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## Message from Frank Reali, President



I would like to thank Brenda Berry and her volunteers for all the time put into the Membership Survey. Because of this survey many great ideas were presented and we hope to act on some of them in the months to come. Stay tuned for more info.

I would like to thank Steve Corey for taking on the Facility Chairperson. He is very knowledgeable regarding the facility and will do a great job as he has done in the past.

The IHC flag will be lowered to half-mast for any lifetime member that has passed away and will be left that way until the day after the funeral. We want to show respect for them and the dedication they have shown as members. If you know of a lifetime member's passing, please call Mary Keane (Health & Welfare Chairperson) to let her know.

NEW THINGS happening at the IHC. We are in the process of buying 350 new chairs for the Columbus Room. In the upcoming months we will be doing work in the Cantina, revitalizing it and giving it a new look. Kim Toppi and her committee are anxious to get this underway.

Another positive direction is that we are putting money aside for the loan payment on our renovations done to the Columbus Room and Entrance Way. The balloon payment is due in April 2019.

There will be no Member Luncheon until further notice because of low attendance.

I want to thank all the members for your continued support.

## Message from Kim McDonough, General Manager

October is a very busy month for the Center. Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday is booked with events. We have just hired some new staff and are getting ready for the next few bustling months. Holiday parties are coming in steady for December.

The 2014 calendar is filling in fast and the weekend dates in the Ballroom fill in quickly. If you are thinking about reserving a date or have questions or would like a cost estimate, please call me!

Cantina drink special for October is a Pumpkin Pie Martini and Shipyard Pumpkin Head, served with a caramel cinnamon rim. Cheers!

**October 17**

### **Board Meeting & General Assembly**

Board Meeting - 4:00 pm

General Assembly - 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 October 15. This  
is a members only dinner and meeting.

# Officers & Board of Directors

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# Membership News

## Members for Vote

The following proposed members will be voted on at the August meeting:

### REGULAR MEMBERS

Mary and Mortier Harris

### Associate Members

Jean McCurdy

Juliana Morin

Susan Gallagher

Donald Dwyer

Anna and Donald Geary

### ITALIAN NAME

Chiaro

Patrick Viola

Kimberly Toppi

Richard Barter

Nikki Cox

Gloria Lax

### SPONSOR

Nikki Cox

## Contact the President

As a member, if you would like to contact President Frank Reali, he may be reached by calling 772-5831 or 318-9567. You may also send him a confidential email at [president@italianheritagecenter.com](mailto:president@italianheritagecenter.com)

## Articles or Photos for Newsletter

If you would like to submit an article or a photo for the IHC Member newsletter, please forward to [ktoppi@maine.rr.com](mailto:ktoppi@maine.rr.com). Articles are due the Thursday following the General Meeting.

## Membership News

**Any correspondence for the Membership Secretary may be mailed to Membership Secretary, 40 Westland Avenue, or leave in the Membership Box right inside the IHC Lobby.**

You may also call her directly or notify her by email at: [membership@italianheritagecenter.com](mailto:membership@italianheritagecenter.com).

**Issues with your key card, address or email updates, please call 772-2500 x18 or 829-5604.**

## New York City Day Trip

Saturday, December 7, \$110 per person



Leaving from the Italian Heritage Center parking lot at **4:00 am**. The early bird gets the worm, so let's take a bite out of the Big Apple! Start your morning off with complimentary, hot coffee onboard a cozy, VIP motor coach. A few hours into the trip, we will stop for breakfast (at your cost). Relax and enjoy your ride to New York City, where there's something for everyone – museums, theater, and entertainment, or get all of your holiday shopping done in the best shopping city of all. Everything is easily accessible by taxi, bus or subway. Catch a matinee, visit the World's Largest Toy Store, check out the view from the Empire State Building or hit the streets for fine shopping along 5th Ave or visit Macy's. There's plenty to see and do in NYC! We'll drop you off at Bryant Park, situated behind the New York Public Library in midtown Manhattan, between 40th and 42nd Streets & Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Departure home will be at 8:00 pm. Relax, enjoy provided refreshments or catch some zzz's on the ride home. Call 939-8570 to reserve your seat.

## *20th Christmas Craft Fair- It's time to Make the Cookies!*

The largest single fundraising event each year by the IHC membership is the Christmas Craft Fair. And our homemade Italian cookies and candies, are what makes our Fair so popular each year and have folks lined up before the doors open. Last year 48% of our total sales were from \$9,344 in bake sales. That's a lot of cookies and candy!!

If you would like to be part of the annual cookie making process, please call **Kim Toppi at 329-0845** for details and a schedule of times for baking. Cookie making will begin in October.

If you can't bake, but would like to contribute ingredients to help towards expenses, we are in need of: **flour, sugar, walnuts, maraschino cherries, mini and regular chocolate chips, vegetable oil, coconut, confectionary sugar, anise oil, peanut butter**. Items may be left at the Center with Kim McDonough beginning October 1.



Please leave your name with your donation!

### LA CANTINA

#### ***Friday Night Entertainment***

October 11	Kingpin
October 18	Gloria Jean
October 25	"Scary" Ron White

### La Cantina Operating Hours

#### **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

Lounge opens 4 pm, last call 9:30 pm, lounge closes 10 pm

Thursday – last call 10:30 pm, lounge closes 11 pm

#### **Friday Nights**

Lounge opens at 4 pm, last call 11:30 pm, lounge closes 12 am

#### **Saturday Nights**

Lounge opens 5 pm, last call 9:30 pm, closes 10 pm

Trivia/Carne Shoot - last call 10:30pm, closes 11 pm

Lounge is closed Sundays and Mondays (no liquor service)

**Please note:** The Cantina is open to members Monday through Friday at 8 am. On Mondays, the Cantina closes at noon. Tuesday through Friday, the Cantina is open all day until posted closing times above.

# Membership Activities

## 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4— Red Solo Cup Party , *tickets NOW ON SALE*  
October 25—Adult Halloween Party  
October 27—Kids Halloween Party  
November 2—Christmas Craft Fair and Pastry Sale  
November 5—Election Day Pastry and Pasta Sale  
November 22—Turkey Shoot  
December 7 — New York 24-Hour Trip  
December 14—Kids Christmas Party  
December 31, Tuesday - New Year's Eve Gala

**IHC Annual  
Turkey Shoot  
Friday, November 22  
Italian Buffet  
5:30 pm  
Turkey Shoot  
6:30 pm**

Come one, Come all.  
This is a Family Event.  
Everyone is INVITED.  
Children friendly. Bring  
your grandchildren.

\$15 per person. \$8 for  
children under 12.

Dinner is optional, but  
RESERVATIONS are  
REQUIRED.

Call Cammy at 939-8570.

Turkeys, Pork Roasts  
and Beef will be raffled  
off.

Invite your family and  
friends for a fun Friday  
night out!

Gift baskets will also be  
raffled off. If you'd like to  
donate an item or gift cer-  
tificate for the baskets,  
please call Cammy.



## Mark your Calendar!!!

**Saturday, December 14, 2013  
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!  
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
Magician Dennis Labbe  
Singing, Dancing – Lots of FUN**

### Mary and Patrick's "Carne" Shoot! In the Cantina!



**Saturday, October 12**

**Registration starts at 6 pm**

**Games start promptly at 7 pm**

Entry fee is \$10.00 per card/person. Members and guests.

### Trivia Night

Get your team together and join us in La Cantina for  
a fun night of trivia!

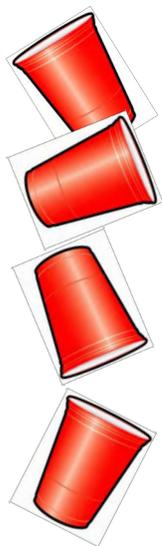
**Saturday, October 26**

Open to members and guest only (maximum of  
6 people per team). Top 3 teams win the  
pool of cash.

**You won't want to miss it!**



# Membership Activities



Red Solo Cup Dance Party—Friday, October 4, Columbus Room

7:00 pm, \$15 per person

DJ Jeff Rockwell, western attire, line dancing, ride the mechanical bull, jello shots, wings, meatballs and more! Bring your friends and neighbors for a fun Friday night out! Call 329-0845 to reserve your tickets **TODAY!**

Adult Halloween Party  
Friday, October 25  
Cantina, 7:30 pm



Costume Party Prizes  
for Most Original,  
Scariest and Cutest  
Costume.

Music by "Scary" DJ Ron White

Children's Halloween Party  
Sunday, October 27  
11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chicken tenders and fries for the kids for lunch. Parade of **COSTUMES**. Bouncy House and games. Decorate your own cupcakes too!!!

Please call Cammy at 772-5831 for reservations.  
Please call, as we need to order the food.

## EXCITING NEWS . . . SIGN INSTALLATION SCHEDULED

Our new digital sign on the corner of Congress Street and Westland Avenue is scheduled to be installed by the end of October by Bailey Sign Company. Steve Corey, from Corey Electric is doing the electrical work and Mario Grimaldi, from Sam Grimaldi & Son, is doing the excavation work. Both Steve and Mario are Members of the IHC.

In our fundraising efforts, we are still \$8,000. short of funds. If you would like to make a personal donation towards this effort, it would be greatly appreciated. Your gift, no matter how large or small, will make a significant contribution towards the cost. You may mail your check to the IHC, c/o New Sign, 40 Westland Avenue, Portland, ME 04102 or drop into the Center and leave it with the Bookkeeper (Ed Porter) or Club Manager, (Kim McDonough). Remember to indicate that your donation is for the sign. Thank you for your consideration.

# October 2013

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		1 Bocce	2 Gin	3	4 Red Solo Cup Dance Party, 7 pm	5
6	7	8 Bocce	9 Gin	10	11 Kingpin in La Cantina	12 Carne Shoot
13	 Columbus Day Observed	15 Bocce	16 Gin	17 General Meeting, 5:30 pm	18 DJ Gloria Jean	19
20	21	22 Bocce	23 Gin Chorus Rehearsal	24	25 Member Halloween Party, Canti- na, DJ Ron	26 Trivia Contest
27 Kid's Halloween Party, 11:30 am	28	29 Bocce	30 Gin			

Quote for the Day: *A tavola, non s'invecchia*

*(at the table no one grows old)*

# Committee News

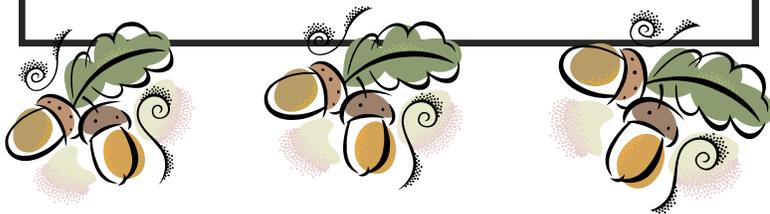
## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The IHC Scholarship Committee will be holding dual fundraisers on election day, **Tuesday, November 5**. We will be selling home made Italian pastries during the day. Simultaneously, we will be raffling off a Thanksgiving Platter and Basket filled with food, wine and Thanksgiving related items. Monies from these fundraisers will be used to help finance the 2014 IHC Scholarship.

We could use your help. Would you please bring a non-perishable food item or other Thanksgiving related item to the October 17, general meeting? With these items and Jay Scala's generous donation, we will create a fantastic Thanksgiving Platter and Basket to be raffled off on election day.

Any extra items donated by the membership will be given to the Charity Committee to help fill Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. This collaboration between the Scholarship and Charity Committees will be the first of many to help our members and the community.

If you would like to join the Scholarship Committee, contact Carl Paquette:



## CULTURE COMMITTEE CORNER

ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT  
November 2, 7:00 pm in the Cantina  
SISTER ITALY  
In **English** with no subtitles

A heartfelt, hilarious, culinary escapade that follows the fortunes of two Italian-American sisters Italia and Maria, who are rival cooks. They clash in an intriguing cooking competition for a place in the affections, and last will and testament, of their rich, eccentric, aged aunt. What ensues develops into a full blown Italian family feud. Sister Italy presents a titillating slice of contemporary Italian-American life always full of passion and conflict, vibrant humor, delightful insights and incomparable food.

The IHC has decided against pursuing the offer of the Sicilian Donkey Cart, however, the owner has invited anyone interested to visit and see it in her loft. The location is Arrowsic, Maine about 40 miles northeast of Portland. Anyone interested in taking a trip to see the cart after October 12, please call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292.

The first IHC Chorus rehearsal will be on Wednesday, October 23 at 5:30 pm. Peter Donatelli will be our conductor and our first performance will be at the Adult Christmas Party in December. We welcome any new IHC member who would like to sing with us.

**Twelve Years of 9-11 Memorial Concerts . . .** The IHCC Band joined the Alumni Band to perform the twelfth 9-11 Memorial Concert on Saturday, September 7 at First Parish Congregational Church, Saco. This has become an annual opportunity to remember the events of September 11 and to honor those who lost their lives. The surviving families and friends, and especially the first responders, have a place of honor at the concert each year. The Saco Food Bank benefits from the food goods collected at the concert each year.

**The Maine Historical Society Invites Band to Ceremony . . .** The Maine Historical Society invited the IHCC Band to perform at the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle between the HMS Boxer and the USS Enterprise off Pemaquid Point during the War of 1812. This commemorative event was held September 5 in Portland in conjunction with the Maine Military Historical Society.

**Rehearsals Begin for Winter Concerts . . .** rehearsals are each Wednesday night for the upcoming season.

### **"25th Anniversary History of the Italian Heritage Center Concert Band**

**1988 -2013"** is being documented by President Dick Capozza, founder, along with a team of Band members and friends. Those wishing to share memories of the Band can contact Dick at [rcapozza@maine.r.com](mailto:rcapozza@maine.r.com)

**Sign up to get Band News.** . . receive current news and Band events directly. <http://www.italianheritagecenterband.com>. Check this listing every month and watch the Band website for updated news about the Band. These performances are free and open to the general public.



Take

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Kim Toppi

1. **What is your perfect day?** Relaxing at home with some sports event on the television with a roaring fire in the fireplace.
2. **If you're not a Maine native, what brought you here?** I was born in Maine and lived on Munjoy Hill until I purchased my home in North Deering.
3. **What book are you currently reading?** Just finished Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult.
4. **Who is your favorite musician?** I'm not a big music buff, but like all things "oldies" - Supremes, Elvis, Beattles, and once upon a time my favorite musician was Barry Manillow.
5. **What if any causes do you support and why?** Mercy Hospital, McAuley Residence, and Gary's House—all programs of the Sisters of Mercy because I believe in their mission to help all regardless of their ability to pay.
6. **What person living or dead inspires you the most and why?** My father. He had a great work ethic and loyalty to his employer, something that doesn't happen today. I don't know if he ever called in sick during his 40 years at CMP.
7. **What is your favorite all time movie?** Dr. Zhivago
8. **What is your favorite place in Maine?** Pine Point— or any beach in Maine.
9. **What is your favorite Italian food?** Lasagna—love the cheese!
10. **If you could have any job (other than your current job) what would it be?** Always wanted to be a caterer and have my own event planning business.

**Take 10** is a new column that will feature a member of the IHC each month in order to learn a little about your fellow members. If you would like to be featured, please contact 329-0845.

# ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 5

If you missed the Craft Fair, here's another chance to buy delicious, homemade Italian Cookies and Pastries. Stop by the Center any-time after 9 am and check out what's for sale—don't wait all day, cookies will go fast. Hot coffee too!

How about a Ziti dinner with Meatballs to go —only \$8.00!!

After a long day of work and then stopping to vote, forget about cooking—you can get your dinner "to go" at the IHC.

Dinner available from 12 Noon to 7 pm. Tell your work place, your family and friends. Call ahead, 939-8570, and we'll have it ready!



## Summer Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our Summer Raffle winners that were announced at the Lobster Bake:

**\$500 John Marr**

**\$300 Dominic Oddi**

**\$200 Tom Noonan**

The raffle collected **\$3,780**. After expenses and payouts, **\$2,400** was designated towards the new digital sign.

## Looking for new Bocce Commish!

Rocco and Mary Toppi who have organized the annual Bocce tournament for many years are looking for one or two individuals to take over their role for the 2014 season. They will show you the ropes this year with the hopes that you will take over next year.

## 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 767-2440.

# Membership Activities

Have you ever wondered who serves on the various committees at the IHC. Would you like to join one of these committees? New members are always welcome—young or old, male or female—the more members we have involved in our various activities, the better we become. Contact the Committee Chair you might be interested in learning more about.

## **Charity Committee** **Dianne Procida, Chair**

Carl Paquette  
Kathy Paquette  
Tom Noonan  
Carol Noonan  
Tess Hakkila  
Marie Pardi  
Cammy Reali  
Mary Irace  
Barbara Pileggi  
Martha Milton  
Carol Ferrante  
Fran DiBiase

## **Cantina Renovations** **Kim Toppi, Chair**

Brenda Berry  
John Dascanio  
Ryan Hutchins  
Dave Rabideau  
John Rague

## **Activity Committee** **Cammy Reali, Chair**

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Vicki Dunn  
Carol Gerrity  
Ryan Hutchins  
Marie Pardi  
Barbara Pileggi  
Dianne Procida  
Maureen Sidelinger  
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Francina Chapman  
Kathy Paquette  
Carl Paquette  
Martha Milton

## **Cultural Committee** **Jim DiBiase, Chair**

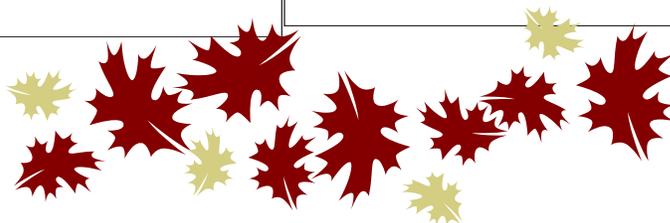
Francesca DiBiase  
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Rocco Ferrante  
Domenica Cipollone  
Barbara Pileggi  
Marie Pardi  
Richard Alfonso  
Victoria Saniuk

## **Scholarship Committee** **Carl Paquette, Chair**

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Barbara Pileggi  
Maureen Sidelinger  
Nikki Cox  
Cammy Reali  
Tess Hakkila  
Martha Milton  
Diane Caminiti  
Kathy Paquette

## **Marketing Committee** **Darlene Smith, Chair**

Kim McDonough  
Kim Toppi  
Vicki Dunn  
Cammy Reali  
Danny DiBiase



## **Charity Committee – STAY TUNED...**

The Charity Committee has some wonderful fundraising events planned for the next several months. Many of these items will make wonderful holiday gifts or you can simply buy a treat for yourself.

**Canvas Tote Bags and a colorful range of pigment dyed Baseball Caps . . .** We will have a “sneak-preview” at the October Member Meeting and items will be available for purchase. These two items will feature the new IHC Logo.

**Red & Green Aprons for sale with the Logo of Italy . . .** Children’s Aprons are also available.

**FLAT SCREEN HD TV Raffle at the Christmas Fair, November 2. . .** Tickets will go on sale early October and the winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the Fair. The winner does not have to be present to win.

**Our Newest Fundraiser will take place in the spring on Saturday, March 14 . .** We will host an **INDOOR YARD SALE** with proceeds from going to our Charity Fund. “Drop Off” for the “Gently Used” items will be **March 13 ONLY**. Due to the high cost of recycling Electronic Items, we will not accept old computers, monitors, TV’s, etc. Please start setting your donations aside and we will have more information on this event as time draws near.

**Last but not least, the Holidays are right around the corner . .** We will assemble Thanksgiving Food Baskets for those in need. As always the IHC Charity Committee would like to take care of “its own” before we go outside the Center. However, we are not always made aware of those family and friends of our members until it is often too late. If you know of anyone in need of a Food Basket, please contact me or anyone of our Charity Committee Members and information will be kept confidential. Food Donations and financial assistance for the Baskets will be collected after Election Day, November 5.

# In Memory of our Deceased Members

Joseph A. Aliberti, Sr.  
 Peter & Linda Anania  
 Richard L. Bailey  
 Rose V. and Louis D. Bennett  
 Joseph Caminiti Jr.  
 Michael Caminiti  
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 Francesco & Anna Teresa Capozza  
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 Mary and Thomas Paolino

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 Frankie Pileggi  
 Michelena Pileggi  
 Rose Pileggi  
 John and Marty Pizzo  
 Alphonse & Margaret Pizzo  
 Al and Frances Pizzo  
 Armando & Isabel Profenno Polito  
 Donato & Angela Polito Profenno  
 Santo (Sam) Profenno  
 Arduino & Celeste Reali  
 Theresa (Suzie) Ricci  
 Anthony A. Sesto  
 Patricia & Rocco Toppi, Jr.  
 Settimo Trivellin

## In Appreciation to our Lifetime Members

Joan B. Bartlett  
 Paul & Mary Connolly  
 Marilyn DiBiase  
 Guy & Anna Marie Ciccarelli  
 Madalyn J. Daniels

Lucy Ferrante  
 Madeline Fornisano  
 Louis Germani  
 Teresa Lefebvre  
 Beth & Fred Leone  
 Guy Martini

Elma Marzilli  
 Maria Marzilli  
 Eleanor Caprio Smal

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 **Barbara Pileggi at 797-5473 or [bpileggi@maine.rr.com](mailto:bpileggi@maine.rr.com)**. Cost is \$5 per listing for the year.



General Meeting Photos  
*Top (l-r):* New members receive their key cards: Ginny and George Clarke and Linda Casey.

Jay Scala won the 50/50.

Bottom (l-r): New members Veronica Webb and Faye Bolduc.



Chris Grassi won the Quorum.

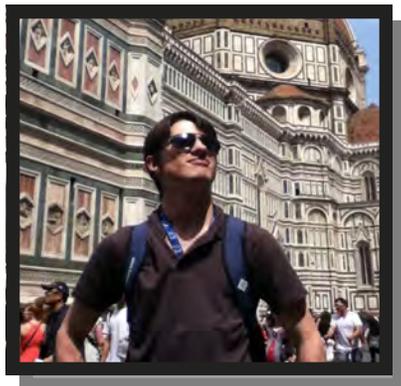
# Pictures Say a 1,000 Words



**A wicked good time was had by all at the NFL Tailgate Party above and the Lobster Bake below!**



51 members and guests attended the St Anthony's Festival in Boston this summer. Above: kids playing in the street while Rocco and Gina Ferrante watch the fun.



**Marie Pardi's grandson, Justin Gagnon** on his trip to Italy in June. He was selected along with a other Scarborough High School students to make this trip. He has been very interested in other languages and he took Italian lessons last year with Asunta Savage. Thanks to the classes offered at the IHC he was able to expand his knowledge of the language and communicate with the people of the country.



Cammy and Frank Reali celebrated their 42nd Anniversary on October 7.

**ACCOUNTANTS**

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 Certified Public Accountant  
 The River's Edge, 23 Bridgton Road, Westbrook

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