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To:

President Frank Reali's Message

I am pleased to announce the new Nominating Committee for the election that will take place in May, 2016.



Jim DiBiase is the Chair of the committee. Jay Scala, Susan Smythe, Tom Noonan and Phil Rotolo will serve as nominating committee members. I would like to thank them for volunteering for these positions.

If anyone is interested in running for Primary Office or Director, please get in touch with Jim DiBiase at 767-2291 as soon as possible and the Nominating Committee will schedule an interview with you.

The Board of Directors has approved giving four scholarships for the year 2016. They are the IHC Scholarship, the DiBiase Family Scholarship, the Irace Family Scholarship and the Dominic and Linda Reali Family Scholarship

I would like to welcome our newest members to the IHC: John Misiewicz, Marie and Terrance Wogan and Shawn Pierce. Please enjoy what the IHC has to offer.

VERY IMPORTANT - On February 18, 2016, we will be voting on six proposed by-law changes. Please try to attend the General meeting, which will start at 6:30 p.m. Remember only regular members in good standing can vote on By-law changes. Please have your key card with you. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for final adoption of proposed by-law changes. Review the written statements on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter and/or email. Thank you.

As always, I would like to thank all of our members for their continued support.
Frank Reali, President

February 18, 2016 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 February 16. This is a members only dinner and meeting. You will need your key card when paying for your meal.

By-Law Changes for 2016

Article XIII Meetings

Current By-Law:

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The membership will meet once a month on the third **Thursday** of each month (“regular meeting”). Each regular meeting shall begin at 6:30 p.m. In the event a regular meeting date falls on a holiday, or if special circumstances otherwise exist, (i.e. inclement weather), the President may postpone and reschedule a regular meeting. A quorum at any regular meeting shall consist of forty (40) members in good standing. A quorum shall not be necessary for approval and admission of new members. (Rev. 2/2013)

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Article V Membership

Current By-Law:

Section 2. Associate Member. Any person not of Italian origin or directly or indirectly related to persons of Italian origin by marriage or adoption is eligible for associate membership provided the applicant is eighteen (18) years of age and sponsored by a regular member in good standing and of Italian origin. Associate membership status entitles the individual to attend and participate in all functions, activities and services of the center. An associate member is not eligible to be elected to any of the Primary Offices (as hereinafter defined) or to hold the position of Director (as hereinafter defined) but is eligible to hold an Appointed Position (as hereinafter defined). An associate member is eligible to vote on all matters except by-law amendments and amendments to the Articles of Incorporation.

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By-Law Clean-up for 2016

Article XII Committees

Current By-Law:

Section 2. Cultural Program Committee. This committee, through a group of subcommittees, shall be responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors and managing an annual comprehensive program of activities, including, but not limited to, the library, Italian Lessons, **the band**, lectures, publications, and scholarships. Annually, this committee shall present a proposed program for the following year, together with a proposed Budget and recommended sources of funding, to the Finance Committee.

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Article IX Elections

Current By-Law:

Section 1. All nominations for Primary Offices and Elected Directors shall be submitted at the **first** regular meeting in April.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. All nominations for Primary Offices and Elected Directors shall be submitted at the regular meeting in April.

Current By-Law:

Section 2. The election shall take place from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. immediately prior to the **first** regular meeting in May.

Proposed Change:

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Current By-Law:

Section 6. All Primary Officers and Directors duly elected shall be installed at the **first** regular meeting in June.

Proposed Change:

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In sections 1, 2 and 6 the word FIRST has been deleted.

Officers & Board of Directors

Officers:

Frank Reali	President	772-5831
Vincenza (Vicki) Dunn	Vice President	774-5003
Ron Taliento	Treasurer	797-2372
Carmela Reali	Membership Sec.	772-5831
Adele Harnois	Recording Sec.	807-6569
Martin Joyce III	Past President	838-3581

Directors:

Barbara Pileggi	797-5473
Nikki Cox	829-5604
Rocco Toppi	773-3038
John Dascanio	671-1109
Kim Toppi (Activities Director)	329-0845

Committee Chairpersons

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Administrative	John Hughes	650-3336	Scholarship	Carl Paquette	956-3588
Technology	Vicki Dunn	774-5003	Marketing	Melissa Martin	615-2203
Facilities	IHC	772-7715	Finance	Ron Taliento	797-2372
By-Laws	Paul Connolly	799-1131	Cultural	Jim DiBiase	767-2292
Activities	Kim Toppi	329-0845	Health & Welfare	Mary Keaney	767-2440
Charity	Kathy Paquette	272-0573	Sergeant of Arms	Robert Doyle	776-8834

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

La Cantina Operating Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Lounge opens 4 pm; last call 9:30 pm; lounge closes 10 pm
Happy Hour Thursday - last call 10:30 pm; lounge closes 11 pm (Happy Hour night only)

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; lounge closes 10 pm
Trivia/Carne Shoot - last call 10:30 pm; lounge 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.

General Manager - Kim McDonough

January was a busy month for us! We had many returning functions, including the Maine Association of Police with over 350 guests!

In December we hosted the Cumberland County Sheriffs kids Christmas party with a beautiful sleigh, Santa and the elves. It was a great event and a big thanks to Nicola Cox, one of our board members, who sends us a lot of business from the law enforcement community.

We have had a fantastic year and most all our clients say they discovered us by attending events or people talking about events they have hosted. Your referrals mean a lot!

This February we are hosting two Winter weddings which will be beautiful.

Please mark your calendar for the Cultural Committee's Wine Tasting, Thursday, March 10. It will be full of amazing food and great wines! A big thanks to Micucci's and our wine distributors for working with us. It will be an educational and delicious event.

Happy Spring!

Membership News - Cammy Reali

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

Regular Member

John and Kimberly Mancini

Sponsor

Anthony Mancini

Italian Name

Mancini

Notes from the Membership Secretary

If you have any correspondence regarding membership, please send it 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 give me a call. You will receive our newsletter much faster via email.

Cammy

President Reali and the members of the Italian Heritage Center would like to thank Bob and Nancy Piccone for donating the new Italian sash. It is beautiful and looks great.

Thank you again!



Activities Committee - Kim Toppi

Calendar of Events

February 5	Sam Scola in La Cantina
February 26	Ocean Avenue in La Cantina
February 28	History of Italian Relics
March 5	Yard Sale
March 10	2nd Annual Wine Tasting
March 11	Easy Money Band in La Cantina
March 25	Kingpin in La Cantina
April 8	Joe Robinson in La Cantina
April 24	Sunday Spaghetti Feast
May 7	Kentucky Derby Party

Movie Night, Carne and Trivia in La Cantina

February 6	Italian Movie Night
February 20	Carne
February 27	Trivia
March 5	Italian Movie Night
March 19	Carne
March 26	Trivia
April 2	Italian Movie Night
April 16	Carne
April 23	Trivia

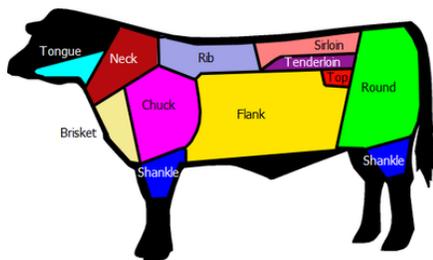
"Carne" Shoot in La Cantina

**Saturday
February 20**

Registration starts
at 6 pm

Games start at 7 pm

Entry fee is \$10 per card/person.
All members and guests are welcome.



Trivia Night in La Cantina

Time to get your team together for some exciting and challenging Trivia.

Saturday, February 27

Games start at 7 pm

Entry fee is \$5 per person

Open to members and
guests

Maximum of 6 people per
team

Top 3 teams win!



February - First Thursday Happy Hour in La Cantina

Start the New Year off right by joining us in La Cantina on **Thursday, February 4** from **4-7 pm**. The weather might be a bit cold but we will warm you up with drink specials and some good hot food.

SAVE THE DATE: next Happy Hour is March 3.

2nd Annual Wine Tasting

We are very excited about our upcoming wine tasting on Thursday, March 10, 2016. We will have wines from Nappi Distributors and DiMillo imports, plus one more distributor to be announced.

In addition, Micucci's will be supplying gourmet olive oils. The IHC will add infused olive oils and aged balsamic vinegars.

We will be pairing food with the wine courses: breads, olive oils, aged balsamic vinegars, imported cheeses, olives, fruits and vegetables to start. The other food courses will be determined as the wines are selected and the event draws closer.

We will feature three white wines, three red wines and end with a special cordial, plus coffee and sweets.

Each distributor will discuss the wines as we sip and enjoy the courses. This will be educational as well as delicious.

Please reserve your table early, as we hope to have a full house.

\$20 for IHC Members/\$25 for Guests

Thursday, March 10, 2016 – Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Please call Cammy 939-8570 for reservations



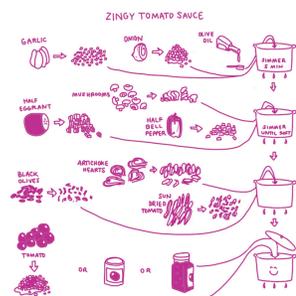
We Need Your Recipes!!

It has been nearly 20 years since the members of the IHC have put together a cookbook of all their favorite recipes. The Activity Committee will be taking on this project as a fundraiser for the Cantina in 2016. We need 250 recipes to make this a truly spectacular book. And that means, **we need your help**.

Do you have a favorite recipe or two, or three, that you want to share? All you have to do is send them to Kim Toppi at ktoppi@maine.rr.com, mail them to 33 Maine Avenue, Portland 04103, or leave them in the Activity Director box at the IHC. Please include your name with your recipe, as it will be published in the book. It is preferred to receive the recipe already typed, but handwritten will be accepted as long as they are readable.

Deadline to submit recipes is April 1 - no joke!!! You can submit anything from appetizers, to main dishes, salads, desserts, cocktails, breads, pickles, candy - **you have it, we want it**.

The Activity Committee will review all recipes for accuracy and duplications. In the event of duplicate recipes, both names will be listed. If you have any questions, please call Kim Toppi at 329-0845.



What Do I Get for My Membership at the IHC?

Submitted by Kim Toppi, Activity Director

As the coordinator of all of the member activities at the IHC, I often hear this comment from some of our members. With a new year upon us, I thought it would be a good time to remind all of our Members, what having a membership at the IHC means.

First and foremost, being a member means you are a member of a private social club in Portland with over 700 members that was established more than 60 years ago. What you get out of your membership is up to you. Since my joining the IHC six years ago, I have met some of the nicest people who have become life-long friends that I will have forever. And I've had the opportunity to become a member of the Board of Directors and learn more about the business side of the IHC – not just the member side.

When asked recently on Facebook to share why you are a member of the IHC, Mark A. Maloney had this to say: "Family friendly events, old friends, new friends, games, sports, outstanding events, excellent organized trips, cultural connection along with a great facility, great staff and wonderful volunteers. A continuing lifetime of connections!" He couldn't have said it any better.

We offer the opportunity to join a number of Committees that all work towards common goals: foster good will in our community, educate members on Italian traditions of our ancestors, and join other friends at any number of social events. Committees that are always seeking new members are: Activity Committee, Scholarship Committee, Culture Committee, Charity Committee, and Membership Committee.

As a member of the IHC, there are certain things that are for MEMBERS only:

- * Men's & Women's Bocce League
- * Gin Tournament
- * IHC Chorus
- * Pot of Gold in La Cantina
- * Member Appreciation Cocktail Party
- * Volunteer Banquet
- * 4 Annual \$1,500 Scholarships
- * Private Function Discount

And there are a host of events that you, as a MEMBER, are welcome to bring your family and guest to:

- * New Year's Eve Dance
- * Kentucky Derby Party
- * Christmas Craft Fair & Bake Sale
- * Dances
- * Wine Tasting
- * Red Solo Cup Dance.....and the list goes on and on. Events change every year!!
- * Italian Lessons
- * Kid's Christmas Party
- * Boston Bus Trips
- * Family Festival
- * Trips Abroad

Finally, there is the Cantina. As a MEMBER you are welcome to bring your family and friends, who while in the Cantina, enjoy member drink prices which are considerably less than if at a private event.

The Cantina offers:

- * Friday Night DJs
- * Friday Night Bands and Performances
- * Italian Movie Night
- * Sports Theme Parties And the list goes on and on.
- * Trivia Night
- * Carne Shoot
- * Friday Night Dinners

I hope this gives you all a better picture of what having a membership at the IHC is all about and how you can make the most of your membership!

La Cantina

Friday Night Entertainment

- February 5 (Band) Sam Scola
- February 12 (DJ) Mike Clough
- February 19 (DJ) Dan Dibiasse
- February 26 (Band) Ocean Ave



Our Newest Members

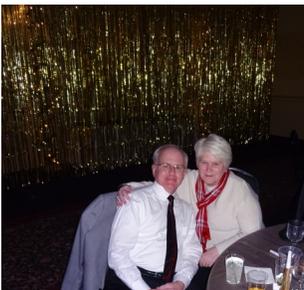
Welcome and congratulations to all. We are looking forward to seeing you at the IHC.

(l-r) Shawn Pierce,
President Reali and
John Misiewicz

Not shown—Marie
and Terrance Wogan



**New Years Eve
December 31**



Joan Kennedy - January 8



Kingpin - January 22



**Christmas Dinner
January 15**



Art Show - January 22



Primary Officers and Director Positions To Be Filled Nomination Committee Formed

A Nominating Committee has been formed to recommend candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and one open Director Position.

The Committee Members consist of:

Nominating Committee Names	Email Address	Telephone No.
Phil Rotolo	prorotolo@maine.rr.com	772-4862 or 671-6540
Jay Scala	Jaybo54@maine.rr.com	318-7446
Tom Noonan	tnoonan@maine.rr.com	781-983-0328
Susan Smythe	susan.smythe@delhaize.com	797-0798 or 885-3687
Jim DiBiase - Committee Chair	jdibias@maine.rr.com	767-2292 or 831-4191

The positions to be voted on by the membership are listed in the table below:

Position	Length of Term	Incumbent	Eligible to Run	Stipend
President	2 years	Frank Reali	No	No
Vice President	2 years	Vincenza Dunn	No	No
Treasurer	2 years	Ron Taliento	No	No
Membership Secretary	2 years	Carmela Reali	Yes	Yes
Recording Secretary	2 years	Adele Harnois	Yes	Yes
Board Director	3 years	John Dascanio	Yes	No

These positions require that each candidate be a regular member, in good standing for at least one year prior to nomination and intends to carry out the duties and responsibilities required by the position as stated in the Italian Heritage Center By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

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 incumbent or President Frank Reali.

The Nominating Committee will present their selection at the April, 2016 General Meeting. At that time IHC President Frank Reali will open the meeting to nominations from the floor.

Voting will take place in May, 2016 and installation will take place in June, 2016.

The Nominating Committee will schedule interviews for each position during the months of February and March, 2016.

Please contact a committee member or call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or 831-4191 to schedule your interview.

Thank you!

Cultural Committee – Jim DiBiase

FEBRUARY ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, February 6th, 7:00 pm in the Cantina

Winner of Multiple Film Festival Awards

“The Orange Thief”

A cocky, irresponsible and penniless young orange thief, who dreams of owning a piece of his beloved Sicilian land, ends up in jail. When confronted with a “deal he can’t refuse” by his murderous, yet philosophical cellmate “Turido, The Smooth Blade”, his life and the lives of everyone he encounters take an unexpected turn.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles.

Donations are accepted to defray cost of the DVDs.

Please join us for snacks and a contemporary Italian film.

MARCH ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 5th, 7:00 pm in the Cantina

Count Luchino Visconti's THE LEOPARD (IL GATTOPARDO)

From the director of “Senso” comes “The Leopard”, an acclaimed, epic film on the grandest scale. Count Visconti recreates, with nostalgia, drama and opulence, the tumultuous years of Italy’s Risorgimento when the aristocracy lost its grip and the middle classes rose to form a unified, democratic Italy. Burt Lancaster stars as an aging prince watching his culture and fortune wane in the face of a new generation represented by the gorgeous Claudia Cardinale and Alain Delon.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles.

Donations accepted to defray cost of DVDs.

IHC Chorus: Rehearsals for the May 15, 2016 IHC Chorus Spring Concert start on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 pm in the Library. Welcome back to all the past and present members! Any new members interested in joining a fun group of singers, please contact Jim DiBiase at 787-2292 or just show up at rehearsal.

History of Italian Relics - St Joseph’s Professor Michelle Laughran has graciously agreed to give a fascinating Presentation on the History of Italian Relics at 2:00 pm February 28, 2016 in the DaVinci Room. No matter if you’re a devout Catholic or a curious non-believer, you’re sure to be absorbed by her talk. More than 2,000 years of Christianity has produced numerous, fascinating, if not gruesome, stories. And it seems that for every Biblical tale, there is a relic housed in Rome, the Vatican, or in one of Italy’s thousands of churches.

Admission is free and there will be refreshments served.



Genealogy Genetic Project It’s never too late to participate so contact Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or Cammy Reali at 939-8570 if you’d like to join in the project.

Upcoming Events:

- Second annual **Wine Tasting** Night, to include Olive Oil sampling (March 10, 2016).
- **Trip to Italy** (Sicily, Calabria, Naples, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Capri, Mt. Vesuvius, Rome) scheduled for September 26, 2016 to October 6, 2016.
- **Herb Garden** on IHC grounds. Planting on Memorial Day.

Italian Idiom for February

Non mi va-Literally meaning “it doesn’t go (for) me,” this expression can be used anywhere.

“These pants are too tight, **non mi va**.” “I just ate a bowl of pasta, a piece of chicken and a salad. This banana **non mi va**.”

“Do you want to go to the beach today?” “No ... **non mi va**.”

February 2016

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Sat

	1	2	3	1st Thursday 	5 Sam Scola La Cantina 	6 Italian Movie Night 
7	8	9		11	Mike Clough Karaoke 	13
Valentines Day 	15	16	17	18 Board and General Meetings	19 Dan DiBiase Karaoke 	20 Carne 
21	22	23	24	25	26 Ocean Ave La Cantina 	27 Trivia 
28 History of Italian Relics 	29					

Charity Committee - Kathy Paquette

IHC CHARITY COMMITTEE 3RD ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Charity Committee is looking for donations for our indoor yard sale. We will gladly accept gently used items such as: dishes, household items, knick knacks, small furniture, clothing, decorations, books, jewelry, CD'S, tools, stuffed animals, etc. Pretty much anything goes!! (unfortunately, we can not accept electronics)

You can drop off your items at the IHC on Friday, March 4, from 11:00am to 6:00pm. There will be volunteers there to help unload items if necessary.

We will also have a coffee station and baked goods available for purchase. If you would like to donate baked goods, you can drop them off Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.

The Charity Committee does some wonderful work throughout the year and we want to thank you for your support.

Please call Kathy at (207)272-0573 if you have questions.



Scholarship Committee - Carl Paquette

Spring will soon be upon us (hopefully!). High school seniors will be visiting colleges with hopes of attending the school next September. Entering Freshmen as well as returning college students will be seeking ways to help finance some of the costs associated with college. To help with these costs, the IHC will be offering four \$1,500 scholarships to deserving members and children of members of the IHC pursuing an advanced degree beyond high school.

The first scholarship is the IHC Scholarship. It is entirely funded through donations and fundraisers completed throughout the year. IHC general fund monies have not been used to fund this scholarship in the past three years. The money raised is held in the IHC Charitable Trust and any contribution is tax deductible.

The other three scholarships are funded by the families of IHC members. They are: The Dominic and Linda Reali Scholarship, The DiBiase Family Scholarship and the John Irace Memorial Scholarship. These individuals and families have been and continue to be extremely generous, assuring the continuation of these scholarships administered by IHC Scholarship Committee.

Applications for all of the 2016 IHC administered scholarships will be available in the IHC lobby and online by Thursday, February 18, 2016 and need be to returned by 5 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Eligibility and criteria are stated on the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Paquette at crpaquette@maine.rr.com. The Scholarship Committee generally meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the IHC library.

January General Meeting Winners



*Quorum
Winner*
Cammy Reali
with President
Reali

50/50 Winner
Dawn Libby
with President
Reali



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