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President Carmela Reali's Message

At the May 17, 2018 General Meeting Adele Harnois, our Recording Secretary, cast one vote for Carmela Reali, President; Paul Andriulli, Vice President; Concetta Dalfonso, Recording Secretary; Albert DiMillo, Treasurer; Nicola Cox, Membership Secretary; Bill Lucatuorto and Tom Noonan both Board Directors. They will be installed during our June General Meeting. Both will have a 3-year term. We look forward to having you both work with us on the Board.

Albert DiMillo resigned as Director because of his new position as Treasurer. We will have a special election on Thursday, June 21, 2018 (General Meeting). There is a remaining 2 years left on this term. We will accept nominations from the floor and then vote that same night and will also be sworn in. If you are interested in running for this open position, please attend this meeting.

Our Scholarship recipients will be at the June meeting to read their essays. This meeting is an exciting one, as they are the Future! Members, please plan to attend and thank you.

Many thank to Carl Paquette for serving on the Board, Scholarship Chair for many years and for working on many committees. He and his wife Kathy are doing a lot of traveling now along with other things. Best of luck to all you plan to do.

Tess Hakkila has decided to step down as Charity Chair. She has done a great job this year along with her committee in raising money for Charity. If you know of anyone who would like to Chair this committee, please contact me at 939-8570. Thank you, Tess, for all your work and organizational skills.

Toni Andriulli has also decided to step down as Chair of Health and Welfare. Thank you Toni! You've done a great job sending out our cards. Mary Keaney is in the process of re-instating as a member and has accepted the position as Health and Welfare Chair. Thank you again Toni, and thank you Mary Keaney!

Business in La Cantina has been picking up. Thanks to our members and guests. Carne and Trivia will continue on Saturdays during the summer! Get your tickets for the Wine Tasting – Pared with Dinner and entertainment by Paul Andriulli and the Swing Street Band. The details are on page 11 in this Newsletter.

Something new! We are having a Maria's Restaurant night on July 13 in the DaVinci Room. Details are in this Newsletter on page 5. Reservations are preferred. Please call 939-8570 to guarantee your seat!

I would like to welcome our newest members to the IHC: Dave and Kelly Day, Kevin Foley and Marie Chenevert. Please enjoy the IHC and all we have to offer.

As always, I would like to thank all the members for their continued support. Cammy Reali, President

June 21, 2018 Board Meeting & General Meeting

Board Meeting - 4:00 pm
General Meeting - 6:30 pm Cost - $12 per person

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. **Please call 772-2500, ext. 15 for dinner reservations**. **Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, June 19.** This is a members only dinner and meeting. You will need your key card when paying for your meal.

PLEASE NOTE: THE IHC WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, JULY 2 THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 9 AND REOPENING ON TUESDAY, JULY 10

La Cantina Operating Hours:

Lounge is **closed Sundays and Mondays** (no liquor service)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Lounge opens at 4 pm; last call 9:30 pm; lounge closes at 10 pm

Friday Nights Lounge opens at 4 pm; last call 11:30 pm; lounge closes at 12 am

Saturday Nights Lounge opens at 5 pm; last call 9:30 pm; lounge closes at 10 pm

Officers & Board of Directors

Officers:			Directors:	
Carmela Dalfonso Reali	President	939-8570	Thomas Noonan	781-983-0328
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Frank Reali	Past President	772-5831		

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Parliamentarian	Mary-Jane Robichaud	743-3937	Membership	Paul Andriulli	450-4440
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			Sergeant at Arms	Peter Doria	775-0888

Contact the President . . .

All members may contact President Carmela Reali by calling **772-5831** or 939-8570.

You can also send your email message to:

president@italianheritagecenter.com

Health & Welfare Committee …

If you know of any IHC members who are ill or recently deceased (including family members), and would like the IHC to send them or their family a get well card, sympathy card, or mass card, please contact:

Mary Keaney at
207-767-2440

Please make sure that we have the correct mailing address as all cards will go directly to the recipient's home address.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Albert DiMillo has resigned as a Board Director due to his election to the position of Treasurer. Therefore, we will have a special election on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the General Meeting for the remaining 2 years left on his term.

We will be accepting nominations from the floor at this meeting and then we will vote on that same night with the new Board Director sworn in at that time.

If you are interested in running for this open position, please attend this meeting.

Membership News - Nicola Cox

Members for Vote . . The following will be voted on at the **June** General Meeting:

Regular Members	Italian Name	Sponsor
Stella Jo Main	Molteri/Ciriello	Nicola Cox
Lisa Fierro	Fierro	Janet Fierro
William and Lisa Risbara	Risbara	Carmela Reali
Anthony and Wendy Napolitano	Napolitano	Nicola Cox

Associate Members	Sponsor
Stephen and Susan Schwartz	Nicola Cox
Kevin and Dawn Christy	Ed Miller

Reinstatements: Amanda Fierro and Mary Keaney

If you have any correspondence regarding membership, please send it to: **membership@italianheritagecenter.com** or feel free to call me at 829-5604.

GO GREEN!! If you would like to go paperless with your newsletter, please let me know. We will save some trees; plus you will get your newsletter by the first week of the month by selecting our online copy. All it takes is a phone call to (772-2500) or email (nicolacox@maine.rr.com) and I will make it happen! Thanks for doing your part.

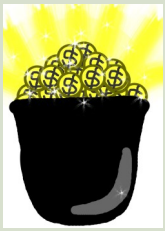
Send me your date of birth as I am updating the records to determine when you will become a lifetime member.

If you have changed your address or have a new telephone number in the past 5 years, please get in touch with me. Please email me at **nicolacox@maine.rr.com** or call me at **772-2500** and leave a message.

Members: Be sure to include your Membership Number on all dues payments and correspondence.

Nicola Cox - Membership Secretary

Just a reminder . . . You are the only person who is authorized to sign the book for the Pot of Gold. Please do not ask anyone else to do this for you.



Members Please Note:

If you are bringing guests to the Cantina, please make sure that you sign them in. Your guests may not arrive before you and must depart no later than you. Thank-you!

Our **newest members** received their membership pin and a copy of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

Congratulations to: (l-r) Kelly and Dave Day and Marie Chenevert with President Reali.
(not pictured: Kevin Foley)

General Meeting Drawing Winners

50/50 was won by: **Kelly Day**

Quorum was won by: **Jim DiBiase**

Check out page 11 for an update to Tess Hakkila's ad. She has now moved to a new location at 118 Maine Mall Rd. in South Portland. Her new telephone number is 207 807 7122.

Activity Committee News from Darlene Napolitano

Calendar of Events - June 2018

6/1 Member Appreciation- DJ Jeff Rockwell-Karaoke-Dancing
6/3 IHC Spring Concert
6/8 DJ Don-Karaoke-Dancing
6/9 Spring Craft Fair (day 1)
6/10 Spring Craft Fair (day 2)
6/15 Buck Edwards
6/22 DJ Derrick R.-Karaoke-Dancing
6/24 Robert James Connors-DaVinci Room
6/29 Trevors Band
6/29 Opera Maine Presentation
6/30 Peter Donatelli-Sing a long

Calendar of Events - July 2018

7/2-7/9 IHC is closed; reopens on 7/10
7/13 Maria's Restaurant Night
7/13 Member Appreciation - Deb Bassett
7/20 DJ-Karaoke-Dancing
7/21 Carne
7/27 Under The Covers Band
7/28 Trivia
7/29 Family Picnic-Fort Williams

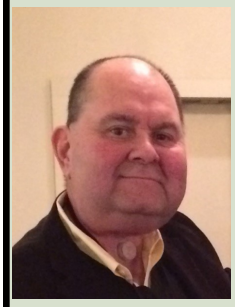
"Gather Round the Good Stuff"-By Roy Guzman

Good Things are Happening at The IHC

Welcome to the column of good things to be said and enjoyed around the good stuff that is happening here at the IHC. The Activities Committee has been hard at work researching, planning, and discussing activities and events that will enhance and hopefully increase your participation and enjoyment in your club.

By now I am sure you have realized and heard of the delicious meals being offered in the Cantina along with the Theme Parties that we have been experiencing on Friday evenings. The most recent Theme Party was the Memorial Day Weekend BBQ on Friday, 5/25 featuring Ribs, Chicken, Baked Beans, Salads, and Corn Bread. There were only 50 tickets available at a very reasonable price of $12. All tickets were sold in advance of the evening (none at the door). Going forward we will be pre-selling tickets for some of our upcoming events in order to prepare enough food. So get your tickets ahead of time so that you will not be disappointed.

Now, items that are currently on the drawing board from your Activities Committee, chaired by Darlene Napolitano, who "by the by" constantly goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure all the events go off as planned and all the pieces come together for the night of these events. When you see Darlene diligently at work at an event, give her a nice "Thank you" and maybe offer a helping hand as an expression of your appreciation.



Currently in the works is a plan to incorporate and alternate some Fridays and Saturdays in the Cantina to include some theme parties, meals and entertainment throughout the summer months. So, after a day at the beach, lake, or camp come on down for an evening of entertainment, good food, a cold craft beer or frozen drink and good company.

Other welcome additions include music from an entertainment system with a wide selection for all and a trial draft beer system featuring local craft beers. Portland is the country's capital for the Craft Beer Industry so it is time to get on board, and offer these highly sought after items to our ever changing, increasing membership with the addition of some of today's "Young Millennials". We recently added a blender for frozen drinks which we will have on a regular basis, for those hot, sticky summer nights. Let us know your favorites and we'll be sure to have the ingredients on hand. Also in the plans are a "Salsa nite" featuring over a dozen salsas and various recipe samples with chicken, seafood and veggies. Watch for the Palette nites, Terrarium nites, and numerous other events of this nature.

There will also be a meet and greet evening to attract new members who have expressed interest as a result of attending several recent events as guests, to join our club. So, yes good things are happening here at the IHC, so join in and be a part of it. If any of these different, new and exciting upcoming events peak your interest and involvement, join the committee and be a part of making it all happen. It's only going to get bigger and better; so as we say in the business, get in on the ground floor, watch it all flourish, and reap the satisfaction of your involvement. I think this will give you enough to think about for now and I will just end by saying there is much more in the works so c'mon, we are waiting for your input! As always "Thank You" for reading this column.

Insanity…….Doing the same thing over and over and over again and expecting different results!

Till next time fellow members…….RG

Italian Heritage Center Spring Craft Show

Location: 40 Westland Ave Portland, ME 04102
Dates: June 9 and 10, 2018
Hours: Sat 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Sun 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Show Contacts: Cammy Reali 939-8570 or Darlene Napolitano 899-5356
Set Up: Friday 4-7 pm; Saturday 6:30-8:30am
We would like volunteers to help make Italian Cookies, etc.

Free Parking and Free Admission
Italian Pastries, Stuffed Bread
Italian Lunch: 11 am to 2 p.m.

30 plus New England Crafters
Morning Coffee Bar
Raffles

Maria's Restaurant Night
featuring
our new Executive Chef
Anthony Napolitano

Join us on Friday, **July 13, 2018** in the Da Vinci Room

$25.00 per person

Reservations preferred 939-8570

Dinner served starting at 5:30 p.m.; last seating at 7:30 p.m.

- Choice of Caesar Salad or Roasted Pepper and Fresh Mozzarella Salad
- Entrée; Choice of Jumbo Shrimp Fradiavolo, Eggplant Parmigiana or Breast of Chicken Saltimbocca
- Dessert: Anthony's Chocolate Cream Torta
- Glass of White or Red House Wine

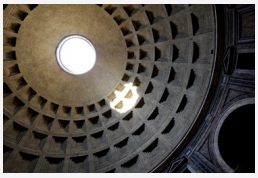
June 2018

***FOOD, FOOD PRICES AND DRINK SPECIALS WILL BE POSTED ON THE IHC FACEBOOK PAGE EVERY WEEK ON THURSDAY**

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT WILL BE MOVED FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH TO THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Cantina* **Member Appreciation** DJ Jeff Rockwell Karaoke/Dancing *Food & Drink Specials	2
3 IHC Spring Concert Columbus Room 2:00 pm	4	5	6	7	8 *Cantina* **DJ Don** 7-11 pm Karaoke/Dancing *Food & Drink Specials	9 **Spring Craft Fair** 9-4 pm Columbus Room
10 **Spring Craft Fair** 10-3 pm Columbus Room	11	12 Activities 5:15 pm Cultural 5:40 pm	13	14 ***Food & Wine Pairing*** 6-9 pm	15 *Cantina* **Buck Edwards Band** 7:30-10:30 pm *Food & Drink Specials	16 *Cantina* Carne 7:00 pm
17	18	19 Charity 5:00 pm Scholarship 6:00 pm	20	21 Board & General Meetings 	22 *Cantina* **DJ Derrick R.** 7-11 pm Karaoke/ Dancing * - Food & Drink Specials	23 *Cantina* Trivia 7:00 pm
24 ***Robert James Connors*** *A Discourse & A Pasta Course* 2018 DaVinci Room 1:00 pm	25	26	27	28	*Cantina* **Trevors Band** 7:30-10:30 pm *Food & Drink Specials **Opera Maine Presentation** Library 6:00 pm	30 *Cantina* *Sing-a-Long with Peter Donatelli* 7:00 pm

Cultural Committee News from Jim DiBiase



Some pan-tastic facts about Rome's Pantheon

Long free to enter, Rome's iconic Pantheon is now charging visitors to enter. These facts might convince you the €2 ticket is worth it.

1. Legend says it was where Rome's founder died– The legend goes that Romulus, the mythical founder and first king of Rome, died on the spot where the Pantheon now stands. He was supposedly grasped by an eagle and flown to heaven, giving the site sacred associations with the city's history and its gods.
2. There was an even older one - The Pantheon you see today is not the first structure on that site. The original temple was built as around 25 BC by Roman consul Marcus Agrippa, whose name you can still make out on the façade. Archaeologists now believe his version was destroyed and rebuilt, possibly more than once.
3. No, it doesn't flood when it rains - You think the Romans built a dome that big and didn't remember to put in a drainage system? Take a closer look at the paved floor; some of the slabs have small holes running through them, which allow any rainwater to drain through to sewers below. What's more, when the Pantheon was filled with lit candles as it would have been during its past, the flames produced an upwards current of warm air that would cause falling rain to evaporate before reaching the floor.

Watch for more Pan-tastic facts in subsequent Newsletters.

IHC Members Family Picnic Day

The Italian Heritage Center Cultural Committee has reserved the sheltered picnic area at Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth for the entire day on Sunday July 29, 2018. Gather the family, pack a lunch, and come enjoy food and games with your fellow IHC members. The sheltered picnic area has a spacious charcoal grill that will be available for use. We will supply the charcoal, grilling utensils, paper plates, napkins and eating utensils. Please bring something to grill, if you wish, and your own beverages (Fort Williams is an alcohol-free facility). We encourage you to bring a side dish or other food item to share, such as a green salad, pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad, potato chips, pretzels, crackers, cookies, etc. Available for use are a large open field, tennis courts, and baseball diamond. The Cultural Committee will be providing some bocce sets and playing cards. Please bring whatever you would enjoy, including a soccer ball or kickball, whiffle ball set, kites, Frisbees, etc. Fort Williams Park is a carry-in and carry-out facility; no trash may be disposed of or remain at the park, so please plan accordingly!

Presentation by Robert James Connors, Author of "Romancing Through Italy"- June 24

Mr. Connors is a gifted and interesting speaker who shares his insights and perceptions of the unique place that is Italy. His book is a cultural exploration of Italy, 20 years in the making. We will combine his talk with a pasta and meatball dinner starting at 1:00 pm with the Presentation to follow at 2:00 pm in the DaVinci Room. See the poster in this Newsletter on page 8 for further details.

Italian Book Club

The Cultural Committee has started an Italian Book Club, to share titles and content of books written about Italy, both fiction and non-fiction. In so doing, we will have opportunities through literature to share stories of the history and the culture of Italy. We have eight members already. Anyone who is interested in joining this fledgling book club, please contact David Giansiracusa at 207-653-8990.

La Festa delle Macchine Italiane, September 30, 2018

Looking ahead to this coming September, the Cultural Committee is in early stages of planning our second "Autofest" featuring Italian cars. If anyone is interested in becoming part of this endeavor or entering an Italian car, please contact Vinnie Fierro at vinfi@aol.com.

Sing-a-Long Night- Peter's Back!

Since June has five Saturdays, Peter Donatelli will lead another Sing-a-Long on Saturday night June 30 starting at 7:00 pm in the Cantina. Peter has a complete new song book and song sheets are provided. So… clear out the pipes and join Peter in the Cantina and participate in some spirited melodies.

Italian Idiom for June: *Affogare in un bicchier d'acqua* (To drown in a glass of water) To drown in a glass of water is to be easily overwhelmed with little problems. For example, a not-so-bright fellow running around in circles trying to solve a simple arithmetic problem, or a little girl who wails like it's the end of the world because she lost her favorite hairpin, could be said to be drowning in a glass of water.

IHC Chorus Spring Concert

Mark the date, Sunday, June 3 for the Annual IHC Chorus Spring Concert. See the poster on page 8 in this newsletter for details.

A Talk on OPERA MAINE Presentation of "The Marriage of Figaro"- Friday, June 29

In conjunction with Opera Maine's Presentation of The Marriage of Figaro by Amadeus Mozart at Merrill Auditorium on July 25 & 27, Dramaturg Calien Lewis will be giving us a presentation/conversation on this Opera and Mozart on Friday evening, June 29 at 6:00 pm in the DaVinci Room. She'll tie in the origins of Mozart and the opera with other interesting anecdotes along the way.

For those interested, we will be offering that evening's Cantina Dinner specials, Italian cookies and coffee for $10.00 as part of the program.

Included in the evening's agenda will be a drawing for a free pair of tickets to the live performance of The Marriage of Figaro on July 25 or 27.

If we have enough people interested, we will get a block of tickets and go to the Opera as a group after a dinner at one of Portland's finest Italian restaurants.

A DISCOURSE and A PASTA COURSE-2018

A Live Multimedia Presentation featuring S.C Connors on his new book "Romancing Through Italy"

Italian Heritage Center (DaVinci Room)
Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 1:00 pm

Admission is $20,for guests; $15 for members (free admission for those who don't eat) includes a Book Signing, and an authentic Italian American Dinner served with Complimentary Wine.

The book is a cultural exploration of Italy, 20 years in the making, and Mr. Connors is a gifted and interesting speaker who shares his insights and perceptions of the unique place that is Italy.

In Mr. Connors own words:

The language spoken by Roman citizens two thousand years ago is today the language of our law, science, and medicine. We use it to organize our genus and species, our planets and stars.

Italy gave us the Renaissance, and produced Michelangelo, Leonardo, Verdi, and Dante. Italians created some of the worlds most famous works of art, from Mona Lisa to David.

How did one relatively small nation produce so much of what we rely upon today in our culture? How is it that it continues to produce such works?

Call 767-2292 for reservations

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Sunday, June 3 at 2:00 pm

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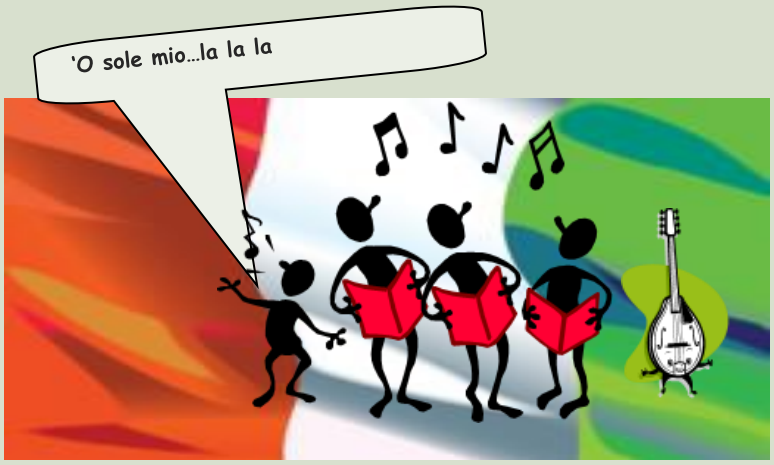
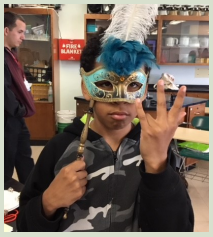
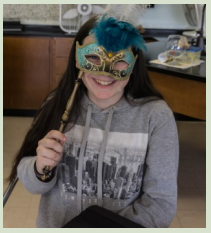
Cash bar



West Bath Elementary School

South Portland Memorial Middle School

IHC Cultural Committee School Presentations

The Cultural Committee gave a presentation explaining why Italian immigrants came to Maine to the West Bath Elementary School 3rd grade on April 26 and also gave a presentation to the South Portland Memorial Middle School as part of their International Day on May 9. Both presentations were **very** positive experiences for both the students and the Cultural Committee members. As part of the programs we also shared the baking and tasting of pizzelles, making and shaking tambourines, singing and dancing to “Funiculi, Funicula” complete with the tarantella and tambourines plus teaching basic Italian words through cue cards, and indoor bocce lessons and participation. At the end of each Presentation we donated a “First Thousand Italian Words” Dictionary to each school’s Library.

Facilities Committee News from Frank Reali

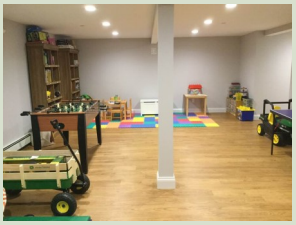
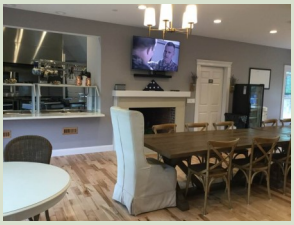
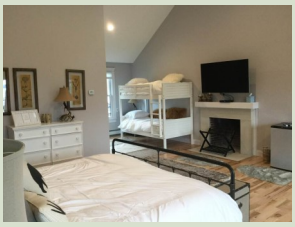
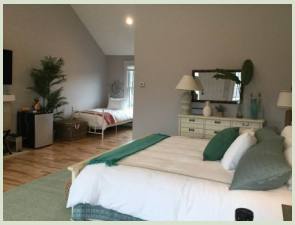
Thanks to the following members of the IHC for volunteering: **Melissa Martin** for planting and maintaining the flowers at the sign on Congress Street. Melissa also planted the new flowers at the entrance to our building.

We have been working near the flag pole area, sprucing it up for picture taking. **Dennis DiDonato** did the masonry work to repair the stone wall. **Mario Grimaldi** pulled out the large roots with his machinery. **Bill Goodnow, Bill Angelo** and **Robert Howard** did the digging and cleaning to prep for the new plants.

2 new flags have been installed. A great area to have pictures taken.

Charity Committee News from Tess Hakkila

Some of the members of the Charity Committee visited the Travis Mills Foundation facility Open House on Sunday. On behalf of the IHC Charity Committee, Kim Toppi presented a check for $2,500 from our benefit dance held in March. This is an amazing facility for wounded combat soldiers and is located in Rome, Maine. Thank you to Kim Toppi for presenting the donation to the Travis Mills Foundation!

June is here and hopefully warmer weather too. As our Charity fundraising winds down for the summer months I would like to take the opportunity to say how proud I am of the work we accomplished this year. In last month's newsletter we talked about the donation to the Travis Mills Foundation. I'm happy to report that at our last meeting, we voted to also send donations to McCauley Residence, Wayside Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club of Portland, Opportunity Alliance (Fuel Assistance Program), Preble Street Resource Center, Southern Maine Agency on Aging (Meals on Wheels Program) and Cabin in the Woods.

I would also like to stress that the Charity Committee is always here for the membership. If anyone has a need or knows of someone who has fallen on hard times, please contact me – all communications will be kept confidential.

It has been a rewarding experience as Chairperson for this great committee; however, my work and family responsibilities are now back up to full speed since the ankle break, so I will be stepping down this year as planned. Starting in July, if any member is interested in facilitating the next year or has any questions about what the responsibilities are, please contact myself or Cammy Reali. I will still be a member of the committee and will be available to help the next chair settle in.

One last **thank-you** to the committee members for all their hard work and to the membership who supported us.

Possiate avere il meglio delle estati
(May you have the best of summers)

Tess Hakkila
Charity Committee

Scholarship Committee News from Martha Binette

The Connie Francis Tribute Show was a wonderful evening event and was a great success. Many thanks to all who helped and to everyone who came. I hope everyone enjoyed the show.

The scholarship Committee is planning to raffle a TV at the Spring Craft Fair on June 9 and 10. Please stop by to see what the crafters are selling this spring....

The scholarship applications are in and are being scored. Results and winners will be notified soon.

Remember, the scholarship Committee is always looking for ideas and new members, so if you're interested, please join us. You can reach me at 207-671-3133 or at sometimesred@gmail.com

Thank you! Martha Binette

Cinco De Mayo-May 4

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