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IHC General Meeting Thursday, January 20, 2022
Dinner will be at 5:30pm / \$12 per person / Meeting will begin at 6:30pm
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M I S S I O N E

The Center is committed and dedicated to:

- ~ Preservation and promotion of our Italian Heritage, culture and history
- ~ Maintaining a vital repository of and being an important resource for information about Italy and the Italian experience in America
- ~ Social, charitable, benevolent, and educational endeavors
- ~ Teaching the Italian language and the history of Italy and Italian Immigration to Maine and offering instruction
- ~ Fostering the sharing and handing down of customs, traditions and cuisine from generation to generation

Messaggio del Presidente Vincenza Dunn

Felice Anno Nuovo!

I hope you had a very joyous Christmas, Hanukkah and first weeks of winter. As I'm writing my message, the snow is falling and it looks like we will have a white Christmas. My Grandchildren are anxiously waiting for what Babbo Natale will be bringing them.

Thank you to Katie Guzman, Nikki Cox, the Charity Committee, and our wonderful volunteers for organizing and serving the IHC Kids Breakfast with Santa. A special thank you to our Santa (Irace), Mrs. Claus (Denise Davis) and Santa's Elf (Carlene Aceto)!

Friday evenings have been a lot of fun! If you haven't stopped by in a while, we hope to see you soon.

We still have several Board positions we need filled – Treasurer and Membership Secretary – two very important positions for the IHC. Please take into consideration nominating or being nominated for one of these positions at the January General Meeting.

Also, at the January Meeting, we will be voting on a By-Law change. Nicola Cox presented the change at the December General Meeting. Please see details of this change in the newsletter. While just as important, we need a ***minimum of 40 members to be present at the January Meeting*** in order to have a vote.

I am also looking for an Administrative Chair and Sargent of Arms. Two positions with minimal time commitment and positions appointed by the President (not voted in). These positions can be an Associate or Regular Member. Please let me know if you would be interested in either position.

Welcome to our most recent members voted in at our December General Meeting - Andrew and Michelle Beasley, Kimberly Cooper, Danny Martignette, Kiara Swiatek and Carla Valentine. We hope you enjoy all that the IHC has to offer our members.

Thank you to ALL of our members for your support and friendship.

Che La Befana porti a tutti gioia e serenita! Buona Befano.

May the Befana bring joy and serenity to everyone.

Vincenza Marzilli Dunn

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2 BOARD OPENINGS

We have two **(2) openings on the Board: Membership Secretary and Treasurer.** If anyone is interested in either position, please come to the January General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Secretary shall collect and account for all, dues and special assessments of the membership as established by the Board of Directors.

The Membership Secretary shall maintain a roster of current members and keep accurate records of the membership with respect to payment of dues, issue notices of dues payable, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

The Membership Secretary will also serve as Secretary of the Membership Committee. Upon termination from office, the Membership Secretary shall deliver all records and other property belonging to the Center to his or her successor.

The Membership Secretary shall be bonded, the cost of which shall be borne by the Center. The Membership Secretary shall receive a stipend to be established annually by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Center. The Treasurer is responsible for the proper safeguarding of and accounting for all funds of and monies received by the Center.

The Treasurer has the authority to sign checks. The Treasurer is also responsible for supervising the Bookkeeper.

The Treasurer must possess appropriate educational and professional credentials. The Treasurer shall be bonded, the cost of which shall be borne by the Center.

SECTION 3: No regular member shall be allowed to place his name in nomination for any Primary Office or the position of Elected Director unless that member has been in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately prior to nomination night and intends to carry out the duties and responsibilities required by the office or position.

ARTICLE X VACANCIES SECTION 1: In the event of a vacancy declared by the President resulting from the death, resignation or removal of a Primary Officer, Elected Director, the position shall be filled by a special election to be called by the President or, in the absence of the President, by the Vice President.

This election shall be held at the next regular meeting following the notice of vacancy. All members shall be notified of the vacancy in writing at least seven (7) days before said meeting. A plurality vote shall be sufficient to fill the vacancy. Any Primary Officer, Elected Director, or Activities Director who has been removed or has deems to have resigned pursuant to these By-Laws is not eligible to be nominated or elected in the special election.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

As Vice President and Membership Secretary on the Board of Directors, I am concerned that our membership is dropping. Our Regular Members count is at 548, Associates are at 115. Our General Meeting attendance is low, rarely is there a quorum to vote on important issues. In addition, Regular Members are not applying for open Board positions.

I am involved in most of the Center's activities, along with numerous dedicated and loyal Associate Members that are willing to do whatever is needed. Because of this and the fact that up to 40% of the Membership population could be Associate Members, I believe that this group should have representation and a voice.

I recommend the following By-Law change making one of the four (4) Board of Directors positions be assigned to an Associate Member to encourage new members to join, ending the myth that "you must be Italian to be a Member of the IHC".

Current By-Law for Article VIII-Board of Directors

Section 1: The five (5) Primary Officers, the Elected Chairperson of the Activities Committee (hereinafter sometimes called the "***Activities Director***"), the four (4) Members from the Membership at large (hereinafter sometimes called the "***Elected Directors***"), and the next immediate past President who is qualified and available to serve, being (11) persons, will constitute the Board of Directors (all of the foregoing are sometimes collectively referred to as the "***Directors***").

Proposed Change to By-Law for Article VIII-Board of Directors

Section 1: The five (5) Primary Officers, the Elected Chairperson of the Activities Committee (hereinafter sometimes called the "***Activities Director***"), the four (4) Members from the Membership shall **consist of three (3) Regular Members and one (1) Associate Member** at large (hereinafter sometimes called the "***Elected Directors***"), and the next immediate past President who is qualified and available to serve, being (11) persons, will constitute the Board of Directors (all of the foregoing are sometimes collectively referred to as the "***Directors***").

Respectfully,

Nicola Cox

Vice President & Membership Secretary



Regular
Pamela Scala
Donna Walstrom

Italian Name
Scala
DiPalo

Sponsor
Carmela Reali
Diane Morency

Associate
Jeffery Clark

Sponsor
Carmela Reali



**Andrew and Michelle Beasley, Kimberly Cooper,
Danny Martignette,
Kiara Swiatek, and Carla Valentine.**



Friendly Reminders...

- If you are not receiving the IHC email blast, please send an email to membership@italianheritagecenter.com we don't want you to miss out on any important messages
- If you are not getting your emails from us Check your junk/spam folder
- If you have any questions or need something, please don't hesitate to call or email the Membership Secretary
- Please remember to put your membership number on all your correspondence!

CULTURALE / CULTURAL

Chair: Jim DiBiase • 207-767-2292 • jdibias@aol.com

The IHC Book Club will meet via Zoom on January 26th to discuss our new book *The Lost Battles*. Anyone interested in joining our book club, can join in whether or not you've read the current book. Just contact Jim DiBiase at 767-2292.



ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT **Saturday, January 15th,** **7pm - Cantina** **"The Engagement Ring"**

A long-lost engagement ring still divides childhood sweethearts who are now in their golden years. Now, her daughter and his nephew meet and find that their attraction is hindered by the old feud.

Movie in English with occasional Italian interjections.

Join us for snacks and an entertaining light hearted Italian American film.

Exhibition of Fine Arts

If enough Members show an interest in entering their work, the Cultural Committee is planning an Exhibition of Fine Arts in late Spring or early Summer. To clarify, Fine Arts; are created for aesthetic or intellectual purposes. Art is a creative purpose that comes from within the artist. It's judged for beauty and meaningfulness, a discipline of highly skilled work.

Some examples are Painting - Sculpture - Drawing - Watercolors - Graphics - Architecture - Poetry - Music - Photography - Literature - Dance Mosaics - Printing - Calligraphy.

Previous Art Shows (pre-Covid-19) at the IHC featured a night of art creation and appreciation enjoyed by a steady flow of patrons enjoying the

exhibits, and treats of crackers, wine and cheese.

So.... members, if you have a custom creative skill, and would like to display your creative talents, please contact Carol Coffin (Maine Glass Design) at 207-619-7400.

Traditional Italian American Christmas Eve Dinner



We still have some 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.



Italian Idiom for December (nonna said it best):

"Il cavallo schivoso, muore magro!!!"

"The finicky horse dies skinny.
(Fussiness gets one nowhere)."

ATTIVITÀ / ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bill Lucatuorto • 303-887-9164 • wild.billlucy@gmail.com

Well, the holidays are over. At least for a while. Valentine's Day will be upon us soon enough. We had a grand time at the New Year's Eve Party!

So we are back to Bocce, Show Me The Money, and Friday nights in the Cantina. We have Trivia, music, and other fun things planned. I encourage you to come join us on Friday nights. It's fun!

The committee meets the first Monday night of the month at 5:30. We'd love to have you come to a meeting! We can really use some help, so if you see an event that you'd have some time for, the help would be greatly appreciated. Call me if you're interested or have questions at 303-887-9164 or email me wild.billlucy@gmail.com. See you soon!

Bill Lucatuorto

Friday in the Cantina! January 21st



**DJ Dan DiBiase
returns w/60's Night!**



Food, Games & Prizes!

BORSA DI STUDIO / SCHOLARSHIP

Chair: Judy Ann Ferrante • 207-671-9412 • jferrante2@me.com



Italian Heritage Center Scholarship Applications will be online January 15, 2022. Looking ahead, completed IHC Applications will be due Wednesday, June 1, 2022. You can access the IHC Application by going to the Italian Heritage Center Website on your browser. Click the Membership Logo, a drop down menu is located on the left side, then click Scholarship. Make copies of the application. Complete all required documentation. Review your packet for inclusion and completion of all required components.

In addition to students entering colleges and universities, we are encouraging students entering certified trade schools to apply.

Plan to mail or personally deliver your application by 5:00pm, 6/1/2022.



To ALL members of The IHC, I am looking for members to join the membership committee.

Let's make 2022 a great year in recruiting new members. Please join me to brainstorm and create ideas to attract members. I have some great ideas but need a team to carry them out with me. Please consider, we only meet once a month and members are interviewed all at one time.

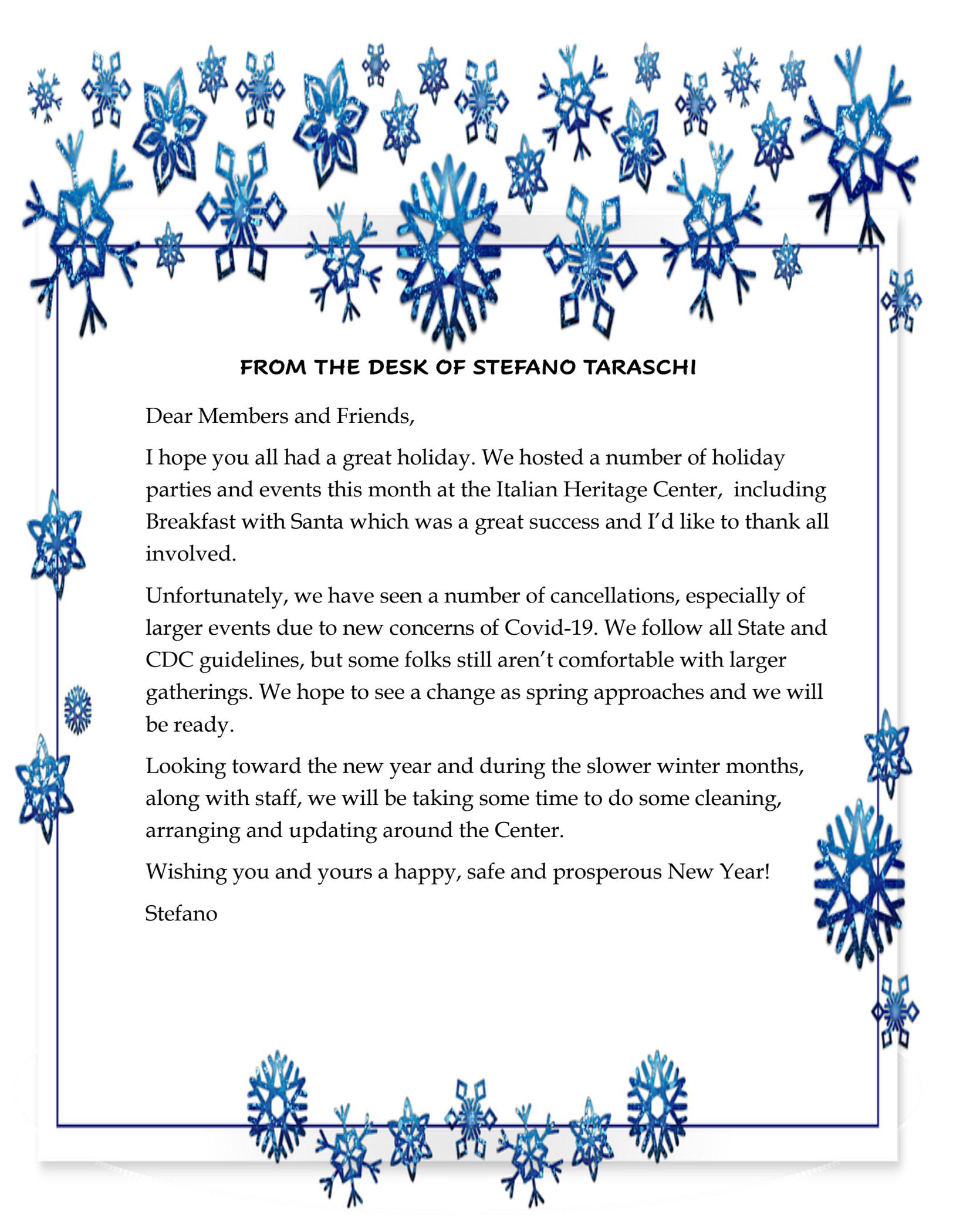
Thank You,
Nicola Cox
Vice President-Membership Chair

Italian Trivia-

Who was Count Camillo Benso di Cavour?

- a) The author of "The Leopard"
- b) The first Prime Minister of Italy
- c) The Ambassador to the USA
- b) The inventor of Nutella

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



FROM THE DESK OF STEFANO TARASCHI

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you all had a great holiday. We hosted a number of holiday parties and events this month at the Italian Heritage Center, including Breakfast with Santa which was a great success and I'd like to thank all involved.

Unfortunately, we have seen a number of cancellations, especially of larger events due to new concerns of Covid-19. We follow all State and CDC guidelines, but some folks still aren't comfortable with larger gatherings. We hope to see a change as spring approaches and we will be ready.

Looking toward the new year and during the slower winter months, along with staff, we will be taking some time to do some cleaning, arranging and updating around the Center.

Wishing you and yours a happy, safe and prosperous New Year!

Stefano

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The cost is \$10 per name from July 2021 to June 2022.

Please let us know if we have the spelling incorrect.



January 2022

15th 7:00pm

Movie Night

15th

Scholarship Opening

20th

4:00pm

Board Meeting

5:30pm

Dinner

6:30pm

General Mtg

21st

5:30pm

DJ Dan DiBiase "60s Night"

26th

Book Club via Zoom