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To:

From The President's Desk



I hope that everyone who celebrates the Easter holiday had a wonderful day with family and friends.

I would like to thank John Rague and Brad Harnois for entertaining us on Saturday, March 14 with an evening of *Easy Listening* Music. We had a wonderful turn out.

Many thanks to the Charity Committee, led by Dianne Procida, and her volunteers as well as all of the people who donated their items making the 2nd Indoor Yard Sale a huge success. More than \$1,600 was collected. All of the items that were not sold, were donated to the Good Cause Thrift Shop on Forest Avenue run by Sister Marie Ricci.

The Nominating Committee will present their slate of Elected Directors positions at the April 16, 2015 General Meeting. Candidates can be added by a motion from the floor. All candidates who are nominated from the floor must be fully qualified to hold the position for which they have been nominated and must either be present to accept the nomination, or submit written acceptance of the nomination to the President before the April 16, 2015 General Meeting. All nominations from the floor shall be subject to the same standards imposed upon the Nominating Committee for selection of nominees.

I would like to welcome the newest members to the Italian Heritage Center. They are Gina Smith, Theresa Lavigne, Mary Keller, and Geralyn Savenelli. Please enjoy what the IHC has to offer.

As always, I would like thank all the members for their continued support.

Frank Reali, President

MANAGERS UPDATE: We are very excited to be hosting Howie Carr's "Night of Crime" on Sunday, April 12. Howie will be autographing his book from 4:00p.m until 5:30 p.m., followed by an upscale buffet dinner, complete with Italian dishes and desserts. After dinner he will be speaking about his career as a reporter and, of course, the Boston underworld. Howie Carr is on syndicated radio and his talk show airs weekdays on WGAN radio from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$49.00 per person. All guests get an autographed book, buffet with appetizers, desserts, and cash bar. The "Night of Crime" presentation follows dinner. We hope to have a great turnout for this function!

The next few months are very busy in the event department. It has been a long cold Winter and we will not complain we are too busy or too hot! (Well we might complain a little...)

April 16, 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 April 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 April General Meeting:

Regular Members

Bob Rague
Jacqueline Berube
Anne Nordstrom
Jeffrey Nordstrom
Mary Colangelo
Dean DeMario

Italian Name

Rague
Ruggiero
Scala
Scala
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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 the above address or call. You will receive our news much faster via email.

Cammy Reali

Contact the President . . .

All members may contact President Frank Reali, by calling 772-5831 or 318-9567.

You can also send your email message to:
president@italianheritagecenter.com

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.

Activity Committee

April-First Thursday Happy Hour in La Cantina

Spring is here and we are in a festive mood. So come on down to La Cantina with your friends and co-workers for some great food and drink after work on **Thursday, April 2** from 4-7 pm. We will have a one-drink special for the night plus a variety of complimentary appetizers. Don't be left out. Join the fun!

SAVE THE DATE: next Happy Hour is May 7



Scholarship News

We still have applications for all four 2015 IHC Scholarships that can be accessed through the IHC website. Hard copies can also be picked up in the lobby of the IHC.

Members and dependents of members who are furthering their education at either the undergraduate or graduate levels and have not received an IHC Scholarship are eligible to apply.

Completed applications must be received at the IHC no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015.**

Please encourage all eligible persons to apply. Please contact Carl Paquette, IHC Scholarship, Chairperson at crpaquette@maine.rr.com if you have any questions or concerns. More information will appear in future newsletters.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS

If you are not receiving your newsletter in a timely fashion it might be due to incorrect information in our system. Please send any updated information to my attention at membership@italianheritagecenter.com or call me at **939-8570** in order to insure that you receive your monthly newsletter by mail or online.

Cammy Reali

LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment

April 3 John Shannon
April 10 DJ "Dan"
April 17 Mike Clough
April 24 Jeff Rockwell

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2	Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7 pm
April 17	Theme Night - Neil Diamond
April 21	Italian History Classes Start
April 23	Wine and Beer Tasting
May 2	Kentucky Derby Party
May 3	Chorus Spring Concert
May 7	Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7
May 15	Kingpin in La Cantina
May 17	Book Presentation: "The Boston Italians"
June 12	Theme Night - The Beach Boys
July 26	Family Festival

Movie Night, Carne and Trivia in La Cantina

April 4	Movie Night
April 18	Carne
April 25	Trivia
May 2	Movie Night*
May 16	Carne
May 23	Trivia
June 20	Carne
June 27	Trivia

***This will be our last Movie Night until September. Have a wonderful Summer!**

Italian Idiom for April

Un cane in chiesa

*An unwelcome guest in English becomes **un cane in chiesa** (a dog in church) in Italian. It's interesting that dogs aren't acceptable in churches, but before the famous Palio of Siena (a traditional horserace),*

Theme Night in La Cantina - April 17 - NEIL DIAMOND

La Cantina will be serving their delicious bar menu, so plan to get there between 6:00-8:00 pm for a great selection of food prepared by our own chefs, Rocco and Bob!

Please support our Cantina fund for future improvements by purchasing your 50/50 tickets.



"Carne" Shoot In La Cantina!

Saturday, April 18

Registration starts at 6 pm

Games start promptly at 7 pm

Entry fee is \$10.00 per card/person.
All members and guests welcome.



Trivia Night In La Cantina

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

Saturday, April 25, at 7 pm

\$5 per person entry fee

Open to members and guests
(maximum of 6 people per team).

Top 3 teams win the pool of cash.



CHARITY COMMITTEE

The Charity Committee would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all members, family and friends of the Italian Heritage Center for donating items to our Yard Sale.

Your overwhelming generosity enabled us to sell a total of \$1,600.00, which is \$100 more than last year.

Those attending commented on the wide assortment of items, the prices and the manner in which items were displayed. One of the most impressive tables was the Pastry Table. A notice went out to IHC members a few days before the sale and without hesitation everyone came through in a big way.

The money made at the sale will help our committee with various charity projects during the year. This includes Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas gifts for elementary school children just to name a couple.

Once again a great big "Thank You" for your constant support to our IHC Charity Committee.

Dianne Procida



Happy
Birthday,
Frankie!



April 21



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Gin	2 Happy Hour 4-7 La Cantina	 Good Friday Karaoke DJ John Shannon	4 Italian Movie Night La Cantina 7:00 pm
 Easter Sunday	6	7	8 Gin	9	10 Karaoke DJ "Dan"	11
12	13	14	15 Gin	16 General Meeting	17 Theme Night Neil Diamond DJ Mike Clough	18 Carne 
19	20	21 Italian History Course starts	 Earth Day Gin	23 Wine and Beer Tasting Event	24 Karaoke DJ Jeff Rockwell	25 Trivia 
26	27	28	29 Gin	30		

Final Update from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will present their final selections for the Board Directors at this month's General 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.

Please feel free to nominate your candidate at the general meeting on Thursday, April 16.

March-General Meeting Winners



Quorum Winner
Domenica Cipollone

50/50 Winner
Nancy Piccone



Genetic Genealogy

The Cultural Committee is trying to determine if we have enough interest in starting a Genetic Genealogy (DNA) research project at the IHC for members only. We need a project administrator and twenty people willing to provide DNA samples to start the project. Cost is \$99 per person for the Y-DNA Kit. If anyone is interested in joining this project to research their ancestry, contact Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or Cammy Real at 939-8570.

Wine & Beer Tasting - Thursday, April 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Featuring wines from: Nappi Distributors, Mike DiMillo Imports, and Due Fratelli Importers

- Complimentary Appetizers
- \$15 per person
- Must be 21 years old

Call 329-0845 for tickets. Must be purchased in advance.

No sales at the door.



KENTUCKY DERBY

You are Invited to the IHC 2015

“Kentucky Sweeps”

the fastest two minutes in sports!

Italian Heritage Center, 40 Westland Ave, Portland

Saturday, May 2, 3 pm, DaVinci Room

\$20 per person (members and guests)

Call 329-0845 for tickets.

- ◆ Enjoy a delicious “Kentucky” buffet at 4:30 pm
Pork, Beef, Chicken, Salads, Corn Bread, Sweet Potato Casserole, Dessert, and more!!
- ◆ Complimentary Welcome Drink
- ◆ Prizes for Win, Place & Show
- ◆ **Prizes for Best Hat—both men and women**
- ◆ Special Race Day games to play



IHC FAMILY FESTIVAL

Save the Date: July 26, 2015 from 3 - 7 pm for our IHC Family Festival. Plans are underway for what looks to be a truly spectacular event. You will be able to bring your family, your children, and your grandchildren for a wonderful afternoon filled with something for everyone: pony rides, bounce house, games, face painting, dunk tank, bocce, and much more.

To help underwrite the cost of the event, we are hoping you will consider becoming a Festival Sponsor. As we will not be charging an admission price to attend, we are seeking help from our loyal supporters. We have two levels available for you to consider:

\$75 Friends Sponsor - your name will be listed on the Festival banner displayed at the event, your name will be published in IHC Member newsletter mailed to 700 households and emailed to 700 subscribers

\$150 Members Sponsor - your name will be listed on the Festival banner displayed at the event, your name will be published in IHC Member newsletter mailed to 700 households and emailed to 700 subscribers; your name will be listed on IHC Facebook page with 2,000+ friends plus your name and link on IHC webpage for 3 months.

Sponsorship can be paid by check (made payable to IHC). We also accept M/C, VISA, Discover and AMEX. Checks may be mailed to Kim Toppi, 33 Maine Avenue, Portland, ME 04103.

If you would like to volunteer the day of the festival, please call Kim at 329-0845. The more volunteers we have for the day, the more successful the event will be.

Cultural Committee Events

April Italian Movie Night

April 4th, 7:00 pm in the Cantina

Big Deal on Madonna Street - Starring Marcello Mastroianni

An All-Star Cast and jazzy score highlight this charming comedy, a deft satire of Italian classic caper films like "Rififi". "Big Deal" hilariously details the plight of a sad-sack group of bumbling thieves and their desperate attempts to pull off the perfect heist.

The movie is in Italian with English subtitles; suitable for all audiences. Donations accepted to defray costs. Join us for complimentary snacks and a classic hilarious comedy.

May Italian Movie Night

May 2nd, 7:00 pm in the Cantina

La Scorta (The Bodyguards) - Winner of Five Italian Oscars

Sicily, 1992: When a high profile judge and his bodyguard are brutally murdered, four reluctant young cops are assigned as La Scorta-Italian for "the escorts"-to protect the replacement Prosecutor from Mafia assassins. But in a country where high-level corruption and sudden violence are a way of life, the squad quickly finds themselves outnumbered, outgunned and desperately out of time. Even if they can survive the daily threats of ambushes and car bombings, will they survive personal conflicts and backroom betrayals?

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles.

Donations accepted to defray costs. Join us for complimentary snacks and a suspenseful story.

ITALIAN HISTORY COURSE

PROFESSOR VENTRESCO from USM will present a short course in Italian History encompassing the intriguing Fascism era, on three **Tuesday evenings** in the Library starting at 6:30 pm. Due to such short notice, dates have been moved back to **April 21, April 28 and May 12**. Space is limited to 18 students so get your reservation in early. The price is a very modest \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Those interested, please call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292.

IHC Chorus Third Annual Spring Concert

Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. - Columbus Room - Free Admission

Featuring choral and solo performances of Italian Folk, Neopolitan, Contemporary, Pop and Classical Music.

Complimentary Italian cookies, pastries and coffee with a cash bar.

Book Presentation and Signing: "The Boston Italians"

On **Sunday, May 17** at 3:00 pm in the DaVinci Room, well known Italian-American writer Steve Puleo will give a presentation on his prize winning, best-selling book "The Boston Italians". A signed copy of his book would make a nice gift for a relative or friend, so immediately following Mr. Puleo's presentation he will sign your book. The admission fee of \$20 will include a typical Italian American Dinner and complimentary wine to be served after the book signing. Further details will be forthcoming in the May Newsletter. For reservations call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292, Kim Toppi at 329-0845 or contact any member of the Cultural Committee.

In Memory of our Deceased Members

Joseph A. Aliberti, Sr.	Rocco Dell'Aquila	James P. McCarthy
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In Appreciation to our Lifetime Members

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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**.

The cost is \$5 per name for the year.

Country Theme Night - February 27

Looks like there was a lot of stompin' going on to the tunes played by Jeff Rockwell



BOCCE



Easy Listening with John and Brad - March 14



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