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To:

From The President's Desk



I've got good news and bad news. The bad news is we have had a really long, cold, snowy winter! We haven't had a winter like this since the 70's. The good news is March 20th, the 1st day of Spring, is only twenty days away!!!

I want to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Have fun and be safe.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the IHC. Paul Brunetti, Maria Testa, Walter and Holly Pelkey, William Lucatuorto, Melissa Martin, Joanna Koharian, Danny and Margaret Lee. Please enjoy what the IHC has to offer.

The band members of The Italian Heritage Concert Band as we know it, will be venturing out on their own with a new name to better describe the kind of music they play. I want to thank Dick Capozza and Nina Oatley-Walsh and all the Band members for their twenty five years of music as part of our Italian Heritage Center. We wish them luck in their new venture and we hope that the IHC members will continue to support them and attend their concerts.

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

Frank Reali, President

General Manager's Message

Spring is on its way and we are looking forward to seeing grass and flowers soon. April, May and June are filling up fast, but there are still spots available for showers, graduation parties and other celebrations. So far 2016 is turning out to be a huge year for weddings, so please firm up your date as soon as you can.

A big thanks to the staff for all their hard work and dedication. They have all pitched in to shovel and salt the entrances ...again and again and again!!

March 19, 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 March 16. 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 March General Meeting:

Regular Members

Theresa D. Lavigne
Mary D. Keller
Gina M. Smith
Geraldyn Savenelli

Italian Name

Fasulo
Fasulo
Ianiro
Savenelli

Sponsor

Ann Nappi
Ann Nappi
Nicola Cox
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 . . .

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

March-First Thursday Happy Hour in La Cantina

We heard how nice it was to drop by the IHC after work with co-workers for a drink and a few snacks before going home. So we are doing it again on **Thursday, March 5** from 4-7 pm. We will have a one-drink special for the night plus the complimentary appetizers, which were a real hit last time. Bring your co-workers and show off your club!!

SAVE THE DATE: next Happy Hour is April 2.



Scholarship News

Applications for all four 2015 IHC Scholarships have been printed and 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 5pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Super Bowl Party

This picture is worth a thousand words . . .

Who else would bring in a chair from home other than our own Barbara Vassallo!!



Articles or Photos for the Newsletter . . .

If you would like to submit an article or a photo for the newsletter, please forward to me at:

harnoisadele8@gmail.com.

I welcome all photos and articles, especially those that pertain to family events. I will put as many in as I have room for. Please identify the people in your photos.

All items are due the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter.

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LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment

March 6 Gloria Jean
March 13 Jeff Rockwell
March 20 Dan DiBiase
March 27 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

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 20	British Invasion
April 2	Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7 pm
April 14	Italian History Classes Start
April 23	Wine Tasting
May 2	Kentucky Derby Party
May 3	Chorus Spring Concert
May 17	Book Presentation: "The Boston Italians"
July 26	Family Festival

Movie Night, Carne and Trivia in La Cantina 2015

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

June 6 Movie Night
June 20 Carne
June 27 Trivia

Theme Night in La Cantina - March 20 - The British Invasion

La Cantina will be serving British pub fare from 6:00-8:00 pm.
Come on down and nosh it up before the singing and 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 La Cantina!

Saturday, March 21
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

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

Saturday, March 28, 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.

You won't want to miss it!

Membership Activities

Mardi Gras Italian Style - February 13, 2015



Fantastic presentation and lots of fun. Can you guess who is behind these masks?



In storage at the IHC is one of the wall paintings (on sheetrock) that was removed from the Columbus Room when renovations were done 8 years ago.

If you would like that painting, please call Kim McDonough at 772-2500 by March 31 to claim it.



A huge thank you goes out to **Gloria Lax** for taking pictures at all of the events that are held at the Italian Heritage Club and also to **Bob Lax** for sending them on so that they appear in the monthly newsletter.

Without their commitment we would not be able to visualize all of the fun that we have within our club.

We hope that they will continue to do this for us for a long time.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bocce	4	5 Happy Hour 4-7 La Cantina	6 DJ Gloria Jean	7 Italian Movie Night La Cantina 7:00 pm
8	9	10 Bocce	11 Gin Tournament starts	12	13 DJ Jeff Rockwell	14 An Evening of Easy Listening "Live Music" with John Rague & Brad Harnois (La Cantina)
15	16	 Bocce	18 Gin	19	20 DJ Dan DiBiase British Invasion Theme Night	21 Carne
22	23	24 Bocce	25 Gin	26	27 DJ Mike Clough	28 Trivia
	30	31 Bocce				

2015 Nomination Committee

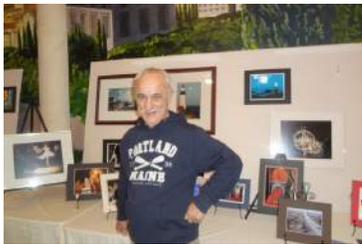
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Jay Scala	Jaybo54@maine.rr.com	318-7446
Peter Doria	pldelectric@aol.com	329-8312 or 775-0888
Adele Harnois	harnoisadele8@gmail.com	807-6569
Jim DiBiase-Committee Chair	jdibias@maine.rr.com	767-2292 or 831-4191

The Nominating Committee has scheduled interviews on Tuesday, March 3 for two open positions. The two open positions, as described in the February Newsletter, are for the Board Director seats currently occupied by Mike Hutchins and Rocco Toppi. The Nominating Committee will schedule subsequent interviews for these positions should additional prospective candidates apply. Cutoff date for applying as a candidate is March 31. Please contact a committee member or call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or 831-4191 to schedule your interview.

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 incumbents, or President Frank Reali.

The Nominating Committee will present their selections 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.

Member Art Show - Thank you to all who featured their art work! Richard Vassallo, Larry Chapman, Marie Jersey, Jim and Fran DiBiase, Carol Coffin, Madeline Siischalchi and Karen Pacillo (we didn't get her picture but we've included one of her paintings.) This event was well attended and enjoyed by all.



Thanks also to the kitchen and wait staff for the wonderful appetizers and desserts!

Activity Committee

IHC Activity Committee Questionnaire

To help us understand what type of events our Members would like to see offered in the upcoming year, we would like your feedback. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions and return the form to Kim Toppi, Activity Director, by mail to 33 Maine Avenue, Portland 04103, or leave in the Cantina in the "marked box."

Do you attend any of the special events offered for members? YES NO

If no, please share why you choose not to participate _____

What price are you comfortable paying to attend a special event?

For events with meals: \$15 – \$25 \$20 - \$35 \$20 - \$45

For events without meals: \$10 – \$20 \$15 - \$30 \$20 - \$40

Have you ever purchased tickets for the Summer Raffle? YES NO If no, please share why you choose not to participate _____

Please share with us what type of event you would like to see offered that you would attend. If not listed, please share your ideas:

- Casino Night Family Festival/BBQ Sports Theme Party
- Texas Hold'Em Tournament Cooking Classes Impersonator Show
- Bingo Wine Tasting Murder Mystery Dinner
- Bean Supper Girls Night Out Pie Baking Contest
- Dart Tournament

Other _____

Thank you for sharing this info. If there are any other ideas, suggestions, or a critique of our current events that you would like to share, please write on the reverse side.

Culture Committee Event

MARCH ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 pm in La Cantina

Johnny Stecchino (Johnny Toothpick)
Starring Roberto Benigni

A kindhearted but bumbling idiot, who likes to steal bananas, is passed off for a snitch hiding from the mob. Benigni plays a dual role as Dante, a meek school bus driver and Johnny Stecchino, a gangster. The meek and mild Dante is mistaken by townspeople for the gangster, Johnny Stecchino. It isn't difficult to distinguish between the meek Benigni and the gangster Benigni. He clearly plays each role with precision.

The movie is in Italian with English subtitles. Donations are accepted to defray the costs.

Come join us for complimentary snacks and a classic hilarious comedy.



February General Meeting



Our newest members: l-r **Robert Daniel, Margaret Lee, Joanna Koharian, President Frank Reali, William Lucatuorto and Melissa Martin.** Not pictured are **Paul Brunetti, Maria Testa and Walter and Holly Pelkey.**

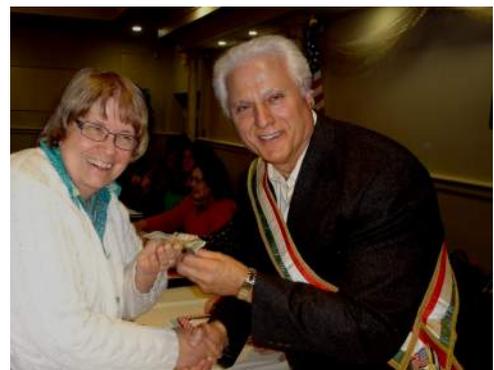
Welcome to all!

Quorum Winner

Brenda Berry



50/50 Winner - **Mike Hutchins**



In Memory of our Deceased Members

Joseph A. Aliberti, Sr.	Rocco Dell'Aquila	James P. McCarthy
Rosemary Anania	John DiBiase	Emilio (Leo) Micucci
Richard L. Bailey	Joseph R DiMauro, Sr	Mary & Thomas Paolino
Rose V. and Louis D. Bennett	Charles & Madeline DiMauro	Guido & Mary (Pio) Pardi, Sr.
Angelina & Joseph Caminiti	Tony DiMillo	Bettie Pileggi
Joseph Caminiti, Jr.	Edward & Henrietta DiPhillipo	Frankie Pileggi
Michael Caminiti	Carmine & Anna DiPietro	Michelena Pileggi
Francesco & Angelina Capelutti	Joseph DiPietro	Rose Pileggi
Joseph A. Capelluti	Carmine & Lauraine Ferrante	John and Marty Pizzo
Josephine N. Capelluti	Charlie Ferrante	Alphonse & Margaret Pizzo
Orlando J. Capelluti	Samuel S. Ferrante	Al and Frances Pizzo
Doris (DiPietro) Capozza	Giro, Rosina, Sam Fornisano	Armando & Isabel Profenno Polito
Francesco & Anna Teresa Capozza	Rose Germani	Donato & Angela Polito Profenno
Francis R. Capozza	Nino & Connie Giordano	Santo (Sam) Profenno
Joseph A & Marion G Capozza	Joseph & Fannie Grimaldi	Arduino & Celeste Reali
William M. Caprio	John Irace	Rocco & Marcia Risbara
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Anthony "Tony" Colello	Frank & Richard Lorello	Theresa (Suzie) Ricci
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George P Conicelli Sr.	Eleanor Marshall	Patricia & Rocco Toppi, Jr.
Thomas A. Conicelli	Antonio Marzilli	Settimo Trivellin
Charles & Delia Dalfonso	Rocco Marzilli, Sr.	
Donald E. Daniels		
Antonio Dell'Aquila		

In Appreciation to our Lifetime Members

Joan Bartlett	Madeline Fornisano	John & Betty Paris
Paul & Mary Connolly	Louis D. Germani	Giovanna Ricci
Marilyn DiBiase	John Hughes	Rose McCarthy
Guy & Anna Marie Ciccarelli	Adeline Irace	Lucy A. Sesto
Madalyn J. Daniels	Teresa Lefebvre	Eleanor Caprio Small
Anna Dell'Aquila	Beth & Fred Leone	Grace Caminiti Thomas
Rudy DiPietro	Guy Martini	Phyllis Tripaldi
Lucy Ferrante	Elma Marzilli	
	Maria Marzilli	
	Dick McArdle	

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.

First Thursday Happy Hour

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