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To:

From The President's Desk



Congratulations to Barbara Pileggi and Rocco Toppi who were elected by our members at the General Meeting on Thursday, May 21. They will be sworn in on Thursday, June 18 during the General Meeting. Please come down and show your support.

I would like to thank Domenica Cipollone for her first year as Recording Secretary. Domenica has done an excellent job and has contributed a lot of knowledge and skill in that position. She and her husband, Henry are moving to Florida. Again thank you very much, Domenica.

We are looking to fill the position of Recording Secretary to complete the remainder of Domenica's 2-year term. At this point there is one more year remaining in her term. If you are interested in this position and would like to run, please come to the General Meeting on Thursday, June 18. You can have someone nominate you or you can nominate yourself. We will vote that night by a show of hands. If you have any questions regarding this position, please call me at 772-5831.

Please see a description of the position in this newsletter.

I would like to welcome the newest members to the Italian Heritage Center. They are: Bob Rague, Jacqueline Berube, Anne Nordstrom, Jeffrey Nordstrom, Mary Colangelo and Dean DeMario. Please enjoy what the IHC has to offer.

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

Frank Reali, President

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

The IHC will be closing for our annual staff vacation from Monday, June 29 and re-opening on Tuesday, July 7. My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to our success, including my amazing staff, the members and numerous volunteers. Our clients feel welcome and keep returning year after year.

This past year was a bit challenging, but all ended well and the next fiscal year looks to be very busy.

In closing, here are a couple of jokes we were all laughing hysterically about:

A skeleton walks into a bar, orders a miller lite and a mop...

Two camels are walking in the desert, one camel says to the other, "I don't care what they say, I am thirsty . . ."

June 18, 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 June 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

No new prospective candidates for consideration at the June General Meeting

OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER writes:

Thanks so much to everyone for your votes. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate being elected to the Board.

I consider it a privilege to be part of such a great group of people. Barb Pileggi



Sammy and Ruth Mack

**Happy 62nd
Wedding
Anniversary!!**

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.

Activities Committee

June-First Thursday Happy Hour in La Cantina

With nice warm weather on the horizon, we are looking forward to fun times with friends and co-workers. So come on down to La Cantina for some great food and drink on **Thursday, June 4** from **4-7 pm**. We will have a one-drink special for the night plus a wonderful assortment of complimentary appetizers. We've had rave reviews on the food and the fun, so please join us.

SAVE THE DATE: next Happy Hour is **July 9**



Wine Tasting - April 23



Steve Puleo Presentation



Italian Heritage Chorus



Book Signing - May 17



Membership Activities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 4 Happy Hour in La Cantina, 4-7 pm
- June 12 Theme Night - The Beach Boys
- July 17 Theme Night - 80's/90's music
- July 26 Family Festival
- August 21 Theme Night - 60's/70's music
- August 30 Bus Trip-St. Anthony's Fest. Boston
- October 3 Jimmy & Jenny's Wacky Western Wedding Show
- October 30 Halloween Dance with Two Bass Jon

Movie Night, Carne and Trivia in La Cantina

PLEASE NOTE: Trivia has been cancelled for June 27.

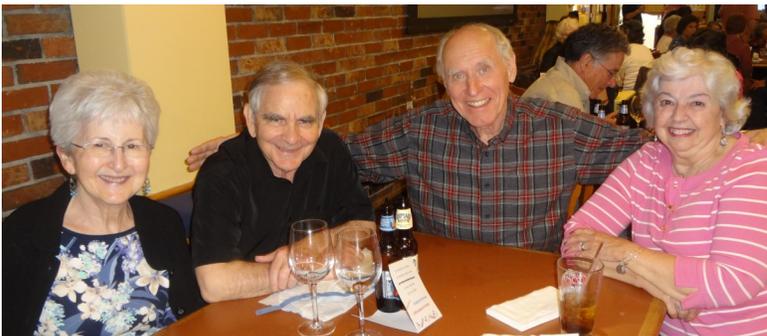
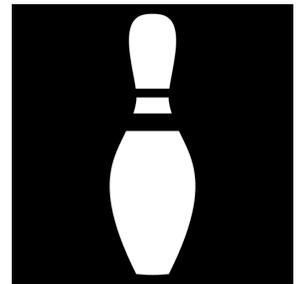
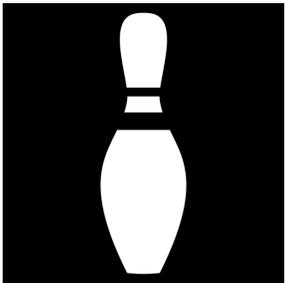
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| June 20 | Carne |
| September 17 | Carne |
| October 17 | Carne |
| November 21 | Carne |
| December 19 | Carne |

Gin Tournament Finals

The nine winners for the spring season were: Linda Perry, Kim Toppi, Skip Carson, Mary Toppi, Betsy Hamm, Sam Mack, Loretta Allen, Tim Hamm and Brenda Berry. After the playoff the three winners were: First Place; Brenda Berry. Second Place; Betsy Hamm; Third Place-Mary Toppi. More to come with Fall gin dates and free lessons. Brenda



Theme Night in La Cantina
Friday, May 15
"Kingpin"



Charity Committee

In addition to the aprons with the NEW Italian Heritage logo we are also selling hats. The hats are one size with an adjustable snap in the back. The cost for the apron is \$20; the cost for the hat is \$15.

Please contact any member of the Charity Committee or call Dianne at 450-9792 to get your apron or hat.



Theme Night in La Cantina Friday, June 12

“The Beach Boys”

You will not want to miss Rocco's homemade pizza. So come on down for a delicious mouth-watering pizza before the dancing begins.

We will be serving from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Please don't forget to get your 50/50 tickets for future Cantina improvements.



Special Edition of “Carne” Shoot In La Cantina!

Hosted by Kim Toppi

Saturday, June 20

Registration starts at 6 pm

Games start promptly at 7 pm

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

Summer Raffle Tickets

There is still time to turn in your raffle tickets for the drawing which will take place at the Family Festival on Saturday, July 26 .

1st place: \$500.

All proceeds from this year's raffle will benefit the Cantina Improvement Fund. Send in your tickets today!

Remember you do not need to buy all of them. If every member buys at least one ticket, we will surpass our goal of \$2,500.

LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment

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| June 5 | Gloria Jean |
| June 12 | Jeff Rockwell |
| June 19 | Mike Clough |
| June 26 | DJ Don LeBlanc |

La Cantina Summer Hours-July and August

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Lounge opens 4 pm, last call 8:30 pm, lounge closes 9 pm

Friday Nights

Lounge opens at 4 pm, last call 11:30 pm, lounge closes 12 am

Saturday Nights

Lounge opens 4 pm, last call 8:30 pm, closes 9 pm

Lounge is closed Sundays and Mondays (no liquor service)

Please note: On Thursday, July 9 and Thursday, August 6 we will remain open until 9:30 pm due to happy hour nights. These nights have proven to be very busy. We will offer drink specials, great food and an opportunity to have guests and co-workers see what the club has to offer.

June 2015

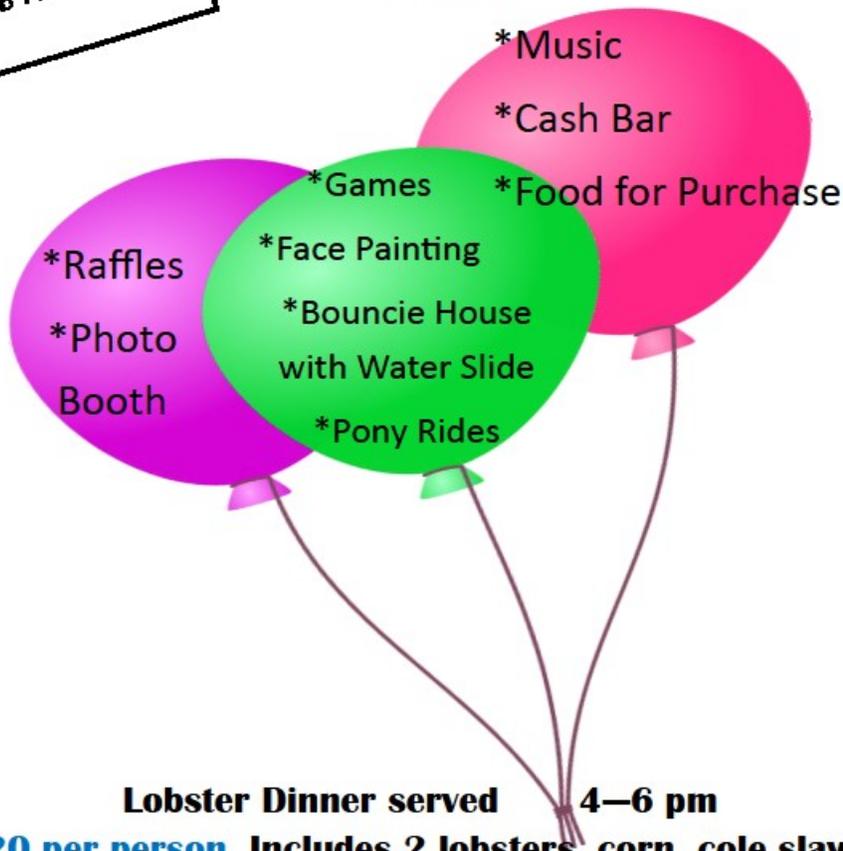
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | Happy Hour  | 5 <u>Karaoke</u> DJ Gloria Jean | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | The Beach Boys <u>Theme Night</u> Jeff Rockwell | 13 |
|  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 General Meeting Vote for Recording Secretary | 19 <u>Karaoke</u> Mike Clough | "Carne" with Kim Toppi  |
|   | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 <u>Karaoke</u> DJ Don LeBlanc | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Cantina closed for Summer Vacation | 30 Cantina closed for Summer Vacation | | | | |
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IHC Family Festival

Sunday, July 26

3–7 pm

Free Admission



Lobster Dinner served 4–6 pm

**\$20 per person. Includes 2 lobsters, corn, cole slaw—
tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Call Kim 329-0845.

Also for sale are hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, sausage sandwiches, corn on the cob, and more!

Recording Secretary - Board Vacancy

The following is a description for the position of Recording Secretary as taken from the Italian Heritage Center By Laws and Rules and Regulations, as amended June 2014:

Under Article VI, Section 3, Item E.

Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall be present at and keep records of all regular and special meetings of the Center and the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall prepare and mail all notices of said meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Recording Secretary shall attend to all correspondence pertaining to the Center and, upon termination from office, shall deliver all records or property belonging to the Center to his or her successor. The Recording Secretary shall receive a stipend to be established annually by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion. Currently the stipend for the year 2015 is \$500.

IHC Bus Trip to Boston

St. Anthony's Street Festival

The IHC is chartering a bus from the IHC to St Anthony's Street Festival in Boston's North End on Sunday, August 30.

The cost of transportation is \$35.00 per person which should be paid at the time of sign-up.

For those of you who are interested in going, please call:

Cammy Reali at 772-5831
or Jim DiBiase at 767-2292.



Marketing Committee Business Blitz

Imagine sitting in your office right before lunch and receiving a beautifully decorated bakery box containing delicious Italian cookies. Well, 60 lucky Portland area businesses saw just that and couldn't have been happier about it! These treats were delivered with a huge smile and a "please consider the Italian Heritage Center the next time you need to book a business or personal event", along with trifold brochures and business cards attached.

The IHC Marketing Committee is pleased to announce that its second business blitz and cookie drop was a HUGE SUCCESS!!

This of course would not have been possible without the time and efforts of the following people:

Our cookie makers: The "King of Cookies" – Rocco Toppi, Kim Toppi, Cammy Reali, Gloria Lax, Adele Harnois, Jim DiBiase, John Dascanio, Vicki Dunn and Darlene Smith

Our packers and preppers: Kim McDonough, Molly McDonough, Vicki Dunn and Darlene Smith

Our driver/runner teams: Danny DiBiase/ Cammy Reali, Vicki Dunn/ Kim McDonough and Tiffany Randall/ Darlene Smith

Thanks to all of you for your time and efforts spent for the IHC!!



May 2015 - GENERAL MEETING WINNERS



50/50 Winner

Tony Irace
with
President
Frank Reali

The winners of the 50/50 and the Quorum donated their winnings to the Charity Committee. The Charity Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to these members.

May 2015 - New Members



Our newest members (l-r) Dean DeMario, Jacqueline Berube, Mary Colangelo, President Frank Reali, Anne Nordstrom, Jeffrey Nordstrom (Bob Rague-not pictured)

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Cultural Committee News

Italian Opera Course

The Cultural Committee is trying to determine if there is enough support for taking a short course in Italian Opera with Port City Opera Company. If anyone is interested, please contact Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or any member of the Cultural Committee.

Genealogy Genetic Project

We are in the early stages of the Genealogy Genetic Project. We have nineteen members signed up to date. All members are welcome to participate. Please contact Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or Cammy Reali at 939-8570 if you'd like to participate.

Italian Idiom for June Non Vedo l'Ora

Literally translated as "I don't see the hour," this idiom is downright confusing when you realize it actually means "I can't wait." *"I'm going to Texas tomorrow, **non vedo l'ora!**"*



Scholarship Committee News



IHC Scholarship winners were announced at the May general meeting. They will be present at the June general meeting to read their essays and accept their awards.

The IHC will present four scholarships this year. Three of them are funded by members of the IHC. **Linda and Dominic Reali** continue their long standing support of education and the IHC by funding a scholarship again this year. The recipient will be Megan Bennett.

For the second year, the **DiBiase family** is funding a scholarship in memory of John DiBiase and his son-in-law, Scott Decker. The recipient will be Lexis Anderson.

A first time ever scholarship has been funded by the **Irace family** in memory of John Irace who passed away this past year. The recipient will be Brady Arsenault.

The fourth scholarship is funded through the efforts of the **IHC Scholarship Committee** which holds various fund raisers during the year. For the third year in a row, no dues or general fund money was used to fund the scholarship. The recipient will be Renata Serio.

The IHC Scholarship Committee is now starting to raise money to fund the 2016 Scholarship. The first fund raiser will be the raffle of a beautiful quilt made and donated by a member of the IHC Scholarship Committee, Carol Ferrante.

More information about the committee, fundraisers and scholarship winners will be in future issues of the Newsletter. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Carl Paquette at crpaquette@maine.rr.com.

In Memory of our Deceased Members

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| Joseph A. Aliberti, Sr. | Antonio Dell'Aquila | Eleanor Marshall |
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| Pierina Axelsen | John DiBiase | Rocco Marzilli, Sr. |
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| Joseph Caminiti, Jr. | Edward & Henrietta DiPhillipo | Guido & Mary (Pio) Pardi, Sr. |
| Michael Caminiti | Antonio DiPietro | Bettie Pileggi |
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| | Donald Lefebvre | |

In Appreciation to our Lifetime Members

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| Joan Bartlett | Madeline Fornisano | John & Betty Paris |
| Paul Connolly | Louis D. Germani | Giovanna Ricci |
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| 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.

Kentucky Derby - May 2, 2015



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