
MEMBER NEWSLETTER



MISSION STATEMENT

The Center is committed and dedicated to

1. preserving and promoting our Italian heritage, culture and history
2. maintaining a vital repository of and being an important resource for information about Italy and the Italian experience in America
3. undertaking social, charitable, benevolent, and educational endeavors
4. teaching the Italian language and the history of Italy and Italian immigration to Maine and offering instruction on the significant contributions Italians have made to the Arts, Sciences and Humanities
5. fostering the sharing and handing down of customs, traditions and cuisine from generation to generation.



PRESIDENT

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

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer. When reading the newsletter every month, please remember that articles are turned in mid-month before. This allows time to get it put together and to the printer and then the post office. Then it's a couple days before it's at your mailbox. So, if something changes, or seems new, it's because something changed the second half of the month. It's not often, but it occasionally happens.

Life seems so busy? Yes? And there is so much out there to do. Even Otto's Pizza, Dock's Seafood, and other places that never have before are offering live music! People are telling me it's too much and they can't go to a lot of it. So, we fall into that scenario and had to postpone some of our entertainment until after summer. I've talked to a couple of well-known places that plan on a crowd with entertainment, but they say they are feeling the pressure. We will still offer entertainment but are trying to adjust to the times, and still offer a good time at our Center.

The new manager we hired never started. She had a terrible personal thing occur in her life and had to bow out. Frustrating and sad, but we understand and wish her the best. As of this writing, we have moved on and have started the sorting of resumes and interviews. By the time you get this newsletter we be should further in the process and will share a status of where we are. We want to get the right person and sometimes that takes a little time. Again, a huge thank you to Krista and Carlene for manning the office so we can maintain a business. We couldn't have done it without you.

Although the Board approved the revival of the pull tab machine in the Cantina, we can't start it up quite yet. By law, when someone wins, we have to pay them that day. Until we have a manager in place, we do not have anyone there to pay them right away. So, please be patient, it'll happen as soon as we can let it.

As always, be respectful of other opinions, be kind, be happy, and most of all please remember that ultimately, we are all trying to pull the rope in one direction. This Center is YOURS and the Board is here to just lead it. It takes a Village and let's not lose sight of that. Thanks to all for allowing me to play a role in the Center and moving forward. Any questions? Always feel free to reach out to me.

Bill Lucatuorto, President

You must have your
MEMBERSHIP CARD
to attend the general
meeting.

 **MONTHLY MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, August 20
TIME: 5:30 dinner/6:30 mtg
PLACE: Columbus Rm
COST: \$15 dinner

If you are coming for dinner at 5:30 pm, you must

RSVP by MONDAY, AUGUST 17 . Please call Bill at 303-887-9164

IHC POSITIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Directors - 11)				COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
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				Scholarship	Judy Ann Ferrante
APPOINTED POSITIONS				OTHER/TECH	
Sergeant at Arms	Bruce Koharian			Business & Events Manager	
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updated 7/16/2026				Webmaster (members)	Connie DiBiase



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Tracy Rinaldi 207-671-1238

Monday - Friday, 3pm-9pm, Sat/Sun before 9pm

Ciao amici miei!

July absolutely flew by in record time! The Hawaiian Luau featuring “Under the Covers” and the Halloween Bash featuring “Trifecta” are going to be exceptional events—and I truly hope you will join us for the fun and **buy your tickets early!**

The Yard Sale previously advertised will be postponed until Spring when we can use some great suggestions to make it even bigger and better.

With Veteran’s Day rapidly approaching, I am asking for your help! It seems only fitting that during the year of our country’s 250th anniversary, we honor those who sacrificed their freedom to preserve ours. I am attempting to collect the following information: the Veteran’s name, Veteran Phone #, Name of a Veteran family member with his/her phone #. To make it extra special, I would like to know the Veteran’s favorite meal. If you know a member who is a Veteran, could you please reach out to me with the above information? I can be reached during the week between 3-9 pm and Saturday and Sunday before 9 pm at 207-671-1238.

Please don’t forget to enter our New Year’s Eve theme contest which runs until the end of August. There are forms in the Cantina or you can use this link: <https://forms.gle/8i8kewABhsbEMQvK8>

Upcoming events:

- August 1st we will have a Summer Social featuring make your own Italians, chips, and ice cream novelties. This will be a fun summer evening complete with outside games (corn hole & axe throwing), music, and camaraderie. Price \$10.
- August 8th Cantina is closed due to St. Peter’s Bazaar. We’ll see you there!
- August 15th 6pm Italian Heritage Night at the Portland Sea Dogs complete with fireworks
- August 22nd Hawaiian Luau with “Under the Covers” band
- August 29th Birthday Celebration with music by the Chris & Mike band

Until next time,
Tracy

Want to watch the **AUGUST 2026 SLIDESHOW OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES?**



 **SCAN & wait 10 seconds** for each slide to change!

[click this link](#) to watch or scan the code

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3. When some words appear on your screen, tap on that
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5. Slideshow **starts automatically** & slides **auto change every 10 seconds**

OR

You can swipe left to change the slides manually.



RECURRING EVENTS



DATE: Tuesday & Thursday
TIME: 9 - 11 am
LOCATION: Cantina



SCAT is BACK SEPT 3
DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 9:30 am
LOCATION: Cantina

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 5 pm bar opens
 6 pm game
PLACE: Cantina

Show Me The
MONEY

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: First MONDAY of month
TIME: 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Cantina

Contact Tracy Rinaldi - 207-671-1238



Share your ideas and
 you might win a ...

NEW YEAR'S EVE Theme & Color Scheme CONTEST



CONTEST ENDS 8/31/26

Grab a **form** in the **Cantina**
 or use the **QR Code** or **link**
 to give us your ideas!

CONTACT TRACY RINALDI
 email: rinaldi.tracy@gmail.com
 text: 207-671-1238

SCAN
 THE
 CODE



Link to [complete your entry online](https://tinyurl.com/yffd9dey)

NOTE: This is a recurring event on Friday evenings unless otherwise superceded by a scheduled event. You can always check the calendar here: <https://tinyurl.com/yffd9dey>



This is such a wonderful time to relax, chat with friends, meet new friends. You can reminisce, share stories, laugh and get lost in conversations that are not drowned out by a band or DJ - just cool tunes playing lightly in the background. Come try it out!



PLEASE
NOTE:
DATE CHANGE

★★ SATURDAY ★★
AUGUST 15

★ 6 PM ★

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QUESTIONS? Contact Tracy 207-671-1238



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Weddings & Events

FEATURING
Under The Covers
— LIVE DANCE BAND —

HAWAIIAN LUAAU

SATURDAY • AUGUST 22

DINNER & DANCE

QUESTIONS? call 207-671-1238

5:00-6:00 PM COCKTAILS / MOCKTAILS

6:00 PM HAM DINNER

6:30 PM MUSIC WITH UNDER THE COVERS

OPTIONAL GAMES WITH PRIZES

\$40 MEMBERS

\$45 NON-MEMBERS

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members and
groove to the
music with
Chris & Mike!*

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DATE	SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
TIME	5 pm Bar Opens
	6 pm (bring your own)
LOCATION	Cantina



**Yummy Birthday Cake will
be provided**



HEALTH & WELFARE

Carlene Aceto, 207-405-7156

otecac@gmail.com

Plases be in touch if you know of anyone I should send a card to. Those cards might be Get Well • Thinking of You • Sympathy • Mass cards, etc.
Thank you - Carlene





MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Bob Lax 207-671-8470 robertlax@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Statements were sent out at the end of June, **payment is due before August 30, 2026***

Individual \$85.00/year Married/Partner \$140/year

If dues are not paid by August 30, that member will be carried as delinquent to October 1 of the current year, at which time the delinquent member will be automatically dropped from the membership rolls. In order to return as a member, that person must go through the reinstatement process. During the time of delinquency, a member cannot hold a valid key card and is considered a non-member. When delinquent, members must pay a full year's dues to continue uninterrupted membership.

New REGULAR Members (to be voted in)		
Name	Italian Name	Sponsor
Arthur Sears	Colello	Krista Fowler
Ben Fulves	Formica	Robert Lax



Do you know someone who might want to become a
REGULAR member • **ASSOCIATE** member • **REACTIVATED** member?

[download a MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION here](#) OR grab a **copy in the Lobby** at the IHC

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

72 Federal Street
Portland, ME

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 7 & 8**



Featuring the **Jim Ciampi Band**

The Bazaar celebrates the Feast of St. Rocco and the Assumption of Mary, drawing locals and visitors for old-world traditions and recipes.

The IHC will have a booth at the Bazaar. **Stop by!**



Admission: **FREE**

5 - 10 PM

QUESTIONS? Contact Ed Angelo - eangelo@maine.rr.com

***The IHC is taking a trip to the "Feast of All Feasts"
in Boston's North End & a Side Stop at Encore Casino***

Contact: **Cathy Giuffre-Renaud 207-939-4354** or **Judy Ann Ferrante 207-671-9412**



Saint Anthony's Feast 2026

(also celebrating Santa Lucia/Saint Lucy)

Sunday, August 30, 2026*

*Itinerary may be adjusted for inclement weather

Contact Judy Ann or Cathy if you want to be on the **"Wait List"**

ITALIAN Idiom

(nonna said it best)

Non vedo l'ora!

"I don't see the hour"

Meaning: *"I can't wait."*

TRIVIA

How many times has Italy won the FIFA World Cup?

- a. three
- b. two
- c. six
- d. four

ANSWER: see **page 13**

Contact: Judy Kendrick (207-415-1759) if you have something you would like to share.



Fratelli d'Italia

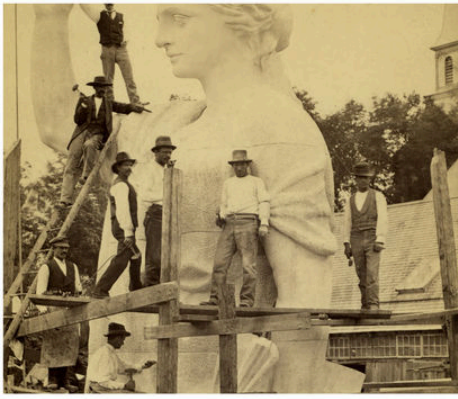
The Italian National Anthem



The Inaugural "Let's Share"

If you weren't at the July member's meeting, then you missed this courageous attempt by members to sing the Italian National Anthem **in Italian!!** This was the first of hopefully many to come when members can have **5 minutes** during the **"Good of the Order"** to share a story, photos, a recipe, whatever with others. Contact Judy Kendrick - see above.

MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBIT: Italian Stonecutters, Labor, and Legacy in Maine



Thursday, June 25, 2026



Other Exhibits:

- The Early Days of Maine Golf (1888-1940)
- Pathways to Freedom - Maine Stories of the American Revolution



Great crowd, terrific snacks, educational presentations and three wonderful exhibitions. Thank you Cultural Committee!



CHARITY COMMITTEE

Katie Guzman, Chair 207-518-3152

Happy August,
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and all the fun events happening at the IHC.

Please remember on **Wednesday** and **Saturday nights** CHARITY sells **SNACKS**. This is one of our fundraising activities. We encourage you to bring your DINNER to enjoy, which must be completed by 6 PM before the game or event starts.

We are keeping the bottle drive open for Portland T-ball for the rest of the summer. You can contact me and I will give you clynk bags and stickers. You can bring them back to the Center or you can drop them into the Clink drop off yourself. I have been asked by members to give them stickers and this seems to be working out really well.

Thanks,
Katie





SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Judy Ann Ferrante, Chair 207-671-9412



Scholarship Recipient Night was indeed a festive celebratory evening. The Columbus Room was a feast for our senses, tasting, looking and sounding like an Italian Cultural Center. Families attended to celebrate their children's awards. These members of the Scholarship Team were present at this awarding event: Carlene Aceto, Rosemary Beattie, Jillian Trapini Huff, George Bruns, Carl Gatto, Bruce Koharian, Kathryn Johnson, Sheila Pechinski and myself. Speakers included Carlene Aceto, Krista Fowler, Annette DiPaolo Hogle, Sheila Pechinski, Jean Germani Russo and myself. Speeches were filled with admirable comments about students. Annette Hogle remembered her sister Debbie DiPaolo Sweet. Jean gave us an impactful legacy of her family history filled with their family's love for their dad, Louis Germani and our Italian Heritage Center.

Our **Scholarship Fundraiser is coming up - The Blues Brothers: Next Generation**. We have appetizers, 50/50, and Gift Baskets! This event is the largest group for us to host. It would be great if you will plan to support the education commitment of our Mission Statement and make this a big success!

Please support this Scholarship Committee FUNDRAISER!

CONTACT JUDY ANN FERRANTE
207-671-9412

Get Ready to Rock with Soul!

BLUES BROTHERS

Next Generation

★ IHC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER ★



 **SATURDAY**
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
★ DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM ★

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AND SEARCH "BLUES BROTHERS IHC"

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QUESTIONS? call 207-671-9412

ONLINE OPTION

 Purchase online through Eventbrite.
(Service fees apply online.)



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FOR TICKETS &
EVENT INFO**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

★ ★ ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE IHC SCHOLARSHIP FUND SUPPORTING LOCAL STUDENTS. ★ ★

Use this [link to buy tickets](#)

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Scholarship Recipients



SOPHIA FERRANTE

We are proud to say that Sophia Ferrante is the recipient of the Italian Heritage Center Employee Scholarship. Sophia has worked at the IHC for three years as a member of the event staff. She says "my time at the Italian Heritage center has been a truly impactful experience. It has shaped me and my work ethic in so many ways. It has strengthened my character and helped me to grow into a more confident and responsible individual."

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship, as it represents, not only a financial assistance; but, also encouragement to continue striving toward my goals and future success." The acting manager, Krista Fowler says "watching Sophia transform her life. I have seen her overcome her challenges, grow personally, professionally, and become a productive and respected member of our team."

Sophia lives with her Aunt Lauri and her Uncle John, along with her three siblings. Sophia is enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at Spa-Tech Institute in Westbrook, Maine.



STELLA HENDERSON

Stella Henderson is the daughter of Krista and Joseph Henderson. She is the granddaughter of IHC lifetime member Michael Caiola, and the late Jacqueline Caiola. Stella is a graduate of South Portland High School and is in the top 10% of her class.

She is viewed as conscientious and compassionate by her teachers. They feel she is a natural leader and is given respect among

her peers. Stella has a comprehensive list of activities that include playing soccer and basketball. She has received the Principal's Award, The Dartmouth Book Award and is on the Honor Roll. She has served as a volunteer for youth sports. Stella will be attending Bentley University this fall.

Stella is receiving the Diane DiPaolo Morency Scholarship in memory of Diane's sister, Debbie DiPaolo Sweet.



LUCAS JAMES RENAUD

Lucas James Renaud is the son of John Renaud and Catherine Giuffre-Renaud. Lucas is a graduate of Scarborough High School. At school, Lucas is hard-working, honest, ambitious, and makes good use of his time; as told to us by his teachers. His true nature is viewed as a thoughtful and curious young person with a real thirst for knowledge. He's upstanding, friendly and has a great sense of humor.

He plays lacrosse and has been captain of his team his junior and senior year.

Out of school, Lucas has worked a long time for a senior living facility where he helps care for the elderly; not an easy task for young people, his age. Coaches, teachers, teammates, and classmates love having Lucas around! Lucas Renaud is receiving The Germani Family Scholarship!





NEW MEMBER

Bill Lucatuorto,
President,
Bob Russo



QUORUM WINNER
Rosemary Beattie*



50/50 WINNER
Michael Caiola*

*donated to
Scholarship

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS



Carole DuPerre (37 yrs)



Maryann Barter (49 yrs)



Darlene White (31 yrs)

**New LIFETIME
Members
Not Present**

Dominic P. DiMatteo
(49 yrs)
Sandra Curato
(25 yrs)

Marc Macisso

Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist to some of the biggest names in music playing under the tent at the IHC, July 11, 2026



*And some
birthday
celebrations too!*

IHC MONTHLY MEMBER CALENDAR can be viewed by clicking on [this link](#). You may then view separate months by clicking on the tab for a specific month.

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm BOCCE	9:30 am Show Me the \$	9-11 am Muffin Club		6:30-9:30 pm Member Birthday Celebration
+ ≡ Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec						

August 2026							 ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
						1	Summer Social 5pm Bar Opens	
2	3 5:30 pm Activities Comm MONTHLY mtg	4 9-11 am Muffin Club	5 6 pm Show Me the \$	6 9-11 am Muffin Club	7	8 St. Peter's Bazaar		
					5-7 pm Cantina Open	last day to buy SEA DOGS TIX		
9	10	11 9-11 am Muffin Club	12 5:30 pm Cultural Mtg 6 pm Show Me the \$	13 9-11 am Muffin Club	14 5-7 pm Cantina Open	15 6 pm Sea Dogs Hadlock Field Fireworks		
16	17 Reminder to RSVP for Monthly Mtg DINNER	18 9-11 am Muffin Club	19 6 pm Show Me the \$	20 9-11 am Muffin Club 4 pm Board Mtg 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Member Mtg	21 5-7 pm Cantina Open	22 Hawaiian Luau 6:30-9:30 pm Under the Covers Columbus Rm		
23	24	25 9-11 am Muffin Club	26 6 pm Show Me the \$	27 9-11 am Muffin Club	28 5-7 pm Cantina Open	29 6:30-9:30 pm Member Birthday Celebration Chris & Mike		
30 SOLD OUT 9 am - 7:30 pm BUS TRIP to North End-Boston & Encore Casino	31 NYE Contest ENDS (Theme & Color)							



*The Muffin Club says:
"Happy Birthday Jim DiBiase"*

TRIVIA

ANSWER to Trivia Question on page 8 = d. four

They won their four titles in the following years:

- **1934:** Won on home soil, defeating Czechoslovakia in the final.
- **1938:** Became the first nation to successfully defend their title, beating Hungary in France.
- **1982:** Won in Spain, defeating West Germany in the final.
- **2006:** Won in Germany, defeating France in a penalty shootout.



ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- 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 Rule & 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.

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 Paul J. Connolly
 Sandra Curato
 Dominic P. DiMatteo

Carole DuPerre
 Mario Grimaldi
 Gloria Giordano Lax
 Robert Lax

Marianna Grimaldi Oleson
 Michael Pizzo
 Philip G. Rotolo
 Jean Russo

Albert Stivaletti
 Filomena Lapomarda Tripaldi
 Maria Trivellin
 Darlene White

In Memoriam

Joseph Aliberti, Sr.	Dominic Distasio	Fannie Grimaldi	
Stephen W. Amero	Lucy Ferrante	Joseph Grimaldi	Emily Pirone
Joseph A. Capelluti	Sammy Ferrante	Frank Lorello	Alphonse Pizzo, Jr.
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Mary C. Connolly	Nino Giordano	Carmine Pirone	