



CAPE FEAR REGION

# Italian Heritage Society

Membership Newsletter  
(IHSscapefear.com)



Our Country



Our Heritage

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## Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 21st at 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
St Marks Catholic Church Parish Center  
Eastwood Road, Wilmington

**Our program speakers** are Joe Abbate, Biologist with Cape Fear River Watch and Peter DeVita, owner of Riverwood – recovers longleaf pine logs from the Cape Fear and turns them into paneling, flooring and furniture.

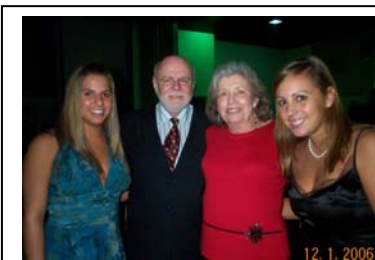
\*\*\* Please feel free to bring snacks. Coffee will be provided \*\*\*

## ATTENZIONE!

**Our new web site is up: [IHSscapefear.com](http://IHSscapefear.com)**

Artists from our sister city **Fiumicino, Italy** will be displaying their art for the next few months at the **DeFelice Gallery** in Burgaw.  
IHS member Sofia Wells owns the gallery.

**Our annual Dinner-Dance** was a great success. Marge and committee did a wonderful job and Ritchie Martino was great as our master of ceremonies. Marge even gave everyone a nice surprise with professional singing group. Everyone had a grand time and our scholarship was awarded to Nicole Vecchio.



## **COMMITTEES & GROUPS**

All members are encouraged to join at least one committee that interests them.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chair – Francis Esposito. Please pick up an extra application from Fran to carry with you and give to any potential new member.

**PROGRAMS:** Chair – Regina Grimes. Please contact Regina with any ideas of activities or trips you may have. Your help and input is welcome.

**PUBLICITY & RECRUITING:** Chair – Joe DeMichino. Our goal is to make everyone of Italian heritage aware of our society. Look for our signs around town about our frequenting certain establishments. Please pick up a framed sign to have displayed in your favorite establishment.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Chair – Anita Lupo. The recipient of this years \$1000 scholarship was Nicole Vecchio. Nicole and a guest attended the dinner dance where she received the award. Congratulazioni Nicole!

**BENEVOLENCE:** Chair – Sal Carrera. Please contact Sal whenever a Get Well or Sympathy card should be sent to any member or family member. If anyone would care to donate cards for any occasion, please give them to Sal.

**CANTIAMO ITALIANO:** Chair – JoAnn Toscano. Our singing group continues to entertain and brighten the days of everyone who hears them. Singers and musicians are always welcome and experience is not a prerequisite.

**DINNER GROUP:** Chair – Jo Ann Toscano. Anyone interested in joining the dinner group may contact Jo Ann at 397-7847. The group is divided into groups of 4 couples who meet in each other's homes five or six times a year.

**BOCCE:** Chair – Marco Zaza. The transition kids program has begun and play is every other Tuesday from 11:00 to noon at Empie Park. Please contact Marco for the schedule or just come to the Empie Park courts on alternate Tuesdays. Anyone who can help is welcome – no ability necessary.



Weekend play and social time is every Saturday morning at 10:00 am at Empie Park. Everyone is invited and welcome. Our club gets wonderful publicity with anyone happening by and watching us enjoy the game and each other's company.

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## **NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

Our budget for 2007 has been approved and the following goal were established:

- Increase membership by 10% to 105 members.
  - Encourage membership involvement for outside activities and programs.
  - Establish a Welcome Committee for new members.
  - Resume nametags at monthly meetings.
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