



A Message from President Carmela Reali

We have a vacancy on the Board of Directors. There will be a special election at the General Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019 for the purpose of electing a Board Director to serve for the remainder of the term, which ends June 30, 2020. Nominations will come from the floor and will be voted on that night by ballot. If you wish to be considered, but you are unable to come to the General Meeting, please notify the President in writing as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the newly elected Vice President, Vincenza Dunn. And thank you to Tommy C. Ferrante for also running. Congratulations to Melissa Worcester our newly elected Recording Secretary!

A Nominating Committee has been formed to fill a Director Position for the upcoming elections: Barbara Pileggi bpileggi@maine.rr.com 207-797-5473; Peter Doria pldelectric@aol.com 207-329-8312; Jim DiBiase jdibas@maine.rr.com 207-767-2292; Lauren Pasquali Thorne lpasquali@pierceatwood.com 207-899-7613; Deb McNally, Chairperson of Nominating Committee Deborah.mcnally10@gmail.com 207-239-4198.

The positions to be voted on are: One Board of Director - This position require that each candidate be a regular member, in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to nomination, and intends to carry out the duties and responsibilities required by the office or position. The duties of each position are fully described in the Italian Heritage Center By-Laws and Rules and Regulations as amended in June 2014.

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. The Nominating Committee will schedule interviews for each position during the months of March. The deadline for submitting a name in nomination is April 10, 2019. Please contact a committee member or call Deborah McNally at 239-4198 to schedule your interview. Thank you!

We have two events coming up this month. St. Patrick's Day Brunch and Spring Fling Dance. Details in newsletter.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the Italian Heritage Center. They are: Ann Marie Smyth, Patrick DeNuccio, and Lee Silva. Please enjoy everything the IHC has to offer.

Remember, you do not have to be Italian to be a member. As always thank you for your continued support.

Thank you.
Cammy Reali
Presidente



General Meeting Winners for February 21, 2019

50/50
Marianne Reali

Quorum Winner
Lori Grassi



Officers and Director Positions To Be Filled

Nominating Committee Formed

A Nominating Committee has been formed to fill One Director Position

Committee Members consist of:

Nominating Committee Names	Email Address	Telephone No.
Deborah McNally – Committee Chair	deborah.mcnally10@gmail.com	207-239-4198
Barbara Pileggi	bpileggi@maine.rr.com	207-797-5473
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Peter Doria	pldelectric@aol.com	207-329-8312
Jim DiBiase	jdibias@maine.rr.com	207-767-2292

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Thank you!

Sincerely,
Deborah L. McNally, Chair
IHC Nominating Committee 2019

March 21, 2019 Board Meeting & General Meeting

Board Meeting - 4:00 pm / Member Dinner - 5:30pm / General Meeting - 6:30 pm

Cost - \$12pp **Reservations are a must** please call 772-2500 x 15

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Director	VACANT		
Director	Darlene Napolitano	207-899-5356	activities@italianheritagecenter.com

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Any member may contact President Carmela Reali at anytime.
Contact information is above.

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Membership News

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

Regular

Jennifer O'Brien
Kaylene Godwin
David Giampetruzzi

Italian Name

Curatola
Dominicus
Giampetruzzi

Sponsor

Carmela Reali
Patricia Deroches
Carmela Reali

Associate:

Melanie Huse

Carmela Reali

If you have any changes such as your address, phone or email please send it to: membership@italianheritagecenter.com or feel free to call me at 207-749-5078.

IHC IS GOING GREEN!! If you would prefer to get your newsletter online please let me know so we can take your name off the mailing list. Together we can save trees! Plus you will get to view the newsletters by the first Friday of the month.

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

The IHC would like to start doing email blast to our members; so we are able to keep you informed on any changes and upcoming events. In order to do so, we need members to email the IHC permission. Please email to membership@italianheritage.com.

Nicola Cox

Membership Secretary

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

New Members



Ann Marie Smyth (pictured)
Patrick DeNuccio
and Lee Silva



REINSTATEMENTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

Michael Colello & Carlo Marro

LA CANTINA

Operating Hours:

Sunday & Monday - Closed
 Tuesday - Thursday - Open 4pm to 8pm - Last call at 7:30pm
 Friday - Open 4pm to 12am - Last call at 11:30pm
 Saturday - Open 5pm to 8pm - Last call at 7:30pm

If there is a function going on such as a meeting, bocce, gin, etc.... then the Cantina will remain open for an hour after. These hours will remain through March and will be reevaluated at that time. Thank you for understanding.

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 with you. Thank-you!



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.***



1st	6pm to 11pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Member Appreciation
2nd	7pm	Carne
8th	7pm to 11pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Food & Drink Specials
9th	7pm to 10pm	Italian Movie Night - Detective Montalbano
15th	6pm to 11pm	Jukebox Night - St. Patty's Theme - Corn beef & Cabbage \$10pp
22nd	6pm to 11pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Food & Drink Specials
23rd	7pm	Trivia
29th	6pm to 11pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Food & Drink Specials
30th	7pm	Sing-A-Long with Peter Donatelli



5th	6pm to 11pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Member Appreciation
12th	7pm to 11pm	DJ/Karaoke & Dancing - Food & Drink Specials
13th	7pm to 10pm	Italian Movie Night - La Ragazza del Lago "The Girl by the Lake"

ITALIAN IDIOM: NONNA SAID IT BEST...



Ci vuole un po' di carne sull' osso.
 It's nice to be pleasingly plump.

CONGRATULATIONS



**VICE PRESIDENT
VINCENZA DUNN**

**RECORDING SECRETARY
MELISSA WORCESTER**



COMMITTEE NEWS....

Activates submitted by Darlene Napolitano



Rock in the Spring on March 16th at our Spring Fling Dance with the fabulous Under the Cover Band playing classic rock, R&B, funk, disco and the blues. Doors open at 7pm, band will start at 8pm. Includes table snacks. Tickets are \$15 pp. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Darlene 899-5356.

Bocce submitted by Karen Emerson

All games are on Tuesday and start at 6:30pm

Charity submitted by Kim Toppi

Save the Date: St. Patrick's Day Brunch, Sunday, March 17th, 11:00am

Save the Date: Spring Yard Sale, Sunday, May 19th. While you are cleaning out your closets this winter, please save any "lightly used" goods that you would like to donate to our spring yard sale. More details to come.

Cultural submitted by Jim DiBiase

Book Club The Italian Book Club is now in full swing sharing what we are discovering about the "Leonardo DaVinci" in the latest bio by Walter Isaacson. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in joining the book club, please contact David Giansiracusa at 207-653-899

Chorus The IHC Chorus has begun rehearsals for our annual Spring Concert. The Concert is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd, in the Columbus Room. This year we will serve hot hors d'oeuvres, fruit, cheese and crackers after the Concert. New members are encouraged to participate in our chorus. Please join us in the Library on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. It'll be a lot of fun .

History of Italian Art, DaVinci Room, **Sunday, March 31, 2019 @ 2:00pm** A Multimedia Event where Professor Michael Grillo from UMO will give another captivating Presentation on the History of Italian Art. Enjoy an afternoon steeped in the Italian Culture featuring Ancient Roman Art (Part 2). Admission is \$15 (\$20 for nonmembers) which includes a Pasta Fagioli Dinner with a Complimentary Glass of Wine, following the Presentation. Free admission for those who don't eat. Call Jim DiBiase @ 767-2292 or Jay Scala @ 318-744.

Language For those planning a trip to Italy or for anyone interested in embarking on an understanding of the beautiful Italian language, our own Assunta Fradella Savage will be teaching an introductory course in Italian, in the Library, starting on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm for five consecutive weeks. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. We need eight people to provide you the course. As of February 21st we have 3. Call Assunta at 883-3436 or Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 for reservations.

Sing-A-Long with Peter Since March has five Saturdays, get set for another sing-a-long with Peter Donatelli March 30th at 7:00pm in the Cantina.

COMMITTEE NEWS....

Facilities submitted by Frank Reali

REMINDER - TO ALL IHC MEMBERS PARKING DURING WINTER MONTHS

STARTING December 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019 from 5:00am to 12:00pm Monday - Friday, please take notice: Do not park on the right-hand side of the driveway near the guard rails all the way up and on the DaVinci entrance door. Maine Medical Center will be parking there and the plowing company will plow this area first. Thank you for abiding by this request.

I want to thank Melissa Martin for coming down many times to design the new floral arrangements in the upstairs DaVinci Room. It looks very Italian and goes with the decor of this room. She is willing to do the upkeep also. Thank you for volunteering your time Melissa.

After a lot of discussion regarding the heat situation in the Cantina, I went down to spend a couple days in there. These are the things I noticed; the back wall near the pool table, I opened a trap door and noticed an old exhaust fan that was used in the past. A lot of cold air was coming through. I insulated that area and fastened the trap door back to the wall.

I removed the ceiling tiles near the exit door and noticed a lot of the insulation that was along the soffit area was either removed or fallen. I replaced with new insulation and fastened it back to where it should be. I think this will solve the draft problem coming into the building. (Cantina) If there is any other concerns please let me know.

Gin submitted by Brenda Berry

Calling All Gin Players. Tournament starts Wednesday, April 3rd, Beginners welcome! 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 on March 27th at 5:30pm, come on down to the Cantina and have some fun. 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 27th. You must be paid by that date. You can leave an envelope with your name/phone/email/money with one of the bartenders in the La Cantina, and I will get it. You can also mail it to Brenda Berry, 900 Washington Ave Unit 5, Portland Maine 04103. Please make checks payable to Brenda Berry. I really need to have a final paid count by March 20th to set up the schedule so make sure if you mail it, you mail it early so I will get it by that date.

The tournament will start on April 3rd at 6:15pm. Tournament will run until June 5th with June 12th as the playoffs. You can contact me at 773-1872 or 899-5149, or bberry1@maine.rr.com.

Health & Welfare submitted by Mary Keaney

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 call me. Please make sure that we have the correct mailing address as all cards will go directly to the recipient's home address.

Scholarship submitted by Judy Ferrante

Our IHC Scholarships Fundraiser Plans for Sunday, May 5, 2019 are in motion. Our team is working together to make this event spectacular and memorable. The show is staged as a Las Vegas act and is a great opportunity for all generations to experience a class act Elvis performer and his band. Our event includes a Big Summer Fun Basket Raffle and a 50/50. Cinco de Mayo drinks and food!!

Scholarship Committee Team - Nicola Cox, Denise Davis, Judy Ann Ferrante, Linda Pierce, Cammy Reali, Helen Scalia, and Andrea Turley.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, March 9th, 7:00 pm in the Cantina "Detective Montalbano"

Montalbano's back, and we've got him! Based on the International Best-Selling Mysteries by Andrea Camilleri, Luca Zingaretti stars as Detective Montalbano in Episode 26, "A Ray of Light".

Mimi has no trouble obliging when Montalbano asks him to be an undercover lothario in the investigation of a female assault victim's alibi. Montalbano's got bigger stuff going on; a farmer has reported trespassing in an abandoned shed and there's evidence to support evidence of an arms trafficking ring. And as if the week isn't busy enough, Livia asks to come visit when she gets hit with unshakeable sense of depression. Not until the end of her stay do they figure out just what was giving her a heavy heart.

Movies are in Italian with English subtitles. There is some brief, tasteful nudity and some Italian language. Donations accepted to defray cost of DVDs. Come and join us for complimentary snacks and some good Italian films.



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Everything you need to know about the Sanremo Music Festival, Italy's answer to Eurovision

Sanremo is a key date in Italy's cultural calendar.

The 2019 edition of the Sanremo Music Festival kicked off on Tuesday, February 5th so if you're wondering just what all the fuss is about, here's an introduction to the musical celebration.

Whether it's entertaining, over-rated, tacky or exciting really depends on who you ask, but here are some facts about the festival that can't be disputed, so you have some trivia to impress all your Italian friends with.

It was created to boost Italy's postwar economy

In the late 1940s, Italy's economy was in tatters, and after the fall of Benito Mussolini's fascist regime, the country was searching for a new cultural identity too. In collaboration with broadcaster Rai, the bosses of Sanremo's Casino decided an annual song festival would help achieve both aims, and so the festival - then called Festival della Canzone Italiana (Italian Song Festival) was born. The first edition was held in 1951, in the final weekend of January.

Watch for more interesting Sanremo facts in subsequent Newsletters.



UPCOMING EVENTS

If you're wondering what you might do on Sunday, March 17, for brunch, why not consider the St. Patrick's Day Brunch at the Italian Heritage Center. *That's right – Irish Day at the Italian Center!!* All of the details are below. Proceeds from this brunch benefit the IHC Charity Committee who in turn gives back to families in our community. This past Thanksgiving and Christmas we were able to help 6 families in the greater Portland community out providing gifts and gift cards valued at over \$4,000!! This is all made possible by fundraisers like this brunch and other events throughout the year. Love to see you on March 17!!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Bring your family and friends
St. Patrick's Day Brunch Buffett

Sunday, March 17th
11am to 1pm
Italian Heritage Center
\$20 per person
Children under 12, \$10

Menu includes: corn beef hash, scrambled eggs, sausage, assorted pastries, quiche, salad, pasta, coffee/tea/juice and cash bar

Call 329-0845 for tickets, reserve your table of 8,
Email ktoppi@maine.rr.com or see Dan Estey



SING-A-LONG with PETER

Saturday Night, March 30th, 7:00 pm In the Cantina

With Peter Donatelli at the Keyboard

And a New Songbook



UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, April 13th, 7:00pm in the Cantina

“The Girl by the Lake” (La Ragazza del Lago)

A young woman is found dead by an Alpine lake near Udine. Commissario Sanzio investigates, finding plenty of suspects in the victim's small town: her father and sister, her boyfriend, a blood-simple neighbor and his domineering father, her former employer, and his ex-wife. Sanzio focuses more on understanding the emotional world of the victim and those she knew as on other evidence. As he looks for the truth about the murder, we also meet his wife, who's in an institution with memory loss, perhaps Alzheimer's Disease, and his teenaged daughter, who wants the truth about her mother.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles. Donations accepted to defray cost of DVDs.

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Interesting Facts About Italy: Superstitions

Don't be surprised if your hotel in Italy doesn't have a 17th floor. Italians believe that this number is unlucky because when the Roman numeral for 17 (XVII) is rearranged it looks like VIXI, which means "I have lived," a symbol that's associated with death.

Italians believe that the corincello charm, which resembles a chili pepper or a small horn, will protect them from the evil eye.

According to Italians, placing a hat on a bed is bad luck. Traditionally, when priests visited the dying to give them their last rights, they would remove their hat and put it on the bed.

If a cat is crossing the street, don't be the first one to cross its path. It's believed that black cats are a symbol of witchcraft and the devil.

Italians believe that if someone brushes over a single person's feet with a broom that he or she will never get married.

101 Reasons to be Proud Your Italian

Reason 3 Cinema

The passionate and vivacious personalities of Italians have always made them stellar attractions on the screen.

First of all, there's *Ladri di Biciclette* (The Bicycle Thief, 1948), directed by the incomparable Vittorio De Sica. The story of a man and his search for his stolen bicycle marks the beginning of neorealism in film, in which the lives of real men and women are portrayed in simple, natural settings. The desperation of the lead character, Antonio, who must find the bicycle in order to keep his job, is a moving illustration of impoverished postwar Italy. This classic film won a special Academy Award in 1950 (before there was a category for foreign films).

Roberto Rossellini, another important director from the neorealist era, portrayed Italian society as it really was, often using real people instead of actors. His film *Open City* (1946) chronicles the Italian underground resistance during World War II.

In the sixties, Sergio Leone, with his action-packed *Fistful of Dollars* (1964), starring Clint Eastwood, gave a new edge to the Western and a new star to the world. Leone's flair for dramatic situations, coupled with Ennio Morricone's unforgettable soundtrack, have often been imitated but never surpassed. The "spaghetti Western," as the style is lovingly known, is an art form all its own.

Another landmark director during this period is Michelangelo Antonioni, whose film *Blowup* (1966) is a surreal, ultramodern murder mystery that is a feast for the eyes and a challenge to the mind.

Following the tradition of commedia dell'arte, Italians know how to make hilarious comic films as well. *Pane e Ciocolata* (Bread and Chocolate, 1973), starring Nino Manfredi and Anna Karina, is one shining example of classic Italian comedy, which is about a young Italian man desperately trying to find work in Switzerland. The film has many memorable moments - including Manfredi's job at a chicken farm where the farmers live and act like birds - that are truly hilarious.

In the romance department, the locales alone are almost enough to get the emotions flowing. Franco Zeffirelli's *Romeo and Juliet* (1968) is one of the greatest adaptations of Shakespeare's play to be captured on film. Through lush images and passionate performances, Zeffirelli redefined cinema romance. *IL Postino* (The Postman, 1994), written by and starring beloved Neapolitan comedian Massimo Troisi, is about a Sicilian postman who learns about life, love, and poetry from exiled poet Pablo Neruda. Troisi, who worked hard for many years to bring this script to the screen, died the day after filming was completed. The movie became an instant classic.

The popularity of Italian cinema continues to grow as more and more great films and artists emerge from the region. Recently, the multitalented actor-writer-director Roberto Benigni won international recognition for his powerful film *La Vita E Bella*, (Life Is Beautiful, 1997). Benigni has long been popular in Italy, christened by admirers as "the Italian Charlie Chaplin" for his rare combination of humor and pathos. *La Vita E Bella*, the story of a heroic Italian-Jewish father who tries to protect his son from the horrors of the Holocaust, blends comedy and drama in such an original way that critics and views around the world joined together in praise. Benigni's jubilant behavior - clambering across the seats - at the Academy Awards when he won the award for Best Actor, is now part of Oscar history.

This is only a starting point for the variety of Italian movies that make them among the very best in the world. Grab a tub of good old American popcorn and enjoy!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6pm Member Appreciation Jukebox Night	2 7pm Carne
3	4	5 6:30pm Bocce	6	7	8 7pm DJ/Karaoke	9 7pm Italian Movie Knight
10	11	12 6:30pm Bocce	13	14	15 6:00pm Jukebox Night 	16 7pm Spring Fling Dance Undercover Band
17 11am St. Patrick's Day Brunch 	18	19 Charity Meeting 5:15pm Scholarship Meeting 6:30pm Bocce	20	21	22 7pm DJ/Karaoke	23 7pm Trivia
24/31 31st - 2pm Italian History	25	26 6:30pm Bocce	27 6:30pm Into to Italian Language	28	29 7pm DJ/Karaoke	30 7pm Sing-A-Long

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April...
3rd - Gin starts
5th - Member Appreciation Night
12th - DJ/Karaoke & Dancing
13th - Italian Movie Night

May...
5th - Elvis in Concert
19th - Spring Yard Sale

June 2nd - Spring Concert
July 28th - IHC Family Picnic Day
September 29th - Italian Autofest
More details to come!