



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: Wed., Oct. 21, 2026 – 1:00 pm. @ Bentley Conf. Ctr.



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:

Welcome to the beautiful month of October—a time of vibrant fall colors, cozy traditions, and festive celebrations. From harvest festivals to Halloween, October is a month filled with history, tradition, and cultural significance.

For me, however, one of the highlights of October is always our annual fall party. Whether we have called it the **Columbus Party**, the **Wine Party**, or, as it is known this year, **Legends Live**, it has always been a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, great entertainment, and the company of our Club family.

This year's **Legends Live Show** will take place on **October 18th** and feature tributes to **Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, and Frankie Valli**. It promises to be a fun, entertaining evening for everyone, and seats are still available. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a memorable night!

We will also be holding a very important **General Membership Meeting on October 21st**. At this meeting, we will nominate our next team of leaders to guide our membership through the **2027–2028 term**. Please come prepared to nominate those you believe will help continue our Club's traditions and success.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our events throughout the month. Thank you for your continued support, friendship, and participation in our Club.

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

Ciao, - Leslie Lupo – Club President



Nomination and Election Committee



At the September 16, 2026 general membership meeting, the following individuals volunteered to be on the **Nomination and Election**

Committee: Patricia (Pat) Chalmers, Janet Flaherty, Delores (Dee) Phillips, Honor Shoemaker, and Joanne Wolfgang. They will oversee the nomination process for Club Officers and the 4 Trustees at the October 21, 2026, 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 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 2027-2028 will include the **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and 4 Trustees**.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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 newly 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 (2026): **Jim Bademian, Alice Patton, Dennis Patton, and Paula Rice.**

Monthly Card Party at K of C



The October Card Party is on **Tuesday, October 6, 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.

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



This month's luncheon will be on **Wednesday, October 21, 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, and 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 provided.

The cost is **\$55.00 for club member** and **\$65.00 for non-member**. A wonderful meal has been selected. A flyer was included in the September newsletter.

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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.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026



The **Social Committee** has chosen a great event for our membership, **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**. This includes a bus trip, luncheon and a hilarious interactive comedy show **"Dying for a Drink."** The bus leaves **Sam's Club, 15700 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI**. Park your vehicle by the gas station. The bus leaves at **10:00 a.m.** and arrives at **Genitti's** at **10:45 a.m.** See flyer in this newsletter.

On return, the bus leaves **Genitti's** at approx. **2:30 pm** and then stops at **Cantoro's Italian Market** on **Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI**.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Angelo A. Giannotti (10/2)</i>	<i>Diane Lupo (10/13)</i>
<i>Benedetta Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>Donna Pagano (10/15)</i>
<i>Lisa Randazzo (10/5)</i>	<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>
<i>Vivian Nyland (10/8)</i>	<i>Monica Ulczynski (10/18)</i>
<i>Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)</i>	<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Linda Burnett (10/9)</i>	<i>Patrick Flaherty (10/20)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Daniel Boileau (10/21)</i>
<i>Beth Socia (10/9)</i>	<i>Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)</i>
<i>Sophie Solecki (10/9)</i>	<i>Bill Herbert (10/24)</i>
<i>Jim Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i>
<i>Virbena Badalamenti (10/11)</i>	<i>AnneM. Randazzo (10/29)</i>
<i>Josie Klube (10/11)</i>	<i>Angeline McCarty (10/31)</i>
<i>Laura Lee (10/12)</i>	

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Welcome New Club Members



Please welcome new club member **Jennie L. Macoit**, of Riverview, MI, sponsored by **Mary Lavine**.

Faye Marzano, of Shelby Twp, MI, sponsored by her mother, **Stella Marzano**.
Richard Fletke II, of Wyandotte, MI, sponsored by **Stella Marzano**.

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**, **Rose Zerilli**, and others who may be facing difficulties. May they find strength, healing, and comfort during these times.

Memorial Mass for Sue Byrd



A Memorial Mass for **Sue Byrd** will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 10:00 am at **St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church**, 344 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. For further information, contact **Dee Phillips** at (734)626-6099 or **Pat Chalmers** at (734)775-1092. Sue Byrd passed away on October 19, 2025.

The Blessings of Service 🐾

I must do something for someone today,
Round up my love and give it away.
Telephone a friend just over the hill,
Who's a whole lot lonely and a little bit ill.

Write on my heart several things to do;
T'will be such a pleasure not to mention the fun!
Say a few words on a little bitty note,
To make somebody glad that I wrote.

Remember a friend if I can't be there,
Open my heart and just send a prayer.
The day moves on and I'm getting in high,
To give away that which money can't buy.

... Mildred H. Bell



Calendar of Future Events

- 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, **Noon GM Meeting at Bentley**
Leslie Lupo, (734) 748-8016
- Nov. 3, 2026, **DIAC Nov. Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313) 820-1761
- Nov. 15, 2026, **Evening GM Meeting at WBC**
Leslie Lupo, (734) 748-8016
- Nov. 18, 2026, **Genitti's Hole in the Wall**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Dec. 1, 2026, **DIAC Dec. Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313) 820-1761
- Dec. 6, 2026, **Membership Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491

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*Dying
for a Drink*

A BOOK OF DRINK MYSTERY

Georgette Hale—author of the WOOD



After the show (approx. 2:30 p.m.), the bus will depart Genitti's and travel to **Cantoro's Italian Market & Trattoria**, 15550 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI. Everyone will have time to shop and get back on the bus at 4:00 p.m. and head back to Sam's Warehouse at approximately 5:00 p.m. Travel by **Bianco Tours**.

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