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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting: Tues., May 14, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. @ K of C
General Membership Meeting: Sun., May 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. @ Wyand. Boat Club



Happy Mother's Day – Sun. May 12, 2024



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Club President Message



Buona Sera Members: What a beautiful spring we have all enjoyed. The colorful flowers and beautiful trees are all in bloom, so we can see that springtime is the best time.

The **Social Committee** has developed a wonderful entertainment schedule for us to follow, check out the events calendar, sign up, and have a new experience. Our monthly **Card Parties** will continue through the end of the year, the first Tuesday of the month at the **Wyandotte K of C**, 6:30 p.m.. It is a fun 2/3 hours with your friends. Please make note that the **Sunday, May 19th, General Membership Meeting** will be held at the **Wyandotte Boat Club, One Pine Street**, south of **McDonald**, 6:00 p.m. pizza, salad, and cookies will be available, including a cash bar. The Wednesday, June 19th, **Membership Meeting** will be back at the **Bentley**, with lunch at noon, and meeting at 1:00 PM. The **Social Committee** has added summer luncheons. This year we will have a luncheon on July 17th and August 21st at **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Hall**, 334 Elm Street, Wyandotte, at noon (no meeting). Please mark your calendars; as you can see, each month will be different. *"Enjoy life while you can, it can be taken in a heartbeat."*

Ciao, - Leslie Lupo – Club President

Welcome New Club Members



Please welcome the following new club members:

Joseph Barraco; of Grosse Ile MI; sponsored by **Pauline Barraco**.



Nancy Martinelli; of Grosse Ile, MI; Sponsored by **Joe and Nicolina (Lina) Susin**.

Evening Snack Meeting @ Wyandotte Boat Club



This month's membership meeting will be on **Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Wyandotte Boat Club, 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.

The membership meeting immediately follows the pizza snack.

The meal is free for members and includes pizza, salad, and cookies; a cash bar is available. Make your reservation by calling **Leslie Lupo** at **(734)282-1257** no later than **one week before the date**.

May Card Party at K of C



The April **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7, 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 each; snack items are available. Cash bar service is available.

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

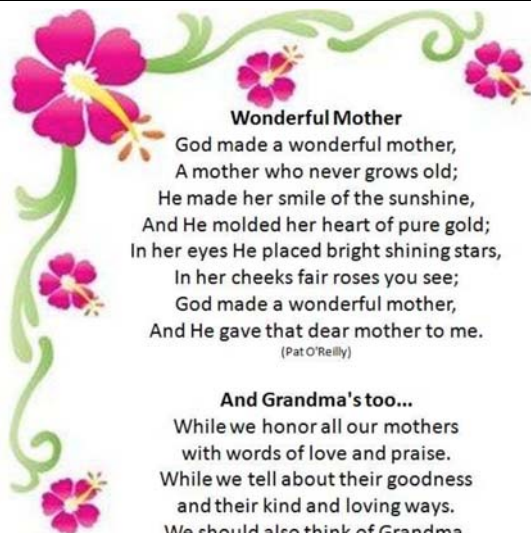
There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity. The event is chaired by **Grace Pizzo**; give her a call at **(734)379-9491** and let her know you are attending.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Happy Mother's Day – May 12, 2024

**Wonderful Mother**

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

Mud Hens Baseball Game Trip



The **Social Committee** has purchased 20 tickets to the **Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Game** on Friday, June 14, 2024. The tickets are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. As of this writing, seven (7) tickets are still available. The cost is \$99.00 for a club member and \$109.00 for a non-member. The reservation deadline is May 14, 2024.

Further information, contact **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491. Her address is 32050 Liparoto Dr., Rockwood, MI 48173.

July & August Offsite Luncheon Meet



The **Social Committee** has scheduled offsite luncheons on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024, and Wednesday, August 21, 2024**. The location is at **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Hall**, located at 334 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48194. The luncheon is served between 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for a club member and \$20.00 for a non-member. See flyer contained with this newsletter for further information.

Contact **Sue Byrd** at (734)258-2822. Send the reservation coupon with your check to **Sue Byrd, 721 Lincoln Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192-2610**, no later than the date specified on the flyer



Diamond Jack Chartered Boat Ride



This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024**. The chairperson is **Frank Giannotti** (734)283-7394. The boat ride will be heading north, passing the new **International Bridge** crossing. 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. **Meet at Bishop Park no later than 2:30 p.m. Boat Boarding at 2:45 p.m.**

After the ride, there is pizza/salad at the **Wyandotte Boat Club (Across from Portofino 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.

The cost of the boat ride is **\$25.00 per person**. For Club members who are riding on the boat, the pizza/salad is free. **Non-members (and Club members who did not ride the boat), the cost of the pizza and salad is \$5.00**. Return the coupon and monies **no later than July 7, 2024**. See the flyer in this newsletter for further information. **The boat's capacity is 125 passengers. Paid reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Covid masking is optional (at your discretion):**

Membership Picnic – August 18, 2024



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2024**. The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park (Riverview Civic Center)**, at 14100 Civic Park Dr. (Sibley Road), in Riverview, MI 48193, same as in previous years.

The meal is prepared onsite by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**.

The event is hosted by the **Social Committee, Jim and Julie Bademian, Sue Byrd, Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. A flyer will appear in the June/July newsletter.

Welcome New Family Member



Honor Shoemaker proudly announces the birth of her new great-granddaughter, **Loretta Kopec**, born on February 27, 2024. **Loretta** weighed in at 6 lbs-7 ozs and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are **Andrew and Danielle Kopec**. Congratulations to the **Shoemaker and Kopec** families.



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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. **Dolly Chirco, Mark Grazioli, Gerald McGowan, Alice Patton, Joanne Wolfgang, and ???**



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.*

IF YOU FAIL, NEVER GIVE UP BECAUSE...

F.A.I.L. means
 "First Attempt in Learning."
 End is not the end, in fact
 E.N.D. means
 "Effort Never Dies."
 If you get No as an answer,
 Remember N.O. means
 "Next Opportunity."
 So let's be positive.

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



We extend our Best Wishes for many Happy and Healthy Years together to our club members who are celebrating their Anniversary

this month.

- Gaetano A. and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)**
- Anthony J. and Robyn Vitale (5/15)**
- Daniel and Nancy Prone (5/18)**
- Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)**
- Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)**
- Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)**



Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes to our members who are celebrating their birthdays this month.

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| Rosalie Shimkus (5/01) | Rose Zerilli (5/21) |
| Sal Finazzo (5/02) | Teresa LeSage (5/22) |
| Vivian Palazzolo (5/02) | Sam Badalamenti (5/23) |
| Rhonda Verdone (5/03) | Alexander Parker (5/23) |
| Colleen Tabaka (5/05) | Catherine Sclafani (5/23) |
| Therese Barraco (5/06) | Rose Boileau (5/24) |
| Theresa Klavon (5/11) | Joe Ventimiglia (5/24) |
| Vito Palazzolo (5/15) | Salvatore Vitale (5/24) |
| Martha Guastella (5/16) | Gail Melzer (5/27) |
| Vito Altomaro (5/19) | Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28) |
| Guy A. Vitale (5/20) | |

Calendar of Future Events

- June 14, 2024, Toledo Mud Hens Baseball**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- July 17, 2024, Luncheon at St. Vincent Pallotti**
Sue Byrd, (734) 258-2822
- July 17, 2024, Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394
- Aug. 11, 2024, Bye Bye Birdie - Musical/Play**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Aug. 18, 2024, Club Annual Picnic**
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491
- Aug. 21, 2024, Luncheon at St. Vincent Pallotti**
Sue Byrd, (734) 258-2822
- 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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Chartered Boat Cruise & Pizza

Wednesday – July 17, 2024, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The Cruise will be Northbound Toward the New Int'l Bridge



Boat Capacity: 125 passengers. Paid reservations on first-come, first serve basis. Covid mask optional, but recommended

Board the Diamond Jack at quaint Bishop Park in Wyandotte for a two hour cruise on the sparkling waters of the lower Detroit River. Enjoy waterside views of the surrounding American and Canadian communities and beautiful wetland areas, while listening to interesting historical narration and anecdote. Ride alongside Great Lakes and ocean ships, pass steel mills, marine terminals and shipyards, historic LaSalle, Ontario and "explore" Canadian island backwaters rarely transited by commercial vessels. View historic waterfront mansions and an historic 1906 lighthouse.

Relax - enjoy - and learn too! Passengers of all ages enjoy this truly unique "nautical adventure.

Pizza & Salad are Available after the Boat Ride.



Pizza & Salad is Free to Club Members Who Ride — \$5.00 for All Others.

Arrive at dock no later than 2:30 p.m.

Wyandotte Boat Club.

1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (Across Street from Portofino Restaurant)

The Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. with Snack Served at Approx. 5:45 p.m.

All Beverages are Cash Bar at Wyandotte Boat Club

Mail Coupon with Party Size and Total Cost. Make check payable to:

Downriver Italian-American Club. DIAC members, their families, and guests are welcome

For Further Information, Contact Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394.



Boat Boarding at 2:45 p.m.

I/We will be attending the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Pizza & Salad** on Wed. – July 17th. Wyandotte Bishop Park.

Snack at the WBC. This coupon and payment must be received no later than Sunday, July 7, 2024

Meal Selection (mark with a number) : Pizza _____ Salad _____

Name

Phone Number

Attending Ride: _____ Member & Non-Member: \$ 25.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Member (Rider) Dinner: _____ Dinner - Member: **\$ Free** x **FREE** Total: **FREE**

Guest Dinner _____ Dinner - Guest: \$ 5.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC** Total Amt: \$ _____

Return this coupon and your check to: **Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg, Riverview, MI 48193-7703**