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To:

President Carmela Reali's Message



Thank you to Darlene Napolitano and Deb McNally for organizing the Super Bowl Party. It was a great time with great food. I didn't like the outcome, but being together was the highlight.

Please get your tickets for the "Rockin March Madness" with Misspent Youth. The Event is on Saturday, March 31. Call Kim Toppi at 329-0845; Tess Hakkila at 807-7122 or Ed Porter at 772-2500 for tickets (\$15 for members and \$20 for guests). For more details, see page 10 in the newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee is all geared up for our Spring fundraiser, a Connie Francis Tribute... which will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices will be \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Tickets will be available at the March 15 General Meeting. People can buy or reserve a whole table of 10 that night.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to fill 5 Officer Positions and 2 Director Positions for the upcoming elections: Barbara Pileggi bpileggi@maine.rr.com 207-797-5473; Bruce Koharian koharb@portlandschools.org 207-879-9873; Toni Andriulli basketshark@aol.com 207-332-9670; Peter Doria pldelectric@aol.com 207-329-8312; Jim DiBiase -Committee Chair jdibias@maine.rr.com 207-767-2292.

The positions to be voted on are listed below:

- President**, Incumbent Carmela Reali, eligible, two year term
- Vice President**, Incumbent Paul Andriulli, eligible, two year term
- Treasurer**, *two year term
- Membership Secretary**, Incumbent Nicola Cox, eligible, two year term
- Recording Secretary**, *two year term
- Board Director**, *three year term
- Board Director**, Incumbent Tom Noonan, eligible, three year term

*Incumbent eligible, but has decided not to run.

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As always, thank you for your support. Please enjoy what the IHC has to offer. See you soon.

Cammy Reali, President

March 15, 2018 Board Meeting & General Meeting

Board Meeting - 4:00 pm
General Meeting - 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 Tuesday, March 13.** This is a members only dinner and meeting. You will need your key card when paying for your meal.

Please note:

General Meeting Menu for Thursday, March 15:

We will be featuring a Buffet for that evening

Officers & Board of Directors

Officers:

Carmela Dalfonso Reali	President	939-8570
Paul Andriulli	Vice President	450-4440
Salvatore Bonetti	Treasurer	939-6755
Nicola Mandarelli Cox	Membership Sec.	829-5604
Adele Tonini Harnois	Recording Sec.	807-6569
Frank Reali	Past President	772-5831

Directors:

Thomas Noonan	781-983-0328
Albert DiMillo	899-0165
Rocco Ferrante	776-4507
Carl Paquette	956-3588
Darlene Napolitano (Activities Director)	899-5356

Committee Chairpersons

Parliamentarian	Mary-Jane Robichaud	743-3937	Membership	Paul Andriulli	450-4440
Scholarship	Martha Binette	671-3133	Administrative	Lauren Pasquali Thorne	899-7613
Technology	William Cox	829-5604	Charity	Tess Hakkila	807-7122
Facilities	Frank Reali	772-5831	Finance	Salvatore Bonetti	939-6755
By-Laws	Paul Connolly	799-1131	Cultural	Jim DiBiase	767-2292
Activities	Darlene Napolitano	899-5356	Health & Welfare	Toni Andriulli	332-9670
			Sergeant at Arms	Peter Doria	775-0888

Contact the President . . .

All members may contact President Carmela Reali by calling **772-5831** or 939-8570.

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:

**Toni Andriulli at
 207-332-9670 or basketshark@aol.com**

La Cantina Operating Hours

Lounge is **closed Sundays and Mondays** (no liquor service)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Lounge opens at 4 pm; last call 9:30 pm; lounge closes at 10 pm

Friday Nights Lounge opens at 4 pm; last call 11:30 pm; lounge closes at 12 am

Saturday Nights Lounge opens at 5 pm; last call 9:30 pm; lounge closes at 10 pm

Effective immediately, all get well, sympathy and mass cards will be sent directly to the recipient's home address. Therefore, it is extremely important that we have your correct mailing address.

Please contact either me or Nikki Cox if you have an updated address or telephone number.

Thank you,

Toni Andriulli
 Health & Welfare

207-332-9670 or basketshark@aol.com

Membership News - Nicola Cox



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

Regular Members

Dr. Jack Slosky & Dr. Susan Anzivino Slosky
Anthony Landry

Italian Name

Anzivino/Lamberti

Sponsor

Carmela Reali
Frank Reali

Associate Members

Brian P. Beatty
Jacqueline Beatty

Sponsor

Carmela Reali
Carmela Reali

If you have any correspondence regarding membership, please send it to: membership@italianheritagecenter.com or feel free to call me at 829-5604.

GO GREEN!! If you would like to go paperless with your newsletter, please let me know. We will save some trees; plus you will get your newsletter by the first week of the month by selecting our online copy. All it takes is a phone call to (772-2500) or email (nicolacox@maine.rr.com) and I will make it happen! Thanks for doing your part.

Send me your date of birth as I am updating the records to determine when you will become a lifetime member.

If you have changed your address or have a new telephone number in the past 5 years, please get in touch with me.

Please email me at nicolacox@maine.rr.com or call me at 772-2500 and leave a message.

Members: Be sure to include your Membership Number on all dues payments and correspondence.

Nicola Cox
Membership Secretary

Just a reminder . . .

You are the only person who is authorized to sign the book for the Pot of Gold. Please do not ask anyone else to do this for you.



Members Please Note:

If you are bringing guests to the Cantina, please make sure that you sign them in. Your guests may not arrive before you and must depart no later than you. Thank-you!



Our **newest members** received their pins and a copy of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

Congratulations to Richard Scala, Peter and Nicole Hogland

50/50 was won by Al DiMillo who donated the winnings to the Scholarship Committee.

Quorum was won by Ron White

Happy Valentines Day
from your Cultural Committee



Calendar of Events - March 2018

- 3/1 Happy Hour/Birthdays
- 3/2 DJ, Karaoke & Dancing - DJ Scotty Dog
- 3/9 Deb Bassett
- 3/10 Italian Movie Night
- 3/16 DJ, Karaoke & Dancing - DJ Don
- 3/17 Carne
- 3/23 Pat Foley
- 3/24 Trivia
- 3/30 DJ, Karaoke & Dancing - DJ Jeff Rockwell
- 3/31 Charity Dance - MISSPENT YOUTH

Calendar of Events - April 2018

- 4/5 Happy Hour/Birthdays
- 4/6 DJ, Karaoke & Dancing - DJ Scotty Dog
- 4/7 Italian Movie Night
- 4/13 Joan Kennedy Band
- 4/20 DJ, Karaoke & Dancing - DJ Don
- 4/21 Carne
- 4/27 Riff Cats
- 4/28 Trivia

News from the IHC Manager, Dan Estey

I am settling in, learning a lot about the IHC and working closely with all the clients on their upcoming events. I am looking forward to getting to know as many members as possible and attending some of the great events in La Cantina. Bookings are coming along, and I think we will be having a good transition.

I want to send a heartfelt thank you to Cammy and Frank Reali and their daughter Celeste for helping my transition to be a smooth one. At my first large event I did not have my seasoned Banquet Captains here to ensure that all was perfect as they had prior commitments that day. Celeste and Cammy assisted by dismissing tables and Frank wielded a carving knife and manned the carving station. The event was a huge success.

I want to give a quick shout out to all of the staff here at the IHC. They are great and I thank you. March, April and May are shaping up to be extremely busy with weddings, proms, and corporate parties, just to name a few.

As the saying goes, "when one door closes, another opens with better possibilities". I can say, the first month on the job is proving that to me.

All the best,
Dan



Facility Update - Frank Reali

1. I want to thank Peter Doria for some electrical repairs.
2. Central Maine Power has finally repaired the parking lot pole light.
3. We had an unannounced State of Maine Health Inspection:
 - Very Good Report with minor comments.
 - Staff Break Room has been re-organized. Two new shelves have been installed to get things off the floor
 - Back Room and Bottle Room has also been reorganized.
 - Two exhaust fans had to be replaced in kitchen.

Thank you.
Frank Reali, Facility Chair



Once again, Dominic and Linda Reali, and the DiBiase and Germani families have all agreed to fund a scholarship. Plus we have the Darlene & Anthony Napolitano scholarship that is new this year and is in memory of their grandson, Michael Joseph Chadbourne (Micky). The fifth scholarship will be awarded directly by the IHC. This scholarship is fully funded through various fundraisers held during the year. We will also continue with the IHC Employee scholarship this year.

Applications are available in the lobby of the IHC and also on line. Please read the qualifications carefully and contact Martha Binette at: Sometimesred@gmail.com if you have any questions. Applications must be completed and submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 1, 2018.

Officers and Director Positions To Be Filled - Nomination Committee Formed

A Nominating Committee has been formed to fill five Officer Positions and two Director Positions.

<u>Nominating Committee Names</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
Barbara Pileggi	bpileggi@maine.rr.com	207-797-5473
Bruce Koharian	koharb@portlandschools.org	207-879-9873
Toni Andriulli	basketshark@aol.com	207-332-9670
Peter Doria	pldelectric@aol.com	207-329-8312
Jim DiBiase – Committee Chair	jdibias@maine.rr.com	207-767-2292

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

Voting will take place in May and Installation will take place in June.

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

Calling All Gin Players . . . Tournament starts Wednesday, April 4 . . . 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 nervous, we will have two Wednesdays that will teach or refresh anyone how to play: March 21 and March 28 at 5:30 pm. Come on down to the Cantina and have some fun. It is a lot of fun and it is a great way to meet other members.

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 on or before March 28. You must be paid by that date. You can find me in La Cantina sometimes or 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 **Brenda Berry**, Italian Heritage Center, 40 Westland Ave, Portland Maine 04102. Please make checks payable to Brenda Berry. I really need to have a final paid count by March 28 to set up the schedule so make sure if you mail it, you mail it early so I will get it by that date. If the total number of players is not divisible by 3 the last one or two players who pay will be substitutes.

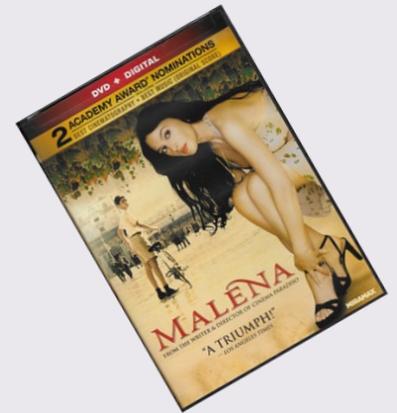
The tournament will start on April 4 at 6:15 (pm with a 15 minute leeway). Tournament will run until June 6 with June 13 as the playoffs. You can contact me at 773-1872 or 899-5149, or bberry1@maine.rr.com. Looking forward to seeing you in April.

Brenda Berry

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Hour/ Birthdays	2 <i>Cantina</i> DJ Scotty Dog Karaoke/Dancing 7-11 pm Pizza/Salad	3
4	5	6	7 Chorus 5:30 pm	8	9 <i>Cantina</i> Deb Bassett 7:30-10:30 Pub Food	10 <i>Cantina</i> Italian Movie Night
11 	12	13 Activities 5:00 pm Cultural 5:40 pm	14 Chorus 5:30 pm	15 Board & General Meetings	16 <i>Cantina</i> DJ Don Karaoke/Dancing 7-11 pm Pizza/Salad	17 <i>Cantina</i> Carne 7:00 pm 
18	19	20 Charity 5:00 pm Scholarship 6:00 pm 	21 Chorus 5:30 pm	22	23 <i>Cantina</i> Pat Foley 7:30-10:30 Pub Food	24 <i>Cantina</i> Trivia 7:00 pm
25 	26	27	28 Chorus 5:30 pm	29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day 	30 <i>Cantina</i> DJ Jeff Rockwell Karaoke/Dancing 7-11 pm Pizza/Salad Good Friday 	31 <i>Columbus Room</i> Charity Dance 7-11 pm Rockin' March Madness

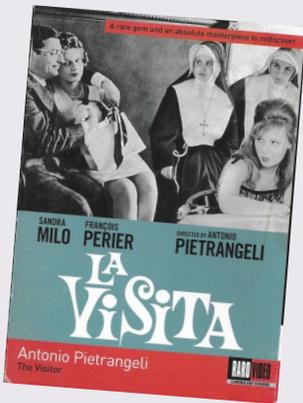
MARCH ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, March 10th, 7:00 pm in the Cantina
"Malena"



Amidst the war climate in 1941, a teenage boy, living in a sleepy, narrow minded Sicilian town where nothing ever happens, discovers himself and his life changes forever. He becomes love-stricken by the beautiful, sensual war widow Malèna; the obsession of every man and the envy of every woman. Renato comes to learn all of life's lessons and finds himself in places he would never have imagined.

Film is rated R for sexuality/nudity, language and some violence.
Donations accepted to defray cost of DVDs.
Join us for complimentary snacks and another thought-provoking film.

APRIL ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, April 7th, 7:00 pm in the Cantina
"La Visita"



In the days before the internet and eharmony.com, thirty-something stunning beauty Pina posts an ad in personal column to find a man to take her away from the tiny Italian village where she lives. For months now, she has been trying to find the right one—a man with a solid career, a family in mind and plenty of stamina. Adolfo lives in Rome and runs a profitable business. Looking to share his life with that special person willing to raise a family. Adolfo replies to Pina's ad. The couple arranges to meet in the village where Pina lives. Incorporating flashbacks that highlight Pina's and Adolfo's lives, the complexity of these characters is slowly revealed, and when the two finally meet Pina quickly realizes that Adolfo is the one. He appears noble, cultured and ready for a serious commitment—Pina can hardly believe her luck.

Movie is in black and white and suitable for all audiences.
Donations accepted to defray cost of DVDs.
Join us for complimentary snacks and another Italian Classic Movie.

The Cultural Committee would like to inquire of the Italian Heritage Center membership interest in forming an Italian Book Club. This would provide an opportunity to share titles and content of books written about Italy, both fiction and non-fiction. In so doing, we would have opportunities through literature to share stories of the history and the culture of Italy. The group could meet monthly, every 2 or 3 months, or as those interested in participating would choose.

Please contact Jim DiBiase, Chair of the Cultural Committee, at [207-767-2292](tel:207-767-2292) or jdibias@maine.rr.com or David Giansiracusa, member of the Cultural Committee, at [207-653-8990](tel:207-653-8990) or dgiansiracusa@gmail.com.

"If anyone is interested in taking introductory Italian Language Lessons, in preparation for a trip to Italy, or for general knowledge of the beautiful language of our forbears, please contact Assunta Fradella Savage at 883-3436 or Jim DiBiase at 767-2292. If there is enough interest we will begin a class in late April or early May."

"Our own Professor of Italian History at USM, Fiorello Ventresco, will be offering a course on "The Italian Resistance to Italian Fascism" given in two meetings on May 1 and May 8 at 6:30 pm in the IHC Library. Cost will be a modest \$25 for guests and \$20 for members. There will be a limit of 18 students for this great opportunity. Please call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or 831-4191 for reservations."

Mark the date, Sunday, June 3 for the Annual IHC Chorus Spring Concert. Rehearsals have just started, so we encourage anyone interested in joining the Chorus to show up for rehearsal on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the IHC Library. It's a lot of fun and don't be shy.

My apologies for not getting this appreciation letter from Marianne Reali published in the February, 2018 Newsletter. Adele Harnois

REVISITING CHRISTMAS EVE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members and their guests who attended our "5th ANNUAL TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER" on January 19. From all of the wonderful feedback that we received that night we will happily be back again next January with another exceptional HOME MADE dinner prepared by a group of volunteers that look forward to this week of preparing and cooking all year long. We have as much fun preparing as the members enjoy indulging in this 7-Fish Dinner. This year we filled the room to capacity and people were still calling for reservations but we had to turn them away. It was very jovial this year with our committee chairman, Jim DiBiase, leading everyone in song. REAL ITALIAN!!!



At this time I would like to thank all of the volunteers (cooks) who made this event possible. They are: Jim and Francie DiBiase, Jesse and Sue Savage, Rocco and Gina Ferrante, Peter and Donna Doria, John and Joanna Ryan, Vickey Saniuk, Barbara Pileggi, Marie Pardi, Jay Scala, Phil Rotolo, David Giansiracusa, Tom Noonan and Julie Ann Johnson.

I also want to thank (The Crooners) Paul Andriulli and Vinnie Fierro for entertaining us with their singing and for Danny DiBiase for providing the Italian themed music during dinner.



A big thanks to Benita Anderson for organizing all of the volunteer wait staff that included Jo-Anne Kayatta, Lisa Anderson, Julie Reali, Pamela Fuller, Denise Davis, Anna Lisa Ferrante and Adele Harnois. And, last but not least, Liz Barrett, head waitress, who was there to assist us in whatever we needed, Steve our faithful bartender and our two young dishwashers Omar and Jonathan who worked right along with us all night.

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

See you all next year!!! Marianne Reali



Some Italian Fun Facts

1. Italian Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simon (1475-1564) was once thought to have painted in somber shades, but after his frescos on the Sistine Chapel were cleaned, it was discovered that he actually painted in bright colors, such as purples, greens, and pinks. Centuries of dirt and smoke from candles had toned down the bright colors. Some art historians argued that the restorers went too far in their cleaning efforts and removed the dark shadows Michelangelo intended.

2. The pre-dinner *passaggiata* (evening stroll) is one of Italy's most enduring leisure activities where Italians stroll about the streets to see and be seen.

3. When European Jews were being persecuted during WWII, it was not unusual for some Jews to hide in Italy's ancient catacombs.

4. Soccer is Italy's most popular sport, and the famous San Siro Stadium in Milan holds 85,000 people. Italy has won the World Cup four times (1934, 1938, 1982, and 2006), making the country's team second only to Brazil's in number of wins.

5. In the 1930s and 40s, Italian fascist Benito Mussolini (1883-1945) tried to eliminate foreign words from Italian. In soccer, "goal" became "meta" and Donald Duck became "Paperino." Mickey Mouse became "Topolino" and Goofy became "Pippo." While the ban was not permanent, the Italian names remain common.



Italian Idiom for March: *Ad ogni uccello il proprio nido è bello.*
English equivalent: Every bird loves its own nest.

The Italian Heritage Center Charitable Scholarship Fund Presents...

Among My Souvenirs

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Martha @ 671-3133 or Judy @ 671-9412 or Cammy @ 939-8570

ASK ABOUT SPECIAL PREMIUM RESERVED SEATING FOR TABLES!!!

Scholarship Committee News-The committee is getting ready for the Connie Francis Tribute show. Tickets will be available at the March 15 General Meeting. People can buy or reserve a whole table of 10 that night.

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Anyone who donates \$100 to the scholarship fund will receive priority seating, plus a free ticket. There will be a cash bar and appetizers. During intermission we will be having coffee and Italian cookies. We are still in need of donations of ingredients for cookies and the summer basket to be raffled off at the Connie Francis tribute on May 6 at 2:00pm.

Anyone who would like to be on the Scholarship Committee is more than welcome. Thank you, Martha Binette

2018 Italian Heritage Center Charity

"Rockin' March Madness"

A Benefit for:



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Saturday, March 31

7—11 pm

40 Westland Avenue

Portland



Light Snacks

Raffles...Grab Bags

Games of Chance

Dance the night away with

Misspent Youth

Tickets: \$15 IHC members; \$20 guests

Call to reserve a table of 8 or purchase individual tickets:

329-0845 (Kim), 807-7122 (Tess), or 772-2500 (Ed).



Rockin March Madness is here! Whether you're planning a spring trip, rooting for your favorite basketball team, or mapping out this year's garden; mark your calendars for a fun and Charitable event for our Veterans and the Travis Mills Foundation - March 31 at 7:00 PM. Rocking March Madness is going to Rock the night away with MISSPENT YOUTH in the beautiful Columbus Room of The Italian Heritage Center. Awesome Raffle Prizes, Light Hors d'oeuvres and Dancing till your feet fall off. General Admission Tickets are available in the office with Ed Porter. Reserve a table with Kim Toppi or Tess Hakkila -see flyer above for contact information. Tickets are \$15 for Members and \$20 for Guests

Happy Hour/Birthdays



Super Bowl Party



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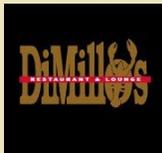


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