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



IHC General Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023

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

Meeting will begin at 6:30pm

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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.*

JUNE 2023



Messaggio del Presidente - Vincenza Dunn

I hope my message and newsletter finds our members doing well and enjoying this beautiful weather we have had the past couple of weeks in May. We're busy with BBQs, Graduations, Proms, ball games and just relaxing with the windows open!

The tent outside La Cantina is going up very soon. We'll have music and fun under the patio with special summertime drink specials. We have welcomed new members and reinstatements consistently over the past couple years and it's so nice to see people come to the events in the Cantina and other member events we've hosted.

On the business side we are seeing a growth of new and past Clients as well as weddings and social events filling the books!

We currently have **2 Board open (Activities Director & Recording Secretary).**

PLEASE consider volunteering your time to be a Board member. We need to fill our vacant Board positions. Contact me with any questions on these positions.

At the May meeting the Nominating Committee presented the Slate for only one position, Ed Angelo for the Regular Member Director position. Nominations were given from the floor for the other positions. Carmela Reali was nominated for Membership Secretary by Katie Guzman.

All positions require that they be a regular member in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to nomination, and aims to carry out the duties and responsibilities required by the position. The duties of each position are described in the Italian Heritage Center By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

At the June meeting the President will open up the floor for nominations for Recording Secretary and Activities Director.

Please come to the June meeting and be nominated for one of these positions.

I look forward to seeing you at the IHC to enjoy all that your membership has to offer. Take care and be healthy. Thank you for your continued support.

Presidente,

V i n c e n z a D u n n

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

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



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 receive a stipend to be established annually by the Board of Directors in its sole discretions.

The Activities Director shall be responsible for managing and recommending to the Board of Directors, an annual comprehensive program of activities, including social events, charitable contributions, and the health and welfare of the membership. In addition, the Activities Director shall submit an annual proposed budget for all said activities and recommended sources of funding for same to the Finance Committee.



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.

From the desk of our Business Manager

Happy Spring Friends,

This month has started off to be busy with a hint of love in the air.

With brides celebrating with their grooms and families this is the perfect place to enjoy a toast to our beautiful Italian Heritage Center! We enjoyed our night with Frank Sinatra (Patrick Tobin) as well as our many events including ABBA for a plated dinner for 265 that was flawlessly executed.

Summer is around the corner so the IHC will be a busy place in the coming weeks with many events!

Looking forward to a busy happy season

Cindy Dalfonso

Concerto Leggero Sotto La Tenda **(A Light Concert Under the Tent)**



On Friday evening **July 28th**, under our tent, Conservatory trained, clarinet virtuoso, young ***Lorenzo DiIonna**, accompanied by our own Carmine Terracciano on keyboard, will present an evening of a little light concert music and popular songs. For a nominal cost of \$10 (\$12 for non-members) your hosts will serve hors d'oeuvres to include one glass of wine.

* Lorenzo started his musical journey at the age of 6, when he worked in various local bands. Passionate about music, Lorenzo continued his education with some pre-college courses at the Latina Conservatory of Music "Ottorino Respighi" while still in high school, then transferred to the "Santa Cecilia" Conservatory of Music in Rome in 2018, where he continued to study. He graduated 110/110 Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in clarinet in October 2021, and he is scheduled to graduate in July 2023 with a Master's Degree in clarinet in the same Santa Cecilia Conservatory of Rome.

He completed many Master Classes, working with various renowned artists, such as Calogero Palermo (first clarinet at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam), Kevin Spagnolo (first clarinet of the Swedish Chamber Orchestra), Paolo Beltramini (first clarinet of the Italian Canton Orchestra in Switzerland), Maura Marinucci (first clarinet at the Bruxelles Philharmonic), Stefano Novelli (first clarinet at the National Academy of the Santa Cecilia Conservatory in Rome), Sauro Berti (Bass Clarinet at the Opera Theatre in Rome) and currently following master classes with the Maestro Luca Milani (first clarinet of the Symphonic Orchestra of the RAI Italian National TV in Turin).

He worked with various orchestra (among them, the Venezuelan Orchestra in Rome, and the Santa Cecilia Conservatory Orchestra), and also recorded a piece for the composer Edoardo Catemariocon, some musicians of the Opera Theatre in Rome and the ORT Orchestra.

He won an "Orchestra profession" scholarship, participated in various tv productions with the RAI Orchestra in Turin under the guide of famous orchestra maestro , such as Daniele Gatti and Ottavio Dantone.

He distinguished himself in various national and international contests, taking first place in the Pandataria-Ventotene contest, and second place in the Cisterna-Latina contest.

Regular Members to Vote in

Regular Member	Italian Name	Sponsor
Catherine A DiDomincus	DiDomincus	Francia Chapman
Susanna Gedaro	Gedaro	Nicola Cox

Associates Members to vote in

Associates	Sponsor
Catherine (Coynne) Boyd	Francia Chapman
Patricia (Powers) Croteau	Francia Chapman

ONLY EMPLOYEES ALLOWED IN THE KITCHEN AND MEMBERS ASSIGNED BY ACTIVITIES

After Italian Unification in 1861, what city was the first capital of the Kingdom of Italy?

- Rome
- Florence
- Milan
- Turin

If you don't know the answer, ask Jim DiBiase.....or Google it.



Cultural Save The Date-

We don't have a date yet but look for a Tombola Night in lieu of a Show Me The Money game on a future Saturday evening. Tombola is an Italian game similar to Bingo

Italian Language -

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 787-2292 or 831-4191



ATTIVITÀ / ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bill Lucatuorto 303-887-9164
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May brought us a roller coaster of weather. It's time now to settle down so we can have some beautiful days and nights...not too hot and not too cold. Oh yeah, no wind please!

We had a great time in May, and we will have a blast under the tent or in the Cantina in June. The first Friday, the 2nd, we'll have Karaoke night. On Friday the 9th it will be a social hour from 5 to 7. Then on Saturday the 10th, is our extra Show Me The Money! THIS IS BIG DEAL...on the 16th, Mark Macisso will be entertaining us. He is world renowned saxophonist, a Westbrook raised kid and a former member of the Italian Heritage Center. On the 30th, we'll have a Membership Appreciation Dinner. These nights will be full of music, dancing and fun!

The committee (we have some new committee members...yay!!) is working on many ideas for the summer. We have singer Debbie Bassett, and a super good musician visiting here from Italy. Then there's Sea Dog Night, Cookouts, and much more (weather permitting) out under the tent and much more to come. Stay tuned for details for entertainment and fun you don't want to miss!

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

CULTURALE / CULTURAL

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

“I bambini si baciano quando dormono.”

Kisses are for sleeping children.

(Do not flatter children in their presence.)

ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

There will be no indoor movies until September.

Look for an open-air movie, under the tent, sometime in July or August.



ANNUAL IHC FAMILY PICNIC July 30th



The IHC Cultural Committee has reserved the sheltered picnic area at Two Lights State Park in Cape Elizabeth for our Annual Picnic for the entire day on **Sunday July 30, 2023 (11:00 am to sunset, rain or shine)**. The Cultural Committee will be serving Potato Salad, Pasta Salad and Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with Buns. Also provided are charcoal, condiments, paper plates, napkins, eating utensils and grilling utensils. If you prefer to bring your own main dish, grills will be available for personal use. Please bring your own beverages (alcohol free facility), chairs. At our disposal are a large open field, playground, restrooms and parking. The Cultural Committee will provide some bocce sets, playing cards, and corn hole. Two Lights is a carry-in and carry-out facility; no trash may be disposed of or remain at the park!

Admission is free; on arrival at gate tell attendant you are with the IHC Family Picnic.

We need a head count please make reservations by please call Rocco Ferrante at 207-776-4507/Jim DiBiase at 207-767-2292. So, gather the family and pack your kit bag!



Italian Flags

We have a new shipment of 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.

The IHC Book Club

will take a summer sojourn and meet again via Zoom on **September 27th** when we'll discuss our latest selection (The Honoured Society). 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.

**BORSA DI STUDIO
SCHOLARSHIP**

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June Scholarship News

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The Scholarship Team has received this year's applications for the 2023-24 school year. The applicants will be notified the last week of June. Scholarship Recipient Night will celebrate Students, with their families and Donors at the IHC General Meeting on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30. We hope you will join us for this uplifting and memorable event that includes the recipients reading their essays. All the Scholarship News will be posted in the July Newsletter.

'A New York, New York Kind of Night'

Such a gala night! Sunday night Our IHC was transformed into a New York Night Club! Patrick lit the room with familiar Sinatra songs, with folks heard singing along! Both Patrick and the Audience had a great time. Standing Ovation tells a lot. So much to be grateful for! He stayed and chatted with guests. We want to give a hearty Thank You to Melissa Martin for setting up Eventbrite for members and guests to purchase tickets! Thank you to Cindy, our Manager for helping us from her office to being at the event working. Thank you to Catering over at Amatos, and to my cousin Larry Ferrante for operating the spotlight. Thank You to the Scholarship Team for all their behind the scenes efforts and teamwork since last October. Patrick will be the next headliner at the Italian Festival at St Peter's Church! To All the folks there, Big Thank You for supporting this Scholarship Fundraiser!

CARITÀ / CHARITY

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A baby in need, is screaming indeed! Diaper rash is both painful, and dangerous.

Please drop off a box of diapers at the club, and we will transport them to MMC Pediatrics, and Crossroads for Women, a drug/ alcohol treatment program. New art supplies are also helpful for the children of the mothers, who also reside at Crossroads

Thank you, Anna and Glenn

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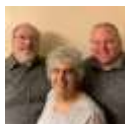


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Think of me with a smile in your heart for I fly with angels & dance amongst the stars

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>Happy Republic Day</i></p>			1	2 Republic Day Karaoke Night	3
4	5	6 9a Muffin Club	7 5:30p Cultural Mtg 6p Show Me the \$	8 9a Muffin Club	9 Social Time in La Cantina 5-7pm	10 6p Show Me the \$
11	12	13 9a Muffin Club	14 6p Show Me the \$	15 9am Muffin Club 4p Board Mtg 5p Dinner 6:30p General	16 Entertainer Marc Macisso	17
18 	19	20 9a Muffin Club	21 6p Show Me the \$ First Day of Summer!!	22 9a Muffin	23 Summer Time Theme Night	24
25	26	27 9a Muffin Club	28 6p Show Me the \$	29 9a Muffin Club	30 Membership Appreciation Dinner	
						