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To:

President Frank Reali's Message



I want to thank all of the Members for coming down to the February 18 Meeting. Approximately 140 members attended. It was nice to see the members taking an interest in the Italian Heritage Center. Please come every month!

These are the results of the six proposed by-law changes:

Article XII Committees – Section 2 Cultural Program Committee – Was **Unanimously Approved** (the band was removed, **the chorus** added)

Article IX Election – Section 1 – Section 2 – Section 6 – Was **Unanimously Approved** (the word **FIRST** was deleted)

Article XIII Meetings – Section 1 – Regular Meetings – Was **DEFEATED** - 27 YES – 97 NO

Article V Membership – Section 2- Associate Member Was **DEFEATED** – 41 YES – 81 NO

The Board of Trustees voted for 4 new sets of Bocce Balls. Two sets for the women and two sets for the men. ENJOY

I would like to welcome our newest members to the Italian Heritage Center. They are John and Kimberly Mancini. Please enjoy what we have to offer.

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

Frank Reali, President

March 17, 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 March 15. This is a members only dinner and meeting. You will need your key card when paying for your meal.

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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

February was a good month, and March is looking to be busy as well. We held a beautiful Valentine's Day Wedding. The Lincoln Club annual banquet and the Maine Saddlebred Association were among some of our weekend events. As we progress into Spring, banquets become busier.

This looks to be a fantastic year in food and beverage. We have **new POS cash registers** that we are currently programming and preparing to unveil. These will be a key tool to track our costs and analyze product usage, inventorying and ordering, and will be more efficient for our members and clients.

Our **March Cantina Drink specials** include the new **IHC Margarita**, whose smooth and tasty formula was recently discovered underground in East Deering, and a **Prosecco cocktail**. Please come in and try one of these refreshments!



Calling All Gin Players Tournament starts Wednesday, April 6 . . . Beginners welcome!

Gin is coming back in April for any member that is interested in playing. If you have never played and may be a little apprehensive, we will host two instructional/refresher Wednesdays (March 23 and March 30) at 5:30 pm. Come on down to the Cantina and have some fun, plus it is a great way to meet other members.

The cost is \$25 to join for the ten weeks; and if you are in the top nine at the end of the season, you will play in the playoffs.

The deadline for signing up and paying is anytime before March 31. You can find me in La Cantina most early evenings; or you can leave an envelope with your name/phone/email/money with one of the bartenders in La Cantina and I will get it. You can also mail it to the Italian Heritage Center to my attention. Please make checks payable to Brenda Berry.

I really need to have a final paid count by the beginning of the week that ends on March 31 in order to set up the schedule.

The **tournament will start on April 6** at 6:30 pm (with a 15 minute leeway). The tournament will run until June 8; with June 15 as the playoffs. You can contact me at 773-1872 or 899-5149, or bberry1@maine.rr.com. Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Brenda Berry



Revisiting Christmas Dinner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who attended our traditional Christmas Dinner in January. A good time was had by all and as usual, there was plenty of delicious food to enjoy.

The Cultural Committee decided to hold this event in January because everyone is so busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas and January seems to be a bit of a letdown for most. It is an opportunity to present our members with an authentic Italian Christmas Eve or Christmas Day dinner. It was our third year and we will continue this event for as long as our members support it.

At this time I want to thank our Chef, **Ann Ebert** and all of the volunteer cooks who made this event possible. They are:

Jim and Francie DiBiase, Jess and Sue Savage, Rocco and Gina Ferrante, Cammy and Frankie Reali, Barbara Pileggi, Jay Scala, Peter Doria, Vickey Saniuk, Tom Noonan, Dennis McLaughlin and Bonita Anderson.

I also want to thank our Manager, **Kim McDonough**, for her help in organizing our volunteer wait staff which consisted of:

Paul Cyr, Debbie Haskell, Tiffany Randall, Sara Brissette, Jon Carpenter, Adele Harnois, Donna Rague, Jo-Anne Kayatta, Anna Stankewitz, Rebecca Hughes and Melissa Martin.

Thanks again for supporting us as we keep our Italian traditions alive.



Marianne Reali



February 18, 2016 Voting Night at the General Meeting



What an excellent turnout for our February 18 General Meeting!! It would be great to have a full house like this at every meeting!!

Membership News - Cammy Reali

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

Regular Members

Theodore Malette
Judith Malette
Michael Snow
Sharon Snow
Ronald McDaniels
Cathy Cuneo Turpin
Dwayne Turpin
Nicholas Manderelli

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Cammy Reali
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David Giansiracusa



Italian Heritage Center

OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS DOWN TO SEE WHAT THE
ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER HAS TO OFFER.
ALL COMMITTEES WILL HAVE TABLES SET UP IN THE LOBBY
THIS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OUR MONTHLY HAPPY HOUR**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Cammy, Vicki, Nikki, Barbara, and Brenda**

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

Activities Committee - Kim Toppi

Calendar of Events

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 7	Open House
April 8	Joe Robinson in La Cantina

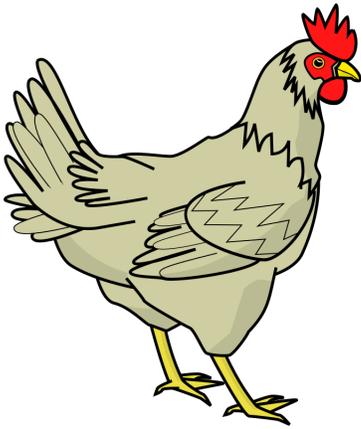
May 7	Kentucky Derby Party
May 13	Joan Kennedy in La Cantina

Movie Night, Carne and Trivia in La Cantina

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



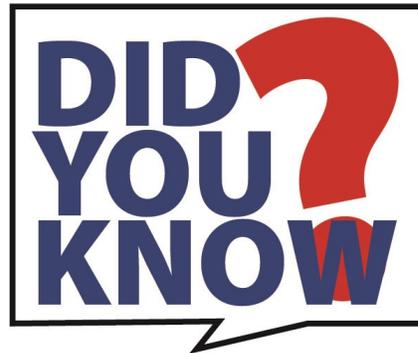
Saturday, March 19

Registration starts at 6 pm
Games start at 7 pm
Entry fee is \$10 per card/person.
All members and guests are welcome.

Trivia In La Cantina

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

Saturday, March 26



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!

March - First Thursday Happy Hour in La Cantina

Spring is just around the corner and the days will be getting longer this month. Join us on **Thursday, March 3** from **4-7 pm**. for a great time with friends and family members. Food is great and plentiful!

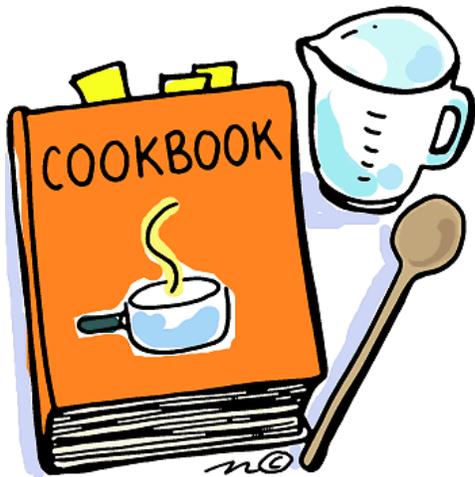
SAVE THE DATE: next Happy Hour is April 7.

Italian Heritage Center Cookbook.....Coming Soon!

The Activity Committee will be producing a NEW IHC Cookbook. But we can't do it without your help. All we need is for you to submit ONE of your favorite recipes. It can be a bread, salad, side dish, main dish, dessert, cocktail; whatever you want to submit, we will accept it.

Recipe may be emailed to ktoppi@maine.rr.com,
mailed to Kim Toppi, 33 Maine Avenue, Portland, 04103,
or left at the IHC in the Activity Director mail slot.

The success of the cookbook depends on you!!!



**Join us Friday, March 11, 8 pm
in the Cantina
to listen to the
Easy Money Band**

(Pub Fare will be available based on kitchen availability that evening.)



**Back by popular demand!!
King Pin will perform in the
Cantina on Friday, March 25**

(Pub Fare will be available based on kitchen availability that evening.)

Bon
appétit



Member Appreciation Cocktail Party January 28, 2016



February General Meeting Winners



50/50 Winner
Salvatore Raia
with
President Reali

Quorum Winner
Brenda Berry
with
President Reali



La Cantina

Friday Night Entertainment

- March 4 Bob Wilson (Karaoke)
- March 11 Easy Money Band
- March 18 Jeff Rockwell (Karaoke)
- March 25 Kingpin



Scholarship Committee

A message from Carl Paquette:

2016 Italian Heritage Scholarship applications are now available online at

www.italianheritagecenter.com.

They are under "Membership", "Membership Info" and then select "Scholarships".

You can also pick up an application in the lobby of the IHC.

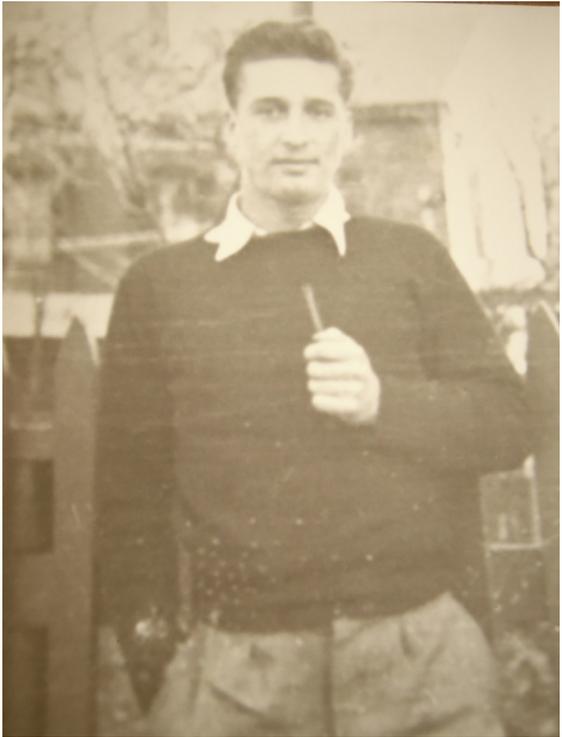
Pictures From The Past - Enjoy



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JOE ANANIA, JOE BRUNI, JOE BOVE AND JOHN DALFONSO



CHARLES DALFONSO



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2nd Annual Wine Tasting

We are very excited about our upcoming wine tasting on Thursday, March 10, 2016. We have wines from Nappi Distributors and DiMillo imports.

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 will 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. Tickets need to be paid for in advance.

*\$20 for IHC Members/\$25 for Guests
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Please call Cammy 939-8570 for reservations*

Italian Paint night with our own Paul Cyr

Friday, April 15, 2016 – Da Vinci Room

\$25 Members - \$30 Guests – Everyone is Invited. Please bring your friends. Profits from this class will go to the Cultural Committee.

Thank you for your support!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Class starts at 6:00 p.m.

Cash bar available

**Call Cammy 939-8570 or
Jim DiBiase 767-2292**

Italian Theme Picture to be Painted



Cultural Committee – Jim DiBiase

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.
Join us for snacks and a Classic Italian film.

APRIL ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, April, 2nd, 7:00 pm in the Cantina

Silvio Soldini's BREAD AND TULIPS

Rosalba, a young housewife of Pescara (Abruzzo), during a bus trip after she found herself alone and...forgotten in a high-way café, decides not to wait for her husband and sons to come back to pick her up but instead decides to find her own way home. She is a little offended that she has been forgotten by her family and has been told by her husband to stay put so, rebelling a little she finds herself hitch-hiking direct for Venice. Her adventure in Venice begins meeting strange but fascinating people. Fermo; an anarchistic florist, Grazia; a masseuse and Fernando; a waiter from Iceland that speaks his own language of Italian.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles.
Donations accepted to defray cost of DVDs.
Join us for snacks and a Classic Italian film.

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.

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.

A Thesis on Italian Immigration Experiences

Past member, Angie Esposito's granddaughter, Robin DiDomenicus Svendsen, of Washington, DC, is preparing her PHD thesis on the Italian Immigration experience. She plans to explain how experiences, photographs and letters of Italian immigrants tell the stories of their lives in America (e.g. what material "things" did they acquire to tell these stories?)

She wants to confine her thesis to Portland, and its environs, where her Italian-American father grew up. Any children or grandchildren of Italian immigrants interested in telling their own story of their folks' Italian immigrant experience and who would like to be interviewed then or some other convenient time, please contact Robin at (323) 810-8341 or Jim DiBiase at 767-2292. Further details will follow.

Italian Idiom for March

Avere un piede nella fossa: to be almost dead (literally to have one foot in the grave)

March 2016

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 Happy Hour 	4 Karaoke DJ Bob Wilson	5 Indoor Yard Sale 
6	7	8 Activity Meeting 5:00 pm Cultural Meeting 5:45 pm	9	10 2nd Annual Wine Tasting 	11 Easy Money Band 	12
13  Daylight Savings Begins	14	15 Charity Committee Meeting 5:00 pm	16	17 Board and General Meetings	18 Karaoke DJ Jeff Rockwell	19 Carne 
20 First Day of Spring  Palm Sunday	21	22	23 Gin Practice 	24	25 Kingpin  Good Friday	26 Trivia 
27 Easter Sunday 	28	29	30 Gin Practice 	31		

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Rudy DiPietro		
Dominic Distasio		

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.