
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

Fall is in full swing now and the heavier coats are out. Time to prepare for winter. Clean the furnaces, be sure your smoke detectors have good batteries, check your windshield wipers, etc. And of course, the tent in front of the Center will come down and be put away for the winter.

Gray (new manager) is doing great! She's been very busy and has new ideas. She is focused on bringing in new outside business such as weddings, celebrations of life, reunions, and other things. Stop in and say hello!

For those who were not at the General Meeting, the By-Laws Chair gave a presentation on proposed changes to the By-Laws coming in December to be voted on. The By Laws Committee has completed a focused review of all sections of the IHC By Laws Rules and Regulations. The committee has proposed an agenda to present them to the membership, along with an accompanying petition to be signed, which will be voted on at the November General Meeting.

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. Wild.billlucy@gmail.com or 303-887-9164.

Bill Lucatuorto
President

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



DATE: Thursday, October 15
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, OCTOBER 12 . Please call Bill at 303-887-9164

IHC POSITIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Directors - 11)

PRIMARY OFFICERS

President	Bill Lucatuorto
Vice President	Ed Angelo
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Membership Secretary	Robert Lax

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Activities Director	Tracy Rinaldi
Director/Associate	Katie Guzman
Director	Joseph Cupo
Director	Annette Hoglund
Director	Jay Scala

PAST PRESIDENT Vincenza Dunn

APPOINTED POSITIONS

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Parliamentarian	Martin Joyce

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By-Laws	Sam Rinaldi
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OTHER/TECH

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

updated 8/24/2026

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, Sam Rinaldi, Chair

The By-Laws Committee has completed a focused review of all sections of the Italian Heritage Center By-Laws and Rules & Regulations. The committee has proposed addenda to the By-Laws and presented them to the membership, along with an accompanying petition to be signed, which will be voted on according to article 14.

Members of the Committee: Carlene Aceto, Ed Angelo, Cathy Giuffre-Renaud, Annette Hoglund, John LoBosco, Betsy Nilsen, Jay Scala



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Tracy Rinaldi 207-671-1238
Monday - Friday, 3pm-9pm, Sat/Sun before 9pm

Ciao a tutti!

Thank you for a fun September.

As most of you know, I am in the midst of a series of surgeries. For this reason, my attendance at events may be sporadic at times. I intend to attend as many events as I am able.

We have an exciting schedule of events for October. Nancy Polito leads us off with a night of food and fun with a **Line Dance Dinner & Lesson on October 3**. This is sure to be a hit!

Join us on **October 10 for a joyful Italian celebration** filled with the warmth, flavor, and rhythm of la dolce vita! Guests will enjoy delicious Italian favorites, from savory pasta and crisp antipasti to sweet desserts, while lively music sets the perfect festive mood. Come ready to eat, sing, dance, and celebrate an unforgettable evening of food, music, and community spirit. This year's celebration will be open to the public. Please invite your family and friends.

Get ready for a frightfully fun **Halloween Bash on October 24** featuring the incredible Trifecta Band and a special guest performance that will keep the night full of energy, music, and spooky surprises! Dress to impress if you wish to join the costume contest, or simply come ready to dance, celebrate, and enjoy a wicked good time with friends. Tickets are on sale now: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite or meet me in the Cantina on Wednesdays or Saturdays to purchase in person. Food items will also be available for purchase, so bring your appetite and your Halloween spirit!

I look forward to sharing these fun-filled evenings with you!

Tracy

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

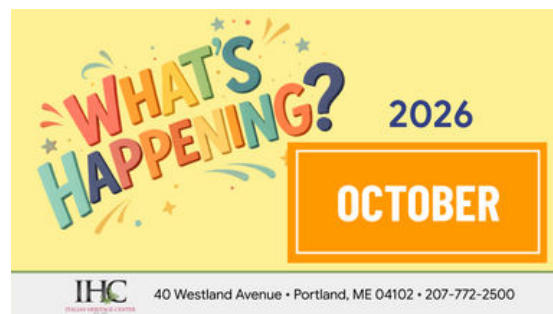


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[click this link](#) to watch or scan the code

The slides replay when finished or you can close it

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RECURRING EVENTS



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



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



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!**

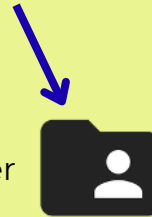


Vicki Dunn set up a shared folder on the IHC Google Drive that we have been able to use to post photos from many events. If you scan the QR code or click the link below, you will see file folder icons and dates & names of the events. Just click twice on the folder icon & you will be able to view any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

Photo folders LINK



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.



More Details to Follow

DATE:	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
TIME:	5:00 pm Bar Opens 6:30 pm Band Starts



**COLUMBUS
ITALIAN
CELEBRATION**



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OVERDUE!

INDIVIDUAL \$85.00

MARRIED/PARTNER \$140.00

MUST BE **PAID BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2026, TO STAY CURRENT.**



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New REGULAR Members (to be voted in)		
Name	Italian Name	Sponsor
Laura Marino	Marino	John Marino, Sr.
John Marino Jr.	Marino	John Marino, Sr.
Lisa Marino	Marino	John Marino, Sr.

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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



KNOW AN EXPERIENCED COOK?

- Event-based • As needed
- Starting at \$25/hour

Call President Bill Lucatuorto at 303-887-9164
or email president@italianheritagecenter.com



Hello IHC Members,
Do you know an experienced cook who might enjoy working events at the Italian Heritage Center? We're looking for someone to prepare meals for weddings, banquets, club functions and other gatherings.

This is an **as-needed position**, with **pay starting at \$25** per hour. Events are scheduled in advance whenever possible.

If someone comes to mind, please ask them to contact our President, Bill Lucatuorto, at 303-887-9164 or president@italianheritagecenter.com.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

TERROR AWAITS!

HALLOWEEN BASH

**6:30 PM
Band Begins**

TRIFECTA BAND

October 24th

Bar opens 5 PM / Food Items for purchase 5:30 PM

Costume Contest & Prizes | Surprise Guest Performers

Member \$15 | Non-Member \$20

Questions? Call 207-671-1238

Italian Heritage Center, Portland Maine

21+ Event



SCAN the QR CODE for TICKETS - or use [THIS LINK](#)

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

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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



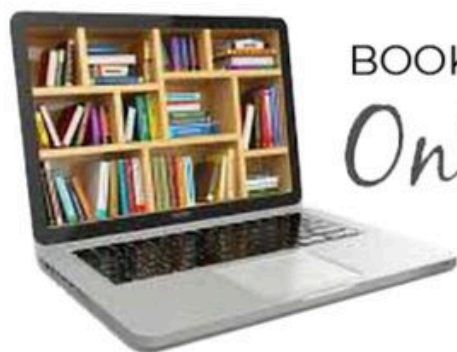
Want to pay with CASH/CHECK?

[DOWNLOAD this form](#)
complete & submit

[LINK to online
ticket form](#)



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, a recipe, some photos etc. Contact Bill Lucatuorto if you would like to present something at a monthly meeting.



BOOK CLUB *Online*

DATE:	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
TIME:	6:30 PM (online)

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

The Anniversary by Andrea Bajani Translated by Geoffrey Brock

"A book that confronts the purity of fact, the tyranny of memory, and the totalitarianism of family like no other." —Jhumpa Lahiri

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



Tombola returns! If you've never tried it - stop by and enjoy!



Bring your snacks and some friends and settle in for the traditional holiday family game of Tombola! We hope to see you there.

DATE:	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
TIME:	5:00 pm Bar Opens 6:00 pm Game Starts
LOCATION:	Cantina

COST: \$2/card per round (5 rounds)



ITALIAN Idiom

(nonna said it best)

Tirare la corda.

To ask for more than is reasonable or fair.

Meaning: "To push one's luck."

TRIVIA

Which famous Italian dessert's name literally translates to "pick me up" or "cheer me up" in Italian?

- a. Cannoli
- b. Tiramisu
- c. Gelato
- d. Panna Cotta

ANSWER: see **page 13**



Volunteers needed

Planning for this annual event is underway.

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

Welcome Fall,

Charity SNACKS are still on going in the Cantina on Wednesday and Saturday Nights. As always you may bring your Dinner but CHARITY sells snacks. This has been a very good fundraising campaign. We are asking our members and guests to support Charity and we thank you.

Bottle drive is ongoing, if you need clink bags and stickers, see me on Wednesday or Saturday nights.

Our Craft Fair is just around the corner, **November 7, 2026**
We are looking for volunteers to help make cookies (dates to be announced). We also need help with the following:
Package up cookies and baked goods

Work the day of the fair

- Bakery
- Raffle table
- 50/50
- Help make up raffle baskets

We are always looking for raffle ideas and items. Please call anytime.

Thanks,
Katie





BOCCE

Connie DiBiase
Call/text
Email

Bocce Commissioner
207-272-0434
dibice5@gmail.com

DATE	TUESDAY each month
TIME	6:00 PM
LOCATION	Columbus Room



HEALTH & WELFARE

Carlene Aceto, 207-405-7156

otecac@gmail.com



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



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Judy Ann Ferrante, Chair 207-671-9412



Thank You

A big Thank You to all the members and guests who came to the Blues Brothers: Next Generation Event!

They gave us a wonderful show! You contributed to next year's IHC Scholarship by attending this Fundraiser! There were lots of Raffles and a 50/50!

We had a Village of Helpers who worked hard to make this a success!! Photos etc to follow in next months' newsletter since the event happened after this newsletter needed to go to print!



The ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER is an official voting location for parts of Portland. There will be food & sweets available for sale throughout the day.





QUORUM WINNER

Nick Russo*

*donated to Charity



50/50 WINNER

Lucretia Romano*

*donated to Activities

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.



October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9-11 am Muffin Club	2 5-7 pm Cantina Open	3 5:30pm Doors Open 6pm Dinner/7pm Lesson Line Dancing Event 8-10 pm Open Dancing
4	5 5:30 pm Activities Comm MONTHLY mtg	6 9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm Bocce	7 9:30 am Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$	8 9-11 am Muffin Club	9 5-7 pm Cantina Open	10 Columbus Italian Celebration 6:30 pm Annelyse & Michael
11	12 Columbus Day Reminder to RSVP for Monthly Mtg DINNER	13 9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm Bocce	14 9:30 AM Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$	15 9-11 am Muffin Club 4 pm Board Mtg 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Member Mtg	16 5-7 pm Cantina Open	17 6 pm Tombola
18	19	20 9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm Bocce	21 9:30 am Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$ 6:30 pm BOOK CLUB (online)	22 9-11 am Muffin Club	23 5-7 pm Cantina Open	24 Halloween Bash band: TRIFECTA 6:30-9:30 pm Columbus Rm
25	26	27 9-11 am Muffin Club 6 pm Bocce	28 9:30 am Scat 6 pm Show Me the \$	29 9-11 am Muffin Club	30 5-7 pm Cantina Open	31 Halloween Cantina open

TRIVIA

ANSWER to Trivia Question on page 10 = b. Tiramisu

Tiramisu is made with ladyfingers dipped in coffee, layered with a whipped mixture of egg yolks, sugar, and mascarpone cheese. "Tira mi su", which means "pick me up" or "cheer me up" due to the energizing boost from its coffee and cocoa ingredients.



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

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 Darlene White

In Memoriam

Andrew Carlista Sr.
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 Rose Ann Curneil
 Robert Curneil

Lucy Ferrante
 Sammy Ferrante
 Lou Germani
 Rose Germani

Connie Giordano
 Nino Giordano
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