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To:

President Frank Reali's Message



I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and I hope you are off to a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Members Holiday Party on December 11, was a huge success. It was nice to see our members enjoying themselves.

The IHC Chorus held their 2nd Annual Christmas Concert on December 17. It was nice to hear the Carols in Italian and English. Many thanks to Peter Donatelli for his dedication to the Chorus, and to Assunta Savage for translating the words of the songs to sound properly.

The Children's Breakfast with Santa was wonderful. Dennis Labbe, the Magician was great, as usual making the kids laugh and have fun. Elf Barbara Pelligi and Santa Rocco Toppi did a great job entertaining the kids. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping with this event.

The Christmas Giving Tree, led by Dianne Procida and her committee, made many many children and family members very happy this Christmas. Gifts were given to local families at Presumpscot School. Thank you to our generous members of the IHC for taking time to go purchase gifts to brighten someone else's Christmas. You all deserve a round of applause.

We are in the process of establishing a nominating committee for the May 2015 Election. The Committee will consist of five members; one appointed by the President, one by the Activity Director, and one by the Cultural Chair.

Two members need to be nominated from the floor. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please attend the January 15, 2015 meeting and have someone nominate you.

I would like to thank all the members for their continued support.

General Manager's Message

December and its hustle and bustle is finally over! We had very happy holidays and are looking forward to a New Year! This January is busy, a welcome change from the typical level of business. We have new clients hosting post holiday parties as well as regular customers holding events. As long as the weather cooperates, beginning Saturday, January 10, 2015, the lounge will reopen with a new wine list. We are adding half bottles in new varieties and unfinished bottles may be corked and taken home, per the Maine State Liquor Law. Of course, all the current selections members enjoy will continue to be available. Thanks to all of you for another great year; all the kind things the members do for the staff and myself is very appreciated.

Kimberly McDonough

January 15, 2015, 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 January 12. 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 January General Meeting:

Regular Members

William F. Lucatuorto
Melissa Martin
Walter Pelkey
Holly Pelkey
Maria Testa
Paul Brunetti

Italian Name

Lucatuorto
Lucatuorto

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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

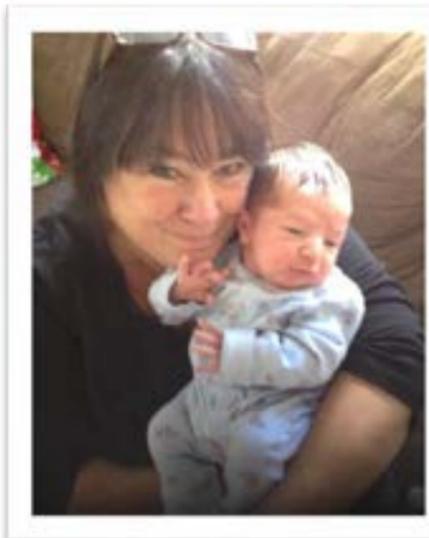
Contact the President . . . As a member, if you would like to contact President Frank Reali, he may be reached by calling 772-5831 or 318-9567. You may also email president@italianheritagecenter.com

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.

Coming in February—1st Thursday Happy Hour in La Cantina

We often hear how nice it would be to drop by the Center after work with co-workers for a drink and a few snacks before going home. We've listened and beginning **Thursday, February 5**, we will have 1st Thursday Happy Hour—one drink special for the night and complimentary appetizers from 4—7 pm, the first Thursday of each month. Bring your co-workers and show off your club!!



Nano and Grammy Reali welcome new grandson Matteo—what a wonderful Christmas present!!



President Reali welcomed new members (l-r) Todd DiFede and Robert McCormack at the December General Meeting.

LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment

CANTINA CLOSED JANUARY
1—9

January 16 Jeff Rockwell
January 23 John Babin
January 30 Mike Clough

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

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16	Revisiting Christmas Eve Dinner
January 30	Member Art Show
January 31	Sing-A-Long with Peter Donatelli
January 23	"Elvis" Theme Night in Cantina
February 5	Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7 pm
February 13	Mardi Gras Italian Style + Master Mask Maker Presentation/Dinner
February 27	"Country" Theme Night in Cantina
March 1	Wedding & Events Showcase
March 5	Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7 pm
March 7	Indoor Yard Sale
March 14	An Evening of Easy Listening "Live Music" with John Rague + Brad Harnois (La Cantina)
March 27	Wine Tasting
April 2	Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7 pm
May 2	Kentucky Derby Party

2015 Movie Night, Carne, Trivia in La Cantina

CANTINA CLOSED January 1—9

January 17	Carne
January 24	Trivia
February 7	Movie Night
February 21	Carne
February 28	Trivia
March 7	Movie Night
March 21	Carne
March 28	Trivia
April 4	Movie Night
April 18	Carne
April 25	Trivia
May 2	Movie Night
May 16	Carne
May 23	Trivia

Elvis Theme Night in La Cantina – January 23

Bring your dance partners and friends for a special evening:

January 23, DJ John Babin will entertain us with Elvis music.

La Cantina will be serving pub fare from 6:30—8:15 pm. Come on down and have something to eat before the dancing begins!

Remember, all 50/50 ticket sales on Theme Nights are being held in a special account for future Cantina improvements!



"Carne" Shoot In the Cantina!

Saturday, January 17

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!

January 24, 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

CHARITY COMMITTEE NEWS



On behalf of the Charity Committee I would love to extend a great BIG THANKS to the members of the Italian Heritage Center. Your overwhelming support of our Committee throughout 2014 helped put food on tables, clothing on the backs of countless individuals who struggled over the past year, and many happy smiles to lots of young children at Presumpscot School. Please help us continue our good work throughout the New Year!



I am sure all of you are trying to decide where to put some of those wonderful Christmas presents you received. Let me make a suggestion!!!! Pack up some of your older items to make way for the new! And what do you do with those older items???

Donate them to the 2nd Annual IHC INDOOR YARDSALE

It's not too early to start putting things aside. The Yard Sale will be held this year on:

Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8 am to 1pm

NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE & ALL ITEMS MUST BE GENTLY USED.

Drop off date will be Friday, March 6. More details to follow.

Hope your New Year is a happy, healthy and prosperous one!

The Charity Committee

Wedding and Events Showcase Sunday, March 1, 2015



Registrations are now being accepted for vendor booths at our 3rd Wedding and Events Showcase scheduled for Sunday March 1, from noon to 3:00 pm. Booth prices start at \$100 and all vendors reserving their booth by January 15 will have their business name in all advertising and event promotions. Registration forms are available on the IHC website with easy online payment options.

For more information please contact Darlene Smith, Marketing Committee Chair at 286-6466.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
IHC Closed for Holiday—January 1—9. Center will reopen on January 10.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Bocce	14	15 General Meeting, 5:30 pm	16 DJ Jeff Rockwell Revisit Christmas Eve Dinner	17 Carne
18		20 Bocce	21	22	23 DJ John Babin Elvis Theme Night	24 Trivia
25	26	27 Bocce	28	29	30 DJ Mike Clough Art Show	31 Sing-A-Long with Peter Donatelli

Member Activities

Mardi Gras Italian Style-Friday, February 13

- 6:00 pm Dinner, DaVinci Room, **\$20 per person**
- 7:00 pm “Masks of Carnevale: Italian Masks of Venice”
- 8:00 pm Dance the night away with DJ Danny DiBiase, prizes for best mask, dessert buffet, **\$10 per person**

Purchase one ticket for the entire evening—dinner, presentation and dance—\$25 per person

Enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner followed by the “Masks of Carnevale: Italian Masks of Venice.” Award-winning mask expert Eric Bornstein brings to life the mask traditions of the world famous Venetian Carnevale in this animated and informative program.

Bornstein weaves together the histories of Italian masking traditions, descriptions of the characteristic mask characters, a slide presentation, and the showing and demonstration of actual Italian style masks made by Behind the Mask Studio and performed by his troupe Commedia delle Maschere. Join us for dinner and a captivating talk by one of the top master mask makers in the USA working with a variety of construction materials.



Call 329-0845 to reserve your dinner tickets or your dance tickets; 3 options available: dinner/presentation only, dance only, or combo ticket for the entire evening!!



New Year, New Music

The Italian Heritage Concert Band has begun rehearsals for Spring events and Concerts. We are holding rehearsals weekly in preparation for the following performances, so **hold the dates!**

Thursday, March 12 - Music in Our Schools Concert at Saco Middle School

Saturday, April 25 - "What's the Score?" Concert at 7:00pm, Maine State Ballet Theater, 348 US Route 1, Falmouth

Tuesday, May 12 - Music in Our Schools Concert at Falmouth Middle School

Music Clips and More on the Band Website

Sign up to get Band News and receive current news and Band events directly. <http://www.italianheritagecenterband.com>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/italianheritagecenterband>

Check this listing every month and watch the Band website and Facebook Group for updated news about the Band. Our performances are open to all. We hope to see our Italian Heritage Center friends there!

Membership News



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: REVISITING CHRISTMAS EVE

January 16, 2015

\$30 per person

Since we had such positive feedback last year concerning our “Seven Fish Dinner” or as the Italians call it “La vigilia di natale” we will continue to make this an annual event as long as it remains a function that everyone is interested in attending.

This is the celebration of Christmas Eve and considered the most festive night of the year. While holiday meals are an integral part of our social culture, Christmas Eve is a special time for families to attend mass and then gather with family and friends to celebrate and reminisce about the past.

This year the Cultural Committee has decided to try different recipes from different regions of Italy. The Committee has chosen the following menu:

Appetizer: Calamari salad, baccala salad, and roasted peppers (roasted in the oven).

Soup: Lentil soup with carrots, celery, onions and potatoes.

Pasta: Family style pasta with olive oil, tuna fish, leeks, chick peas, sun dried tomatoes, capers, garlic, and wine.

Entrée: Baked haddock, scallop scampi, shrimp scampi; broccoli rape and fried cauliflower.

Dessert: Homemade cannoli and Struffoli which is made of tiny dough balls that have been deep-fried and soaked in honey. They are served piled high on a plate and are frequently covered with multi-colored sprinkles or confetti. Coffee.

Wine: Two bottles of wine per table.



Limited Seating—only 65 tickets left.

Please call Kim at 329-0845 to reserve your tickets.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Committee News

KEEPING UP WITH THE CULTURE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

February 7, 7:00 pm, La Cantina
Detective Montalbano
“The Shape of Water”

Commissario Montalbano is back and we’ve got him.

When a prominent citizen is found dead in an embarrassing position in his car, the coroner rules heart attack, but Montalbano isn’t buying it. And he doesn’t buy the very circumstantial case built up against the Swedish daughter-in-law of the local MP either.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles. Donations accepted to defray costs. Join us for complimentary snacks and an entertaining evening of Italian intrigue.

Sing-A-Long
Saturday, January 31, 7:00 pm
La Cantina

Join us as Peter Donatelli will be at the keyboard leading another Sing-a-Long on Saturday, January 31 at 7:00 pm. Song sheets are provided. So clear out the pipes and join Peter in the Cantina and participate in some spirited melodies.



IHC MEMBER ART SHOW, FREE

January 30, DaVinci Room
6:30-9:00 pm

This first ever event will feature IHC member artists that work with different mediums. Come, see and be captivated with what our talented IHC members produce. Some of the works will be available for purchase at reasonable prices. Artists and mediums are:

Richard Vassallo	Paint
Karen Pacillo	Paint
Ken Shaw	Paint/Slate
Marie Jersey	Paint
Jim & Francesca DiBiase	Photography/Paint
Carol Coffin	Glass
Madeline Siniscalchi	Cross Stitch

There is still space for other entries. Please call Jim DiBiase @ 767-2292.



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

Joan Bartlett	John Hughes	Giovanna Ricci
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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.

We decorated, we sang, we partied!!



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