



44th Year, 1971-2015

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

May 2015 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... ***Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.***



Happy Mother's Day – May 10, 2015



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Membership Meeting Date/Time Change



A decision was made at the April 26th general membership meeting to reschedule all future meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will follow the membership luncheon (which is on the May 20th). No pizza snack will be served.

Please jot May 20th 1:00 p.m. on your calendar and remind your friends.

Message from the President



I just came home from our April General Meeting (April 26th). I was a little disappointed that only thirty (30) members were present. We have to try to keep together. This is our Club and we have to keep it going. As I have said before, we are selling the building, NOT the CLUB. It was discussed at several meeting about having the General Meeting on a weekday afternoon. We are planning to continue the 3rd Wednesday lunches at the hall. It was agreed, by the general membership, at this evening's meeting, that since most of us are retired, it would be a good idea to have the General Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, after the lunch at approximately 1:00 pm. If you do not wish to attend the lunch, you can just show up for the meeting. Please try to attend and bring your ideas to share.

We can only succeed if you all help us in any way you can. Ideas are GREAT.

As far as the sale of building goes, we are just waiting for the Liquor Control

Commission to give final approval for the transfer of our Liquor License to the new owner. We have a meeting with the Commission in the morning and it should not be too long after that, when the License will be transferred and we can give you more information.

We do plan on holding events. It is not possible to list when they will be, because it depends on the new owner's schedule. We will be able to use the building for events. We do have dates set for our Club Picnic and the Detroit River Boat Ride. (See Articles).

We lost two (2) long time members this month. **Fay Palazzolo** joined the Club in 1978 and served on the Club Board for many years as Inside Guard, making sure members signed in at our meetings. **Philip Lupo** joined in 1976. For the last few years he has worked the spaghetti dinners, in the back corner, wiping used trays with a bleach cloth. He enjoyed talking with members who joined him there as he worked. My condolences to their families. They were great people. We have more angels up there watching over us.

Please help us to keep this Club going. We will be as we started back in 1971. We will not have the worries of renting a building; we can just enjoy being a Club. HOWEVER, we need YOU to participate at meetings and join us at future events. As I stated, ideas are GREAT. Please do not hesitate to speak up.

Wishing all you Mothers a VERY Happy Mother's Day.

Florence Sclafani Coleman – Club President.

May Luncheon at the Hall



Mary Cottone is scheduling another extended **Club Luncheon** for members and their friends, on **Wednesday,**

The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center

May 20, 2015, starting at 11:30 am. The menu is baked chicken, lunchmeat tray, bread, salad, coffee, tea and soda beverage. Members and friends can bring their favorite dessert to share.

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Make check payable to **Downriver Italian-American Hall**. Please send your reservation to: **Mary Cottone, 478 Mulberry, Wyandotte, MI 48192**, no later than May 15, 2015. Come join the fun.

To Members Who Have Not Paid their 2015 Membership Dues

Charlie Lupo advises, this is after a second mail reminder.

Our records indicate that you have not paid your 2015 Downriver Italian American Club dues. Please contact me, (734)282-1257 if you will be paying your dues or not (so we can remove your information from our records): Honorary member (25+ years) \$15 each (\$30 couple). Regular members are \$30 each (\$60 couple). Make check payable to **Downriver Italian American Club**, mail to: **459 Cedar Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. Any address or phone number change, let me know.

Call me if you have any questions.....Charles Lupo

Festa della Repubblica – June 7, 2015



The **Italian-American Cultural Society** will once again be hosting the **Italian Independence Day, Festa della Repubblica**, on Sunday, June 7, 2015, at the **Italian American Cultural Society**

Banquet & Conference Center, 43843 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Many Italian clubs will be present, along with prominent guest speakers, live entertainment, ethnic foods and desserts from various clubs.

This event is co-sponsored by **The Council of Presidents, COMITES, I.C.S.A. and the Italian-American Cultural Society**. The event is open to public.

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



The Club will participate in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** on **Saturday, July 4, 2015**. Volunteers are needed to decorate. At this time we are unsure if a flatbed trailer is available. The work begins at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the parade. Chairperson **Mary Cottone**

will provide details regarding the club staging location at the June membership meeting.

The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center

Members are encouraged to walk the parade route. Children are needed to carry the club banner and adults to carry the flags - bring your grandchildren, all are welcome. Please wear your red, white, green attire. Those that cannot walk can sit on the trailer. The more people participating, the better our presence will be. There will be a pizza snack and beverage at the Hall after the parade.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Cottone** at (313)689-5313 (cell) or the Hall office (734) 285-4044. (313)565-0671

Membership Picnic – July 26, 2015



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, July 26, 2015**. The proposed picnic location is at the club, however, it might change pending the building sale. The chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, and Tony and Miriam Lumia** with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. The main meal is steak or chicken or ribs. The Menna Room will be used for dining and refreshment. Bocce will be played at a neighboring lot and a horseshoe court will be setup at the Club's empty lot. A preliminary flyer appears in this newsletter. If location changes, you will be notified.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride – Aug. 19th



Diamond Jack Boat Ride – Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Bishop Park, Wyandotte, MI

Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the Detroit River, going south, toward the Bob-lo Island. The boat departs at 3:30 p.m. and returns at around 5:30 pm. Detailed information can be found at their website: <http://diamondjack.com/wyandotte.htm>.

Cost for the tour is unknown at this time. **Sam Randazzo, Tony Lumia, and Tony Pietrangelo** are chairing this event. The trip cost will be announced at the membership meeting. If you are interested in attending, contact **Sam or Darlene Randazzo**, at (734) 676-8463 or email him at samrandazzo1951@gmail.com. You will pay at the boat.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were/are ill or hospitalized:

Vivian Palazzolo is in re-hab, after a knee operation.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those living alone and those living in assisted living. Please advise **Grace**

Pizzo (734) 379-9491 if you know of a member who is ill or if there is an emergency in their family.

Condolences to the family and relatives of **Fay Palazzolo** who passed away on March 31, 2015, at the age of 72. Fay was a Club member since 1978. She was a Club officer for 14 years. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family and relatives of **Sue Lupo** on the death of her husband, **Phil Lupo**, who passed away on April 16, 2015, at the age of 90. Phil and Sue are club members since 1976. They were very active in the Club. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Nino and Gianna Trupiano** on the death of Gianna's brother, **Faro Vitale**, who passed away on April 17, 2015, at the age of 62, in Sicily. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Miriam and Tony Lumia** on the death of Miriam's sister-in-law, **Barbara Smith**, who passed away on April 24, 2015, at the age of 76. May she rest in peace.

Congratulating New DIAC Member

Please welcome the following new Associate member who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Helen Sryniawski of Allen Park, MI, sponsored by, **Florence Coleman**.

Wedding Announcement

Nino and Gianna Trupiano proudly announce the wedding of their son, **Vito Trupiano**, to **Jessica Gouin**. They were married on April 25, 2015. The church and reception was held in Petoskey, MI.

Congratulations to the **Trupiano** and the **Gouin** families.

Happy Anniversary – Felice Anniversario



We wish to extend our Best Wishes for many happy and healthy years together, to our couples who will be celebrating their anniversary.

<i>Kenneth and Angela Scott</i>	<i>(5/01)</i>	<i>50th</i>
<i>Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo</i>	<i>(5/09)</i>	<i>35th</i>
<i>Charles and Gina Cosner</i>	<i>(5/12)</i>	
<i>Anthony and Robyn Vitale</i>	<i>(5/15)</i>	
<i>Michael and Rosemarie Klavon</i>	<i>(5/23)</i>	
<i>Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale</i>	<i>(5/24)</i>	
<i>Marco and Jennifer Vitale</i>	<i>(5/24)</i>	
<i>Douglas and Gail Melzer</i>	<i>(5/27)</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Mike and Nina Palazzolo</i>	<i>(5/29)</i>	<i>40th</i>
<i>Frank and Emma Checchio</i>	<i>(5/31)</i>	<i>57th</i>

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to our club members who are celebrating their upcoming birthday this month.

<i>Rosalie Shimkus</i>	<i>(5/1)</i>	<i>Alfonso Stralle</i>	<i>(5/21)</i>
<i>Diana Gaimo</i>	<i>(5/2)</i>	<i>Rose Zerilli</i>	<i>(5/21)</i>
<i>Vivian Palazzolo</i>	<i>(5/2)</i>	<i>Sam Badalamenti</i>	<i>(5/23)</i>
<i>Frank Checchio</i>	<i>(5/3)</i>	<i>Catherine Sclafani</i>	<i>(5/23)</i>
<i>Colleen Tabaka</i>	<i>(5/5)</i>	<i>Joseph Ventimiglia</i>	<i>(5/24)</i>
<i>Theresa Talluto</i>	<i>(5/8)</i>	<i>Salvatore Vitale</i>	<i>(5/24)</i>
<i>Theresa Klavon</i>	<i>(5/11)</i>	<i>Joseph Cacioppo</i>	<i>(5/25)</i>
<i>Connie Curcuro</i>	<i>(5/12)</i>	<i>Grace Badalamente</i>	<i>(5/26)</i>
<i>Barbara Biundo</i>	<i>(5/14)</i>	<i>Gail Melzer</i>	<i>(5/27)</i>
<i>Martha Guastella</i>	<i>(5/16)</i>	<i>Jeanette Schiraldi</i>	<i>(5/28)</i>
<i>Diana Holmes</i>	<i>(5/19)</i>	<i>Lisa Vespa</i>	<i>(5/29)</i>
<i>Nancy McFaul</i>	<i>(5/19)</i>	<i>Anthony Lazzarino</i>	<i>(5/30)</i>
<i>Guy A Vitale</i>	<i>(5/20)</i>	<i>Carmela Stralle</i>	<i>(5/31)</i>
<i>Clarice Silveri</i>	<i>(5/21)</i>		

A Special Thank-You to Our Members

A special thank-you to club member **Juliann Bademian** for bringing dessert to the April membership meeting. The dessert was very much appreciated and delicious.

Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

July 4, 2015 **Wyandotte Independence Parade.**
Mary Cottone & Membership.

July 26, 2015 **DIAC Annual Picnic**
Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Tony and Miriam Lumia

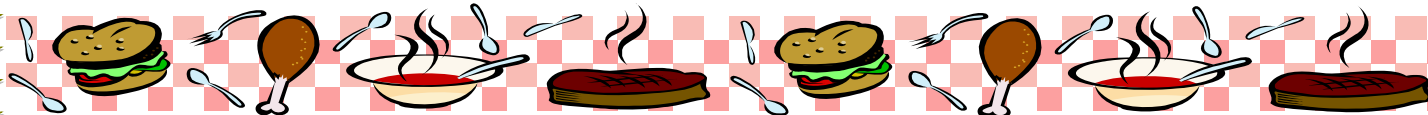
Aug. 19, 2015 **Diamond Jack Boat Ride.**
Sam Randazzo, Tony Lumia, Tony Pietrangelo

Nov. 1, 2015 **Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman & Membership.

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**Downriver Italian-American Club
Membership Picnic Party
Sunday - July 26, 2015**

Where: Downriver Italian-American Club Hall - Wyandotte, MI

Time: 12 Noon - Until 6:00 PM

Who: Club Members, their family and their friends

Adults \$20.00

Children over 18: \$25.00

Guests of Member: \$25.00

Children under 12: Free (Children's Meal)

Children of Ages 12 to 17: \$15.00

-----FOOD-----MUSIC?-----BEVERAGES-----

Adult meal: Ribs, Steak or Roasted Chicken, Potato, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverages, Watermelon and Dessert

Children's meal (under 12): Hot dog, Dessert and Beverage only

Volunteers to bring baked goods (for dessert) would be appreciated. Call Alice Patton (734) 697-7902

Bocce tournament (Frank Giannotti will chair), horseshoes and other summer games allowed. Bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Saturday, July 18th**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate head count so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the return coupon.**

Chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo and Tony and Mariam Lumia**. Board Members will be helping.

Mail the coupon below, along with your check to: Alice Patton, 8779 Hardwood, Belleville, MI 48111

Thank you for your promptness in responding:

Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace, Sam, Darlene, Miriam and Tony

-----RETURN COUPON BELOW-----

I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 26, 2015.

Coupon must be received no later than Saturday, July 18, 2015

NAME: _____ # Ribs _____ # Steak _____ # Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Number of Adults (\$20.00): _____ Children under 12 (Free): _____ Ages: _____

Children 12 to 17 (\$15.00): _____ Children over 18 (\$25.00): _____ Guests: _____

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

