



55th Year, 1971-2026

September

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:Wed., Sept. 16, 2026 – 1:00 pm. @ Bentley Conf. Ctr.

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Legend's Live Show – Sun. Oct. 18, 2026



2025 - 2026 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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A Message from Club President



Ciao Club Members:

I hope everyone enjoyed their wonderful Michigan summer. We had super hot to comfortable cool temperatures, a truly Michigan summer. Hope you all enjoyed the Diamond Jack boat ride in July coordinated by **Frank Ginnotti**, who did a wonderful job as usual. Luckily, we did not encounter the horrible Canadian fire/smoke that day. **Sam Randazzo** did an excellent job coordinating our annual picnic in August which was enjoyed by many members. Be sure to look over our upcoming schedule and **mark your calendars** so you don't miss out on our events.

And get ready for the highlight of the fall season—**The Legends Show on Sunday, October 18th** at the beautiful **Bentley Banquet Center**! Enjoy a delicious dinner followed by **Legends of Vegas: A Night of Memories**, featuring iconic tributes to **Elvis, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Neil Diamond**, and more. • Doors open: 5:00 PM • Dinner: 5:30 PM • Showtime: 6:30 PM • Tickets: \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members

If you'd like to reserve a table, just let me know—**last year sold out**, and tables are assigned in the order they're reserved. Flyer included in newsletter.

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

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

Sept. Card Party at K of C



The September Card Party is on **Tuesday, September 1, 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 member attendee.

The event coordinator is **Pat Chalmers (734) 775-1092**. Call Pat to confirm your reservation. There is a **\$2.00 club member** and **\$5.00 non-member service charge** to cover food, beverage, hall facilities, and gratuity.

Nomination and Election Committee



The club president will ask for 5 or 6 club members to be appointed to the Nomination and Election Committee at the September membership meeting. The committee will run the nominations for Officers and Trustees at the October 21, 2026, membership meeting. A committee member cannot run for any Office or Trustee position. The committee will run the voting process at the November 15, 2026 membership meeting as well as mail 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 is canceled if all the Officer & Trustee positions are filled by **acclamation**. If an Officer/Trustee position is not filled, the newly elected club president can appoint a person to that position with the Board's approval at the start of the new administration.

At the October membership meeting, the Nominations and Elections Committee will accept nominations from the floor for the offices of **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and**

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4 (four) Trustees. The new Officers have a 2-year term. The four (4) Trustee positions have a 4 years term.

Significant Highlights:

1. In a situation where there is no candidate for the Office of President, the Nominations and Elections Committee may request nominations from the membership present for the Office of President, including the current and/or past president(s) (who are bound by term limits). Then, he/she may run for an additional term of two (2) years.
2. An Associate member can only be elected to the office of Trustee.
3. The nomination of Officers and 4 Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November (if necessary).

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



This month's luncheon will be on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192.**

The monthly membership meeting will immediately follow the luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon is **\$15.00 per person** (meal and gratuity). Make your lunch reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo at (734) 748-8016 no later than one week before the luncheon.**

Legend's Dinner Show Sunday, October 18, 2026



The Club will be hosting the **Legend's Dinner Show** on Sunday, October 18, 2026. The event will be celebrated at the **Bentley – Banquet and Catering,**

646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)285-4044.

Live tribute entertainment by, **Elvis, Frankie Valli & the 4 Seasons, Neil Diamond.** The doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and entertainment thereafter. A 50-50 raffle is included.

The cost is **\$55.00 for club members and \$65.00 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) 748-8016. Return the coupon and money 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.**



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Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report



The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** of July 15, 2026 was a success. The ride was northbound, towards the new **Gordie Howe International Bridge.** We all saw the completed bridge and are wondering when the opening will occur. A pizza and salad were served afterward at the **Wyandotte Boat Club.** The **Social Committee** did an excellent job at serving the meal.

Ninety-three (93) people attended the boat ride. We all had lots of fun. See photos at the club website.

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic on August 16, 2026 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.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Joseph Bozzo (09/02)	Valarie Yinger (09/17)
Arlene Roberts (09/02)	Roger Shifflett (09/19)
Vincenzo Vitale (09/04)	Sherry Seyler (09/21)
Diana Parisi (09/05)	Kelli McNally (09/22)
Leonard Zerilli (09/05)	Paul Lupo (09/23)
Amelia McGowan (09/10)	Pauline Barraco (09/24)
Sam Randazzi (09/10)	Julie Bademian (09/26)
Theresa Simone (09/11)	Lena Susin (09/26)
Steven Badalamente (09/14)	Robert Jagiello (09/30)

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



We extend our best wishes for many happy and healthy years to our members celebrating their **anniversaries** 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)

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Joseph and Paola Ventimiglia (09/13)
Patrick and Janet Flaherty (09/18)
Jason and Julianne Kuhn (09/20)
Karl and Geraldine Underwood (09/21)
Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (09/24)
John and Diana Parisi (09/26)
Roger and Emalie Shifflett (09/29)

Welcome New Club Member



Please welcome new club member **Vito J Trupiano**, of Wyandotte, MI, sponsored by **Nino & Gianna Trupiano**.

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**.

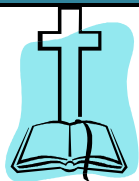
We send Get-Well Wishes to our members and their families who are not feeling well, including **Steven and Sylvia Vitale, Alice Patton** (who was in the hospital), **Randy Rice, Betty Palazzolo** (who was in the hospital), and others who may be facing difficulties. May they find strength, healing, and comfort during these times.



Condolences to the family of **Margaret "Ann" Angela Vitale**, who passed away on June 30, 2026, at the age of 100. **Margaret**, along with her late husband **Sam** (deceased Feb. 20, 2008), joined our Club in Jan. 1988. They both

loved the Club and attended many club functions. *May her memory be a blessing.*

Loss in Family Emergency Situation



It is our tradition to honor the passing of a DIAC member by displaying the Club's flag and a floral procession during the funeral visitation.

To help us make these arrangements, we kindly ask that you provide at least two days' notice whenever possible by contacting either Club President, **Leslie Lupo**, at (734) 748-8016, or the Financial Corresponding Secretary, **Frank Giannotti**, at (734) 283-7394. Either will contact the funeral director to set a time for the floral procession (with the family consent).

Please note that the Club can only participate if we are informed of the member's passing. Unfortunately, there

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are times when we do not receive notification. We respectfully ask members, as well as their family members and friends, to notify us so we can honor our fellow members in this meaningful way.

The club president or a representative will deliver a speech on the deceased's history in the Club. An angel statue is given to a family member.

Members Emergency Telephone Notification List



If you wish to be on a membership call list and be notified by telephone when a member passes away. Please call **Emalie Shifflett** at (734)284-6671. There are a few members on this list.

This is a great option for those without an email service.

Calendar of Future Events

- Sept. 1, 2026, DIAC Sept. Card Party**
Pat Chalmers, (734) 775-1092
- Sept 16, 2026, Afternoon GM Meeting at Bentley**
Leslie Lupo, (734) 748-8016
- Oct. 6, 2026, DIAC Oct. Card Party**
Pat Chalmers, (734) 775-1092
- Oct. 18, 2026, Legends Live Dinner Show**
Leslie Lupo, (734)748-8016
- Oct. 21, 2026, Afternoon GM Meeting at Bentley**
Leslie Lupo, (734) 748-8016
- Nov. 3, 2026, DIAC Nov. Card Party**
~~Alice Patton, (734) 697-7902~~
- Nov. 15, 2026, Evening GM Meeting at WBC**
Leslie Lupo, (734) 748-8016
- Dec. 1, 2026, DIAC Dec. Card Party**
~~Alice Patton, (734) 697-7902~~
- Dec. 6, 2026, Membership Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491

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LEGENDS LIVE

MICHIGAN & ONTARIO'S #1 TRIBUTE SHOW



Sunday, October 18, 2026

The Bentley Banquet and Catering Center

646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192 - (734) 285-4044

Legends of Vegas, A Night of Memories, 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Elvis, Frankie Valli & the 4 Seasons, Neil Diamond.



Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

\$55.00 for Club Member

\$65.00 for Non-Member

~ Dinner Menu ~

Dinner Rolls and Butter

Michigan Salad-Mixed Greens

Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Garlic Roasted Red Skin Potatoes

Penne Pasta with Palomino Sauce

Chicken Bruschetta-Chicken Breast with Cheese, Pesto & Basil

Beef Burgundy with Housemade Red Wine Demi Glaze

Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Beverage Soda - **Cash Bar Available,**

Deadline for Reservation: Saturday, October 10, 2026

Only a fully paid table of 10 can be guaranteed group seating. No refunds

Send payment by mail to **Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301.**

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

Ticket Information: Charles and Leslie Lupo, (734)748-8016



50/50 Raffle Tickets
Available.



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I/(We) will be attending the Legend's Dinner Show on Sunday, October 18, 2026

This coupon and payment must be received no later than Saturday, October 10, 2026.



Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ 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 10 can guarantee 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.

