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**We're planning
some exciting
events to
celebrate our
70th
Anniversary**



IHC General Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Dinner will be at 5:30pm - \$12 per person

Meeting will begin at 6:30pm

MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS 207-772-2500

Mission



*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.*

APRIL 2023



Messaggio del Presidente - Vincenza Dunn

Happy Spring! As I write my message it's the 1st day of Spring. My spring flowers are popping up from the ground and the snow has melted from yard. Let Maine mud season begin! Warmer weather is coming, I'm certain at some point. It will be nice to see others out walking and taking in the warmer weather and sunshine.

Our new Business Manager, Cindy, has hit the ground running! She is a natural for the position. Her experience and enthusiasm is showing every day. She's making some great improvements to the day-to-day operations.

Thank you to everyone who attended the March General Meeting. It was a nice attendance and good to see everyone. Its always good to attend so you can hear information from the Board. We are temporarily reverting back to our previous alcohol pricing in the Cantina until Cindy can take a different look at our cost (price, labor etc.) to determine if any prices need to be increased.

We are still looking for members to volunteer for 2 Board positions – Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. Please reach out to me if you have questions on either position.

I am also looking for someone to maintain the Website content. If you know how to use Word-Press and can volunteer some time to make updates as needed please contact me.

We have some fantastic member events planned. On May 21st, the Scholarship Committee is hosting an evening with Frank. Get your tickets before they are gone for this fun event! Please review the newsletter and mark your calendar! We look forward to seeing you and taking advantage of your membership.

Welcome to our new members! I hope to see you at events in the future.

Benvenuta Primavera e Buona Pasqua a tutti

Vincenza



Reminders ...

- If you are not receiving the IHC email blast, please send an email to Wild.billlucy@gmail.com
- If you are not getting your emails from us
Check your junk/spam folder.
- Please remember to put your membership number on all your correspondence!
- Due to The State of Maine Rules and Regulations for private clubs:

The Cantina Door MUST always be locked. All guests MUST be signed in by a member and leave when the member leaves

Thank You

Nicola Cox, Vice President



***** Starting in April *****

Come play Skat in La Cantina
on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am
Call Helene Brogan 207-653-8544

Patrick Tobin Sings Sinatra

At the Italian Heritage Center!

May 21, 2023

6:00 PM

(Doors open at 4:45)

Members \$35

Guests \$40

**Scan this code to
buy tickets online**



**No service fee
for members!**

**For info Text/Call
Judy Ann Ferrante
207-671-9412**



From the desk of our Business Manager

Buona Primavera!

I am settling in very well at our lovely Italian Heritage.

With the spring weather and the buds on trees waking up it's time to celebrate.

Weddings are being booked along with many other events to create memories and happiness.

I have enjoyed the many well wishes and conversations with our members.

Offers to help in any way they can is surely a blessing for me. Our staff is a joy to work with as they bring their many talents and to embrace my vision for the future of The Italian Heritage.

We excited for the coming months events. Stay tuned.....

G ndy Dal fonso



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.



RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall be present and keep records of all regular and special meetings of the Center and the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall prepare and mail all notices of said meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Recording Secretary shall attend to all correspondence pertaining to the Center and, upon termination from office shall deliver all records or property belonging to the Center to his or her successor. The Recording Secretary shall receive a stipend to be established annually by the Board of Directors in its sole discretions.

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.

Regular Members to Vote in

Regular Member	Italian Name	Sponsor
Robert & Mary Lind	Della Rocco	Nicola Cox
Jeremy & Angela Buck	D'Alfonso	Nicola Cox
Ellis Warren	D'Alfonso	Vincenza Dunn
Christina D'Alfonso	D'Alfonso	Vincenza Dunn
Jason Lerman	Babigitano	Nicola Cox

Associates Members to vote in

Associates	Sponsor



Please remember to use your keycard to enter
la Cantina.

**The door needs to be kept
closed & locked!**

***ONLY EMPLOYEES ALLOWED IN THE KITCHEN AND MEMBERS ASSIGNED BY ACTIVITIES
DIRECTOR TO WORK AN EVENT***



***LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO
UPDATE OUR WEBSITE
CONTENT***

***NEED TO KNOW WORDPRESS
CONTACT THE PRESIDENT FOR
MORE INFO***



ATTIVITÀ / ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bill Lucatuorto 303-887-9164
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I hope all is well with everyone and you had a great March. The events in the Cantina were all great but St Patrick's Day was outstanding! The house was packed and the laughter, singing and dancing really warmed the heart. We also had the extra Show Me The Money on a Saturday night to see what the attendance would be like and 38 people showed up. So, we'll continue that extra one (which is once a month) on Saturdays for a while.

The first Friday night of April we will have Annelise & Michael rocking the house with music. Everyone loved them and their music! The extra Show Me The Money night be on SATURDAY instead of Friday. However, the Cantina will be open from 5pm to 7 on Friday night for people to stop and socialize. Stop in and visit and relax. So, 14th just socializing and Saturday April 15th will be Show Me The Money. April 24th will be Karaoke, and April 31st will be wine and cheese social night. All these start at 5:30pm with the entertainment at 6:30.

We have something for everyone so please enjoy YOUR club. ideas, so please let us know if you have any. The Activities Committee is an outstanding group and fun to be with. 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

In the Cantina!
ANNELYSE & MICHAEL
Friday April 7th
@ 6:30!

\$HOW ME THE MONEY!
Saturday Edition!!
April 15th @ 6!!

Friday April 21st
With DJ Stacie!
IHC Presents
KARAOKE NIGHT
6:30 to 9:30

Member Appreciation
Friday April 28th!!
THANK YOU!
MEMBER APPRECIATION
Members eat Free
Guests \$12

CULTURALE / CULTURAL

Chair: Jim DiBiase
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Italian Idiom for April (nonna said it best):

“Amaro chi muore, perche chi campa si sposa.”

Pity the deceased because the recently widowed will surely remarry!



Italian Language -

We still plan to present a ten week course in basic/refresher Italian in late Spring or Summer. Those interested please call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or Gina DiPietrantonio Ferrante at 671-0337

If anyone is interested in a one-on-one informal symbiotic session with a native Italian to teach her some English and learn from her some Italian please call Jim DiBiase at 767-2292 or 831-4191

The IHC Book Club will meet again via Zoom on April 26th when we'll discuss the last half of Gay Talese's "Unto the Fathers" Anyone interested in joining our book club can join in whether or not that you've read the current book. Just contact Jim DiBiase at 767-2292.

ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

April 22, 7:00 pm in the Cantina

Mid-August Lunch

In Italian with English subtitles



The charismatic Gianni Di Gregorio (co-writer of the smash hit *Gomorra*), stars in his directorial debut - an utterly charming tale of great food, feisty ladies and unlikely friendships during a very Roman holiday. Broke, and armed with only a glass of wine and a wry sense of humor, middle-aged Gianni resides with his 93-year-old mother in their ancient apartment. The condo debts are mounting, but if Gianni looks after the building manager's mother during the Pranzo di Ferragosto (Italy's biggest summer holiday, and the Feast of the Assumption), all will be forgiven. Then the manager also shows up with an auntie, and then a doctor friend appears with *his* mother in tow.... Can Gianni keep four such lively mamas well fed and happy in these cramped quarters?

Winner of numerous prizes at international festivals, including Best First Film at Venice and the Satyajit Ray Award at London, plus the Golden Snail at the Academy of Food and Film in Bologna, *Mid-August Lunch* is both warmly vibrant family drama and delicately balanced comedy of manners. Run time is 75 minutes.

Join us for snacks and a beautiful contemporary film.

BORSA DI STUDIO SCHOLARSHIP

Chair: Judy Ann Ferrante
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April Scholarship News

Italian Heritage Center Scholarship Applications 2023-24 are online at the IHC website.

All information relating to who can apply is located on the website under the Scholarship-Info Logo. Take time to read the Cover Letter. 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 will appear, then click Scholarship-Info. Make copies of the application. Complete all required documentation. Review your packet for inclusion and completion of all required components. Remember, if you are a parent who is a member in good standing for one full year, or a grandparent for five full years, your student is eligible.

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 Thursday, 5:00pm, June 1, 2023.

Scholarship Fundraiser

Frank's Back

Sunday, May 21, 2023. 6:00pm

Patrick Tobin, sings Sinatra.

Recalling such showstoppers like 🎵 Summer Wind 🎵 My Way 🎵 New York New York 🎵 That's Life 🎵 , these iconic songs are timeless!

Patrick Tobin is a premier, internationally acclaimed Frank Sinatra tribute artist, impersonator and singer. Feeling at home in a club environment, on stage in a symphony hall or anything in between, Patrick offers a world class experience adding elegance and class to any event. He recently performed in Sarasota and Venice Florida. It will be nostalgic and a great opportunity for all ages to be introduced to Frank Sinatra's legacy of amazing hit songs!

Tickets are selling!! In addition we are offering warm meat and veggie stuffed appetizers. Plenty of munchies will be on the tables. We will have a 50/50 and an Italian Raffle. If you'd like to donate an item to the Italian Raffle, bring it to the Manager's Office and mark it 'For Scholarship'. We thank you all for your support of Scholarships here at the IHC. You can purchase tickets using your Credit Card by calling the Manager's Office 772-2500, and through IHC Email Blast and Facebook Online prompts to Eventbrite!! Of course you can purchase tickets at General Meetings (April, May), or at Show Me the Money. Can't wait to see you at the show! We are grateful for your support.

CARITÀ / CHARITY

Co-Chairs: Glenn & Anna Stankiewicz
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Have you ever been grateful to not need diapers? Have you ever been in a pinch and really needed a diaper for your baby? Found one, and you and baby were very happy! Please use your empathy and pick up a package for a baby who can not advocate for him or herself. Remember, your gift is non-discriminatory, regarding race, religion, sex, gender, or income level!

Please leave donations in the canteena, business office, or the library. Glenn and I will transport them to MMC or Crossroads for Women.

Thank you, Anna and Glenn

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

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