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Message from Frank Reali, President



I am pleased to announce our Nominating Committee for the upcoming election that will take place on Thursday, May 15. I, as President, picked Jim DiBiase as Chairman of the committee. Cultural Chair picked Vincent Fierro, Activity Director picked Barbara Pileggi, and from the floor, the members picked Donna Rague and Carl Paquette. Thank you all for agreeing to serve on the Nominating Committee for this election.

If anyone is interested in running for a Primary Officer or Director, please get in touch with Jim DiBiase (767-2292) as soon as possible, as the Nominating Committee will schedule you for an interview sometime in February or March.

Friday, January 17, "The 7 Fish Dinner" was a huge success. I want to thank Jim DiBiase, Cultural Chair and Marianne Dalfonso Reali, chef, and all their volunteers for making this a "**SPECIAL NIGHT**". Rave reviews about the feast, most being that the people who usually cook the Christmas Eve meal got to sit and enjoy the great food and asked if we could make this an annual affair.

The AFC Divisional Playoff game with the Patriots and Broncos was watched on the Big Screen in the Cantina by 50+ people on Sunday, January 19. Thank you to Cammy Reali and Bob Lax along with their volunteers for spreading the word in a three day period. Great food, great people and a great time.

I would like to thank our members for their continued support.

Message from Kim McDonough, General Manager

Hoping the cold winter passes fast. The first three months of the year are always slower on the function end, but not on the sales end. It is a busy time for detailing and booking summer and fall events, and 2015 Wedding Receptions. It is never too early to book a date, especially for Wedding Receptions. A year, even 18 months goes faster than realized; in addition to the task of coordinating vendors and ceremony sites. In the past year, it has become more common for us to host the ceremony followed by the wedding reception. It is convenient and cost effective to do everything at one venue, and we offer a rain option. If an outdoor ceremony is planned and gets rained out, we are here and can be ready quickly. We truly have a fantastic facility here, and it is so appreciated when our members and their guests use us for events, and recommend us.

On a side note, I really hope Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow this February. He's got to get it right this year so we can all warm up!

February 20
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 February 17. This is a members only dinner and meeting. You will need your key card when paying for your meal.

Officers & Board of Directors

Officers:

Frank Reali	President	772-5831
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Committee Chairpersons

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Activities	Carmela Reali	Health & Welfare	Mary Keaney
Charity	Dianne Procida	Sergeant of Arms	Robert Doyle

Membership News

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

Regular members

	Italian Name	Sponsor
Carol Coffin		Nikki Cox
Victor and Renee Serio	Serio/DeStefaro	Carl Paquette
Dennis and Michaelene DiDonato	DiDonato	Anthony Napolitano
Salvatore and Barbara Bonetti	Bonetti/Minervino	Cammy Reali

Associate members

Susan Smythe	Kimberly Toppi
Jo-Ann Kayatta	Cammy Reali
Dennis Mclaughlin	Nikki Cox

Membership News

The Membership Committee will be presenting their Annual Membership Report at the March General Members Meeting.

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.

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

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.

Beatles Tribute Concert



Saturday, April 12, \$20 per person
7:30—11:30 pm

“Beatles Tribute Concert” and Dance with "THE GUV'NORS"

Beatles trivia, singing and dancing, light snacks
Get your tickets now, sure to be a sell out!!!
Call Cammy for tickets 939-8570

MARSHAL MANLOVE - HYPNOTIST

Come witness the amazing powers of the human mind in a hysterical demonstration with stage hypnotist Marshal Manlove. Volunteers are taken on a fantastic journey through their minds in an event that we will not soon forget.

Everyone's Invited over 21

Saturday, March 8
\$15.00 a person

Door open at 6:15 p.m.

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

Call Cammy for tickets 939 8570 or you can get them in the Cantina



LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment

February 7	Dan DiBiase
February 14	Dan DiBiase
February 21	Mike Clough
February 28	Gloria Jean
March 7	Dan DiBiase
March 14	Steve Clancy

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

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2– Wedding Showcase
- March 8—Hypnotist
- March 15—Indoor Yard Sale
- April 12—Guv 'Nors Beatles Tribute Band & Dance
- April 19—Easter Egg Hunt

Old Black & White Photos Needed for Cantina

The Cantina Committee would like to reproduce old black and whites of Portland's "Little Italy" neighborhood and old photos of the Italian Heritage Center to hang in the Cantina.

If you have any photos you'd like to share, please call Dave Rabideau (207) 205-2162 . Once we scan and reproduce them, you will get them back.

2013 Volunteer of the Year

This program recognizes members for their IHC volunteer activities. The award selection is based on a member's volunteer activities in the previous calendar year. Board members are **not** eligible for this award. For a member to be considered for this award another member must submit a nomination form. **Nomination forms must be submitted by March 1.**

A selection committee comprised of the Vice President, Activities Director and a Board member selected by the President will select three finalists from the submitted nominees. The Vice President will chair the selection committee.

The names of all nominees, a photo and brief bio of each finalist will be in the April newsletter and in a flier handed out at the anniversary dinner/dance. The three finalists and their spouses will be given free tickets to the anniversary dinner/dance. Finalists **must commit to attending** the anniversary dinner/show before their selection is finalized.

The winner will be determined by member voting on the day of the anniversary dinner/show and will be announced at the dinner. Voting will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Each finalist will receive a plaque and the winner will have their name engraved on the "**Volunteer of the Year**" plaque that will hang in the IHC lobby.

Any questions regarding this award please contact Vicki Dunn, 774-5003 or vdunn@maine.rr.com

An easier, faster way to submit a volunteer of the Year Nomination Award is to go to the IHC website and fill out the electronic form and submit online.



"Carne" Shoot In the Cantina!

Saturday, February 15 and March 15

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, February 22

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!



February 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Italian Movie Night
2	3	4 Bocce	5	6	7 DJ Dan DiBiase	8
9	10	11 Bocce	12	13	 14 DJ Dan DiBiase	15 Carne Shoot
16	17	18 Bocce	19	20 General Meeting	21 DJ Mike Clough	22 Trivia
23	24	25 Bocce	26	27	28 DJ Gloria Jean	

March 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		Volunteer of the Year Nominations Due March 1				1 Italian Movie Night
2 Wedding Showcase 12—3 pm	3	4 Bocce		6	7 DJ Dan DiBiase	8 Hypnotist Marshal Manlove
9 Italian Art Lecture, 2 pm Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11 Bocce	12	13	14 Yard Sale DROP OFF DJ Steve Clancy	15 IHC Yard Sale Carne Shoot

Committee News

Officers and Director Positions To Be Filled – Nomination Committee Formed

A Nominating Committee has been formed to recommend candidates for five Officer positions and two Director positions. Committee Members consist of:

Nominating Committee	Email Address	Telephone No.
Barbara Pileggi	Bpileggi@maine.rr.com	797-5473
Donna Rague	DORAGE@Yahoo.com	774-8720
Vinnie Fierro	vinfi@aol.com	839-6782
Carl Paquette	crpaquette@maine.rr.com	956-3588
Jim DiBiase – Committee Chair	jdibias@maine.rr.com	767-2292

The seven positions to be voted on by the membership in May are:

Position	Length of Term	Incumbent	***Eligible to Run	Stipend
President	2 years	Frank Reali	Yes	No
Vice President	2 years	Vincenza Dunn	Yes	No
Treasurer	2 years	Ron Taliento	Yes	No
Recording Secretary	2 years	Kim Toppi	Yes	Yes -\$500/yr
Membership Secretary	2 years	Nicola Cox	No	Yes-\$750/yr
Activities Director	3 years	Carmela Reali	No	No
One Board Director	3 years	Bob Lax	No	No

These positions require that each candidate be a regular member, in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to nomination, and intends to carry out the duties and responsibilities required by the office or position.

The duties of each position are fully described in the Italian Heritage Center By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. Prospective candidates may find out additional information on each position by contacting any member of the Nominating Committee, the incumbent, or President Frank Reali.

The Nominating Committee will present their selection at the April Meeting. At that time, IHC President Frank Reali will open the meeting to nominations from the floor. Voting will take place in May and Installation will take place in June.

The Nominating Committee will schedule interviews for each position during February and March. Please contact a committee member or call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or 831-4191 to schedule an interview.

***** This column indicates the incumbents eligibility to run. However, their eligibility is not an indication that they will run for the same position.**

Membership Activities

ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

February 1, 7:00 pm, Cantina
“*Detective Montalbano*”

Based on the International Best-Selling Mysteries by Andrea Camilleri, Luca Zingaretti stars as Detective Montalbano in Episode 1, “The Snack Thief”. An elderly import-export merchant is found murdered and a young woman who may have been mixed up with him disappears the same day. With terrorist involvement suspected, can detective Montalbano tie it all together?

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles. Very brief, tasteful nudity and a little salty Italian language.



MARCH ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

March 1, 7:00 pm, Cantina
“*Benvenuti al Sud (Welcome to the South)*”

A Postmaster in bassa Brianza bungles his attempt to get transferred to a more remunerative and respectable position in Milan by posing as a disabled person. His punishment is worse than being fired; he gets transferred for two years to a small backwards town in the South where he believes crime is rife. His wife refuses to join him and he arrives wearing a bullet-proof vest. This movie is not out for rental yet either in Italy or the US. WE will be the USA premier.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles and is suitable for all audiences. Join us for snacks and a contemporary Italian film.

History of Italian Renaissance Art (Rescheduled)

March 9, 2:00 pm, DaVinci Room

Free Admission, Refreshments

A multimedia event presented by UMO Professor Michael Grillo. Enjoy an afternoon steeped in the Italian Culture of the Renaissance when Italy produced such geniuses as Michaelangelo and DaVinci



Save the Date

Easter Egg Hunt for Kids

Saturday, April 19

More details

coming soon



This year the Band begins to celebrate 25 wonderful years of making music together as a community band. Several of the original members are still active, and have been joined over the years by local musicians of varying ages and experience. Special events will mark this year and we hope to see our Italian Heritage Center friends often.

Planned Spring Concerts

Thursday, March 13 – Music in our Schools concert in Saco

Saturday, April 26 – Spring concert at Maine State Ballet in Falmouth with the IHC Choral Chorus

Wednesday, May 21- Music in our Schools Concert in Falmouth

Sign up to get Band News : receive current news and Band events directly at
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. We hope to see our IHC friends there!

Membership Activities

Wedding Showcase

Sunday, March 2

FREE ADMISSION!!

The Italian Heritage Center is pleased to announce its second annual Wedding Showcase scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2014, 12 noon to 3 pm. The IHC is not just one of Maine's best venues. It is one of Maine's best values, and we're open to anyone planning a celebration of their love in 2014/15.

Confirmed Exhibitors: David's Bridal, European Bakery, Double Take Photography, Jessica Candage Hair & Make-up, Gelato Fiasco, The Music Man DJ Service, Annemaries' Italian Cookies, AAA, Port City Photo Booth, VIP Tours and Charter, Mary Irace Floral Design, Jim Ciampi Band, Stewart Smith Photography, Double Platinum DJ, Delta Knights Band, Origami Owl Jewelry and It Works Spa. More exhibitors are signing up daily.

There are several booth options available and will be limited to 35 booths. Registration forms with easy PayPal payment are available on the IHC website at www.Italianheritagecenter.com. The IHC will treat couples and their guests to complimentary appetizers and beverages throughout the show. Bring your neighbors, friends, newly engaged daughter or son, and future in laws !! For more information please call Darlene Smith at 286-6466.



IHC INDOOR YARDSALE

Donation Drop-Off Date: Friday, March 14, Columbus Room

Donation Drop off Time: 10 am – 6 pm

Help will be provided bringing items into Hall

Yard Sale – Saturday, March 15, 9 am to 1 pm

NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE

All items must be gently used.

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In Appreciation to our Lifetime Members

Joan B. Bartlett	Lucy Ferrante	Elma Marzilli
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Madalyn J. Daniels	Guy Martini	
Rudy DiPietro		

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**. Cost is \$5 per listing for the year.

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

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. Articles are due the Thursday following the General Meeting.

Pictures Say a 1,000 Words



President Reali welcomed New Members in January: (l-r) Remo DiMillo, Bill and Dawn DiDonato, Pauline Murphy, Debra McNally and Robert Howard. Jean Lyford won the 50/50 and Carl Paquette won the Quorum at the January General Meeting.



Pictured above: guests at the January 17, 7 Fish Italian Dinner
Picture left: Wednesday morning Scat players in La Cantina
Below: guests and chefs at the January 18, Patriots Party



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