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To:

President's Message

General Manager's Message



A new season of Bocce has started. It is my understand that a larger than normal amount of members have joined this year. Many are new faces and everyone is excited!

Thank you Mike and Donna Hutchins for taking over this year.

Gin also has started. Thank you, Brenda Berry for heading up Gin and offering practice sessions.

The 1st Theme night (Friday, September 19) in La Cantina (MOTOWN) was great. A lot of new faces, lots of dancing and lots of excitement. I want to thank Kim Toppi and her committee for this new idea and we all look forward to what's next! Food was also served and thanks to Donna Rague and Adele Harnois for volunteering.

I want to remind people that we have a Federal tax exempt status as a 501(C)(3). When writing out a check for a donation, make it out to the **ITALIAN HERITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST FUND**. In the MEMO part of your check, specify to either **SCHOLARSHIP** or **CHARITY**.

Frank Reali, President

Saturday, September 19, 2014
A letter to my staff....

I left here last night amongst the bustle of a wedding going on, another wedding rehearsing, and a very busy lounge. It was a long day and it has been a long week. In the midst of us hosting 325 people yesterday, the boiler was discreetly getting replaced behind the scenes. My first clue Thursday night there was a bit of a crisis happening was when I observed Megan in the back of the room trying to catch my eye as I sat in the General Meeting. Sure enough, you all reacted, mopped and communicated via texting me pictures of the boiler gushing gallons of water and nervous pacing. Today, when I walked in, I looked into the Ballroom and it had been magically transformed from the night before, or so it would seem. The room looked perfect; chair covers and bows, mopped floors, clean rugs and the room was ready for today's Wedding. I looked at your time cards and saw you left at 2:00 am. Many of you had been here all day. Of course, this is not unusual, and you are here again now. You come in early, you stay late, you sacrifice plans when I need you. There are days I feel broken, then you all make me laugh so hard I cry, (Melissa!), and I am revived by the revelation of how grateful I am for everything, for all of you and what a great team we have! I could never do my job without all of you. We are successful as a business because of you. A genuine thanks to the most amazing, dedicated, loyal and caring group of people I have ever worked with, and I have been doing this a really long time...haven't we Chef?

Kim McDonough, General Manager

October 16, 2014, 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 13. This is a members only dinner and meeting. You will need your key card when paying for your meal.

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Membership News

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

Regular Members

Fiorello Ventresco

Italian Name

Ventresco

Sponsor

Carmela Reali

Associate Members

Karen Emerson
Cecil and Diane Shimko-Curtis
Florence Berube

Kim Toppi
Felicia Miller
Carmela Reali

Notes from the Membership Secretary

If you have any correspondence regarding membership, please send to:

membership@italianheritagecenter.com

Or feel free to call me at 939-8570. If you are not receiving your newsletter via email and you would like to, please send me a message to above address or call. You will receive our news much faster via email.

Cammy Reali

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 email president@italianheritagecenter.com

Articles or Photos for Newsletter . . .

If you would like to submit an article or a photo for the newsletter, please forward to ktoppi@maine.rr.com. Articles are due the 15th of the month.

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.



2015 IHC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Yes, kids are back in school. It's not too soon for seniors and college students to start thinking about ways to finance their next year in college. This year, the IHC will sponsor FOUR scholarships for deserving students: the IHC, the Dominic and Linda Reali, the DiBiase Family and the Irace Family Scholarships.

IHC Scholarship: For the last two years, the IHC Scholarship has been funded through fundraisers and has not dipped into the general fund to pay for the scholarship. This year will be no exception. The Scholarship Committee has raised the money to fund part of a scholarship and will work tirelessly this year to assure that we can once again award the scholarship without funds from the Center. The first fundraiser will be a **Thanksgiving Basket Raffle** which will be held at the IHC Fair on November 1. Would you please help us by bringing a Thanksgiving related article or non-perishable food item to the October General Meeting?

Dominic and Linda Reali Scholarship: For many, many years, Dominic and Linda Reali have generously donated \$1,500 to fund a scholarship. This year will be no exception. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity.

The DiBiase Family Scholarship: Last year saw the first DiBiase Family Scholarship awarded to the dependent of an IHC member. After the deaths of John DiBiase and his son-in-law, Scott Decker, the family wanted to remember them with a memorial scholarship. So much money was donated that the family will once again award a scholarship in their memory.

The Irace Family Scholarship: Last November, John Irace passed away. John was a founding member of the Portland Chapter of the Son's of Italy which later became the Italian Heritage Center. His family wanted to honor him by establishing a scholarship in his memory. They have donated \$1,500 to the IHC Charitable Trust assuring that the first Irace Family Scholarship will be awarded next June.

We are truly fortunate to be able to offer these scholarships. The IHC Scholarship Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 pm in the library. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Carl Paquette at crpaquette@maine.rr.com.

Accepting Donations for Thanksgiving Baskets

Non-perishable items are being accepted during the month of October to fill many Thanksgiving baskets. One basket will be raffled on November 1 to support the Scholarship Committee. Other baskets will be filled in November to help many families in our community who may need extra help during the holiday season. Items may be brought to the October General Meeting or dropped off at the Center anytime during October. Please leave your name with your donation in either the Manager's Office, the Cantina, or the Bookkeeper's Office. Your continued generosity and support is truly appreciated!!!



Suggested items: *can fruit/vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, pie crust mix, pudding, soup, crackers, pasta, tomato sauce, pumpkin pie filling, rice—any non-perishable items will be accepted.*

LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment

October 3—no DJ
October 10—Disco Night
with John Babin
October 17—DJ Don
October 24—Mike Clough
October 31—Gloria Jean

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

2014/2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3	Red Solo Cup Party/Dance
October 10	Disco Night in La Cantina
October 26	Kid's Halloween Party, 2-4 pm
November 1	Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale
November 4	Election Day Pasta Sale
November 7	King Pin in La Cantina
November 8	Day trip to New York City
November 9	A History of Baroque Roman Art
November 21	Turkey Shoot
December 20	Breakfast with Santa
December 11	Chorus + Cocktail Party
December 31	New Year's Eve with King Pin
January 16	7 Fish Dinner
February 13	TBD
February 28	Red Claws Night
March 7	Indoor Yard Sale

2014 Movie Night, Carne, Trivia La Cantina

October 4 Movie Night
October 11 Carne
October 10 Disco Night (CHANGE OF DATE)
October 25 Trivia

November 1 Movie Night
November 8 Carne
November 22 Trivia

December 6 Movie Night
December 13 Carne
December 27 Trivia

Disco Night in La Cantina – October 10

After a very successful Motown night in September, we are turning to Disco. Bring your dance partners and friends and relive this era:

Friday, October 10, in La Cantina!!

November 7, King Pin will play. One band you won't want to miss.

La Cantina will have a variety of appetizers for sale for you and your guests to enjoy, at reasonable prices from 6:30—8:30 pm.



“Carne” Shoot In the Cantina!

Saturday, October 11

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!

October 25, 7 pm

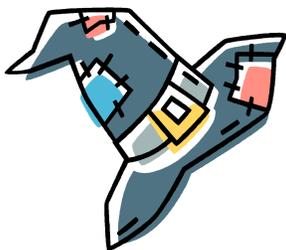
\$5 per person entry fee

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



Ghosts and Goblins Welcome!!

IHC Kid's Halloween Party (2-10 year olds)

Sunday, October 26, 2—4 pm

Snacks and Drinks will be served

Games, Trick O' Treating, Crafts, Costume Parade



Please call 329-0845 or 878-9478 and let us know how many ghosts and goblins you will be bringing!

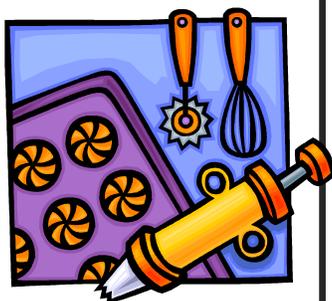
TIME TO BAKE THE COOKIES . . .

Christmas Craft & Bakery Sale is almost here. But before we actually bake, we need the ingredients. If you would like to donate any of the supplies, please DELIVER TO THE IHC BY OCTOBER 21, any of the following:

Flour
Maraschino Cherries
Coconut
Sugar
Peanut Butter
Anise Oil
Chocolate Chips
Confectionary Sugar
Grape Jam
Colored Sprinkles

Please tell Kim, Steve or Ann that you are leaving ingredients for the cookies. THANK YOU!!

If you would like to help BAKE the cookies, call Kim (329-0845) or Rocco (239-7510) for the schedule.



SAVE THE DATE

Fiera di Natale

Saturday, November 1

9 am—4 pm

- * *Homemade Italian Pastries*
- * *Over 50 Craft Vendors*
- * *Italian Lunch*
- * *Raffles*

If you would like to volunteer at the Fair, please call Kim at 329-0845 or 878-9478.

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Gin Tournament Chorus Practice	2	3 Red Solo Cup Dance	4 Italian Movie Night
5	6	7 Bocce	8 Gin Tournament Chorus Practice	9	10 Disco Night in La Cantina w/ DJ John NBabin	11 Carne Shoot
12	13 Columbus Day 	14 Bocce	15 Gin Tournament Chorus Practice	16 General Meeting, 5:30 pm	17 DJ Don	18
19	20	21 Bocce	22 Gin Tournament Chorus Practice	23	24 DJ Mike Clough	25 Trivia Night
26 Kid's Halloween Party 2-4 pm	27 Cookie Making Begins	28 Bocce	29 Gin Tournament Chorus Practice	30	31 Craft Fair Set Up DJ Gloria Jean 	

Member Activities

“Red Solo Cup” Dance Party

Friday, October 3, 7 pm, \$20 per person

- ◆ Western Attire
- ◆ Mechanical Bull
- ◆ DJ Jeff Rockwell
- ◆ Line Dancing
- ◆ Corn Hole
- ◆ Red Jello Shots
- ◆ Red Neck Games
- ◆ Light Food

Tickets must be reserved in advance. Call today to reserve your table of 8 or 10.

All other tickets—general seating.

Call 329-0845 or 878-9478 today!



CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY, OCTOBER 13

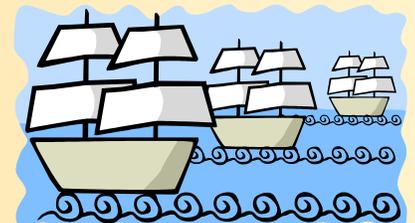
Celebrated on the second Monday in October, Columbus Day marks the day in 1492 when Christopher Columbus set foot in the New World. Today, parades and parties in many cities and towns commemorate the holiday across the United States as well as Latin America and Europe. Although it began as a celebration of the accomplishments of one man, Columbus Day has come to mean many things to many people. Italian Americans celebrate the history of their culture, Latin Americans celebrate their ancestors and Native Americans celebrate their people’s resistance to invaders. The history of Columbus’ voyages and what has happened in the places he claimed for Spain has led to both celebration and protest in many parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus Sets Sail

The roots of Columbus Day actually began on August 3, 1492. On this day, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain trying to find a new route to Asia and India. Backed by Queen Isabelle of Spain, he sailed on a ship named the Santa Maria, accompanied by the Nina and the Pinta. Contrary to popular belief, most educated people at the time believed that the world was round, but Columbus and his crew greatly underestimated the size of the earth.

Ten weeks after they set sail, one of the sailors spotted land on October 12, 1492. The next morning, Columbus and 90 of his crew landed on the Bahamian island of Guanahani. Expecting to find that he was in India, he called the islanders “Indians” and christened the land San Salvador, claiming it for Spain. Because he believed that the globe was much smaller than it actually was, when he next landed in Cuba, he believed that he was in Japan.

Despite his miscalculations, his impact on the culture was so great that the period before 1492 is described as pre-Columbian.



Membership News

**Take
10**



Julie Brown

- 1. Where is your favorite Maine spot?** My favorite spot is our new "old" place on Little Sebago Lake.
- 2. Where is your favorite vacation spot?** This is tough as I love to travel. My favorite vacation would be Europe. I was in France last summer on a tour with my parents and am mentally planning the next time.....
- 3. If you not a Maine native, what brought you here?** Although I was born in Massachusetts, I have spent most of my life in Maine so I consider myself a "Mainer".
- 4. What book are you currently reading?** I am reading "The New Rules of Marriage". It is an interesting look at the evolution of marriage/partnership. I have been married for 35 years and believe there is always a bit of room for improvement.
- 5. What person, dead or alive, has inspired you the most?** The person who inspires me the most is my yoga teacher, Nichole Tracy of Sun Salutations Yoga & Wellness Center. She speaks volumes through her actions and has a great deal of integrity. That makes me want to be a better person.
- 6. Who is your favorite musician?** My favorite musician is Rod Stewart. I have always enjoyed the "story" in his songs. One of my fondest memories is a Christmas gift from my kids and husband of a collection of his music.
- 7. What is your favorite movie?** Hanover Street with Lesley-Anne Down and Harrison Ford set in England during WWII. Lost count of how many times I've seen it.
- 8. Were you or your parent(s) or grandparent(s) born in Italy? Where?** My maternal grandfather was born in Cesuna, Italy and moved to the U.S. when he was 5. He came through Ellis Island and as a birthday gift one year we had his name placed on the memorial wall.
- 9. What is/was your occupation?** I have trained as a medical assistant, EMT, massage therapist. Now I have a small private practice and help my husband with his construction business and enjoy being a "Nana".
- 10. Why did you join the IHC?** My grandparents were members when I was growing up and I saw how much joy they got by being involved in the Italian community. I want that as well. I would love to continue the legacy for our 2 children and 4 grandchildren who have been able to take part in the IHC events.

SPECIAL THANKS

The members of the Italian Heritage Center would like to commend Ann for all her contributions to the Center. We would like her to know that the endless hours she spends in the kitchen doesn't go unrecognized! Thank you for the outstanding meals you prepare, especially your clam chowder.

If you would like to be the next Take 10 feature, contact Kim Toppi at ktoppi@maine.rr.com or call 329-0845.

Committee News



9/11 Memorial Concert Report

The 9/11 concert was the best ever with 90 musicians performing with 2 conductors. The Saco Food Pantry received \$504 and 700 pounds of food.

Spooktacular Concert on November 1—the

IHCCBand will perform a “Spooktacular” public concert at the Maine State Ballet venue in Falmouth. IHC members who show their

card will be admitted for \$7. General public \$10; \$7 seniors; full-time students and children - free.

Individuals and Businesses who would like to join other sponsors of the concert can contact Domenica Cipollone for information - domenica@maine.rr.com

KEEPING UP WITH THE CULTURE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

October 4, 7:00 pm in the Cantina
“Il Postino”

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of its release, we'll be presenting the winner of Best Foreign Film and Best Original Dramatic Score for 1994, “Il Postino (The Postman)”. The plot is simple and romantic, a Mediterranean fisherman's son slowly gains the confidence of the exiled Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who helps him woo a local barmaid.

NOVEMBER MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, November 1, 7:00 pm
“The Sicilian Girl”

This movie recounts the true crime story of Mafia daughter Rita Atria who took her own life into her hands to break the code of silence and testify against “the Family” in 1991. However she finds the side of Italian Law and Order to be a dark and lonely place which puts her convictions to the test-and her own life on the line.

Movies are in Italian with English subtitles. Join us for complimentary snacks and an entertaining evening filled with plenty of laughs.

Donations accepted to help defray costs.

A History of Baroque Roman Art

Sunday, November 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 Baroque Period, a period of artistic style that used exaggerated motion and clear, easily interpreted detail to produce drama, tension, exuberance, and grandeur in sculpture, painting and architecture.

IHC CHORUS

Rehearsals for the IHC Chorus Christmas have begun and will be every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, in the IHC Library and will continue up until the Concert. The Concert is scheduled for Thursday evening, December 11 in conjunction with the IHC Adult Christmas Cocktail Party. We welcome and encourage new choristers to join the Chorus. All those interested call Jim DiBiase (jdibias@maine.rr.com).



IHC MEMBER ART SHOW

Calling all members who are interested in exhibiting your artistic talents in a members only show. Subject matter may be of the artist's choosing. Call Jim DiBiase 767-2292 (jdibias@maine.rr.com) or Victoria Saniuk at 267-994-6961 if interested.



In Memory of our Deceased Members

Joseph A. Aliberti, Sr.	John DiBiase	James P. McCarthy
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In Appreciation to our Lifetime Members

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Madeline Fornisano	John & Betty Paris	
Louis D. Germani		

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 name for the year.

Pictures Say a 1,000 Words



Left: President Reali welcomes New Members: Frank Reichert, Daneen Ciprano and Carl Ann Greenlaw. Above: Dominic Reali won the Quorum and Martha Milton won the 50/50. Both donated their winnings to the Charity Committee. Thank you!



**Motown Night in la Cantina—
a good time was had by all.**



L): Members and guests travel to Boston to spend the day shopping and enjoying the festivities at St. Anthony's Day!

R): Nico Anthony Toppi born August 21, grandson of Rocco and Mary Toppi.



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