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A Message From President Carmela Reali

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, February 18th and voted again this month to not open the Cantina for members in March. The vote, again was not unanimous. Anna Stankiewicz, Bill Lucatourto and Frank Reali voted to reopen for March but were defeated. At the March Board meeting, we will revisit opening the Cantina for April.

The Activities Committee is working on a Spring Fling for April 10th. Hope to see you there. It will be good to mingle with friends. (Details in newsletter) DJ Dan DiBiase will be our MC and music entrepreneur.

We are having another blood drive on Monday, March 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please sign up and Give the Gift of Life. www.redcrossblood.org and then entering the sponsor keyword which is "IHC".

Facility Chair, Frank Reali has completed the new flooring in the library; the fresh paint in the DaVinci Room; and repairing the fallen insulation throughout the front of the building (library, bookkeepers office, sales office and LaCantina). Tom Watson continues to be Frankie's right hand man.

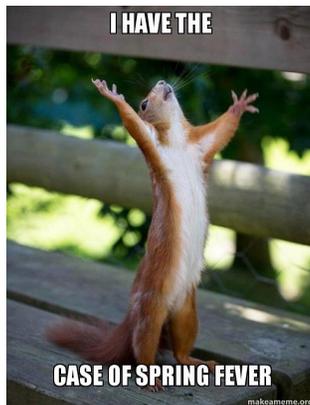
Please all of you, take good care of yourselves and take care of others who may need you. Check in on people!

Thanks for your continued support.

Cammy Reali, President



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Please remember to put your membership number on all your correspondence!



In 1860 Giuseppe Garibaldi lead a group of volunteers, known as I Mille, to conquer il Regno delle Due Sicilie in the south of Italy. Where did the landing take place?

- Naples
- Marsala
- Palermo
- Catania

If you don't know the answer to this, ask Gina DiPietrantonio Ferrante, Assunta Savage or Jim DiBiase.

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**AFTER ALL THE EATING
I DID THIS WINTER,
I'M HAPPY TO REPORT...**



**I can still
fit into
my
flip-flops.**

NO NEWS TO REPORT

Once again, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, your Cultural Committee has not scheduled any indoor events in March.

The **IHC Book Club** is currently reading "*The Painter's Apprentice*" by Laura Morelli, a rich tale of Renaissance Venice, a heroine with a lust for life, and love against all odds.

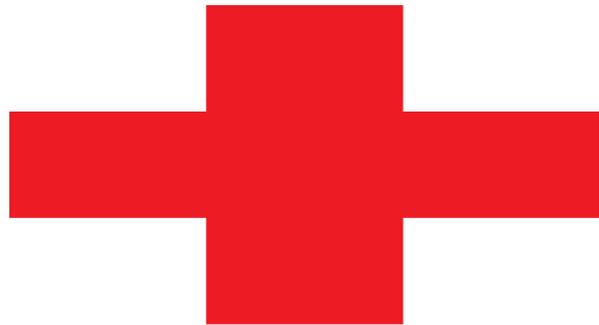
Venice, 1510. Maria Bartolini wants nothing more than to carry on her father's legacy as a master gilder. Instead, her father has sent her away from the only home she's ever known to train as an apprentice to a renowned painter. When the painter's servants uncover the real reason why Maria has been sent away to train with Master Trevisan, they threaten to reveal a secret that could tear down her family and the future of their trade. She questions whether her heart's desire is worth risking her family, her trade, and her future, but Maria's sacrifices may amount to nothing if the plague arrives on her father's doorstep and steals away everything she's ever loved.

The Book Club will virtually meet again on Wednesday, March 24th via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining our book club can join in whether or not that you've read the book, Just contact Jim Dibiase at 767-2292. We may even get the author, Laura Morelli to join our meeting in March or April.

There are still a few Italian Flag Banners available. The flags are 12"x18" on a 2-foot wooden stick. Great quality polyester. Ideal for placing near the gravestone of a departed loved one or placing on your property on Columbus Day or any other time. They are \$5.00 each. Call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 to order.



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9AM TO 2PM

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Italian Heritage Center Scholarship Applications are online as of **January 15, 2021**. Looking ahead, completed IHC Applications will be due **Monday, May 3, 2021**. The school year **2021-22 Scholarship is \$1500**. You can access the IHC Application by going to the [Italian Heritage Center Website](#).

Click the [Membership Logo](#). A drop down Menu is located on the left side. Click [Menu](#). Click [Scholarship](#), [Make copies of the application](#), [Complete all required documentation](#), [Review your packet for inclusion of all requirements](#).

FUNDRAISER UPDATE / MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

is moved out to Sunday, September 12, 2021

Our Barry Manilow and Rod Stewart event promises to be a memorable experience for all!!

Thank You ALL in advance for your continued support of our ability to award Scholarships to our family members' graduates

Scholarships here at the IHC are supported by gracious Family Donors honoring a loved one, or Donors who simply love their Italian Heritage, and by Fundraising.

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Scholarship Team
Scholarship Chair
Judy Ann Ferrante



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



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The new Commercial Wood Luxury Vinyl Planks were installed in our Library. It looks amazing and the next time you're down the IHC, please come take a look.



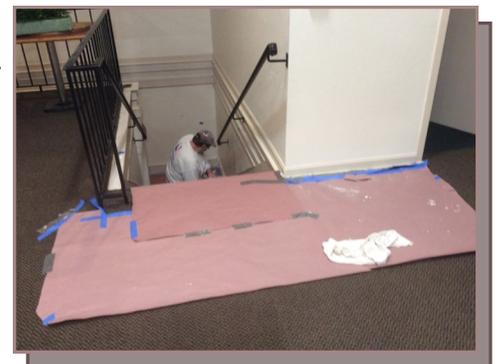
2nd project was painting the DaVinci Room, down stairs and upstairs balcony, along with DaVinci bar. This project took 2 weeks to complete.



As this was happening the painters had to rent a scissor lift to paint three of the high walls. When the painters left for the day at 5:00 p.m. Tom Watson and myself used the lift to replaced some of the stained ceiling tiles, wiped down the air conditioner defuses and removed string and balloons that were wrapped around the ceiling fans.



I want to give a big hand thanking Tom Watson for coming down daily to help me move things, replace things, and do repair of many things that needed to be done.



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As I stated in the February newsletter, we were going to complete four projects by the end of February.

The 1st big project was repairing/replacing the falling insulation of the library, bookkeepers office, the sales office and the LaCantina.

The pictures below show the involved and complex work that was accomplished . It took four men four full days to complete this project.



Sat April 10th ... Columbus Room

Spring Fling /Karaoke Night

Featuring DJ Danny DiBiase

Hope you can join us for a night full of fun !!

Details for this event will follow on our Facebook page and Constant Contact

Please call to reserve your spot as CDC allowance is **50 person max.**

207-772-2500 or 207-939-8570. As always we are CDC compliant .

Hope to see you there!!

Darlene Napolitano, Activities Director

Pensa a me con un sorriso nel tuo cuore perché volo con gli angeli e ballo tra le stelle

Think of me with a smile in your heart for I fly with angels & dance amongst the stars

Membri a vita

- Joan Bartlett
- Nicholas Colucci
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If you are a lifetime member and would like to have your name listed above please contact Francine at 772-2500.

The cost is \$10 per name from July 2020 to June 2021.

Please let us know if we have the spelling incorrect.



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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 6:30p Virtual Cultural Mtg	10	11	12	13
14	15 9am-2pm 	16	17	18 5pm Board Mtg	19	20
21	22	23	24 6:30p Virtual Book Club Mtg	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Italian Idiom (nonna said it best): "Poveri si, ma sporchi no!" "Being poor is no excuse for being dirty!"		