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JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

A Message from President Carmela Reali

At the General Meeting on May 16, 2019, The Recording Secretary, Melissa Worcester cast one vote for Anna Stankiewicz our newly elected Board Director. Anna will be installed at the June General Meeting. She is looking forward to working with the Board and helping wherever needed.

Come visit our new outdoor patio. Darlene Napolitano and her crew have worked very hard to make this happen. Check your newsletter as we have some fun activities planned for outdoors. It's beautiful.

The Elvis Concert, sponsored by the Scholarship Committee was very well attended. So much fun and lots of great music. Thank you, Judy Anne Ferrante and her Scholarship Committee, for organizing this and a special thanks to Roy and Katie Guzman for volunteering their time also and for donating their
salsa. It's nice to see our members working together.

Next month, June, the Scholarship winners will be announced and hopefully they will all be coming to read their essays. This is always a highlight; meeting them and listening to them. Please plan to come.

Kim Toppi 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 Darlene Napolitano at 899-5356. Thank you, Kim, for all your work and organizational skills.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the IHC: Kathy DiMatteo, Theresa Flaherty, Paul Viola, Stephen Hathorne, Donald & Kelly L'Heureux. 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

General Meeting Winners for May 16, 2019

50/50:
Carol Noonan

Quorum Winner:
Linda Reali

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June 20, 2019 Board Meeting & General Meeting

Board Meeting - 4:00 pm / Member Dinner - 5:30pm / General Meeting - 6:30 pm

Cost - $12pp

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, PLEASE CALL 772-2500 x 15

pizza e un film

Reiche School Presentation

Memorial Middle School Presentation

Membership News

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

Regular	**Italian Name**	**Sponsor**
Associate:		
Kristine Demerit		Nicola Cox

If you have any changes such as your address, phone or email please send it to: membership@italianheritagecenter.com or feel free to call me at 207-749-5078.

IHC IS GOING GREEN!! If you would prefer to get your newsletter online please let me know so we can take your name off the mailing list. Together we can save trees! Plus you will get to view the newsletters by the first Friday of the month.

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

The IHC would like to start doing email blast to our members; so we are able to keep you informed on any changes and upcoming events. In order to do so, we need members to email the IHC permission. Please email to membership@italianheritage.com.

Nicola Cox

Membership Secretary

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

New Members

REINSTATEMENTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

LA CANTINA

Operating Hours:

Sunday & Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Thursday - Open 4pm to 8pm - Last call at 7:30pm
Friday - Open 4pm to 12am - Last call at 11:30pm
Saturday - Open 5pm to 8pm - Last call at 7:30pm

If there is a function going on such as a meeting, bocce, gin, etc.… then the Cantina will remain open for an hour after. These hours will remain through March and will be reevaluated at that time. Thank you for understanding.

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 with you. Thank-you!

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.

1st	7pm	Patio Opening … Entertainment … Food & Drink Specials
7th	6pm	Jukebox Night—Member Appreciation—Food & Drink Specials
14th	7pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing—Food & Drink Specials
15th	7pm	Carne
21st	6pm	Jukebox Night— Food & Drink Specials
22nd	6pm	Deb Bassett on the Patio (ends at 9pm)
28th	7pm	ON THE PATIO Theme "Take Me Out To the Ballgame" DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Burgers and Dogs on the Grill
29th	7pm	Sing A Long with Peter

Summer Patio Events.. Darlene Napolitano will post on the IHC Facebook page any Saturday night theme nights..
We hope to have 1 theme night a mouth ..

5th	——	**IHC Closed**
12th	6pm	ON THE PATIO Theme - "Bird Is The Word" Barbecue with Don Campbell (ends at 9pm)
19th	7pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing—Food & Drink Specials
26th	6pm	Jukebox Night— Food & Drink Specials

ITALIAN IDIOM: NONNA SAID IT BEST…

La migliore parola e' quella che non si dice.
The best word is that which isn't spoken (*silence is golden*).

COMMITTEE NEWS….

Activates submitted by Darlene Napolitano

Please check the schedule on the LaCantina page and the calendar for all of our events… We have a lot of actives planned for you. If you have any ideas or want a certain event back, please let us know.

I would like to thank the Activities Committee for their constant commitment, team support and all their help!

Tony Napolitano, Roy Guzman ,Bill DiDonato, Robert Howard , Phil Doria, Marty Thorne, Lauren Pasquali Thorne, Bill Lucaturorto, Melissa Martin and Linda Reali and all the other members who supported our efforts to make this project a huge success!!

Cultural submitted by Jim DiBiase

Book Club The Italian Book Club has just finished “A Bold and Dangerous Family” and is embarking on a new book entitled “The Tigress of Forli”, (Renaissance Italy's Most Courageous and Notorious Countess, Caterina Riario Sforza de' Medici).

Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in joining the book club, please contact David Giansiracusa at 207-653-8990.

Chorus Scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd at 2pm in the Columbus Room. We will be serving hot hors d’oeuvres, fruit, cheese and crackers and Italian Cookies after the concert.

Sing-a-Long Night, Peter’s Back Since June has five Saturdays Peter Donatelli will lead another Sing-a-Long on Saturday night June 29th starting at 7:00 pm in the Cantina. Peter has a completely 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.

IHC Cultural Committee School Presentations The Cultural Committee gave a Presentation to the South Portland Memorial Middle School as part of their International Day on May 8th. The presentation was a very positive experience for both the students and the Cultural Committee members. As part of program 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, teaching basic Italian words through flash cards, and indoor bocce lessons and participation.

On May 15th, Jim and Francie DiBiase backed up Sam Marcisso at Reiche School’s third grade class during a question and answer session on the origins, history and real-life experiences of living in Portland’s Little Italy. Naturally we treated the children to some homemade pizzelles after the session.

Technology submitted by Bill Cox

If you see anything on the website that needs to be fixed please let me know.

COMMITTEE NEWS....

Facilities submitted by Frank Reali

PLANT A TREE (PIANTA UN ALBERO)

We want to thank Marie Pardi for coming up with a great idea. She suggested that we ask for donations for buying trees to put as a barrier between our lot and the back of Shaw's, so that's what we are doing!

Please help us by giving to the cause and to help beautify our property. We are requesting that people donate $50. or more so we can start this project. We aren't sure how many trees we need at this point but really appreciate your help.

Please make checks out the IHC and send to:
Italian Heritage Center, 40 Westland Avenue, Portland, Maine 04102

In the memo, please put PLANT A TREE

Health & Welfare submitted by Mary Keaney

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

Scholarship submitted by Judy Ferrante

We are encouraging you to attend the summer General Meetings to meet Scholarship Recipients. At this meeting they will read their essays. Each recipient will receive $1500. $750 each semester with receipt of school bill. This year's donors are The Germani Family, honoring their Dad Louis Germani, Anthony and Darlene Napolitano in honor of their beloved grandson Micky Chadbourne, and Dominic and Linda Reali.

For your information we have received nine Scholarship Applications. All applicants have a qualifying member at the IHC.

The scorers are Andrea Turley, Bruce Koharian, and Sue Taylor. They all have careers in education. They have been given an authentic scoring tool that acknowledges educational criteria to use on applications where identities are blackened to become nameless. Our goal was May 22, to have the scoring process completed. Shortly after that recipients were notified. The next General meeting Recipients will attend to read their speeches.

June 1, Employee Applications are due.

I want to thank so many of you for attending the fabulous Elvis Concert.

This group gave us a truly great and memorable Show. Elvis was the real deal, complete with his security entourage, handing out scarves and offering photo ops. And those Elvis moves. He serenaded us with many beloved Elvis classics. The audience loved it all.

I'm grateful for the members of the Scholarship Team, for all the help this year.

Also, thank you to Katie and Roy Guzman who offered their support with Guzman Salsa, setting up, in the kitchen and for sure the serving line and the bar. The Raffle tickets were sold by Anna Geary and Carlene Greaves. The 50/50 tickets were sold by Helen Scalia, and Linda Pierce.

Thank you to our wonderful Scholarship Team, Nicola Cox, Denise Davis, Judy Ann Ferrante, Linda Pierce, Cammy Reali, Helen Scalia, Andrea Turley

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER CHORUS

CONCERT

(Italian Folk, Abruzzese, Calabrese, Contemporary, Pop, Classical)

40 Westland Ave, Portland (behind Shaw's Westgate)

Sunday, June 2nd, 2:00 pm

Free Admission, Donations Accepted

Complimentary Refreshments featuring Hot Hors D'oeuvres

Cash bar

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SANREMO MUSIC FESTIVAL, ITALY'S ANSWER TO EUROVISION

Sanremo is a key date in Italy's cultural calendar. Earlier issues of the Newsletter provided us with some interesting facts about the Sanremo Music Festival. Here are two more:

THE RULES: These days, only one artist sings each song, but it must be a totally original entry which has never been performed in public before. The winner is decided by a jury and online public vote, meaning it has evolved into more of a reality TV show than a festival.

BIG NAMES: The festival is a major event, with Italian and international celebrities gracing the red carpet and stage alongside the competitors. Last year, Robbie Williams, Biffy Clyro, Clean Bandit and Ricky Martin all performed at the opening ceremony, and in the past, the festival has hosted Queen, The Village People, Avril Lavigne and Cher. But perhaps the most controversial guest was burlesque dancer Dita von Teese in 2010, when she stripped on stage until her modesty was protected only by $2.5 million worth of diamonds!

Watch for more interesting Sanremo facts in subsequent Newsletters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IHC Family Picnic Day

Sunday, July 28th

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 28, 2019. Gather the family, pack a side dish, and come enjoy food and games with your fellow IHC members.

This year the Cultural Committee will be serving free hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the spacious charcoal grill. We'll also provide grilling utensils (if necessary), paper plates, napkins and eating utensils. 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 and your own beverages (Fort Williams is an alcohol-free facility).

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7TH

3rd Annual

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ITALIAN CAR FEST

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October 26, 2019

Black Cat Ball with Stolen Mojo Band

Fun facts

Fourteen billion espressos are consumed in Italy each year, and Italians use 3.7 kg of coffee per capita.

Italian Alessandro Volta invented the first battery in the 1800s

101 REASONS TO BE PROUD YOUR ITALIAN - REASON # 6 FOLKTALES

There is nothing more enchanting than a story from the old country. As do those from many other cultures, Italians have passed down the art of spinning a tale for generations, resulting in a legacy of stories reaching far back into the history of the land. While themes and plots are often universal, the Italian folktale has its own unique style and magic.

Such stories evolved before the era of the internet, television, radio, and even the printing press. Sitting around the table or relaxing in the fields after a hard day's work, Italians found that hearing a spoken tale was an exciting way to pass the time. It wasn't until the latter part of the nineteenth century that people throughout Italy began to collect the novelline of their culture in print. In Sicily, Guiseppe Pietrè's Fiabe, Novelle e Racconti Popolari Siciliani (Sicilian Fables, Stories, and Popular Tales) was one of the most extensive of these collections, with some three hundred narratives written in Sicilian dialect. Other regions had their scholars, including Carolina Coronedi-Berti in Bologna and Domenico Giuseppi Beroni, who recorded dozens of Venetian tales.

What emerges when one looks at these tales is an unmistakable style and beauty that are distinctly Italian. More often than not, the narrator is an important character; that role is usually given to a woman. In Pietrè's collection, the narrator is Agatuzza Messia, an old quiltmaker who, although illiterate, has a flair for the language of the people. When reading passages from her stories, you not only get a sense of the story but also a feeling of the manner in which these tales were originally passed on.

Unlike folklore in other countries, Italian folktales are rarely overtly violent and nearly all end harmoniously. Of course, love is a predominant theme. Whether it's a pig that turns into a king or a half-man who becomes whole, there is almost always an amorous uniting of man and woman. In the fiaba, or fairy tale, a mystical kingdom is invariably woven from words that excite the imagination.

The celebrated Italian novelist Italo Calvino has done a wonderful job of collecting, interpreting, and embellishing some of the best in his Italian Folktales, a must have volume for anyone with an imagination. This definitive collection takes Italy's favorite legends and the art of Italian storytelling to the level of and beyond the Brothers Grimm.

One of our favorite tales, which was adapted and abridged from Calvino's collection, is about a very smart young woman and a very lucky king. It's call "Catherine, Sly Country Lass."

There was a farmer who had a very intelligent daughter. When he found a solid gold mortar and wanted to present it to the king, Catherine knew the king would wonder where the pestle was: she was right. The king was impressed by Catherine's smarts, and ordered her to make shirts for a regiment of soldiers from a tiny bit of wool. Catherine, in return, sent a handful of tine threads back to the king, saying he must first make a loom from these before she could make the shirts. Back and forth went the interactions between the king and Catherine, each trying to top the other with their witty requests. When he told her to appear neither clothed nor naked, on a stomach neither full nor empty, not in a day or night, and neither on horseback or on foot, she appeared wearing a fishnet after eating and apple at daybreak, riding a goat. Finally, there was nothing to do but get married. On their wedding night, the king told Catherine she must never meddle in his court business, knowing that she was smarter than he was. Of course, she couldn't resist, and the king became very angry. He told her that she could take the thing she liked best of all from the palace, and with that return home to her father the next morning. That night at dinner, she made sure the king overindulged and passed out. While he was sleeping, she took the king and his throne to her father's house in the country. When he awoke the next morning, the king wondered what was going on. "You told me to take the thing I liked best of all and take it home, so I took you." the two lovers laughed, made up, and the king appeared with his wife in the court from that day on.

Now there's a story of which both Italian men and women can be proud of!

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Franceso & Anna Teresa Capozza
Joseph A. & Marion G. Capozza
Alphonso & Anna Cartonio Russo
Ralph Cartonio
Anna Marie Ciccarelli
Guy & Anna Ciccarelli
Anthony & Frances Colello
Mary C. Connolly
Charles & Delia Dalfonso
Charles & Madeline DiMauro
Joseph R. DiMauro, Sr.
Edward & Henrietta DiPhilippo
Samuel S. Ferrante
Giro, Rosina, Sam Fornisano
Louis & Rose Germani
Nino & Connie Giordanao
Joseph & Fannie Grimaldi
Fred Leone
Rocco Marzilli, Sr.
James McCarthy
Emilio (Leo) Micucci
Betty & Jim O'Brion
Alphonse & Frances Pizzo
John E. Pizzo
Martin R. Pizzo
Sam & Glenyo Profenno
Arduino & Celeste Reali
Giovanna Ricci
Theresa Suzie Rucci
Anthony Sesto
Frank & Nora Talieno
Settimo Trivellin
Santio Jack Viola

If you would like your loved one's name in the Memoriam section or if you are a lifetime member and would like to list your name as a Lifetime Member, please contact President Cammy Reali. The cost is $10 ***per name*** for the year.

If there is a problem with your listing, please contact either the President, Vice President or Treasurer

2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Employee Scholarship Deadline 7pm Patio Opens
2 2pm Spring Concert	3	4	5	6	7 6pm Jukebox Night/ Member Appreciation	8
9	10	11 5:15pm Scholarship Meeting 5:15pm Cultural Meeting	12	13	14 7pm DJ/Karaoke	15 7pm Carne
16 **buona festa del papà**	17	18	19	20 4pm Board Meeting 6:30pm General Meeting	21 6pm Jukebox Night **primo giorno d'estate**	22 6pm Deb Bassett on the Patio
23	24	25	26 7pm Book Club	27	28 7pm DJ/Karaoke	29 7pm Sing A Long Pete
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SAVE THE DATES...

July

1-7 - IHC Closed
28th - IHC Family Picnic

Sept. 7th - Yard Sale
Sept. 29th - Italian Autofest
Oct. 26th - Black Cat Ball