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IHC General Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

Meeting will begin at 6:30pm

MUST CALL FOR DINNER 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.

AUGUST 2023



Messaggio del Presidente - Vincenza Marzilli Dunn

I hope our August newsletter is finding everyone doing well and enjoying your summer.

We've enjoyed many events in July. Opening up our first performance outside under the tent was Debbie Basset. She is always great to listen to especially on a warm summer evening. The following week we attended the Italian Heritage Center Night at the Seadog's baseball game. We had a great time at the ballgame! July finished up with Friday evening with Clarinetist Lorenzo DiIonna and on the Keyboard Carmine Terracciano in the Columbus Room. On Sunday was our IHC Family Cookout & Picnic at Two Lights State Park. We had wonderful weather. Thank you to all on the Cultural Committee who worked on putting the picnic together! Thank you to Rocco Ferrante for being the man at the grill! The food was delicious.

The Dues Renewal bills have gone out. If you did not receive your bill please email the Membership Secretary at membership@italianheritagecenter.com or send a check to the IHC with your membership # on your check and let us know if your address, phone or email has changed.

The Board is working on several outside events to drive some additional revenue. One of those events is a Yard Sale. We will be offering table for rent. Please consider renting a table or pass on the info in the newsletter to anyone you know who may want to rent a table. We are working on other events that we will let everyone know about. Please attend events to support your IHC.

Bill Lucatuorto and Melissa Martin will be Chairing the IHC Craft Fair (Nov 4th) again this year. (THANK YOU!) Please contact them to let them know if you can help this year. A lot goes into this big event for the IHC. It's always a fun day.

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

President@italianheritagecenter.com

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

SCAT will continue in La Cantina in
September

AUGUST 2023



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.

2023 New Lifetime Members

Left to Right: John DiBiase, Maria Doyle, Gary Alfiero, Vice President Nicola Cox, Norman McDonald and Carmela Reali

New Members WELCOME!

Left to Right: President Vincenza Dunn, Patricia Croteau, Catherine DiDominicus and Catherine Boyd



From the desk of our Business Manager

Hello Friends and Members,

Finally, some nice sunny summer days ahead!

August is heating up with events. We will be enjoying a Spanish Quinceanera in August. We have many cultural events at Italian Heritage Center and this one will be a celebration of a young girl turning 15 years old in Spanish tradition. This will be a girl who is celebrated into womanhood with a lavish party with her family that she will treasure for a lifetime. They chose the Italian Heritage as center stage for a few hundred guests and family who will participate in her celebration. The family has been planning and practicing their dance moves in our parking lot to make sure her special day is flawless. With the red and gold color scheme this will be reminisced about for a long time.

The staff and I are looking forward to this event as well as our many events in the closing of the summer months.

Looking forward to next month for new events to share.



Regular Members to Vote in

Regular Member	Italian Name	Sponsor
Melissa Condon	DiMillo	Nicola Cox
John and Paula Wilk	Flori/Pantaleo	Nicola Cox

Associates Members to vote in

Associates	Sponsor
Lisa Illingworth	Nicola Cox

Tombola Night, September 9th- 6:00-7:30 pm



In lieu of “Show Me the Money”, on September 9th, the Cultural Committee will be hosting another game of chance with an Italian twist – **TOMBOLA!** It’s an easy game, similar to Bingo, and the rules will be spelled out prior to game start. For those who want a better idea of the game and it’s Italian traditions check out the following web site:

<https://www.italyheritage.com/traditions/christmas/tombola.htm>

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YARD SALE

September 24, 2023 9:00am - 3:00pm



**Reserve Your table today
before they are all taken**

The IHC will be hosting a yard sale on **September 24th from 9:00am to 3:00 pm**. The yard sale is open to all members. A fee of \$40 a table. We are also offering this to extended family members and non members for a fee of \$50 a table.

Lunch will be provided for a fee. Menu to be announced at a later date.

If interested, please contact the following individuals to reserve your table or if have any additional questions. Thank you!

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**Members & Non-Members
can rent tables. Please get
the word out!**

Please reserve your table by September 14, 2023 This will be advertised to the public. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Scholarship News

Scholarship Recipient Night was a festive evening celebrating those awarded scholarships. We are thanking the donors for their participation and generosity; they are: The DiBiase Family, The Germani Family, Dominic and Linda Reali and The Italian Heritage Center Scholarships. We are proud of the work done by the Scholarship Team. The members are Bruce Koharian, Cammy Reali, Denise Davis, Helen Scalia, Judy Ann Ferrante (C), Linda Pierce, Nicola Cox, Rosemary Beattie, Sheila Pechinski. We are awarding a total of \$7500 in scholarships. See the recipients' information below.



Germani Family Scholarship

Abigail Lebel is a recent graduate of Boston College where she was on the Dean's List with a Major in Psychology, and Minor in Medical Humanities.

Already to her credit she has had a broad range of jobs in Health Related Medical Offices. One most recent job is a Volunteer position as a Crisis Intervention Counselor.

One professor cites her earnestness to succeed and to make a difference in the world. He notes "I am honored to give her my highest recommendation to this Scholarship." She's described to have a thirst for knowledge and healthy intellectual curiosity. Abigail is continuing her education with a focus in Mental Health and is attending The University of Southern Maine this fall. Abi is the daughter of Mark and Nicole Lebel and the granddaughter of IHC member Sandra Caron. We are pleased to award our Germani Family scholarship to Abigail Lebel.



IHC Scholarship

This is an interesting observation of our next recipient. Her coach says, "The people that are around her are better because she is there. I have seen her move between social groups with ease and always adding to the situation; whether it be to plan an event, take care of someone else or be a fierce competitor on the court."

She was Captain of the Cheverus High School Volleyball Team. She received the Stag Award which exemplifies Doing for Others. She is a competent student as well. Rachel will be Attending The University of Maine.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Martin. And, she is the granddaughter of IHC Member Ed Asali and his wife Mary.



IHC Scholarship

Grace Alfiero is a returning student at Emmanuel College, where she is majoring in Art. She is a very strong student who demonstrates serious dedication to her art and academic work. She is viewed as a highly motivated student with solid research, writing and critical thinking skills. Emmanuel College is a small school and highly motivated students become readily known to their professors.

On another note are her volunteer efforts. Grace is an ideal example of people helping people in times of need as it was throughout the intensity's of Covid. For three years during the intensity of Covid she made food for the Maine Meal Assistance Program. She and her Mom Joanne were well known for cooking, serving many hungry people from Southern Maine to the Canadian Border. Grace is the daughter of IHC's member Gary Alfiero and her mother Joanne. She is receiving an Italian Heritage. Scholarship.



Dominic and Linda Reali Scholarship

Throughout HS Ava was on Leadership Council. As a senior she oversaw Freshmen Orientation, Fundraising and activities for the Senior Year. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Her coach has cited she has great determination, positive attitude and is fiercely independent. She is a recent graduate of Edward Little High School and is attending Western New England University to study Law.

Ava is the daughter of Jay and Angela Braunscheidel. Grandparents John and Lynne DiBiase. Great granddaughter of John and Marilyn DiBiase.

Ava Braunscheidel is the Recipient of the Dominic and Linda Reali Scholarship.



DiBiase Family Scholarship

Thyleigh Kasprysk is the Recipient of the DiBiase Family Scholarship. She is a South Portland High School graduate and has been accepted to the Forensic Science program at Maine Community College in Auburn. This Fall of 2023 the Maine Campus is opening a state of the art new Forensic Science Building. Thyleigh is hoping to live on Campus and this Scholarship can help her to achieve this.

Thyleigh is the daughter of Angela and Step Father Brian Fauth. She is the granddaughter of IHC member Francina Chapman.

Fantastic Virtuoso performance from Lorenzo DiIonna and Carmine Terracciano



According to his wife Susan, what was Tony Bennet's favorite meal?

- Beans and Hot Dogs
- Ravioli
- Pasta
- Corned Beef and Cabbage

If you don't know the answer, ask Jim DiBiase.....or Google it. RIP to an American Institution!





ATTIVITÀ / ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bill Lucatuorto 303-887-9164
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Hottest July possibly since weathers been recorded? How about wettest? Sure felt like it. I sure hope everyone is making the best of it and trying to enjoy the summer outdoors. It's now August and Hobby Lobby and Lowes have all the Halloween stuff out! Good Grief!

We had a great time in July and had Debbie Bassett under the tent! The Sea Dogs game was great until it started raining halfway through, but the 30 people that attended still enjoyed what they got to see. The small concert with Lorenzo and Carmine was also very good.

The first Friday this month, the 4th, we will be dancing the night away to The 2nd Time Around Band. We always have a good time with them! The 11th and 12th, it will be a social hour from 5 to 7 on Friday and then on Saturday the 12th, is our extra Show Me The Money! On the 18th, we will have a DJ Danny DiBiase and continue the dancing and fun. The 25th is the Membership Appreciation dinner.

September will bring us a new gambling game from Italy. It's called Tombola and is similar to Show Me The Money. Jimmy Macisso will entertain us with music. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer.

The committee (we have 2 more new committee members...yay!!) is working on many ideas for the summer. 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



CARITÀ / CHARITY

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Babies continue to need diapers! Please drop them off at IHC, Glenn and I will drop them off. Glenn and I will resign as Charity Committee heads as of October 1. Anyone who would like to continue this project, or start a new project, please contact us or Vicki. Thank you for your donations! Anna & Glenn

CULTURALE / CULTURAL

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

“Il mondo e’ fatto a scale, chi le scende e chi le sale”

The world is made up of stairs. There are those who go up and there are those who go down



OUTDOOR ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

Under the Stars

August 26th 8:15 pm

“Benvenuti al Sud (Welcome to the South)”

A Postmaster in bassa Brianza bungles his attempt to get transferred to a more remunerative and respectable position in Milan by posing as a disabled person. His punishment is worse than being fired; he gets transferred for two years to a small backwards town in the South where he believes crime is rife. His wife refuses to join him and he arrives wearing a bullet-proof vest.

Movie is in Italian with English subtitles and is suitable for all audiences.

Join us for snacks and a contemporary Italian film.

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 or write directly to Daniela at daniela.regorda@gmail.com.



Italian Flags

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The IHC Book Club

will take a summer sojourn and meet again via Zoom on **September 27th** when we'll discuss our summer reading, Andreas Viestad's **Dinner in Rome: A History of the World in One Meal**, and comment on **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.

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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 Lifetime Members

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DiPaolo, Adeline	Pesce, Carmine	
DiPaolo, Rosario	Peoples, Elena Oddi	
DiPhilippo, Edward	Pizzo, Alphonse, Jr.	

August



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6p Show Me the \$	3 9a Muffin Club	4 Band - 2nd Time Around	5
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13	14	15 9a Muffin Club 	16 6p Show Me the \$	17 9a Muffin Club 4p Board Mtg 5p Dinner 6:30p General	18 DJ Danny DiBiase	19
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