ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER
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NOVEMBER 2026

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.

Facebook (member page) Instagram



PRESIDENT

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

Brrr...a touch chilly in the morning. Time is going by so fast. The holidays are approaching and will going quickly from one to another.

We have a possible cook as of this writing. Another interview with her and Board approval and yahoo! We are also looking at another prospect for a part-time chef so we have backup. Things are looking up. We also have a cleaner/maintenance person we hope to bring onboard.

Gray (new manager) is doing great! She's been very busy. It's nice to see how many calls she's been taking! With the holidays we are heading into our slower months. December, January and February are slower as people recover from the holidays and it's winter. We are still busy trying to book in those months, but we'll work on filling up the calander for the rest of 2027.

Our internal entertainment is going well and Friday night happy hour is popular. Thank you, Cathy, for bartending! Very much appreciated. We still have many upcoming events such as the children's Christmas party, etc. Read your newsletter, Facebook, or the weekly emailed Constant Contact for the events and details about them. I am very proud to see all we have to offer. Please plan to join us at some of these events. People volunteer a LOT of their free time to organize and put these on!

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 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, November 19
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 **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18** . Please call Bill at **303-887-9164**

IHC POSITIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Directors - 11)	
PRIMARY OFFICERS	
President	Bill Lucatuorto
Vice President	Ed Angelo
Treasurer	Martin Joyce
Recording Secretary	Cathy Giuffre-Renaud
Membership Secretary	Robert Lax

ELECTED DIRECTORS	
Activities Director	Tracy Rinaldi
Director/Associate	Katie Guzman
Director	Joseph Cupo
Director	Annette Hoglund
Director	Jay Scala
PAST PRESIDENT	Vincenza Dunn

APPOINTED POSITIONS	
Sergeant at Arms	Bruce Koharian
Parliamentarian	Martin Joyce

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
By-Laws	Sam Rinaldi
Charity	Katie Guzman
Cultural (interim)	Cathy Giuffre-Renaud
Facilities	Ed Angelo
Health & Welfare	Carlene Aceto
Marketing	Melissa Martin
Scholarship	Judy Ann Ferrante
OTHER/TECH	
Business & Events Manager	Gray Triandiflou
Webmaster (events)	Gray Triandiflou
Webmaster (members)	Connie DiBiase



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Tracy Rinaldi 207-671-1238 M - F, 3pm-9pm, Sat/Sun before 9pm
email: tr.ihc40@gmail.com

Buon novembre a tutti!

November is always a month of mixed feelings for me. It is a month of change. We get to enjoy the beautiful Fall colors, family holidays, and special Fall treats and flavors. On the flip side, we say goodbye to the comfort of Summer's warmth, family and friends that head south, days getting shorter and we prepare for snow and ice just around the corner.

At the Italian Heritage Center, we greeted Fall with an Italian American celebration! We celebrated our Italian American heritage with a delicious dinner of salad, lasagna, pasta, meatballs, sausage with peppers and onions, and an assortment of homemade desserts. It was so good that I returned a couple days later to buy more! A special thank you to Jim Romano, Nancy Polito, Concetta Dalfonso, Stella Main, Connie & Tom DiBiase, Carlene Aceto, Cathy Giuffre-Renaud & John Renaud for sharing their culinary and server skills and Sammy Rinaldi, Connie DiBiase, and James Williams for creating an elegant environment in which to celebrate. Annelyse and Michael capped off the evening with lively banter and wonderful musical performances.

The Halloween Bash on October 24th was a night to remember. There were zombies galore! The Trifecta Band had the place jumping all night long! The dance floor was buzzing with monsters, witches, ghosts, and ghouls twirling, shimmying, and grooving alongside their human companions. What a great time! A huge thank-you to the sensational Kristin Sutton and her fabulous "Thriller" flash mob! Could you spot our IHC members in the fun?

November is a shortened month for the Activities Committee's events.
November 7th is the IHC Craft Fair.
November 14th, we have the five-piece band "Easy Money" to celebrate with our Veterans.
You might remember "Easy Money" from last year's Italian Celebration. They had the dance floor full all night long. Due to the cook situation, we will not offer a meal for this event. Members are welcome to bring their own food. We will provide party mix and a dessert.

The Activities Committee would like to wish everyone a fantastic Thanksgiving!
Please note that I have a new email address: tr.ihc40@gmail.com.

Until next time,

Tracy Rinaldi

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

EXCEPT NOV-it's moved to 2nd Monday, NOVEMBER 9

Contact Tracy Rinaldi - 207-671-1238 *All are welcome!*

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

click this link

OR Scan the QR Code

The slides replay when finished or you can close it



RECURRING EVENTS











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

click here
Photo folders LINK





BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, Sam Rinaldi, Chair

We are currently seeking signatures on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and will have the signature list available at the next General Meeting in November, before the December submission deadline.

We will present the addenda orally at the next regularly scheduled meeting in January, provided we have at least 25 regular member signatures. Members will vote at the Feb meeting, and the approved addenda will be announced in the March newsletter.

Timeline for By-Law Amendments

1. **December general meeting: (Dec)** Submit the proposed amendment in writing to the By-Law Committee, signed by at least 25 regular members in good standing, with each signer's key-card number.
2. **Committee review:** The Committee confers with the members' representative and reviews the proposed language.
3. **Next regular meeting: (Jan)** If approved for consideration, the representative presents the amendment orally and submits it in writing to the Recording Secretary.
4. **Following regular meeting: (Feb)** Regular members vote. Send written notice to all regular members at least 7 days before the meeting. Adoption requires a two-thirds majority of votes cast.
5. **New By-Law Amendments: (Mar)** Announced in the March Newsletter

You can **sign the proposal at the monthly member meeting on November 19** or at SMTM or Bocce.



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

New **REGULAR** Members (to be voted in)		
Name	**Italian Name**	**Sponsor**
Maria Gagnon	Marino	Robert Lax
Richard Yarnold	Seneca	Robert Lax
Patty Morris	Seneca	Robert Lax
Susan DiMatteo Keiler	DiMatteo	Joe Cupo
Joe Pizzo	Pizzo	Joe Cupo
Fran Shanley	Pizzo	Joe Cupo



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





TUESDAYS
6 PM

Connie DiBiase Bocce Commissioner
Call/text **207-272-0434**
Email dibice5@gmail.com

Bocce Has Begun!

Bocce Team Standings - as of OCTOBER 13, 2026

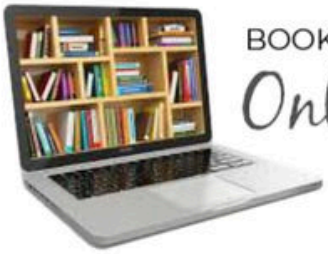
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This is a new option during our monthly meetings when members can have **5 minutes** during the **"Good of the Order"** to share a story, a recipe, some photos etc. Contact Bill Lucatuorto if you would like to present something at a monthly meeting.

Thank you to **Jim DiBiase** for this story shown at the October 15th meeting

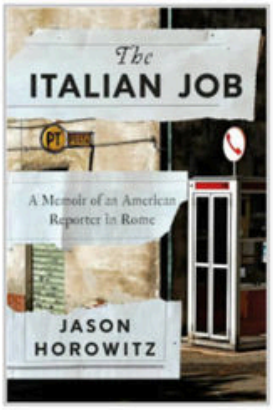


BOOK CLUB

Online

DATE:	**WEDNESDAY, ~~NOVEMBER 18~~**
TIME:	**6:30 PM (online)**

The Italian Job: A Memoir of an American Reporter in Rome
by Jason Horowitz



Jason Horowitz, a longtime Rome bureau chief for *The New York Times*, tells the story of how he too fell under that Tuscan-sun enchantment, before ultimately discovering a more fascinating Italy, a country conducting experiments in populist politics and confronting global challenges like immigration, climate change, and an aging population.

Contact Jim DiBiase - 207-767-2292 if you are interested. You don't need to read the book to participate!

NOTE:
Book Club will meet on **DECEMBER 16** (online)

WORD SEARCH - Members mostly from these regions

Find & circle all the regions listed. Or you can COMPLETE THE **WORD SEARCH ONLINE** by **CLICKING HERE** or scanning the QR code. Drag your mouse over the letters. If you find a correct region, it will check off that item.

REGIONS IN ITALY

ABRUZZO
BASILICATA
CALABRIA
CAMPANIA
LAZIO
LIGURIA
MARCHE
MOLISE
PUGLIA
SICILIA
TOSCANA
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BATES COLLEGE PROFESSOR JON CAVALLERO will give a presentation on Frank Capra before the movie screening and a Q/A after. His talk will center on how "Capra liked to say he was 90% American and 10% Italian." How did the rest of the country view him? Did Capra really feel/think/believe this?

DATE	Friday, November 20	
TIME	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bar Opens Presentation Movie
LOCATION	Cantina	

The 1934 romantic comedy "It Happened One Night" swept all "Big Five" categories at the 7th Academy Awards held on February 27, 1935. It was the first film in history to achieve this milestone. Capra won Oscars as Director & for Best Picture.



It Happened One Night



Anyone attending Happy Hour is welcome to attend.

James DiBiase Library



This is an amazing resource. You should check it out.

There are many wonderful titles in fiction, history, dual language, cooking and so much more. We are at max capacity right now for donations to our library.

Special thanks to the Piccone family for their large donation of books.

Click the following link or scan the QR Code to see what's available in the **James DiBiase Library Catalog**

NOTE:

- If you take a book out, please fill out the borrowing log book.
- To return books to the library, ***please don't reshelve***, but leave near the log and someone (Judy Kendrick, Concetta Dalfonso and/or Cathy GR) will reshelve.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Judy Ann Ferrante, Chair 207-671-9412

Oh, What A Night! 🎶🎉🎶😍🎶

I'm expressing how grateful I am that the Blues Brothers: Next Generation Show was in every way possible A GREAT EVENT! The Band, and its front Men (a.k.a. Jake and Elroy) were lively, funny, talented and happy to drive 1 3/4 hours to be with us!! What a show they gave us!! 🎶🎉🎶

Starting in the kitchen, volunteers Ed and Kathy Angelo, Jim and Lucretia Romano, Marie Chenevert, and Lenore Kraus were amazing. Rocco Toppi needs a shout out! He saw the bread dough, jumped in, started rolling the stuffed bread! Kathy Tozzini Johnson, Rosemary Beattie, Carl Gatto, Carlene Aceto, George Bruns, Jillian Trapini Huff, all members of the Scholarship Team, were in the trenches too with assembly lines filling veggie trays and charcuterie Boards. Dressing and adjusting the tables were tasks behind the scenes! Kathy Tozzini Johnson worked extra hard in the planning and preparation leading up to this event! Eventbrite Ticket Sales were managed by Melissa Martin … thank you!

I've been savoring the fruits of our efforts to raise money for the IHC Scholarship Program! THANKS TO EVERY ONE OF YOU! 🫶🇮🇹🫶





CHARITY COMMITTEE

Katie Guzman, Chair 207-518-3152

Come enjoy our fabulous annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale!

Tell your friends, family, neighbors to come and shop and then stop and have lunch in the Da Vinci Room!



Charity **SNACKS** in the Cantina on Wednesday and Saturday Nights.



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

Thanks, Katie



HEALTH & WELFARE

Carlene Aceto, 207-405-7156 otecac@gmail.com



Pleases 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



50/50 WINNER
Carlene Aceto



QUORUM WINNER
Laura Robinson

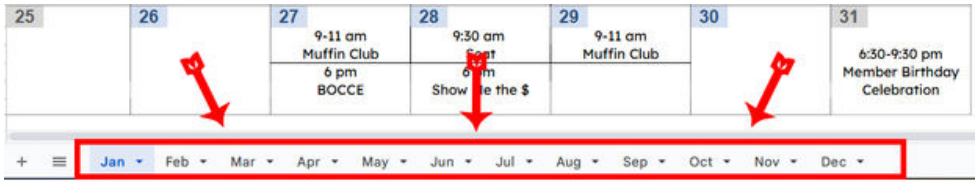


VOLUNTEER BASKET
Vicki Dunn



NEW MEMBER
Arthur Sears

IHC MONTHLY MEMBER CALENDAR can be viewed by clicking on **this link**. You may then view separate months by clicking on the tab at the bottom for a specific month.



November 2026

IHC ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 CANTINA BUSY ALL WEEK PREPARING FOR CRAFT FAIR ON NOVEMBER 7 (SAT)	3 **VOTING** & SWEETS/LUNCH	4 6 pm Show Me the $	5	6	7 ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE
8	9 (moved from Nov 2) 5:30 pm Activities Comm MONTHLY mtg	10 9-11 am Muffin Club; 6 pm Bocce	11 Veterans Day 9:30 am Scat; 5:30 pm Cultural Mtg; 6 pm Show Me the $	12 9-11 am Muffin Club	13 5-7 pm Cantina Open	14 Columbus Room 6:30 PM Easy Money Band 5pm Bar Opens
15	16 Reminder to **RSVP** for Monthly Mtg DINNER	17 9-11 am Muffin Club; 6 pm Bocce	18 9:30 am Scat; 6 pm Show Me the $	19 9-11 am Muffin Club; 4 pm Board Mtg; 5:30 pm Dinner; 6:30 pm Member Mtg	20 6 pm Movie Night Bates Professor; 5-7 pm Cantina Open	21
22	23	24 9-11 am Muffin Club; 6 pm Bocce	25 9:30 am Scat; 6 pm Show Me the $	26 Thanksgiving **CLOSED**	27 5-7 pm Cantina Open	28
29	30					

2027 CALENDAR can be viewed by **clicking here**

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This “Kids Breakfast with Santa” is sponsored by the Charity Committee.
Please **RSVP to Katie Guzman** - 207-518-3152 so Santa knows how many will be there.









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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Your business could be here and on the IHC website! Download a sponsor ad purchase **FORM**

















PLEASE NOTE: If you want your name (or a family member's name) to appear here, please contact Bob Lax, robertlax@aol.com.

Membri a Vita
Lifetime Members

Maryann Barter	Carole DuPerre	Michael Pizzo	Phyllis Lapomada Tripaldi
Sandra Curato	Gloria Giordano Lax	Jean Russo	Maria Trivellin
Dominic P. DiMatteo	Robert Lax	Albert Stivaletti	Darlene White

In Memoriam

Laura V. (Cavallaro) Caminiti	Andrew Carlista Sr.	Sammy Ferrante	Emilio (Leo) Micucci
Michael F. Caminiti	Mary C. Connolly	Lou Germani	Alphonse Pizzo, Jr.
Joseph A. Capelluti	Rose Ann Curneil	Rose Germani	Martin R. Pizzo
Josephine N. Capelluti	Robert Curneil	Connie Giordano	John E. Pizzo
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