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# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

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Club Board Meeting: ..... Tues., Apr. 9, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. @ K of C

General Membership Meeting: ..... Wed., Apr. 17, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley

## Spring Dinner Dance – May 5, 2024



Buona Sera Members,

Springtime has officially arrived, though many of us have been fortunate to revel in outdoor activities early, courtesy of a mild winter.

The **Feast of St. Joseph's Celebration** was an absolute success, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Chairperson **Sam Randazzo** and his outstanding team for orchestrating an unforgettable experience for all attendees. In addition, we were able to raise funds for our annual donation to children's charities.

Our social committee has diligently put together a very active 2024 calendar of events for the year ahead. I urge you to secure your spots as early as possible, as these gatherings tend to reach capacity swiftly. Mark your calendars for the **Spring Dinner Dance**, slated for May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the **Bentley Banquet Center**, featuring the talented musician **Pino Marelli**. Join us for an evening of delightful cuisine and Italian music with friends and family.

Check out the calendar of events in this newsletter so you can mark your schedule for those programs you want to attend.

**Heard great reviews about a new Italian movie at the MJR Theatres: Cabrini**, which tells the story of **Francesca Cabrini**, an Italian immigrant whose heart and ambition helped her to build an empire of compassion for the least fortunate in New York City. You might want to check it out.

As we immerse ourselves in all special and/or daily events, let us embrace the expression, *"Enjoy life while you can, it can be taken in a heartbeat."*

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



## 2024 Club Membership Dues



If we have not received your 2024 dues, there is a reminder notice in this newsletter. A grace period until April 15, 2024 will be applied to make the

payment. Beyond April 15, the membership will cease, as well as the seniority years. Thereafter, a new membership application is needed to rejoin. The dues are \$30.00 for a single member and \$60.00 for a married couple. Mail a check or money order (payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**), to:

**Frank A. Giannotti**  
**14823 Williamsburg Blvd.**  
**Riverview, MI 48193-7703.**

## Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon will be on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley Conference Center**, 646 **Biddle Ave.**, Wyandotte, MI 48192. The monthly General 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)282-1257 no later than one week before the luncheon.

## April Card Party at K of C



The **April Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 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. K of C has **Taco Night** that evening; tacos at \$2.50

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

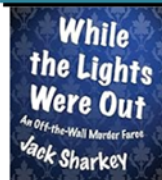
each; chips, pretzels, and fruits are provided. Cash bar service is available.

To be eligible for this month's gift card drawing, one must wear a **FLOWERED** item of clothing.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity. The event is chaired by **Paula Rice**; give her a call at (734)748-0998 and let her know you are attending.

*"While the Lights Were Out"*

### Murder Mystery - Sunday, April 7, 2024



The Social Committee will be hosting a "While the Lights Were Out" play on Sunday, April 7, 2024. The Murder, Mystery, Comedy play is performed by the Southgate Community Players, located at the Corner Playhouse, 12671

Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, MI 48195 (just north of Northline). The doors open at 2:00 p.m. - the play starts at 2:30 p.m. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at Mallie's Restaurant, 19400 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195.

The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. Select one of five meal selections and write it in the returned coupon to **Grace Pizzo**, 32050 Liparoto Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8510, no later than April 1, 2024. Twenty-five (25) tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Get your reservation early.

**\*\* Please Note: The restaurant location has changed, including the meal selection. Grace Pizzo will contact the attendees to advise them of this change.**

### 2024 Scholarship to Be Awarded

A son or daughter of a club member; who is a graduating senior and is planning on attending higher education at a college or university may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Basic requirements: Must have a minimum B (3.0) grade point average; their parent(s) must be member(s) in good standing for two (2) consecutive years. (Basis: membership before June 30 of their membership year). For further information, contact **Frank Giannotti** at (734)283-7394, or by email, [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net). The completed application must be received no later than June 30, 2024.



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### Don't Give Up So Fast

There are good days and bad days  
and days of stormy weather,  
and times when it seems that everything  
is going wrong altogether.  
But, the longest lane has a turning point,  
and sunshine follows rain,  
and springtime follows winter,  
and the world grows bright again.

Author Unknown

### WHAT ARE THE COMMON SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS?

- Runny nose
- Headache.
- Cough.
- Sore throat.
- Fever.
- A General feeling of being unwell.



### Gift Card for Attending General Membership Meetings



A \$50.00 gift card will be awarded to a club member who attends a **General Membership** meeting each month during 2024. You must be present to be eligible. The gift card may be for local retail, restaurant, etc. Be sure to sign the sign-in book when you attend.

### Sick and GoodWill Notice



Our thoughts and prayers 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.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Condolences to the family of **Josephine (Pina) Mary (Cavataio) Milewski** passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2024; at the age of 93. She and her late husband, **Lenny Milewski** (deceased April 10, 2021), joined our Club in October 1997. Pina and Lenny moved from Southgate, MI, to Indianapolis, Indiana, to be close to their daughter. Pina and Lenny were very active in the Club; they worked at the Club Pasta events and attended many club activities and events. Pina and Lenny were well-known by many club members. *May her memory be a blessing..*

## The Voice Within

*There's a voice that lives within my heart  
And talks to me each day  
And helps me guide my wayward steps  
Along life's treacherous way.  
It speaks to me of virtues  
And Whispers words of hope.  
It keeps my flagging spirits high  
When I have failed to cope.  
This voice beguiles my very soul  
And stills the demons there.  
It makes me know that in this world  
There are worlds of love to share.  
And I know peace in turmoil's midst,  
Strength beyond my own,  
Joy too great to put in words,  
For I know, I'm not alone.  
If you but listen to your heart,  
You'll hear this voice I share,  
For it speaks not to me alone,  
It's there for all who care.  
And the dawning of a brave new age  
Is waiting to begin  
When each of us can hear and heed  
That little voice within.  
-- Bill Hazel --*

## Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

**Peter and Jeanette Miele (4/06) 50<sup>th</sup>**

**Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)**

**John and Anna Finazzo (4/24) 60<sup>th</sup>**

**Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)**

**Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)**

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## Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

**Paola Ventimiglia (4/03)**

**Josie Palazzolo (4/21)**

**Linda Carrier (4/06)**

**Jeanette Miele (4/27)**

**Maria Giammalva (4/06)**

**Peter Miele (4/27)**

**Scott Gronda (4/6)**

**Joseph Pizzo (4/27)**

**Nina Liberati (4/08)**

**Norm Tabaka Jr. (4/27)**

**Mary Caparaotta (4/09)**

**Maria Vitale (4/29)**

**Janet Hughes (4/9)**

**Theresa Herbert (4/30)**

**John Parisi (4/12)**

**Joseph Pagano (4/30)**

**Vito Badalamente (4/17)**

## Calendar of Future Events

**Apr. 7, 2024, ..... Play "While the Lights Were Out"**

Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

**May 5, 2024, ..... Spring Dinner Dance**

Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

**Jun. 14, 2024, ..... Toledo Mud Hens Baseball**

Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

**July 17, 2024, ..... Diamond Jack Boat Ride**

Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394

**Aug. 11, 2024, ..... Bye Bye Birdie - Musical/Play**

Paula Rice, (734) 748-0998

**Aug. 18, 2024, ..... Club Annual Picnic**

Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

**Sept. 23, 2024, ..... Frankenmuth Bus Trip/Luncheon**

Paula Rice, (734) 748-0998

**Oct. 27, 2024, ..... Fall Dinner Dance**

Leslie/Charles Lupo, (734) 282-1257

**Dec. 8, 2024, ..... Membership Christmas Party**

Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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# Downriver Italian-American Club

## Spring Dinner Dance

Bentley Banquet & Conference Center ♣ 646 Biddle Ave. ♣ Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727 ♣ 734-285-4044

### Sunday, May 5, 2024

Doors Open at 4:30 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Pino Marelli - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



#### Main Entrées:

Caesar Garden Salad  
Homemade Rolls and Butter  
Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Cheese Tortellini In Alfredo Sauce  
Basil Cream Chicken  
Beef Medallions w/Mushroom Sauce

#### Dessert:

Cake

#### Beverages:

Coffee, Tea, and Soft Beverage

**Cash Bar Available**



Invitation Includes your Family and Friends

\$35.00 per Member, \$45.00 per Non-Member

Raffle ♣ Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2024

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance

Only a fully paid table of 8 can be guaranteed group seating.

check or money order payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Grace Pizzo

32050 Liparoto Drive

Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

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

Julie Bademian at (313) 388-2264 Paula Rice at (734) 748-0998 (cell)

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I/(We) will be attending the DIAC Spring Dinner Dance on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

This coupon and payment must be received no later than Friday, April 26, 2024.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

All reservations must be reserved and paid for 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:

