolo (7/05)</i>	<i>Eric McCann (8/11)</i>
<i>Laurie Randazzo (7/06)</i>	<i>Rose Zahara (8/12)</i>
<i>Mimi Kerr (7/07)</i>	<i>Sharon Pagano (8/14)</i>
<i>Vincenzo Vitale (7/07)</i>	<i>Josie Badalamenti (8/15)</i>
<i>Vincent Badalamenti (7/08)</i>	<i>Jennifer Vitale (8/18)</i>
<i>Karl Underwood (7/08)</i>	<i>Rosanne Hilliker (8/23)</i>
<i>Maria Johnson (7/10)</i>	<i>Emalie Shifflett (8/25)</i>
<i>Elda Fracassa (7/13)</i>	<i>Russ LoDuca (8/27)</i>
<i>Damiano Vitale (7/13)</i>	<i>Josie Boore (8/28)</i>
	<i>Janet Flaherty (8/29)</i>

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

<i>Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)</i>	
<i>Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)</i>	
<i>Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)</i>	
<i>Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)</i>	
<i>Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)</i>	71 st
<i>Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)</i>	
<i>Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)</i>	
<i>Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)</i>	

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- Nick and Mary Lonigro (7/10) 50th*
- 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)*
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)*
- James and Rhonda Verdone (7/26) 50th*
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)*
- Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)*
- Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)*
- Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)*
- Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)*
- Sam and AnneMarie Rndazzo (8/10)*
- Daniel and Rose Boileau (8/16)*
- Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16)*
- William and Susan Herbert (8/23)*
- Robert and Nicole Sander (8/28)*
- Sam and Serafina Badalamenti (8/29)*

25 years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

Calendar of Future Events

- June 2, 2026,** DIAC June Card Party
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- June 14, 2026,** Evening Meeting at WBC
Leslie Lupo, (734) 748-8016
- July 7, 2026,** DIAC July Card Party
Alice Patton, (734) 697-7902
- July 15, 2026,** DIAC Boat Ride & Pizza/Salad
Frank Giannotti, (734)283-7394
- Aug. 4, 2026,** DIAC Aug. Card Party
Alice Patton, (734) 697-7902
- Aug. 16, 2026,** DIAC Membership Picnic
Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- Oct. 18, 2026,** Legends Live Dinner Show
Leslie Lupo, (734)748-8016
- Dec. 6, 2026,** Membership Christmas Party
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491

Additional Events are found at the club website:
<http://diac.us/Events.php>

Sick and Goodwill Notice



Our **thoughts and prayers** are with our members and their families who may be facing health challenges, undergoing tests, receiving treatments, or preparing for surgeries. We also extend **special blessings** to the many caretakers who selflessly support their ailing loved ones. May God bless them all, and may He continue to watch over and **protect our troops in the Middle East and Iran.** We send Get-Well Wishes to our members and their families who are not feeling well, including **Steven and Sylvia Vitale, Alice Patton** (who was in the hospital), **Randy Rice, Betty Palazzolo** (who was in the hospital), and others who may be facing difficulties. May they find strength, healing, and comfort during these times.

Father's Day Thoughts

- When I was:**
- Four years old:* My Daddy can do anything.
- Five years old:* My daddy knows a whole lot.
- Six years old:* My dad is smarter than your dad.
- Eight Years old:* My dad doesn't know exactly everything.
- 10 years old:* In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.
- 12 years old:* Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.
- 14 years old:* Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.
- 21 years old:* Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.

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Downriver Italian-American Club Membership Picnic Party Sunday – August 16, 2026



WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

TIME: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

SERVING TIME: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PRICE: Club Member: \$10.00

Children (over 18): \$15.00 Guest of Member: \$15.00

WHO: Club Members, their Family and their Friends.



----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----
Meal: **Ribs or Chicken**, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverage, Watermelon.
The meal is prepared onsite by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano & Company**.

Membership-sponsored dessert.

Volunteers are needed to bring dessert (much appreciated). Call **Julie Bademian (313) 388-2264**
Bocce, horseshoes, and other summer games are allowed - bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending, please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Sunday, August 9, 2026**. Please enclose your check or money order payable to the Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate headcount so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives, and forks are provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the returned coupon.**

The picnic is hosted by: **Jim and Julie Bademian, Pat Chalmers, Grace Pizzo, Sam & Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

Sam Randazzo
3391 Brookshire
Trenton, MI 48183-3970
Phone: (734) 676-8463



Board Members will be helping.
Thank you for your promptness.

Pat Chalmers, Grace Pizzo, Jim & Julie Bademian, Sam & Darlene Randazzo.



I/We will attend the **DIAC Membership Annual Picnic** on **Sunday, August 16, 2026**.
Coupon must be received **no later than Sunday, August 9, 2026**. Please enter food quantities.

NAME: _____ # Ribs _____ # Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Number of Adults (\$10.00): _____ Children over 18 (\$15.00): _____ Guest (\$15.00): _____

A check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Return coupon and your payment to Sam Randazzo, 3391 Brookshire, Trenton, MI 48183-3970

