

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009 AT 4:30 P.M.

President's Message

I hope everyone had a good New Year. I must admit that I missed our New Year's party. However the building project is on schedule and the building will be open on January 23, 2009. It will be exciting to have our February General Meeting in the newly renovated building. I am sure you will really like the changes.

I hope you can attend the Super Bowl Party at the Center on February 1st. It was a great time last year and I am sure it will be even better this year. See you soon.

Marty Joyce, President

Thank You

The Italian Heritage Center sends a special thank you to the merchants, organizations or individuals who so graciously donated to our annual Turkey Shoot held on November 21, 2008. Due to their generosity we were able to fill a basket with many gift certificates and products valued at approximately \$500. The winners of the basket were Carol and Joey Ferrante.

A BIG THANKS GOES TO:

Espos, Miccucis, Ananias, Brunos, DiMillios, Sianos, Tony's Donuts, Portland Symphony, Seadogs, We're Styling Hair Salon, Cosmotech (Jim and Ilean Cavallaro), Paul and Toni Andriulli, Carlo and Jane Giraulo, Sharon Dyke, Cammy Reali, Cindy Decker and Joyelle DiBiase.

Thanks again,

Marianne Reali, Vice President

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Starting - 3:00 pm tailgate - 6:00 p.m. kickoff.

Please bring a Tailgate dish.

KARAOKE with DJ Ron White,

SPORTS TRIVIA with prizes.

PRIZES for the BEST FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADER costume and best decorated table.

Come on down! Call Cammy at 772-5831 to let her know what you are bringing for food.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

If you know of any IHC members who are ill, or recently deceased (including family members), and would like the IHC to send them or their family a get well card, sympathy card, or mass card - Please contact Ron White at 774-3191 or RonWhite2041@aol.com

Membership Drive

To celebrate our newly renovated facility and to encourage increased membership, we will be waiving the application fee of \$50 for the months of March, April and May.

This would be a great time to encourage young people to join!

Let's see how many new members we can get!

Starting in March, as a welcoming gesture, any new member, who attends the general meeting where they are installed and given their membership card and by-laws, will receive a free dinner (at that meeting only). Call Marianne Reali 934-2506 or

Krista Page at 807-4443.

Proposed Membership Changes

The Membership Committee is proposing the following changes to the membership rules:

That member's dues be paid *in full within* three months instead of *by June 30 of the following year*. This means that the *invoices* will go out by *June 2009*, and members will have from July 1, 2009 until October 1, 2009; *however the expectation is for dues to be paid by July 01, 2009*. After *October 1, 2009*, the member will be considered delinquent, and will lose all *member* rights. This *change will take effect* as of July 01, 2009.

The membership committee also discussed the fact that we have many lifetime members who do not pay dues. This has been the rule for many years. We now find that since we have over 200 members who do not pay dues, we cannot keep extending this privilege. As of July 01, 2009, *we will be asking members who attain the age of 70 years and have been a member in good standing for 25 years, to pay half of their dues. Those who are already lifetime members, prior to July 01, 2009, will be grandfathered.*

ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER
56th ANNIVERSARY
 GRAND RE-OPENING OF OUR
 BEAUTIFUL NEWLY RENOVATED FACILITY
Saturday, MARCH 14, 2009
 Happy Hour 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.



Join the O'Malleys and their special guests for a racous spoof of grievous proportions. You'll dance the keel row, mourn for the deceased and get to know this dysfunctional family better than you may have liked. Drink, eat and be merry, because Matty's not coming home!!!

Music for your dancing pleasure after the funeral is:

"KINGPIN"

Menu: Salad, Stuffed chicken breast, baked potato, veggies, and dessert. Come join us for a night of fun, food and dance.

Tickets are \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Call Cammy (772-5831) to reserve your tickets or tables. Proper attire is REQUIRED.

Money for tickets is due February 15, 2009.

Cultural Corner

Italian language classes taught by Assunte Savage are scheduled to begin on Tuesday night, March 8th from 6:30 to 8:00. Cost is \$100 for the 9-week session. For more information call Assunte (883-3436). *Ciao, Paul*

Dates to Remember:

Bocce starts Tuesday Feb. 3rd. Call Tommy Ferrante (899-1048).

IHC Diet Club starts Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Call Linda Perry (772-5295)

Superbowl Party Feb. 1, starting at 3:00pm. Call Cammy (772-5831).

Trip to Italy meeting February 10th. Call Cammy (772-5831). *More information about these events can be found in the January copy of the IHC newsletter.*

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The senior luncheon will be on Wednesday, February 11th. Please make reservations with Marilyn DiBiase (774-1998) by Friday, February 6th.

BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. on February 5, 2008. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. General Assembly Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Please call 772-25500 ext 15 for dinner reservations. Reservations must be made no later than the Tuesday before the General Meeting as this is a Member only dinner and meeting you will need your key card when paying for your meal.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Parliamentarian	Joseph Aliberti	Investigating	Marianne Reali
Administrative.....	John Hughes	Scholarship	Pat Capozza
Advertising.....	Darlene White		& Mary Jane Robichaud
Facilities.....	Steve Corey	Finance.....	Jason Viola
By-Law	Paul Connolly	Cultural	Paul Andriulli
Activities.....	Cammy Reali	Health & Welfare	Ron White
Charity.....	Nancy Thurber	Sargeant of Arms.....	Dominic DiStacio

LA CANTINA

Friday Night Entertainment:
 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Feb. 6th Ron White 20th Dan DiBiase
13th John Shannon 27th Bobby Queen