
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

Hello September!

Fall begins, football, school, and many more as the season changes. August was a busy month and we had a number of member events that were great! The member picnic at the end of July, the Sea Dogs game with fireworks, two bands and dancing on a couple of weekends, etc. Enjoy the tent if the weather permits as the tent comes down the first of October.

The biggest announcement is the hiring of a Business Manager. Her name is Gray Triandiflou, so please say hello if you get a chance. Her job can be overwhelming so please take things slow with her. She's got a lot to learn. She'll be focused on bringing in new outside business such as weddings, celebrations of life, and other things. Of course, Tracy still handles the Cantina member events.

Newer members, I haven't seen many of you. Please get involved with the membership and the events we offer. Feel free to call me or e-mail me if you have questions. We'd love to see you!

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.



DATE: Thursday, September 17
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, SEPTEMBER 14 . Please call Bill at 303-887-9164

IHC POSITIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Directors - 11)

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Director	Jay Scala

PAST PRESIDENT Vincenza Dunn

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Business & Events Manager	Gray Triandiflou
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Webmaster (members)	Connie DiBiase

updated 8/24/2026



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Tracy Rinaldi 207-671-1238

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

Boun Settembre! Fall here we come ...

In August we welcomed the month with a Summer Social complete with axe throwing and cornhole. Watch out guys - Laura and Donna can wield a mad axe. Peter, watch your back! Phil and his cornhole skills went unmatched! However, Ed and Jim were no slouches either. And what a team of cooks we had prepping for the delicious make your own Italians! Thank you to Jim and Lucretia Romano, Marie Chenevert and a special thank you to Nancy and Stella who surprised us with scrumptious homemade biscotti!

August 8 we journeyed to Federal Street to enjoy the 101st St. Peter's Bazaar with our extended Italian family. I hope to see many of them at IHC! August 15, we overflowed our Portland Sea Dogs reserved seating with over thirty people representing the Italian Heritage Center. What a fun time with family and friends! The evening topped off with a fantastic fireworks display that rivaled the Fourth of July!!! Closing out the month was the incredibly talented "Under the Covers Band" and the Chris and Mike show. (Stay tuned for pictures!)

Labor Day begins our September. We close the Cantina to honor your time spent with family and friends. **September 8** will be our **Activities Committee** meeting (changed due to Labor Day) . **September 19** we will have Stacie Boilard (DJ/Singer) in the Cantina. Bring your own food. **September 26** the Cantina will be closed to allow our members to attend **"The Blues Brothers Next Generation"** brought to you by the Scholarship Committee. Let's all go to support this fundraiser and enjoy the evening!

Save The Date!

OCTOBER 24 HALLOWEEN BASH with THE TRIFECTA BAND!

- Costume Contest with Prizes
- *Special Guests* are sure to WOW!
- Food Available for purchase (while supplies last)

Looking forward to spending another fun-filled month with all of you!

Tracy

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



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

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

The slides replay when finished or you can close it

1. Open the camera app on your phone (or other device)
2. Point it at the QR code (as if you're taking its picture)
3. When some words appear on your screen, tap on that
4. The first slide will appear (like the one pictured here)
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!

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 9:30 am
LOCATION: Cantina

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

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Show Me The
MONEY

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Contact Tracy Rinaldi - 207-671-1238

EXCEPT in September (due to Labor Day) - it's on **TUESDAY, 9/8**



Who Knew?? We've got some good axe throwers & cornhole enthusiasts!



Every Friday

(unless otherwise noted)

A great 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. **Stop by!**



Photo folders LINK



Vicki Dunn set up a shared folder on the IHC Google Drive that we have been able to use to post photos from many events. If you scan the QR code or click the link below, you will see file folder icons and dates & names of the events. Just click twice on the folder icon & you will be able to view any photos in that folder. Here's a sample of what it looks like:

File Folder



	2026 June 13 Line Dancing 207
	2026 June 25 Maine Historical Stonecutters
	2026 March 14 St Pats Day
	2026 May 2_Kentucky Derby

More photos will be uploaded in the next week or two.

Join Us!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



BAR OPENS: 5:00 PM



STACIE BOILARD – DJ & SINGER
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM



BRING YOUR OWN FOOD!

In the

CANTINA



Member Appreciation POSTPONED to a Future Date



MANDATORY FUN!



Word Search

By Elizabeth Nilsen

CANAL	MAFIA
CHIANTI	MILAN
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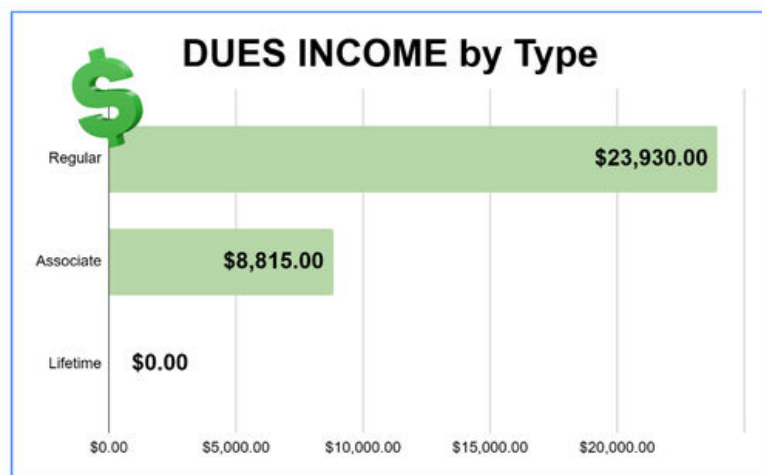
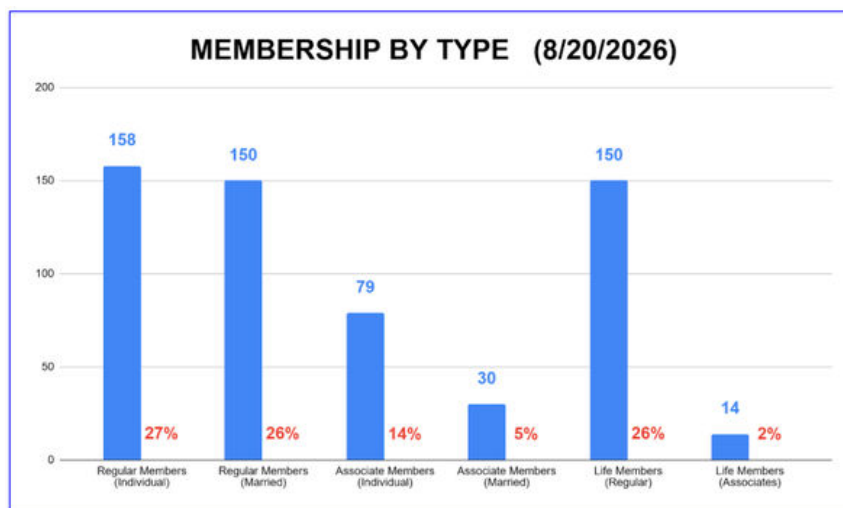
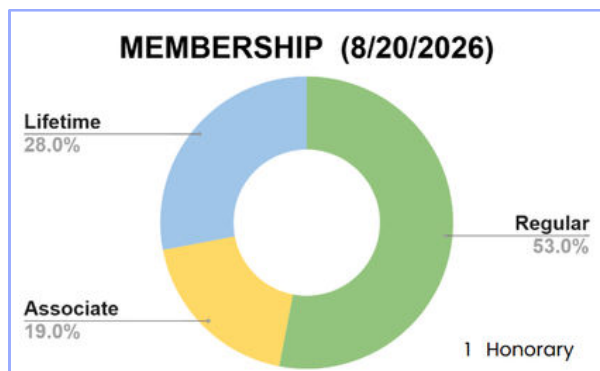
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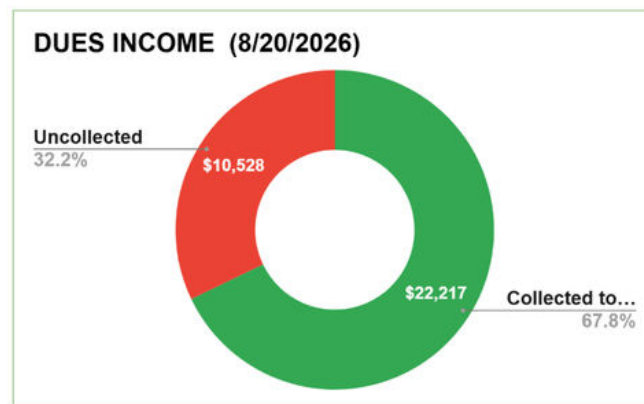
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

As many of you know, we weren't able to view the newly created visual membership report due to technical errors, so here are images from that report:



Dues should have been paid by
August 31, 2026



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

Bocce Season Begins! Tuesday, September 29

SIGN-UPS

DATES: Tuesday, September 15 5:30-6:30 Cantina
Friday, September 18 5:00-7:00 Cantina
(during IHC Happy Hour)

- Regular players **\$10.00 each**
 - Subs are FREE
- Please try to bring exact change.



Bocce will be **every Tuesday** in the Columbus Room starting at **6:00 pm**. The starting date will be **Tuesday, September 29**.

Contact **Connie DiBiase** if you cannot make one of the above sign-up nights.

Call/text **207-272-0434**

Email dibice5@gmail.com

See you all then! Looking forward to another fun bocce season!



August 7 & 8
2026

St. Peter's Church

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BAZAAR
STREET FESTIVAL

ITALIAN HERITAGE
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SEPTEMBER
16
SEPTEMBER
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SEPTEMBER
28

Come for One, Come for All!



**3 Dance
Classes**

7-8 pm

Instruction by Line Dance 207



TICKETS:
\$10
Members

\$12
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price per class



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OCTOBER
3



5:00 PM
Doors Open



5:30 PM
Dinner &
Cash Bar



7:00 PM
One-Hour
Lesson



8:00-10:00 PM
Dancing with
Line Dance 207

21+
Event

**SCAN for
TICKETS**



ENJOY
Homemade

- Pizza
- Chili with corn bread
- Mediterranean Salad
- Mixed Green Salad
- Marble Cake with
Chocolate frosting



Available



TICKETS:

\$25
Members

\$30
Non-Members

ALSO FEATURING:

- Free Parking
- Door Prizes
- Cash Bar



Want to pay with CASH/CHECK? [DOWNLOAD a Form Here](#)

[ONLINE TICKETS](#)



This is a new option during our monthly meetings when members can have **5 minutes** during the “**Good of the Order**” to share a story, photos, a recipe, video or anything with others. Contact Judy Kendrick if you would like to present something at the September meeting 9/17.

Contact: Judy Kendrick (207-415-1759)



BOOK CLUB

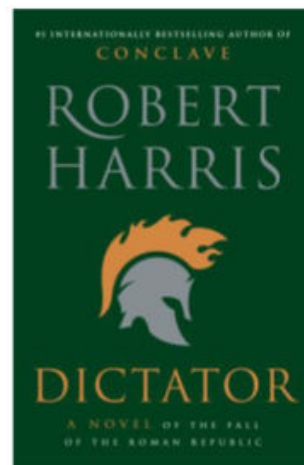
Online

RETURNS!

Contact **Jim DiBiase**
207-767-2292 if you are
interested.

You don't need to read
the book to participate!

*The third novel in a trilogy set in
the mid-first century BC,
centering on the Roman orator
Cicero. The trilogy is narrated
by Cicero's slave and secretary,
Tiro, the inventor of our modern
system of shorthand, whom
Cicero rewarded with
emancipation.*



DATE:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

TIME:

6:30 PM (online)

ITALIAN Idiom

(nonna said it best)

Chi dorme non piglia pesci.

He who sleeps catches no fish.

Meaning: “The early bird catches the worm.”

TRIVIA

Which famous Italian cheese is known as
the "King of Cheeses" and is aged for
months or even years?

- a. Gorgonzola
- b. Parmigiano-Reggiano
- c. Pecorino Romano
- d. Mozzarella

ANSWER: see **page 13**



HEALTH & WELFARE

Carlene Aceto, 207-405-7156

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Please 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

Volunteers needed

Halloween decorations are in the stores, so why not start planning for Christmas?

Please contact **Katie Guzman** NOW to let her know you are willing to help! **207-518-3152**



CHARITY COMMITTEE

Katie Guzman, Chair 207-518-3152

Happy September,

Fall and cooler weather brings all types of new activities to 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 **clink 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



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!

Use this [link to buy tickets](#)

Please support this Scholarship Committee FUNDRAISER!

Get Ready to Rock with Soul!

BLUES BROTHERS

Next Generation

★ IHC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER ★



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



GO TO **EVENTBRITE.COM**
AND SEARCH "BLUES BROTHERS IHC"

\$40 **\$45**
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member

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ONLINE OPTION

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



QUORUM WINNER
Maryann DiRobbio

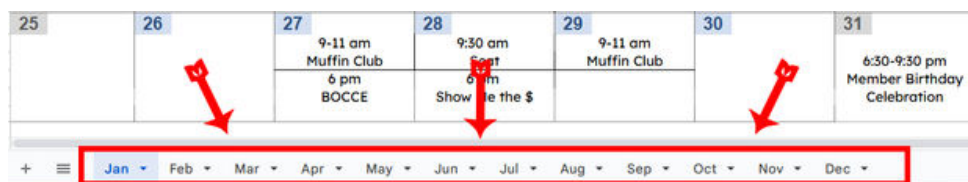


50/50 WINNER
Jay Scala



VOLUNTEER BASKET
Carlene Aceto

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.



September 2026 IHC ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm BOCCE	2 9:30 am Scat RETURNS 6 pm Show Me the \$	3 9-11 am Muffin Club	4 5-7 pm Cantina Open	5 CLOSED
6 CLOSED	7 Labor Day CLOSED	8 9-11 am Muffin Club 5:30 pm Activities Comm MONTHLY mtg	9 9:30 am Scat 5:30 pm Cultural Mtg 6 pm Show Me the \$	10 9-11 am Muffin Club	11 5-7 pm Cantina Open	12 Show Me the \$
13	14 Reminder to RSVP for Monthly Mtg DINNER	15 9-11 am Muffin Club 5:30-6:30 pm BOCCE Sign Ups	16 9:30 am Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$ 7-8 pm Line Dance Class #1 6:30 pm BOOK CLUB	17 9-11 am Muffin Club 4 pm Board Mtg 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Member Mtg	18 5-7 pm Cantina Open 5 -7 pm BOCCE Sign Ups	19 5pm Bar Opens BYO Food Stacey Boilard DJ/Singer 6:30-9:30 pm
20	21	22 9-11 am Muffin Club	23 9:30 am Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$ 7-8 pm Line Dance Class #2	24 9-11 am Muffin Club	25 5-7 pm Cantina Open	26 fundraiser 5pm doors open 6pm band BLUES BROTHERS
27	28 7-8 pm Line Dance Class #3	29 9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm Bocce	30 9:30 am Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$			

TRIVIA

ANSWER to Trivia Question on page 7 = b. Parmigiano-Reggiano

Parmigiano Reggiano is known as the "King of Cheeses". This hard cow's milk cheese from Northern Italy is aged anywhere from 12 months to 36 months or more to develop its rich, crumbly texture and savory flavor.



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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Carole DuPerre
 Gloria Giordano Lax
 Robert Lax

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 Jean Russo
 Albert Stivaletti

Maria Trivellin
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In Memoriam

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