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Italian Catholic Federation's  
85th Annual National Convention  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
September 3, 2015 -September 7, 2015

# Pope Saint John XXIII Award Winner Bradley James

Bradley James was born in Wisconsin during the Second Vatican Council. At 6 years of age he began his education with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. His parents recognized his early musical abilities and at 12, they arranged for him to begin music instructions with Constance Koehne, Wagner's granddaughter. At 17 he auditioned and won a scholarship from Robert Joffery to study with the Joffrey ballet in New York City, which began his career as a singer and dancer.

In the mid-80s while modeling and dancing in Los Angeles he began to anthroposophy with such luminaries as Manly P. Hall, Carroll Wrighter, Willi Sucher and Stephan Hoeller. In 1987, in Los Angeles on his way

to a movie with a priest friend from New York he met with the Nobel laureate Mother Teresa. She invited him to join a small group of people to open a house in Los Angeles for her sisters, the Missionaries of Charity. Soon after that meeting in 1987 he met the woman who would become Mother's successor, Sister Nirmala Joshi.

At the first meeting in the Los Angeles airport Sister Nirmala asked Bradley to write music to Mother Teresa's words and prayers. He sent a short note with Nirmala to Mother back to Kolkata and within a few weeks received the first of more than 15 letters giving him permission and encouragement to write music to her words.

After Mother Teresa, Bradley considers a major influence in his personal and spiritual

development the late sister Sylvia who at the time of her death a year before Mother Teresa was being considered Mother Teresa's successor.

"He proved to be a fine director [of the 11 am mass choir], singer, and accompanist, but, beyond that, we were all enthralled with the stories he would tell about his experiences with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity," said John Guerin, president of Branch 217. "Although he was only our director for a short time, we all felt that hearing these stories had brought us closer to God."

From 1990 until 2002 while continuing to volunteer with the missionaries of Charity, Bradley was co-owner of the hugely successful restaurant in Palm Desert California,

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## Grand President's Award: Russ & Louis Vento

If you have ever been to an ICF Annual Convention in the past 8 years, you are no stranger to Russ and Louise Vento. Those beautiful Heritage displays that are set-up every year are the product of their hard work and dedication towards keeping the ICF's history alive. Taking up where Ario Gregori left off upon his passing, Russ and Louise have become an integral part of not only the Heritage Committee, but of what it means to be a member of the ICF.

"Their display includes notable artifacts and pictures that illustrate the rich and colorful history of the ICF. Every year, Russ and Louise transport and lug numerous boxes and cartons through hotel and convention center lobbies. The display is made up of hundred of pictures, glass display cases, books, maps, and, recently, video equip-

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## Young Adult Leadership Award: Melissa Rodriguez

Melissa Rodriguez, from Branch 433, Tucson, Arizona is helping to move her branch in a positive direction. Melissa has been President of Branch 433 for two years and has worked diligently to move the Branch forward in membership and socialization. She has organized the branch's finances, made projects, and is always optimistic.

Melissa joined ICF Branch 433 in the fall of 2012, after spending the summer in Rome. As a Northern Arizona University senior, the idea of fundraising for scholastic purposes drew her into wanting to help. After attending her first ICF meeting, she found the branch to be in need of a treasurer during officer elections. She eagerly offered to take the position. The following month, Melissa chaired the annual Christmas Bake Sale.

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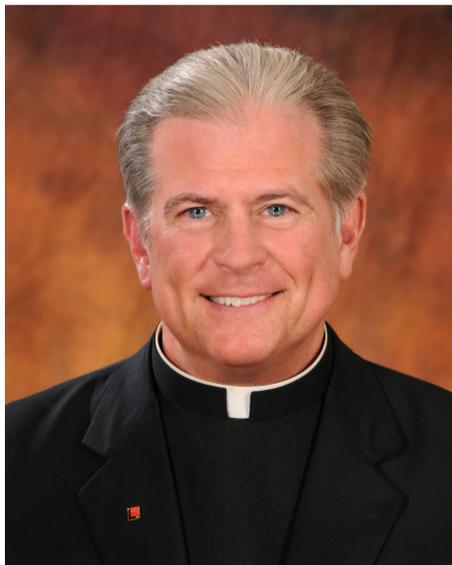
## Mother Teresa Award: Father Dave Heney

Fr. Dave Heney grew up in Thousand Oaks, CA, and was ordained a parish priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1978. In 1991 he received a Masters degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling from the University of Southern California.

He is the author of "Motivating Your Parish to Change"; a book on spiritual leadership from Resource Publications, and the author of "Don't Tell Me What to Do!" a concise Catholic view of modern moral issues which was published by Paulist Press in 2002.

He served for twenty years on the governing board of Behavioral Health Center, Psychiatric Hospital, in Alhambra; and for 2 1/2 years was the Development Director for St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.

Since 2001 Fr. Dave has been the local Chaplain for LEGATUS, a national Catholic business leaders association.



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## Family of the Year Award: The Zanini Family



Irma and David Zanini, from Branch 354 may be "empty nesters," but they are constantly busy with family activities and the Italian Catholic Federation.

are also active within Branch 354, with their two daughters Brooke and Hope. Their son Austin is also a member, but currently away at college.

Their daughter Melissa and husband Robert

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## Bradley James

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Doug Arangos. In 2002 he left the restaurant to devote more time volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity. Professionally he was able to focus on singing and composing in the United States and Europe, which allowed him to devote more time to his charitable interests.

A natural born storyteller, Bradley created The Gift of Love Project, an umbrella for his constant requests to share his experiences and music with professional, educational and faith-based groups worldwide. Bradley divides his time in Palm Springs, San Francisco and Rome which gives him access to the sisters and their work with the poor.

## Russ & Louise Vento

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ment," said Central Council Sergeant-at-Arms Vince Piro. "They do this without complaint or expectations of glory. They do it because they believe in educating others about the heritage of the Federation."

"The hours they have given are many and always with a smile on their face," said Past Grand President Nettie Descalso-Del Nero. "We appreciate the energy, the enthusiasm and resourcefulness which they have shared with us. They have accomplished this in a very modest and quite way, giving of their time and resources. I credit them with keeping the Italian Heritage alive."

Russ and Louise have been members of Branch 391, St. Martin of Tours since 1989. Louise was president from 1995-1996 and again in 2004. She has also been recording secretary from 2005 to the present. Russ was 2<sup>nd</sup> vice from 1995-1996; 1<sup>st</sup> vice from 2001-2003, 2012-2014, 1997 and shared the title in 1998; a co-president from 1998-1999. Russ has also been president in 2015. For the Santa Clara Valley District, Louise has been the Heritage Chairperson since 1996. Russ was trustee from 2002-2003; 1<sup>st</sup> vice president from 2004-2006; and president from 2007-2008. Both are long-term members-at-large of the Central Council Heritage Committee.

"Both Russ and Louise are great storytellers," said Past Grand President Jim Jones. "Storytelling about Italian Heritage is their passion and their love. They are knowledgeable and well-read on the subject." Louise and Russ have supported all opportunities

It is never too early to look within your branch, district, or community for a worthy recipient for an annual ICF award. Go to [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) to download an application, or contact the Awards Committee for assistance.

for apostolic outreach including branch quarterly communions and breakfasts, district days of recollection, and special masses such as the Our Lady of Peace Mass.

Louise and Russ have always been the first to volunteer for any branch or district fundraiser. Louise usually chairs the opportunity drawing and has also provided table decoration, and Russ has been involved with the refreshments. They have hosted a booth at the San Jose Giants Italian night to not only support the ICF, but to raise money for its charities. Louise and Russ have also taken leadership in selling the Central Council calendars. If there is a Central Council fundraiser, a district fundraiser, or a branch fundraiser, they are willing participants who encourage all members to participate.

To help promote membership, Louise and Russ have not only promoted the Heritage program within the ICF, but they have hosted booths at the Italian Festas in San Jose and Morgan Hill for the express purpose of making people aware of the Italian Catholic Federation. They have collected names of interested people and have distributed them to the various branches within their district.

"I believe that it is important to spend as much time as possible with people like Russ and Louise who are talented and well-rounded," said Jones. "They are our teachers. They have taught us that our individual heritage is very evident in every aspect of our lives."

the day before. David got on the phone with his uncle and got the recipe for authentic, delicious sauce, and the rest is history. There are between 300-500 dinners served at each pasta feed. Their daughter Melissa helps up front, bagging the meals and helping expedite the dinners. Her husband Rob, scrubs down the kitchen and stays to cook and serve.

Their son, Austin, helped with the dinners while in middle school and high school, but now in college, he helps when he is in town.

David is known for his scrupulous record-keeping skills, which is responsible for making these dinners a successful fundraiser for the branch.

David runs very smooth monthly meetings

## Melissa Rodriguez

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Having record sales, the branch was able to donate 50% of the branch's operations fundraiser, back to the parish.

"This young lady has been Branch President of Branch 433 and has been instrumental in promoting youth participation in the Branch," said Debby Ariadne Gomez Rasadore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of Branch 433. "Her contribution to the Branch fundraising as well as other leadership functions has been exemplary."

In 2013, Melissa was officially installed as the treasurer of Branch 433 at the Tucson Area Bishop's Day. Along with streamlining the branch's financial records, Melissa helped Branch 433 host the annual St. Joseph's Table. The event's success allowed

## Fr. Dave Heney

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"In his 10 years of leadership, Father Dave has guided his parish into being recognized as an instrument of good in the Thousand Oaks community," said John Rak, from Catholic Charities of Ventura County.

In 2002, he founded "The University Series" a multi-parish adult education program during the Season of Lent that each year attracts over 10,000 attendees.

"What Fr. Dave has accomplished is rare and remarkable," said John Allen, associate editor at the Boston Globe. "There is an enormous hunger out there among Catholic adults for information that's both intelligent and faithful, serious but not dull, and that's what Fr. Dave and his team provide year in and year out."

"I deeply admire his eyes-open realism and, despite that, his profound commitment to the Church. He is a wise, keenly insightful man of God, and anything we can do to encourage such a personality is well worth it," said Allen.

In 2007, Fr. Dave joined the Order of the Holy Sepulcher, an international association that supports Catholic Charities, Schools, and Hospitals in the Holy Land.

Every June he hosts an exciting 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land where the group visits and investigates the places most people only read about in the scriptures.

In 2014, he finished his 12 year term as the pastor of his home parish where he grew up, at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks, CA.

As stated in the nomination form, "Father Dave Heney is more than the pastor of St.

the branch to donate 100% to the branch parish and the Adopt A Student Program at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School.

In 2014, Melissa accepted the position as President with a continuing goal of increasing membership for the branch. In May of that year, Melissa joined Central Council and other members from across the country at the Strategic Planning Meeting in San Francisco, representing the Tucson branches. That same year, Melissa was nominated and elected to serve as president for a second term. Melissa's goals for the ICF include helping to open new branches in Phoenix and increase membership across the board to increase the positive outreach power of the organization as a whole.

Melissa has shown great spirit and leadership abilities for her age.

Paschal Baylon, a large, vibrant, multicultural parish in the city of Thousand Oaks, California. His mission, upon arriving at St. Paschal Baylon, was to redevelop confidence within the parish, upgrade physical facilities, and develop community outreach. He touched people in that special way which endeared them to support his ideals and goals. He certainly exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa."

He has been granted a one year sabbatical by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the purpose of writing two practical "How-To" manuals for priests and pastors; one on developing large adult education programs in parishes and the other on parish leadership.

Father Dave works with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He has two objectives from Archbishop Gomez:

1. Establish guidelines and procedures for the continuation of the Lenten "University Series," to be implemented in other areas or parishes in the diocese.

2. Write a procedures manual for new priests, particularly new pastors, for training in parish operations. Currently, the new pastor must rely on notes from a previous pastor, parish council and/or parish staff. This would be a comprehensive process, but could be tailored for individual parish culture.

"I am impressed with his amazing energy and creativity in creating and sustaining the University Education series," said Rabbi Michael Lotker of Camarillo, California. "He and I have dialogued both personally, on community TV and in the University Series. His outreach to the Jewish community and his spirit of Ecumenical friendship is an inspiration to all who know him."

"At a time when membership in our branch was dwindling and members were growing older, they led a campaign to bring friends and relatives into the branch," said Mary Mazzo, Branch 354, Paso Robles.

When Irma is not busy with ICF functions, she often has her two granddaughters over for meals, homework or chauffeuring to their events while their parents are still working. David, for his part, never seems to slow down either. He is always aware of what is going on around and looking to see where he can help.

Every summer David and Irma travel to Texas for a month to help her aging uncle with chores around his home so that he is able to stay there.

## Zanini

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David has been and is currently the Branch President, as well as Branch Financial Secretary and Deputy to the Arroyo Grande Branch. Irma is currently the Branch Orator and Melissa has been Trustee for years.

"The Zaninis are the life and soul of Branch 354. They step in anywhere and everywhere that help is needed, with great enthusiasm and cheerfulness," said Karen Kudija, vice president of Branch 354.

David and Irma took over the biannual pasta feed about the time when the person who was scheduled to run the dinner backed out

# 2015 Convention Agenda

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85<sup>th</sup> Annual

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

Diocese of Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nevada

September 3, 2015 – September 7, 2015

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

5:00 p.m.	Bus Departs for Dinner	East Tower Lobby
6:00 p.m.	No Host Cocktails	Our Lady of Las Vegas
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Our Lady of Las Vegas

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration	Convention Center Foyer
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Conference Rooms 5 & 6
9:00 a.m.	Mass	Ballroom D
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Convention Registration</b>	Convention Center Foyer
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Bocce	Pavilion 6
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Pedro Lessons	Ballroom E
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Pedro Tournament	Ballroom E
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Convention Center Foyer
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Orientation for New Delegates	Ballroom D
8:00 p.m.	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING</b>	Ballroom C
	Call to Order	
	Steven R. Fuentes - Convention Director's Chairman Past Grand President - CC Life Member	
	Master of Ceremonies: Leonard Rossi, O.L. J. - Past Grand President CC Life Member	
	Opening Prayer: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Director	
	Presentation of Colors	
	Italian National Anthem: Nina Malone - Grand Trustee, CC Life Member	
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	Presentation of Central Council Grand President - Robert Basuino CC Life Member	
	Welcome: Frank Vatalare - President, Branch 367 - Las Vegas	
	Welcome by Robert Basuino	
	Roll Call of Districts	
	Grand President's Award Presentation to Russ and Louise Vento	
	Closing Prayer: Rev. Samuel Falbo - Diocesan Chaplain Diocese of Las Vegas	
	"Noi Vogliam Dio" : Nina Malone - Grand Trustee, CC Life Member Accompanied by Pat Mueller - East Bay District	
9:00 p.m.	Meet the Candidates	Pavilion 6

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	<b>Final Registration</b>	Convention Center Foyer
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom F
	Strategic Plan Session I - Membership and Community Connections Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - CC Grand First Vice President	
	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom G
	Spirituality of the Parishioner in a Changing Church Reverend Jerome "Jerry" Ochetti - Diocesan Chaplain Diocese of San Bernardino	
9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom F
	Strategic Plan Session II - Leadership and Deputy Program Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - CC Grand First Vice President	
	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom G
	Spirituality of the Parishioner in a Changing Church Reverend Jerome "Jerry" Ochetti - Diocesan Chaplain Diocese of San Bernardino	
10:35 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom D
	I.C.F. Charities Franklyn Lopes, Jr. - CC Grand Trustee	
	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom F
	Open Forum David Botta and Leonard Rossi, O.L.J. - Past Grand Presidents CC Life Members	
	<u>Workshop</u>	Ballroom G
	Successful Branches Anne Interrante and Lauren Kilcullen - Members of the Central Council	

11:30 a.m.	Memorial Mass	Ballroom B
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Chaplains' Luncheon Meeting	Board Room
2:00 p.m.	<b>CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION</b>	Ballroom C
	Opening Prayer	
	Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee	
	Family of the Year Award Presentation to The Zanini Family	
	Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation to Melissa Rodriguez	
	Adoption of Rules and Regulations	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Welcome New Branches and Delegates	
	Approval of Officers' Reports	
	Presentation of Proposals/Motions	
	Nomination of Hospitalization Committee	
	Speeches of Central Council Candidates	
	Convention Site Report	
	Attendance Drawing	
	Adjournment	

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Delegates' Reception	Ballroom C
7:30 p.m.	<b>BANQUET</b>	Ballroom C
	Welcome	
	Frank Vatalare - President, Branch 367 - Las Vegas Master of Ceremonies	
	James Jones - Past Grand President - CC Life Member Emeritus	
	National Anthem	
	Nina Malone - CC Life Member	
	Invocation - Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Director	
	Remarks	
	Local Dignitaries	
	Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award	
	Robert Basuino - Grand President - CC Life Member	
	Response - Bradley James	
	Closing Prayer: Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas	
	"God Bless America"	
	Nina Malone - CC Life Member	

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

9:00 a.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>	Ballroom C
	Opening Prayer	
	Mother Teresa Award Presentation to Reverend Dave Heney	
	Election of Central Council Members	
	Election of Hospitalization Committee	
	Election of Convention Site	
	National Charity Presentation	
	Response - Dr. Elliott Vichinsky	
	Resolutions and Communications	
	Presentations:	
	Apostolate/Charity	
	Membership	
	Scholarship	
	Heritage	
	Announcement of 2015 - 2016 National Charity	
	Donations to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love	
	Good of the Order	
	Attendance Drawing	
	Closing Prayer	
	<b>CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING (Lunch)</b>	Conf. Rooms 4-6
	Following General Session	
3:30 p.m.	<b>CONCELEBRATED MASS</b>	Ballroom B
9:00 p.m.	Convention Raffle and Drawing	Ballroom C

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

9:00 a.m.	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>	Ballroom C
	Prayer Service	
	Installation of Central Council Officers	
	Installing Officer - Robert Basuino, Past Grand President CC Life Member	
	Remarks by the Grand President	
	"Noi Vogliam Dio"	
	Adjournment	



# BOLLETTINO



## Bollettino Delay

Due to a recent surgery for the editor, and then complications, there was a delay in the printing of the Convention Issue.

Condensed version of pending minutes

## Central Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Bob Basuino.

Opening Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Bob Basuino

Roll Call of Elected and Life Members:

ALL PRESENT

CC Life Members Emeritus and Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Carmen Kilcullen, Jerry Delfino

Introductions: GP Bob Basuino welcomed guests from visiting branches.

CC Meeting Minutes: Minutes for February 14, 2015 approved as presented.

- Jim Friebel asked about the minutes in the Bollettino being in there before they are approved. Deborah Rodondi explained that to wait until they have been approved would get the information to the members months after the fact and would lose their informative value. Steve Fuentes suggested calling it CC news. Also was suggested to notate that they are a condensed version of the pending minutes. Corrections if any will be in next issue.

## Communications

- Thank you from the Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone for our generous donation at the San Francisco Archbishops Day

- Acknowledgment from the ICF office for donations to the Providenza Fund for Msgr. Milani in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; for Father George Aranha in memory of his mom; for Dave Rose and family in memory of Virginia Rose.

- Thank you from Andy and Sid Pappani for prayers on the loss of his sister; Theresa Dianda for get-well wishes; Marco Galeazzi for donation and prayers on his knee surgery.

## Reports

Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

Congratulates CC and ICF for loyalty and love of the organization. Recently had

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## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

### Past Convention Memorable Events...

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen  
Past Grand Presidents

The Italian Catholic Federation Convention is an annual event that everyone looks forward to. It is a time for all branches to get together, share ideas, participate in social events and generally reaffirm our commitments to the ideals of the ICF. Conventions have always been fun times and much preparation goes into the planning. This task is the responsibility of the Convention Directors' Committee which meets throughout the year to discuss and finalize the convention agenda. Since this is convention time, we would like to highlight some of the special events that have occurred in past conventions.

- The first official convention was held in San Francisco in 1927. At this convention, the structure of the Central Council was codified – 12 elected and 12 life members.

- At the 1935 convention in Santa Barbara, the payment of a “per capita” by branches to the Central Council was approved.

- The 1937 convention in Los Angeles saw entertainment by renowned tenor John McCormack and actor Leo Carrillo.

- At the 1941 convention held in Stockton, the Seminary Fund was established. The first Seminary Burse of \$500 was then presented to Archbishop John Mitty of San Francisco.

- During World War II, the conventions were postponed and restarted in 1946. The ICF declared St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as its patron saint following her canonization in June of that year.

- At the 1949 convention in San Francisco, the noted preacher Father Riccardo Lombardi addressed the gathering. At one of his other public engagements, he drew 20,000 people.

### PR Committee Survey Needs Your Input

The Public Relations Committee has been working this year to update the ICF website and on improving the Bollettino. Several new articles, including “Branching Out” and “History Highlights” have been added to the *Bollettino* this past year.

Now we are looking for your input as to what you, the members, currently read in the Bollettino and what future ideas you have for the paper. We have developed a survey that we would like you to complete.

- The 1956 convention in Merced saw the beginning of the workshops. Topics included lay apostolate, leadership and expansion. A procession in the downtown area honored Eucharistic Day.

- At the 40<sup>th</sup> annual convention in San Francisco, in 1970, the first Pope St. John XXIII Award was presented to Dr. Joseph Middleton by the Grand President, William Descalso (1969-1972).

- In 1972, the first convention in Chicago took place. Cardinal Cody, 12 Bishops and 13 priests concelebrated the Mass.

- The celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the ICF took place at the convention in San Francisco in 1974.

- At the 1979 convention in Los Angeles, Grand President Robert Acquistapace (1978-1991) presented the Pope St. John XXIII Award to famed Hollywood actor Joseph Campanella. Also, at this convention, the first Grand President's Award was presented to Laura Bozzini of San Francisco.

- At the 1981 convention in Las Vegas, David Botta was elected Grand President (1981-1984). This year, 2015, he will celebrate 50 years as a Central Council member, the longest tenure of any CC member. Congratulations!!!

- In 1982, Cooley's Anemia was adopted as the official ICF charity, and at that year's convention, \$50,000 was donated to the program at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. The program was later moved to Children's Hospital in Oakland where we continue our donations to this day.

- At the 1984 convention in Anaheim, Grand President David Botta presented the St. Pope John XXIII Award to Football Hall of Famer Dick Butkus.

- At the 1990 convention in San Francisco, actor/comedian Danny Thomas was honored as the recipient of the Pope

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## Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to our 85<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. What better place for us to hold this event than Sin City! As we gather here in Las Vegas, “The City That Never Sleeps,” I know you will enjoy all the exciting events we have planned for you. Convention is a time of renewing old acquaintances, making new friends, and expanding our knowledge and faith. There is opportunity for growth by learning new and different concepts that will come from the



many informational workshops we are hosting and the fellow members who attend these workshops. What better place can we be to hold our elections for the next group of Central Council Members? Don't gamble away the future of ICF. Become informed by attending candidate's hospitality rooms and ask questions and share ideas. I know this convention might leave you broke, tired and hung-over, but you will be filled with a sense of pride and enthusiasm. It's that same feeling you experience when exiting a buffet, only this time it will not add inches to your waistline but leave you with an overwhelming sense of pride that comes from being a member of this amazing organization. Believe all you hear because what happens at this year's convention will not stay in Las Vegas, but will filter down to your local branches and ensure a rewarding future for the ICF. I strongly suggest those of you who were not able to attend this year's event, make it a goal to attend our next convention in Fresno, California. Your participation and input is what will keep ICF a strong and influential institution in your community and ensure our future will be vibrant and bright.

When this convention comes to a close so does my term as your Grand President. It has been a very exciting and rewarding term filled with celebrations, friendships, events and worship. These times spent out at the branch functions more than made up for all the hard work, planning, challenges, and lack of sleep that came with this position. It has been a privilege and honor representing all of you. There is nothing I will ever achieve that will match my term as your Grand President. I extend my deepest heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of you for your unending encouragement, support and faith these past two years. I will admit there were times I wondered why I chose to

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Please take a few minutes to complete either the paper survey or the digital survey.

*Thank you,*

*Lauren Kilcullen*

*Public Relations Committee Member*

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**July 31, 2015: 10,066**

**Members as of July 1, 2015:**

10,074 = overall loss of 8 members

New: 66

Reinstated: 5

Transfer in/out: 0

Deceased: -25

Cancelled: -52

Non-payment >12 mos.: -2

**High Four!**

Top four districts and areas with increased membership: (excluding deceased members)

Blessed Sacrament	+17
San Mateo	+4
Stockton	+3
San Diego	+1

**UPCOMING!**

**2015 Bishops' Days:**

- Sept. 20 Chicago
- Sept. 27 San Diego
- Oct. 4 Fresno
- Oct. 11 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 18 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 28 San Bernardino
- Nov. 1 Las Vegas
- Nov. 7 Reno
- Nov. 8 Blessed Sacrament
- Nov. 15 Los Angeles

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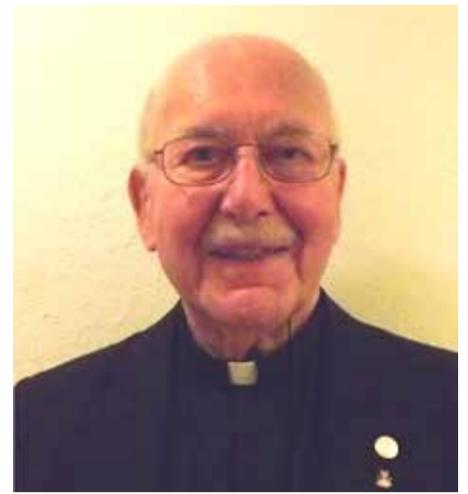
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When we pray, I would venture to guess, we almost always pray asking God for something. We pray for ourselves or for someone else, but we're always asking. Jesus, help me. Jesus, cure me. Jesus, give me...gimme, gimme, gimme. However, prayer is more than just asking for "stuff." We know that Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do"—so we ask. Sometimes, though, God doesn't give us what we want. He is not just some Nonno in the sky. Jesus also said that we should ask "so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." In saying this, He pointed out that we need to say thank you, we need to praise the Lord, we need to glorify the Father. To glorify God is to give Him honor

and praise. We do this specifically when we worship Him at Mass; and He gives us the greatest of all His gifts in return, the Body and Blood of His divine son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We can also glorify God every day by the way we live our lives. Jesus showed us how to do this in the way He lived His public life. His whole life was an act of glorifying God. He taught, He healed, He forgave sins, He ministered to the poor, He gave sight to the blind. He gave His life for our redemption.

So, we too, should keep God and neighbor as the focus of our lives. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." And Jesus added, "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." There it is, in a nut shell! If we live our daily lives following the example of Jesus, loving our fellow human beings as we



love ourselves, we will be GLORIFYING THE LORD BY OUR LIVES. Ask for the Lord's help. I think He'll give you this one.

May we strengthen our love for God and for one another during our time here together!

## Registration Assistance Program - History & Success

**Abby Gallagher**  
Branch 291, Arroyo Grande

In early 2012, Board members of Italian Catholic Federation Br. 291 were looking for a way to enhance our membership. St. Patrick's Parish in Arroyo Grande is fortunate to have a Catholic school associated with it. Board members were looking for a way to encourage young Catholic school families to become involved with our organization.

Our Board and membership realize that the cost of a Catholic education can be burdensome for families. What some of our members did not know is that families are required to pay an annual per child registration fee to hold the spot for the upcoming academic year. The registration fee fluctuates from \$150-\$250 per child per year. Financial aid is available but can only be used for tuition; it cannot be used towards the registration fee. After lengthy Board discussions, a draft of the Registration Assistance Program went before our general membership for approval and implementation. Our program succeeded in encouraging young school families to become involved with our ICF

Branch. For those branches who have a Catholic school associated with its parish, registration assistance is a win-win program for increasing branch membership and supporting parochial Catholic education. Your branch could institute such a program.

Once the Registration Assistance Program concept was accepted by our general membership we then shared our program with the school principal. Including the school principal from the very beginning is important to the program's success. We then introduced our program to the St. Patrick School parents. The program is set up so that Br. 291 families, who have children attending Catholic school, are eligible for registration assistance if they meet the following criteria:

- \* Maintain active membership within Br. 291
- \* Their children must be enrolled in a parochial Catholic school which requires an academic year pre-registration fee
- \* Families must participate in Branch fundraising activities and/or attend five (5) Branch meetings per year. (Branch fundraising activities in the fall are solely dedicated to the Registration Assistance

Program).

The Board calculates the amount of funds raised and then they determine how much is to be allocated based on the number of eligible children. The disbursed funds are sent to the schools involved with the names of the children of the participating families. The Board keeps an annual record of each family assuring criteria are met. The guidelines for this program are now part of our Branch "Standing Rules and Procedures."

This program has been very successful. Our family memberships have increased. The young members love working our fundraisers and those who support our fundraisers love the children. Their parents work hard and enjoy being members of a family organization. Parents are taking on leadership roles within the branch; learning from the best of the best—our long-time members. Our Registration Assistance Program is now fully implemented, benefiting our families and supporting our goal of encouraging Catholic education and Catholic values within our community. For more information regarding this program, please contact Pete or Abby Gallagher at (805) 235-7313.

**History**

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St. John XXIII Award. His award was presented by Grand President, Richard Valli (1987-1990). Danny was very gracious and did a whole comedy routine at the banquet.

- The 1994 convention was presided over by the first woman grand president of the ICF, Carmen (Solari) Kilcullen (1993-1995), who described it as a very special and memorable occasion.

Three more women were subsequently elected Grand Presidents: Nettie Descalso-Del Nero (1997-1999), Madeleine Vinci (2000-2002-deceased) and Jane Dianda (2011-2013).

- At the 1996 convention in Burlingame, CA, the first Family of the Year Award was presented to the Garfagnoli Family of Healdsburg.

- The 75<sup>th</sup> ICF anniversary was

celebrated at the 1999 convention, held in San Francisco. This convention featured an ICF Heritage Museum, displaying artifacts and photographs on the rich history of the organization. The museum also exhibited "La Storia Segreta" documenting the abuses against Italian-Americans during WWII. It was most informative and well-received. Also, the first Mother Teresa Award was presented to Father Floyd Lotito of San Francisco.

- A very successful 2007 convention was held in Scottsdale, AZ with the Arizona branches helping the Convention Directors' Committee.

- At the 2008 convention in Orange County, the first Young Adult Leadership Award was given to Richard Interrante and Michelle Rubi. (The actual first winner was Anne Interrante in 2004, but her award was given at a district installation).

- At the 2012 convention in Foster City, CA, delegates approved dual

membership in the ICF for those wishing to belong to two branches. Also, at the 2012 convention, the first ICF blood drive was held which proved to be very successful.

- The ICF Strategic Plan was presented to the delegates at the 2014 convention in Oakland. There will be follow-up discussions at this year's Las Vegas convention.

**Save The Date**

To celebrate Grand President Bob Basuino's term there will be a testimonial dinner in his honor.

Saturday, November 7, 2015.

More details will be available as the date draws near.

# Branching Out

Anne Interrante  
CC Member, Public Relations  
Committee Member



*Branching Out is a series that will focus on successful ideas shared by our branches. For more details about a particular idea, you can find the branch contact info at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).*

## Br. 161, Larkspur, California has Members Sharing Talents to Help Others.

It was discovered that several branch members had the talent to knit, sew and crochet. So, they organized themselves to form a group that would use their talent to help others in the parish and local community.

Over the years, they have made scarves, baby caps, quilts, prayer shawls, sweaters, knitted bird nests, blankets and more...all in the name of the ICF. These handcrafted items are donated to charitable programs such as Oakland Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, Wildlife Centers, Veterans, Hospice, Foster Children, and the list goes on.

It is important to note that even though

this branch is small in number, they have reached so many.

Branch Officers should find out the talents of their members, and Branch Members should speak up about their talents. There are so many ways to make a difference in someone else's life!

## Branch 115, San Pedro, California makes sure Prospective Members Receive a Special Invitation.

They have many amazing events – dinner dances, bus trips to popular tourist spots, Italian Mass, strong parish involvement, interesting meetings – all the ingredients for an active branch. All they needed was to get the word out to even more people. So, the Branch President created a new way to hold a Membership Drive.

Branch Officers submitted names and addresses of people they knew who might be interested in the ICF. A special letter was

constructed with information about the ICF programs, activities of the branch, and details on joining. Also included was a separate summary of the history of the branch.

These prospective members were invited to become part of a vibrant organization making a difference in the community and there were many who signed up as a result!

## Branch 419, Sacramento, California features their Members as Guest Speakers.

This branch has members that look forward to every meeting which includes a wonderful catered dinner. One of the best parts is that their very own members participate as Guest Speakers – in particular they share about travel experiences. ICF

Members are assigned to a specific month to give a short presentation on their recent travels, both national and international. Everyone enjoys the stories, pictures, mementos, and travel tips. The floor is then open for questions. Through these presentations, they have learned about Arizona, Hawaii, Italy, Mexico, Spain, and more.

What a great way to involve members and to have them get to know each other better while learning something new. It's a fantastic way to build community in a branch!

## Apostolate Charity Donations

Thank you to the following Branches and Individuals that sent in donations for activities at Children's Hospital Oakland for their Cooley's Anemia Patients. We collected a total of \$2,150.00 for 2015 and have sent this donation to Children's Hospital.

This donation will support their Summer/Fall Patient Programs by helping with sending patients to the Painted Turtle Camp, Picnics and Outings, Family Conferences and Patient Retreats. It is wonderful that we can assist Children's Hospital with the needs of the patients and their families.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we thank you for contributing once again and taking part in our Apostolate/Charity Program.

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We hope that more Districts, Branches and Individuals will be able to participate next year so that the hospital can continue these beneficial activities.

## AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Lynn Hoffman	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
8/2	Jan Karp	91	Hayward, CA	\$30
8/3	Emilia Tallerico	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
8/4	Josephine Vivaldi	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
8/5	Trudi Jensen	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
8/6	Mary Stagnaro	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
8/7	Toni Reeder	154	El Cerrito, CA	\$30
8/8	Mike & Marcie Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/9	Mirta Lopez	417	Clovis, CA	\$30
8/10	Patricia Cordich	368	Gilroy, CA	\$30
8/11	Lauren Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
8/12	Michelle Antonowicz	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
8/13	Theresa Shaw	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
8/14	Lorraine Acuna	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
8/15	Elaine Osorio	368	Palo Alto, CA	\$50
8/16	Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
8/17	Ann & Jerry Thomas		Gardena, CA	\$30
8/18	Stefania & Andre Guzman		Tracy, CA	\$30
8/19	Prudence Price	261	San Diego, CA	\$30
8/20	Maria Keller	236	Sacramento, CA	\$30
8/21	Patrick Ramsey	38	Oakland, CA	\$30
8/22	Charlene & Steve Drobeck	362	Downey, CA	\$30
8/23	Leonard Rossi	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
8/24	Elaine Meier	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
8/25	John & Pat Kennedy		Alameda, CA	\$30
8/26	Tom Malaspina	327	Redwood City, CA	\$30
8/27	Branch 391		San Jose, CA	\$100
8/28	Jan Lorenzi		Merced, CA	\$30
8/29	Rev. Augustine Joseph		San Leandro, CA	\$30
8/30	Hope Rodriguez		Merced, CA	\$30
8/31	Bill Androzzio		Chino Valley, AZ	\$30

## JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Ruth Enero		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/2	Valerie Vanni	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/3	Valeria Kisiday	352	Danville, CA	\$30
7/4	Charles Linnenbrink	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$100
7/5	Marisa & Lance Parsons		San Mateo, CA	\$30
7/6	Elizabeth Ott		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/7	Ken Dal Busco		Milpitas, CA	\$30
7/8	Donna Pfaff	184	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/9	Barbara Firpo	6	Palo Alto, CA	\$30
7/10	Marie Mungai	227	Watsonville, CA	\$30
7/11	Joan Lueke	362	Downey, CA	\$30
7/12	Enzo Martinucci	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
7/13	Anna Gonzalez	4	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/14	Tom Sarnicola	14	Hercules, CA	\$100
7/15	Charles De La Cerda		Fresno, CA	\$30
7/16	Tina Souza-Dutra	5	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/17	Karen Harrington	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/18	Rising Star School		Alameda, CA	\$30
7/19	Jeff Bondi	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
7/20	Maria & Steve Richards		Pleasanton, CA	\$30
7/21	Branch 343		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/22	Jim Maffei		Foster City, CA	\$30
7/23	Lupe Suarez		Salinas, CA	\$30
7/24	Ernie Poggi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/25	Jackie Braseco		Crockett, CA	\$30
7/26	Robert Delpippo	73	Roseville, CA	\$30
7/27	Katie Schulte		Rancho Cordova, CA	\$30
7/28	Michael & Sandy O'Brien		Lockeford, CA	\$30
7/29	Larry Marsalli	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
7/30	Dave Rose	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/31	Jennifer Hansen		Lancaster, CA	\$30

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## Grand President

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be Grand President, but looking back I am glad I accepted the challenge. I learned a lot about our beloved organization, more than I thought I would. I also learned that life, love, friendship and family, key tenements of ICF, are at times taken for granted and its importance is not realized until it is taken away. Much like my term as your President I will greatly miss sharing my life, faith and family with all of you. Just as you have with me.

I would not have been successful without my dedicated Central Council members, who elected me to this position. My sincerest and deepest gratitude to you all for giving me the opportunity to govern, learn and make mistakes. Your hard work, commitment and enthusiasm made a significant impact on

my term and my life, for this I am eternally grateful. Msgr. Cardelli, your words of wisdom, your guidance, and friendship will never be forgotten. I am forever thankful for all of you.

Mother Teresa once said "I CAN DO THINGS YOU CANNOT, YOU CAN DO THING I CANNOT; TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS" This quote is so true of the Italian Catholic Federation. Remember one person cannot do it all, everyone needs to participate, communicate and work together so we as a group can achieve great things.

**GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION!!**

*Bob Basuino  
Grand President*

## CC Minutes

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the dinner for the seminarians. The crowd was nice, food excellent and band very good. Good to see the ICF members being aware of the seminarians and supporting them not just financially but spiritually also. Encourages us on the progress we are making.

Grand President – Bob Basuino  
ATTENDED:

- February 14 CC meeting in San Jose
- Installations: February 15 Orange, February 28 Central Coast; February 21 Andy Pappani attended Tucson; February 22 Leonard Zasoski attended Fresno
- Bishop's Days: March 1 East Bay/ Contra Costa, March 7 Orange, March 28 Stockton, April 12 San Francisco
- Executive meetings: March 13, April 10 and May 8
- March 19 St. Joseph's Table membership drive and evening honoring Bradley James
- April 26 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Branches 4 & 5 in San Jose
- June 6 Seminarian Night in Los Gatos
- June 13 Todays CC meeting

### TO ATTEND:

June 14 Msgr. Milani's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination

### Grand Treasurer – Roselynn Jarrett

Met with UBS last week. UBS had good things to say about portfolio.

Shirley Silva trust there is 87k in money funds due to 2 CD's being pulled so those monies will be reinvested into CDs to mature in 2018 and 2020 years.

Budget from Jan to May reviewed.

Due to concern regarding paying sales taxes on calendars suggested by Deborah Rodondi to call it a CC Daily Raffle with the calendar being the ticket. Line item now reads daily raffle.

Novelty line may change to Late Night Catechism if the project is approved.

Will check with the office to see if there is any equipment that is really not used or used very little.

Taxes-extension filed will be ready for Aug 15 filing.

Providenza Fund is struggling depends on seminarian night and minimal donations. Most branches would give to their own branch seminary burse, before the Providenza Fund as they know their money will go directly to their own Diocese. Providenza Funds comes from dues we adjusted the fees in last 12 months. Can discuss further in October...possible dues increase.

### Deputy Chairperson – Leonard Zasoski

November and March had conference calls with District Deputies. Sent all paperwork pertaining to deputies to them to review. Tasked to review what needs to be changed

in these packets. Will meet again in 2-3 weeks.

Discussed: need for forms online; Deputy term limits; Mentoring of a new deputy.

Traveling can be an issue in some areas... looking at ways to cut back on how many meetings to attend.

District Deputies compiling current list of deputies, how far to travel, what branch, how long have been deputy to current branch, what branches are without a deputy.

### Committee Reports

#### Apostolate/Charity – Franklyn Lopes

Asking CC members to go out and have their branches meet with pastors and discuss the ICF and what we do for the parishes.

The committee nominated Cooley's Anemia as this coming years National Charity. PASSED

Dante Galeazzi questioned the tracking of monies given to the seminarians through the Providenza Fund and the branches and districts at their Bishop's Day events. Are reports being sent in and who is compiling the information and who has access to it? Right now there is no mandatory report for districts or branches to send in. Apostolate report shows donation but not a reliable monetary count. Total dollars we donate over the years could be good information to utilize in getting members interested in supporting the fund.

#### Awards-Jim Friebe

The committee worked with branches and was able to come up with applicants for all awards.

It was brought up to give youth under 18 yrs. of age some form of recognition. The consensus was that this should be done from the branch and district level.

#### By-Laws and Rituals – David Botta

Due to the cutting down of CC David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen reviewed the committees and number of members in it. They brought a proposal forward changing some of the counts and rearranging some of the committees. Much discussion followed. Some of the discussion: not to decrease numbers on some of the committees; Awards on it's own as a committee; no more that 50% emeritus on a committee; future chairs should have experience in committee; past chair should be in committee to mentor new chair. Steve Fuentes moved to table this seconded by Lisa Crudo. PASSED. Leave it alone for this year.

#### Bob Basuino announced convention award winners:

Pope John XXIII Bradley James  
Grand President Louise and Russ Vento  
Family of the Year Zanini Family  
Mother Teresa Fr. Dave Heney

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## Gifts of Love Donations

### Donations received by August 1, 2015

Branch 14  
Branch 19  
Branch 154  
Branch 184  
Branch 217  
Branch 230  
Branch 362  
Branch 417  
Bob and Elaine Osorio  
In memory of Vince Cala  
Bob and Esther Ramonda  
In memory of Anthony Pisturino  
W. John Filice and Family  
In memory of Virginia Rose  
Sal and Mary Lipari  
In memory of Cecilia Aranha  
Sal and Mary Lipari  
In memory of Vincent Joseph Cala  
Bob and Esther Ramonda  
In memory of John Pavlovich  
Anthony and Lillian La Pres  
In memory of John Papp  
Harold and Virginia Fuentes  
In memory of Deacon Mike Murphy  
Larry and Rita DeTomasi  
In memory of Joe Teresi  
The Families of Br. 291  
In memory of Reverend Kenneth Brown  
Carol Louise Silva  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Nat and Rosemarie Bacchetti  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Richard J. Gomes  
In memory of Vince Cala  
Officers/Members of Br. 47  
In memory of Cecilia Aranha  
Serena Martocchio  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Jaynie Tamura Gaines  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
James and Darline McLeod  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Josie Costa and Family  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Henry and Angie Long  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Rosalie Togninali  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Cheryl Strickland  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Clemente and Mary Cittoni  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Rosalie Campisi  
In memory of Virginia Rose  
Eva Stern  
In memory of Aldo Ausano

Ms. Rosemarie Martin  
In celebration of 65 years ordained to the priesthood for Rev. Msgr. Joseph Milani  
Clara Corsaro  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Amelia and Britt Moore  
Get well wishes for Emily Corral  
Elaine Valentine  
In honor of the 93rd birthday of Lucille Freitas  
Nancy Hernandez, Robert Emhoff and Families  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Wendy Higgins  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Twila Silveira  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Nellie and Marie Baretta  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Kent and Janet Heidt  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Martin and Diane Cotta  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
MHP Builders, Inc.  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Cecilia McGhee  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Anna Sciani  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Eva Stern  
Get well wishes for Emily Corral  
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero  
Get well wishes for Kathy Acquistapace  
John and Kris Kaiser  
In memory of Mary Bellomo  
John and Kris Kaiser  
In memory of Mary Massucci  
The Brill Family  
In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Darrell and Connie Terry  
Bill and Darrin Billings  
In memory of Jack La Rosa  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get well wishes for Kathy Acquistapace  
The Fornasero Family  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Karen and Bob McGowan  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Carol and Mike Pickett  
In memory of Rita Baretta  
Diana Petrolino  
Get well wishes for Kathy Acquistapace

## Scholarship Donations

### Donations received by August 1, 2015

#### Scholarship Donations - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Year

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowden  
In memory of Tony Pisturino  
Janet Farren  
In memory of Dina Puccinelli  
Liz Donaldson  
In memory of Anthony Pisturino  
Mrs. Mary Perata  
In memory of Juneth Donovan Rubin

Aldine Grisenti  
Get well wishes for Emily Corral  
Officers/Members of Br. 191  
In memory of John Pavlovich  
Ed and Jo Bertaccini  
Get well wishes for Emily Corral  
The Dianda Family  
In memory of Vincent Furlong  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda  
In memory of Vincent Furlong

## Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

CHRISTINA FORGET	Branch 438	BARBARA A O'MALLEY	Branch 438
JACOB FORGET	Branch 438	JUDY J PERELLA	Branch 438
JOHNNY FORGET	Branch 438	MAURICE D PERELLA	Branch 438
JONATHAN FORGET	Branch 438	MARLENE M RORISON	Branch 438
MARCIA D HERRERA	Branch 438	THERON G RORISON	Branch 438
LENORE C JENSEN	Branch 438	KAREN M RUTLEDGE	Branch 438
WAYNE C JENSEN	Branch 438	MIKE M RUTLEDGE	Branch 438
PATRICIA JOLLER	Branch 438	ESTER M SANCHEZ	Branch 438
RONALD JOLLER	Branch 438	CLAUDIA M GERACI	Branch 441
TERESA MATTHIAS	Branch 438		

# ICF Bollettino Survey

Committee Members:

Vince Piro, Lauren Kilcullen, Anne Interrante, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and BG Zasoski

1. Would you be in favor of decreasing the number of issues of the Bollettino from 11 to 6 issues per year?

YES

NO

2. Which columns do you read when you receive the Bollettino?

Read:	Every Month	75% of the time	50% of the time	Less than 50%
• Grand President's Article	—	—	—	—
• Msgr. Cardelli's Article	—	—	—	—
• Membership	—	—	—	—
• Donations				
- Cooley's Anemia	—	—	—	—
- Providenza Fund	—	—	—	—
- Gifts of Love	—	—	—	—
• Calendar Winners	—	—	—	—
• Book Review	—	—	—	—
• Branch/District articles	—	—	—	—
• Recipes	—	—	—	—
• Heritage	—	—	—	—
• History Highlights	—	—	—	—
• Branching Out	—	—	—	—

3. What types of articles would you like to see in the Bollettino?

- |                                       |     |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|
| • Travel                              | Yes | No |
| • News from Italy                     | Yes | No |
| • News of the Catholic Church         | Yes | No |
| • Getting to Know the Central Council | Yes | No |

- Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you rather read the Bollettino digitally on the computer or in print format mailed to you each month?

Digitally on the computer

Mailed to me each month

Both

5. In order to keep the Bollettino solvent and an important communications tool, would you support a \$2.00 per capita dues increase to support the Bollettino at its current level of 11 issues, so it can be profitable.

YES

NO

Comments - Do you have any comments for the Public Relations Committee?

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Thank you for completing our survey.

The Public Relations Committee is working on improving your Bollettino experience.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro  
CC Sgt. at Arms  
Branch 39, Merced

### Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas by Alan Balboni

University of Nevada Press,  
2006 ed., 192 pp.

Since this year's ICF convention is in Las Vegas, I thought it would be interesting to review a book about Italian Americans in Las Vegas.

In *Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas*, Alan Balboni chronicles the history of Italian Americans in Las Vegas; however, rather than focus on the Mafia, Balboni focuses on ordinary Italians who made contributions to the city's economic and civic growth. Using over 100 hundred interviews, public records, and the documents of Italian American organizations, Balboni documents how Italian Americans found Las Vegas, and the West, to be full of opportunities for advancement and progress.

The book is divided into five chronologically arranged chapters: "The Early Years: from Laborers to Successful Entrepreneurs," "The Rapid Growth Years: Italian Americans Come to Las Vegas," "The Corporate Years: Italian Americans Prosper," "Italian American Organizations: Preserving Ethnic Heritage in a Time of Assimilation", and "Conclusion: The Immigrant Upraised." In the most recent paperback edition of the book, the author includes an afterward



which brings the story of Italian Americans in Las Vegas up to the present.

In each chapter, Balboni focuses largely on those Italian American men (but only a few women) who contributed to the city's business and economic growth with some focus on social and civic life. Of course, most people know that Italian Americans were prominent headliners in the casinos and theaters (among them Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Vic Damone, Jimmy Durante, and Tony Bennett). However, Italian Americans were also heavily involved in the hotel and restaurant businesses. In fact, after World War II, a majority of dining establishments were owned and operated by Italian Americans. Other Italian Americans became architects, waste management operators, construction workers, real estate developers, and politicians. All contributed to the city's economic progress, and the city provided them with opportunities to flourish as businessmen and professionals. Through his research and numerous interviews, the author explains that "the city provided unique opportunities to Italian Americans willing to invest energy and expertise."

It is one intent of Balboni's book to illustrate that the influence of Italian Americans in Las Vegas goes beyond the Mafia's involvement in organized crime and gambling. He does not deny the influence of "The Boys," as he calls them, on the city rather he shifts the reader's focus to other contributors to the city's development. In doing this, he is able to move us beyond the stereotypes of Italian Americans often promulgated in the mass media. If his book is a bit one sided, it is in reaction and response to the one-sided images of Italian Americans in Las Vegas that are presented through the media.

Thoroughly researched, *Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas* provides an important contribution to our understanding of this important ethnic group to one of the country's fastest growing cities.

## La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth Welcome to Las Vegas!

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett  
Grand Treasurer

During your visit to Las Vegas for the ICF Convention, there are many sights to see, including the famous Las Vegas sign.

### Las Vegas Facts:

The name Las Vegas is a Spanish term meaning "the meadows."

Nevada is a Spanish term meaning "snowcapped."

Each year, almost 40 million people visit Las Vegas.

About 5 million people visit Las Vegas each year just to attend conventions.

With it's millions of lights, Las Vegas is one of the brightest cities on earth.

Color the sign:



coarsely (I find dice-chopping makes them too watery and they don't sauté as well)

1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced

3-4 heads garlic

2 bunches parsley

fresh basil and rosemary

Italian Seasoning, to taste-I use about 2 closed handfuls

1/3 to 1/2 bottle red wine

Put tomato sauce and crushed tomatoes in a large pot.

In a little butter and olive oil (if needed-I fry without butter or oil) fry hamburger well, drain and add to tomato sauce.

Froth some butter with a little olive oil in pan and sauté onions until they are nicely caramelized, do the same with all the other vegetables and fresh spices and don't forget the crushed garlic. As you finish sautéing the veggies put in the pot with tomato sauce. "Nonie" always told me to make the perfect gravy you must froth the butter before you sauté the vegetables. The caramelizing of the veggies is what gives the sauce its great flavor.

This makes a very thick meaty gravy. Use consommé to thin sauce for desired consistency.

Salt, pepper and Italian seasoning to taste.

Add wine and simmer low to blend flavors for several hours. Stir occasionally to make sure it does not stick to the bottom of the pot.

Makes about 5-6 gallons.

Freezes beautifully.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at [drodondi@comcast.net](mailto:drodondi@comcast.net) or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!

## Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand Secretary

Pasta sauce/gravy is one of the staples in an Italian kitchen. Many of us have our favorite recipe hopefully handed down from our mom's and or nonna's. The challenge was getting the recipe written down, as we tend to wing it when we have that pot on the stove.

The recipe I want to share with you was the one my branch used for our champagne bingos and when my dear friend Kathy Trevizo and I took over the challenge of making pasta sauce for 150 to 200 people, we were like deer in the headlights.

This recipe originated in the kitchen of Vittoria Gregori, our branch sauce maker from many years ago. Of course it was not written down, so one day her son Ario Gregori (the Late Past Grand Secretary of the CC) sat down and tried to follow what his mom was doing and estimated some of the quantities. Since then Kathy and I

took the recipe and put our spin on it. The measurements in the recipe can be raised or lowered depending on your individual likes and dislikes, but no matter how we put it together it always comes out delicious.

### Spaghetti Sauce for 100 People

12-15 pounds hamburger (2-3 big packages from Costco)

5 industrial size (Smart and Final) tomato sauce

1 industrial size (Smart and Final) crushed tomatoes

1-2 large beef consommé broth (can also use chicken)

1/2 to 3/4 pound butter

2 1/2 to 3 pounds carrots, chopped coarsely

2 heads of celery, chopped coarsely

5-6 pounds onion, diced or chopped

## CC Minutes

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Young Adult Melissa Rodriguez

### Convention Directors –Steven Fuentes

Hotel rate went down for convention...if you made reservations already they will adjust as long as you made reservation under the ICF code.

Mike Rossi asked does the ICF get stuck with rooms not reserved through the code. We have an attrition rate built into all of our contracts, last two years it was waived.

- No Sunday night dinner there will be a social on Sunday night for the raffle.
- We are booked to 2019 so we will not be voting today for a 2020 convention site. With all the changes we are going through it is best to not vote on 2020 at this time. Leonard Zasoski stated we need to make an announcement at convention that we are not voting for 2020 site and why.
- Denise Antonowicz asked if at Friday night meet and greet the candidates could we give out things. No Steve Fuentes says FLYERS ONLY.
- Lauren Kilcullen recommends doing reservations online versus calling.

### Expansion – David Botta

- Thanked Anne Interrante for finding 3 parishes as potential branch sites: July 18-19 will be at St. Rose of Lima in Simi Valley to get sign ups for interested in a future branch, Padre Serra in Carmarillo and St Maximillen Colby Westlake Village asked us to come back in future.
- Other areas working on trying to open new branches: Oakdale; Half Moon Bay; St Christopher in San Jose; a parish in Walnut Creek; to talk to Fr. Ochetti about a branch in Upland.
- Information on closed branches: Mt Shasta closed with 9 members; Br. 186 Los Altos-29 members transferred, 36 cancelled membership; Br. 181 Chicago-2 transferred. 4 cancelled; Oakland branch-26 transferred, 62 cancelled.
- Possible branch closings: Br. 67 LA voted to close but trying to keep it going; Ventura having membership drive this weekend has 19 members; Br. 236 North Highlands 18 members-to vote on future of branch; Br. 382 San Fernando struggling may consider closing 45 members.
- Do we have anything in place for notifying District president/ CC member in area/ District Deputy of a branch closing or thinking of closing in their area?
- Seminarian Mario Rizzo will be in Brentwood next year.
- David Botta showed banner Deborah Rodondi made by using old banners for a branch that needed a replacement banner.
- Carmen Kilcullen mentioned possibly resurrecting the branch in Surprise.

### Finance Committee - Roselynn Jarrett

- Tax rules for California are hundreds of pages. Will dedicate time and concentrate on the taxes branches will be required to pay...there will also be a condensed hand out that will be given to Deborah Rodondi to go into the convention packet.
- Convention voucher for CC Discussed PASSED as presented.

### Heritage-Jim Friebel

- Not a lot of heritage reports turned in. Will give a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> award and the rest will get honorable mention at

convention, Denise Antonowicz to design.

- The Bollettino article Jim Friebel wrote on the monastery built in 1962 will be going in the monastery's archives.
- Set up for the Santa Rosalia parade, San Jose Giants Italian night August 15 \$5

### Gifts of Love –Pat Mages

- Successful in trying to expand judging areas this past year.
- Hope to have one more meeting before convention. Right now there are about 15 applications to look over. Still getting a lot of scholarships about 20 in this batch.
- 67k currently in account.
- Jan to May 2015 \$9,336 income, expenses \$1,950. Getting more applications from Disabled Vets and ICF areas and more from other organizations.
- Lisa Crudo spoke on a family that was helped. The medical social worker with office next to Lisa's had a family with a severe case of bed bugs and they had to get rid of everything. Asked for \$500 for bed for children...Gifts of Love actually gave them \$1,000.

### Hospitalization – Nina Malone

- Currently 409 members. From January to May 2015 received in dues \$7,462.50, in claims \$4,315.00. In UBS \$887,564.35, in BofA \$22,348.68. As of December 31, 2014 accumulated gains \$548,299.00
- Minutes from Feb 2009 stated to not let fund go under 400k suggested a 3-4% annual distribution. The 4% CC came up with not a recommendation of the actuary. The actuary felt we should not go under 400k and must keep the fund solvent. The 4% was just dipping into the interest and not touching the principal.
- Committee recommends for 2016 budget we transfer 5.07% 45k to seminary fund, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year scholarship. ... Roselynn Jarrett and George Bacigalupi feels that we should not put in specific funds but to go into General Fund as we have in the past few years to help defray the general fund deficit. Many ideas discussed on how to divide the money. Intent of committee was to keep the two charities solvent.
- Dante Galeazzi amendment 34k to general fund remainder divided between 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year scholarship and seminary seconded by Marco Galeazzi. DEFEATED
- Nina Malone amended on behalf of the committee to increase distribution from Hospitalization for 2016 to 5.07% 45k with no specifications as to specific distributions until finance meets in October. Leonard Zasoski seconded. PASSED
- Claim form out of date unable to get to this year. Should be considered next year.
- Msgr. Cardelli commented want to wake up a crowd talk about money.

### Live to Give- Jane Dianda

- Focus is on convention blood drive.
- Use the Give the Gift of Life cards.

### Membership – Nina Malone

- #1 A core value of our strategic plan is to increase our membership and improve retention of current members. Membership Committee has been working to develop a mentor program "Amici di Cuore". There needs to be a Branch Membership Chairperson in place.
- A letter was sent to all Branch

## Cooley's Anemia Donations

### Donations Received by August 1, 2015

Branch 1  
Branch 6  
Branch 14  
Branch 19  
Branch 70  
Branch 91  
Branch 111  
Branch 115  
Branch 118  
Branch 154  
Branch 161  
Branch 191  
Branch 198  
Branch 210  
Branch 215  
Branch 237  
Branch 261  
Branch 343  
Branch 362  
Branch 417  
Branch 423  
Santa Rosa District  
Susan Mencarini and Jay Newsome  
In memory of Joseph Sommerfield  
Louie and Pat Cordich  
In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

of Roger and Kathy Santos  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Art Escobar  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Virginia Rose  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Cecilia Aranha  
Officers/Members of Central Council  
In memory of Mary Alesi  
Mrs. Lou Turner  
In memory of Mary Alesi  
Pat Postal  
In memory of Mary Alesi  
Officers/Members of Br. 416  
In memory of Mary Alesi  
Officers/Members of Br. 28  
In memory of Patricia Haygood  
Angelo Benassi  
In memory of Josephine Fazio  
Lorraine and Mike Nunziata  
In memory of John Tavolara

Presidents, explaining the vision of a buddy system, with a request to provide their Membership Chairperson's contact information, to be used in further developing this program. The response as of February was only 6 branches. Followed up with another letter in March; this time addressed to District Presidents and Branch Presidents in smaller areas. Committee made phone calls and sent emails to get as much information as possible. As of today, 45 branches (35%) have responded with an appointment of a Membership Chairperson.

- When the second letter went out, the District Presidents also received a brief questionnaire that could help us assess the strengths and weaknesses of each area and where we might be most needed. Each committee member was assigned to contact various districts and areas in the months of April or May to discuss this questionnaire. Out of 22 districts and areas, 9 responded (41%). Reviewed the results of the survey.
- Anne Interrante-family memberships...questioned branches that had a large number of family memberships and will put together information for a future Bollettino article. Some ideas: child care, youth installation of officers, youth officer program, youth award at Branch or District level.

### Public Relations –Vince Piro Bollettino:

- On time last several months.
- Recipe and cooking column added.
- 120 signed up for getting Bollettino electronically. Richard Interrante working to see if there is a simple solution to make change in data base for this.
- Pros/cons on every other month for Bollettino. Lauren Kilcullen reported on findings. Currently loss of \$22,288.00 with 11 issues. Six issues with same per capita of \$6-profit of \$12,531.55. Six issues with per capita at \$4-loss of \$5,575.45. 12 issues with increase of per capita to \$8 loss of \$4,187.00. Before any committee recommendation regarding above would like to poll members at convention.
- The Bollettino arriving on time, the beginning of the month, for the past three months is a very positive milestone for the paper.
- Vince Piro states that CC has not increased per capita although the cost of printing and mailing have gone up.

- If we adjust the per capita charge the CC decides; if we raise dues it goes to the delegates.
- Some pictures in Bollettino are in color others in B&W. How does a branch get it in color? Michelle Feldman informed us color is on back page...sometimes the center page is color that the printer throws in as a bonus...she does not know about it in advance.
- Leonard Rossi we have to come up with money one-way or the other. Need to look at a dues increase. Michelle Feldman stated if we switched format completely we might be able to lower the cost.

### Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- April 20<sup>th</sup> judged 1<sup>st</sup> year scholarships.
- Received 369 applications for 1<sup>st</sup> year scholarships.
- In response to task set before us by CC at the February meeting to research what the feasibility of only students with family in ICF getting a scholarship. The committee feels that we should leave the program the way it is. In reviewing the 184 1<sup>st</sup> year scholarships we gave out this year -82 of them had family members in the ICF. 3 students that had family in the ICF did not get a scholarship; unfortunately the minimum GPA is 3.2-these three students had a 2.9 GPA. When reviewing applications students with members have an edge over other applications, but they must meet the requirements. Thanks to the donations in memory of individuals we were able to be sure that all students with family were able to get a scholarship. The committee feels that if we change the rules that only students with family get the scholarships a lot of branches will stop giving scholarships, or will give only when they have family eligible. We feel it will be the decline of the program.
- Teresa Helfand asked about scholarships for grammar school going into High School. To bring under the ICF umbrella we are asking too much of our branches and it would be difficult for us to control and monitor. Best if handled at the branch level. In one District 8 of the 10 branches give scholarships to grammar school students with the help of the school principal.
- To judge 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> scholarship

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# ICF donates over 1.8 million dollars to its National Charity

## -- Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS  
Children's Hospital Oakland

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) adopted Cooley's anemia (also called thalassemia) as its national charity in 1983 when David Botta was the ICF Grand President. The funds went to Dr. Hyman at Cedar's Sinai, Los Angeles, and in 1994, when Dr. Hyman retired, donations went to the Thalassemia Program at Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO), under the leadership of Dr. Vichinsky. The ICF has donated a total of \$1,864,754 towards Cooley's Anemia since 1983, with \$835,000 going to CHRCO, which houses one of the six specialty centers for thalassemia in North America. The funds go to the following areas:

Research and the SQUID — Children's Hospital Oakland conducts cutting-edge research to improve the quality of life for patients, as well as to search for a cure. The ICF has also funded state-of-the-art technology such as the SQUID (also called

a ferritometer) machine that measures iron in the body. Prior to the introduction of the SQUID machine, patients had to undergo an invasive surgical procedure called a liver biopsy to assess excess iron. The SQUID involves a simple scan and is completed in approximately 30 minutes. Children's Hospital also obtained a specialized MRI machine that enables the measurement of heart iron, when previously there was no way to do so.

Patient Events — These include our Christmas parties, conferences, retreats, camps, and family nights. Such events are a vital part of our comprehensive care program and build on peer relationships and support, improve understanding of treatment and disease, and give patients and families the opportunity to get together and have fun!

Patient Sponsorship — Many patients live in remote areas of California and/or come from around the globe to visit our center. If U.S. patients cannot afford to travel, some ICF funds are used to offset their expenses. Patient sponsorship may also

include helping patients travel to a retreat, camp, or conference.

Patient Medical Expenses — The average cost of care for a thalassemia patient is approximately \$75,000 a year. This covers basic care, including blood transfusions, chelation (iron removal) therapy, doctor visits, and medications. If a patient undergoes hospitalization, then costs can escalate further. No patient is ever turned away from Children's Hospital Oakland, and patients are cared for regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Elliott Vichinsky often sees patients for free. ICF funds help pay for basic care costs that patients and families cannot afford.

Education and Outreach — Children's Hospital Oakland has the only thalassemia outreach program in the United States - thanks to the ICF. We provide in-services to health-care providers, attend and present information at conferences, and distribute information at healthfairs and on college campuses. The goal is to raise awareness and educate the community on thalassemia. In 2012, we published the Thalassemia

Standards of Care for Providers 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition and the Thalassemia Research Update. Our Perspectives newsletter, which often highlights the ICF, is published twice a year. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like to be put on our mailing list.)

Special Projects — ICF funds are often reserved for special projects such as our 2006 "Live to Give" video. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like a copy.) ICF funds have also enabled us to revamp, re-write and update our website [www.thalassemia.com](http://www.thalassemia.com).

Thank you, ICF, for your hard work, generosity, and continuing support. We are so grateful to remain your national charity—you enable us to maintain a high-quality program, and you have had a positive impact on countless lives.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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Sept. 2013	\$78,000	\$60,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
Sept. 2012	\$75,000	\$46,000	\$13,000	\$5,500	\$8,000	\$2,500
Sept. 2011	\$77,000	\$53,000	\$8,000	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$3,000
Sept. 2010	\$58,000	\$42,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$9,000	\$1,000
Sept. 2009	\$62,000	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$1,500
Sept. 2008	\$57,000	\$39,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$0
Sept. 2007	\$54,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$500
Sept. 2006	\$52,000	\$30,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500 \$2,000: Live to
Sept. 2005	\$113,154	\$65,000	\$10,154	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$8,000 Give Video
Sept. 2004	\$45,000	\$23,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$12,000	\$3,500
Sept. 2003	\$51,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$5,000 \$5,000 - Conf.
Sept. 2002	\$56,000	\$52,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sept. 2001	\$49,000	\$27,500	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$2,000
Sept. 2000	\$52,000	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1999	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$2,000
Sept. 1998	\$58,000	\$39,000	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$8,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1997	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$5,500
Sept. 1996	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1995	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1994	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sept. 1994	\$40,000	\$760,100	\$122,154	\$95,000	\$124,500	\$46,000 \$7,000
1983 - 1993	\$595,000					
Grand Total	\$1,864,754					

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2011 ICF donation included \$30,000 from Kemp Trust

2012 ICF donation included \$10,000 from Kemp Trust

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2014 ICF donation included \$10,000 from Kemp Trust

1983-1994 Donations went to Dr. Hyman at Cedar's Sinai in Los Angeles

1994 to present Donations went to Dr. Vichinsky at Children's Oakland

# CC Candidates 2015-2016

## Denise Antonowicz

### Br. 184, Los Gatos, California

My name is Denise Antonowicz. I am a current Central Council member, President of the Santa Clara Valley District, a four time president of Br. 184, Los Gatos, and a member of Br. 191, in San Jose

I have been an active member in the ICF for 50 years and feel I have a lot to offer. Our family, for the past 11 years, has held a holiday open house and collected about \$1,000 each year for Gifts of Love or scholarships. I am



an active participant in the Strategic Plan Task Force and am hopeful that this will give our organization the fresh outlook it needs. We need to determine what will keep our organization alive and viable, act on it and move forward to its success. We need to mesh our founding ideals with fresh and exciting ways to bring in new members and retain our current members and as a member of the Membership Committee I have been working all year towards this goal.

I love the ICF and through my work on the Heritage Committee, continue to promote the ICF through helping plan, build, and decorate the floats we use in the Santa Rosalia Parade and in the San Francisco Heritage Parade. Through promoting our works of charity, scholarship fund, the work in our parishes, fundraising for Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love, and co-chairing the successful Seminararians' Night this past year, we show just what we stand for; faith, family and our many heritages. We are the best examples of what it is to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation; let's show it off and be proud.

With your prayers and votes, I will help reinvent the Italian Catholic Federation to be the vibrant, living organization that I truly believe it can be.

## Lisa Crudo

### Br. 343, Castro Valley, California

I have had a wonderful and exciting 3 years on the Central Council. I have enjoyed spending time with the people in each district which I have visited, and I hope to meet many more of you. During this past year I have attended many Installations, Bishops' Days and Anniversary dinners. It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, been a positive resource for you all.



I was elected as a Grand Trustee for a second term this year, and have been learning so much about the inner workings of this wonderful organization. I was chairperson for the Ways and Means Committee and had the pleasure of supporting my committee members as they planned and organized wonderful fundraising events. (Night for the Seminararians, the Golf Tournament, and our first annual ICF cruise.) Each event was fun and profitable for our organization. I'm looking forward to our production of Late Night Catechism in October of this year

as well. I am confident that we can raise enough funds to enable us to support our many charities.

I have also served on several other committees. The Apostolate/Charity Committee with Chairman Franklyn Lopes, Jr. It has been so rewarding helping this Committee reach out to all of you with our monthly articles in the Bollettino. I have also served on the Finance Committee for the second year as well as the Convention Director's Committee. I am looking forward to a wonderful convention in Las Vegas this year.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than meeting and spending time with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve for the past three years, and I look forward to many more years of service as your Central Council member.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

## Marco A. Galeazzi

### Br. 139, Manteca, California

Milton Berle said, "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." He was talking about the ICF. For many years, we have been stumbling. We, as the Central Council, are not listening to the new Ideas coming in. We have been in a negative stance in our Annual Budget, for some years now. Our membership has been dwindling down. We are losing branches fast, especially the last four years. Reasons being, too few members, many members but the priest will close the branch, many members but they want out of the ICF, many members, but no one wants to be an officer, especially the president. You see, there are many reasons.



We, the Central Council, have not been choosing wisely our Leadership for the ICF. We have to "build a door." Not to keep it closed, but to open it up for more fresh air and new ideas for the ICF to continue in the future. We, the CC, have to think and act as individuals with our own ideas, and not this clique that has been the votes of the CC. The Central Council has come to be like the US Congress, with no new ideas. They are afraid to act of change, because "It has always been like this." We need to be individuals, and not to follow just one idea, from one individual only, or they will not vote for you. We need LEADERSHIP!!!

We need leaders with ideas and guidance, thinkers who know how to implement, leaders whom can motivate our membership and leadership, we need excitement and the wanting of joining and being a person of the Italian Catholic Federation. Help me "build a door" to be opened, by re-electing Marco Galeazzi to our Central Council.

## Teresa Helfand

### Br. 392, Chicago, Illinois

As we approach the September 2015 ICF Convention and Elections, I take the opportunity to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Central Council.

I have been a part of the ICF family for over twenty years, having joined the St. Francis Borgia – Branch 392 in January 1993. Since then I have held many posts at Branch 392, at the Chicago District Council and have been a Central Council member for six consecutive years. My responsibilities, while at times challenging, have helped me grow as an individual and strengthen my faith. My experiences have been rewarding. For this, I thank all my ICF colleagues and friends!



In keeping with my Catholic upbringing I continue to: focus on helping others through charitable works, supporting my local parish, and taking an active role in the Italo-American community. Promoting the ICF charities and programs (such as: Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund for Young Seminararians, and Scholarship Program) have remained top priorities. Supporting parish fundraising initiatives and volunteering at Radio Maria (religious programming in Italian for our elderly, sick, and shut-ins) are still an important part in my everyday work.

I remain active in parish affairs and promote the ICF values at all times. As such, I serve on the St. Francis Borgia Parish Pastoral Council.

My platform for the upcoming year is straightforward. If re-elected I promise to continue to enthusiastically serve the ICF. The ICF apostolic work, fundraising activities, new branch openings and campaign for new members will remain top priorities. With faith and prayer we can succeed! Let's work together to keep the founding fathers' visions alive!

Please vote for me for Central Council.

## Anne Interrante

### Br. 380, Thousand Oaks, California

ICF has been part of my family for over 15 years. During my membership, I became a more active participant within my church, involved my entire family in numerous charitable works and meaningful events, learned how to become a leader in my branch and local community, and gained so many wonderful friends in the process.



It is important to me that this organization lives on so that others can be blessed as I have been by being a member. My appreciation for the ICF, experience, commitment, enthusiasm and positive attitude will be instrumental to help keep our organization moving forward.

My experience includes holding the branch offices of President, 1st Vice President, Trustee and Membership Committee Chairperson, and assisting on numerous other committees for my branch. In 2004, I was privileged to receive the 1st ICF Young Adult Leadership Award. I initiated a Youth Officer Program and their inclusion at the Officer Installation Ceremony. We currently have 16 elementary/high school

aged children serving in our branch.

I assisted at two ICF Convention workshops – "How to Become a Successful Branch" and "Heritage Programs."

During my first year on Central Council, I was appointed to the Public Relations Committee where I initiated reading the Bollettino by email, wrote a monthly article for the Bollettino "Branching Out" containing successful ideas from our branches, and improved our ICF website. On the Membership Committee, I helped develop the Visitor and New Member Packets, assisted in Membership Drives, reached out to my District parishes to start new branches, and presented a workshop on building Family Memberships and Youth Officer Programs.

My goals next year include expanding our membership by starting new branches, strengthening current branches, and providing workshops to increase Family Memberships and Youth Involvement.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving you!

## Lauren Kilcullen

### Br. 52, Healdsburg, California

Buon giorno cari fratelli e sorelle, I am Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council Member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, and I humbly ask for your vote for re-election to the Central Council. This past year on the Central Council has been amazing. I enjoyed serving on the Public Relations Committee and Awards Committee, working with my fellow Central Council members and meeting many members at Installations and Bishops' Days.



Having worked with the Central Council in the past as Editor of the Bollettino and being the daughter of a Central Council member, I thought I knew much about the Central Council and being a leader in the ICF. I have learned much more, this past year, actually being a Central Council member. Seeing the commitment of our members to the continued future of the ICF is inspiring. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and learning what amazing things you are doing in your parishes and communities to promote and further the ideals of the ICF.

As I stated, last year, the ICF has become a second family to my parents and I. Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me and I believe the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities. This past year as a Central Council member has reinforced my thoughts that the ICF is still a relevant and a needed organization in today's world.

With your votes for re-election to the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future. Grazie! Ciao!

## Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

### Br. 227, Capitola, California

As we approach our upcoming ICF convention, I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship this past year, and I would ask you for your continued

support in my re-election to the Central Council.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA, and I am of Italian-Portuguese descent. I am a florist and have been owner of Stewart's Floral in Santa Cruz for the past 16 years.



I currently serve as a Trustee on the Central Council, Chairman of the Apostolate/Charity Committee, and a member of the Executive, Ways and Means and Finance Committees.

I am Second Vice-President of the Central Coast District, past President of Branch 227, Capitola, CA., and past Deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz.

As a life-long member of St. Joseph's Church in Capitola, I have seen the importance of seminarians in our local parishes, and I am proud to have been co-chairman of our recent Seminarians' Night in Los Gatos, CA.

My main goal as a Central Council member is to continue to work on ways to achieve an increase in membership throughout the branches, which is most important in keeping the Federation strong and vital. I will also work to bring the ideals of the ICF – to support our church and religious, our children and our brothers and sisters in need – to the members of our various communities. The Federation will grow stronger – through family, heritage, charity and spirit!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas. Please visit my hospitality room and say "hi." And, again, thank you for your support of me as I run for re-election to the Central Council.

God Bless you all.

### Pat Mages

#### Br. 380, Thousand Oaks, California

Thank you for your continued support! Special thanks to Branch 380 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 25 years I've held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chaired fundraising events. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope Saint John XXIII Award.



My family consists of husband, Lou; daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; son Phil, wife, Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Katherine; and cocker spaniel, Sweet Caroline.

Over 31 years I've advocated for victims of family/domestic violence; currently with the Port Hueneme Police. I'm a Para-professional with the local school district, working with severely disabled students, mainly autistic. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I will ever teach them.

I've been a member of Central Council for 6 1/2 years. This past year I served as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee; a member of the Live to Give; and Strategic Plan Workshop Committees. My goals as a Central Council member are to include more of the general membership on the various committees. I'm happy to say that the Gifts of Love Committee has on-site meetings including Sacramento, Oakland,

Los Angeles area and Thousand Oaks. Over 15 new members are able to participate due to the use of conference calling. My goals of increased membership and member retention are part of the Strategic Plan Workshops for all the ICF Districts. The Workshops, implemented earlier this year, have been well received. Participation by the branch members has been enthusiastic and encouraging. As a Central Council Member I'm here To Serve YOU the Membership!

Let's work together to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, for a Strong Faith and Family-Orientated Italian Catholic Federation!

### Andrew J. Pappani

#### Br. 28, Gilroy, California

Ciao Fratelli e Sorelle,

I am Andrew J Pappani from Branch 28 Gilroy, Calif. from the Santa Clara Valley District.

I am running for Re-Election to the Central Council of the ICF here's a brief history of my Italian Heritage. My grandparents were born in Noceto and Modena in the Province of Parma, Italy from the Emilia-Romagna Region. They came to the United States in 1900.



I was born in Healdsburg, California on December 17, 1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani I am the youngest of 6 children.

I married Siria Marie (Sid) on the 20th of May 1978 we then had two sons Andrew Joseph Pappani Jr. living in Aspen, Colorado and Anthony Louis Pappani married to Dominique ( Nikki) and living in San Clemente, California.

We joined Branch 28 Gilroy in 1980 where I held several offices including President of our branch. Made the transition to District where I also held several offices including District President. I have been a Deputy for several years in the Santa Clara Valley District.

In 2006 I ran and was elected to the Central Council. I have served a two year term at Sergeant of Arms, and two year term at Grand Trustee I am currently holding the office of Grand Second Vice President of ICF. I have served on several committees including Public Relations, Gifts of Love Chairperson, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Finance, Hospitalization Plan Chairperson and the Executive Board and currently Co-Chair of the Deputy Program.

As a member of the Italian Catholic Federation and a officer of the Central Council I am here for you. I would like to thank everyone for your past and present support.

We need to stand united for the future of our ICF.

Mille Grazie!

### Vincent Piro

#### Br. 39, Merced, California

This year's convention theme captures the essence of the Italian Catholic Federation as we daily glorify the Lord through our lives. It is through our daily actions that we give praise to the Lord. We give our time

and treasure to our parishes. We support Thalassemia patients. We provide Gifts of Love "to developmentally disabled children and adults seeking to achieve greater independence in their lives." We help young students achieve their dreams through our scholarship program. And we give financial and spiritual support to our young seminarians. This charitable spirit is one reason I originally joined the ICF and continue to serve it as a Central Council member.

As a Central Council member, I have continued to work to strengthen the Federation. During this past year, I have served as officer of the Central Council (Sergeant-at-Arms), been a member of its Executive Committee, and chaired the Public Relations Committee. However, I think the most important work that I have done is serving on the Strategic Plan subcommittee. While we have not met all of our goals yet, we have laid the foundation for years to come through our Strategic Planning workshops and other committee actions. With a clear set of Federation goals and a clear vision of a path forward, I believe that the Federation can continue to be a vital organization in our parishes and communities. If re-elected, I plan to further the goals of Federation by urging a focus through the Strategic Plan on membership recruitment and retention. I also would like to assist with re-energizing our Deputy Program so that our deputies and branches receive the support that they need.

Please, re-elect me to the Central Council so that I can continue to help the Federation glorify the Lord.

### Donna Raffanti

#### Br. 434, Tucson, Arizona

I am excited about becoming a candidate for Central Council. I became a member of the ICF as the founding president of branch 434 in Arizona, the 3rd branch in the Tucson area. I held that position for several years. I have also enjoyed being trustee, heritage chairman, secretary and also deputy for Branch 425.



The ICF has brought so much to my life. I would like to be a part of the Central Council so I can help the ICF maintain all that is good while helping it grow. I want to share the joy the ICF has brought to our church. There are so many opportunities in the southwest, and I believe I am the person that can help find new parishes to share in all the ICF has to offer.

Yes I have made some new friends here, but I feel like I have found a new family. I would take great joy in knowing I had something to do with placing the ICF into the lives of others.

I have been cutting hair for the last 35 years and own a salon near the University of Arizona which employs 9 people. I had two daughters. I lost one, Kelli, when she was in a car accident at 17. My youngest, Kimberly, a high school calculus teacher, has blessed me with 3 wonderful grandchildren.



My husband's father left Santa Cruz as a young man opening Polly Anna Bakery in Burlingame. His wife, Pierina, has been a member of the ICF continuously since the 1930's. She started in Madera, then moved to Santa Cruz, Millbrae, and now at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Arizona.

The ICF has been in our family for a long time and will continue for generations. It's a part of me.

### Deborah Rodondi

#### Br. 19, Colma, California

I want to thank all of you who have helped and guided me as a Central Council Member for the past 7 years; it has been an honor. The friendships bonded are priceless. As a Central Council Member I hold the office of Grand Secretary, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, member of Finance, Task Force and Convention Directors Committees. At Convention I will be taking care of registration, Pedro Tournament and Credentials. Currently I am Secretary of the San Mateo District and 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Branch 19 Colma. I have also held the offices of trustee, financial secretary and treasurer. Having served in a variety of offices has given me a well-rounded education on the working of the ICF.



At the age of 21 I moved away from my family here in California. I lived in Florida, Texas, Sicily and Virginia. In Virginia I was the office manager of an East Coast Home Improvement division for a large company; then I was inside/outside sales manager for a molding/millwork distributor. When I moved back to California in 1998, Mom was the reason I became a member of the ICF, her love and devotion for the organization fueled me to become a very active member and be where I am today. My parents taught me that we are individuals yet we need to work together for our common goals and the Federation's wellbeing. Keeping lines of communication open and awareness of each other is essential for our success.

Today is my free time I work for my brother (general contractor). I also love gardening and making a variety of craft items which I sell at holiday boutiques.

I ask for your support and vote. I believe my background in and outside the ICF makes me a worthy candidate. Thank you for being a part of my life and believing in me and The Federation.

### Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

#### Branch 281, Bakersfield, California

I have again had the honor of serving you on the Central Council this past year.

Each year we have a convention theme that encapsulates us as an organization. This year our theme is "Glorify The Lord By Your Life." We can do this in a multitude of ways – through our branch activities, the charities we support, and the people we help every day.

That is why the Central Council chose to put the effort and money into a strategic plan. This plan has enabled us to see our strengths and weaknesses and work on

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## CC Candidates 2015-2016

### Candidates

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various ways to help our branches focus on areas that will help them improve as needed to be successful and supportive within their parish community.

As chairman of the Task Force Committee, I have had the opportunity to work with some great committee members in putting our strategic plan into action. These past several months we have seen members of various districts become enlightened with the ways to help their branches achieve goals set forth for this upcoming year.

Through the strategic plan we are also working on strengthening our Deputy Program. The Deputy must be seen as an assistant to the branch members and officers in meeting their goals set forth from the workshop, and in the long term, as a friend who wants to see their brothers and sisters succeed and prosper.

As a member of several committees, such as Public Relations, Finance and Executive, I have been given the insight to see the great works of our past members and to have the vision to guide our Federation along a charted course for success into the future. Please consider re-electing me to Central Council so that I may continue to serve you, the members.



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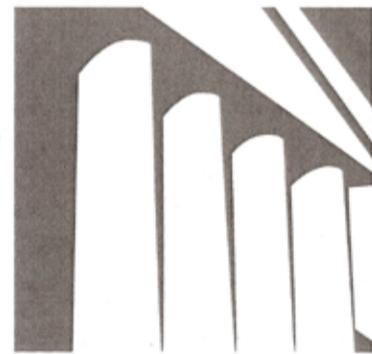


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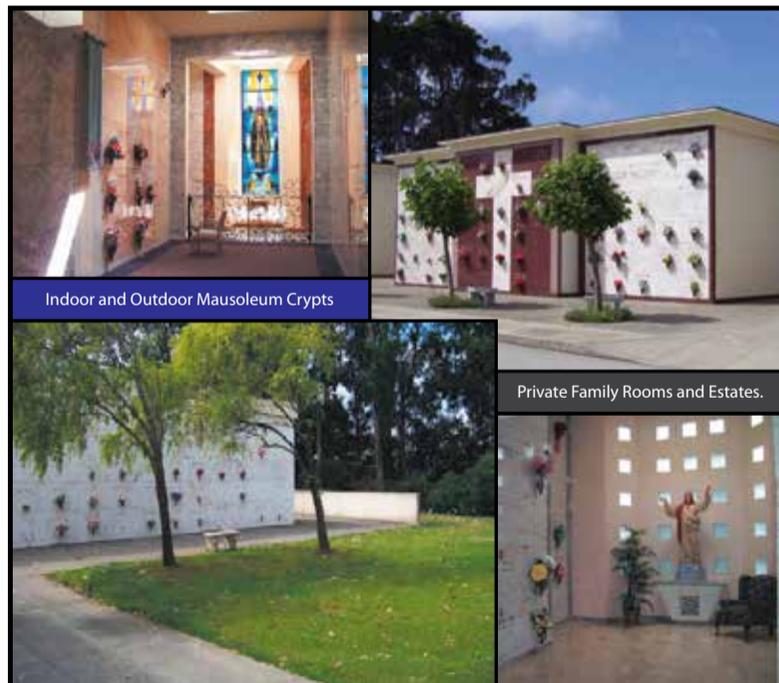
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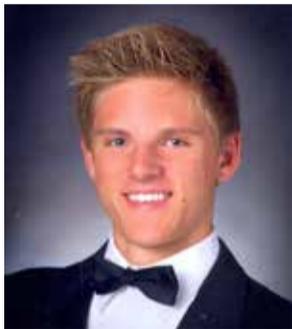


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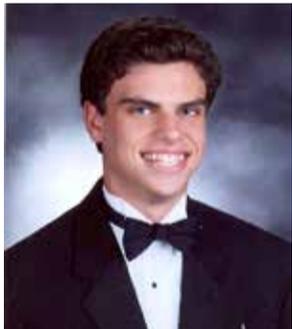


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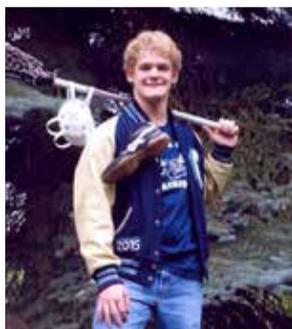


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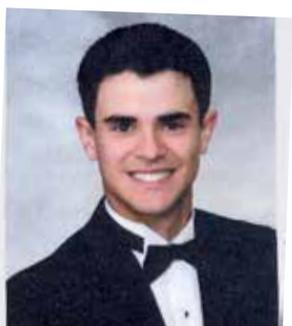
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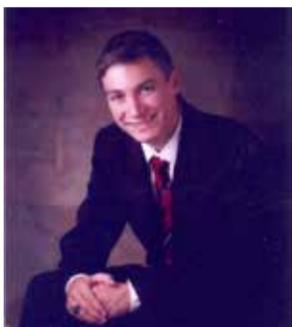
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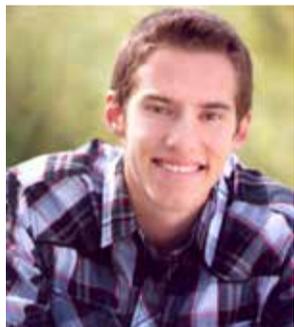
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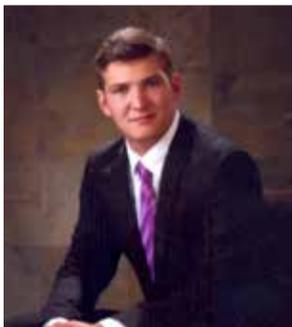
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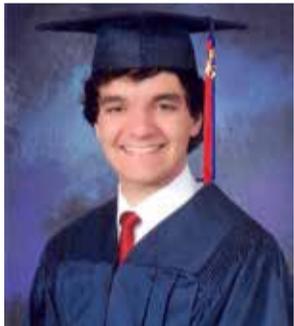


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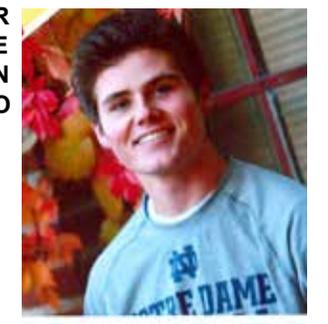
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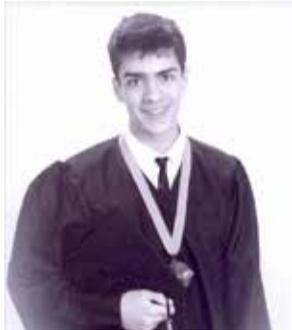
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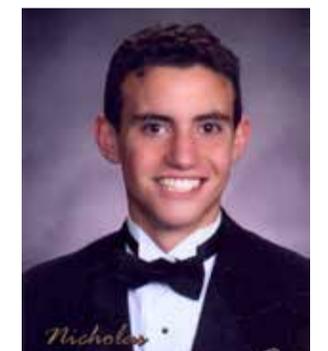
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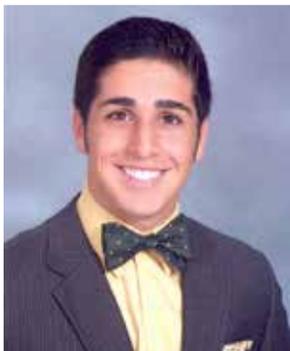


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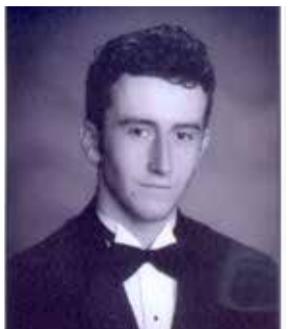
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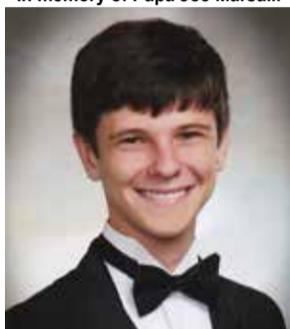
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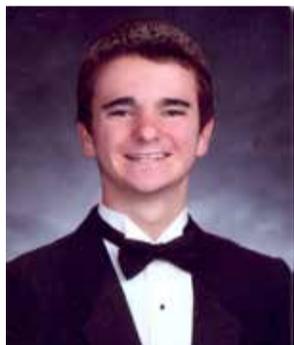
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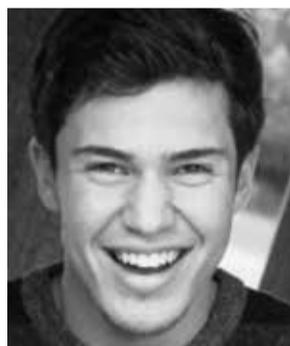
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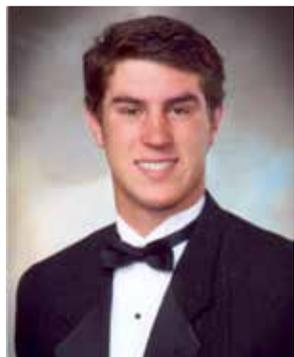
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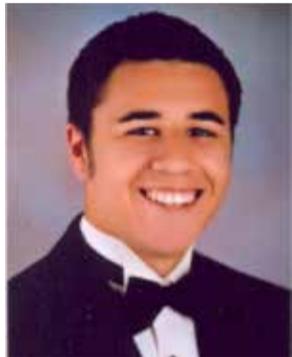
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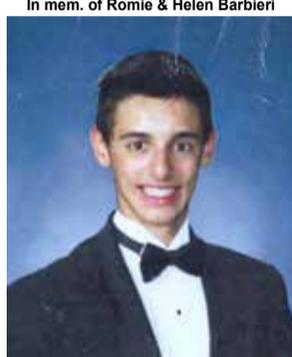
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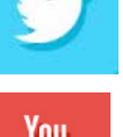
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### CC Minutes

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August 20.

Task Force – Vince Piro reported for Leonard Zasoski Procedure Guidelines

- Mike Rossi-Guidelines to be sent to all CC committee chairs by June 19<sup>th</sup> to be returned to him by July 17, by August 21 will be ready to go. Will be on master file in the office and the website. GP will be able to send a copy as new chairs are appointed. Strategic Plan:

- Leonard Zasoski's company has donated the printing of all the papers / handouts.

- 4 Districts have had the workshop, 3 workshops scheduled in the next three months. Goal is to be done by the end of the year. We do have a follow up form.

- We are getting to the point of doing an annual review. \$7200 to \$8000 for Denner to come up for a 2 day session. The committee feels they can do this themselves at this time.

- Vince Piro gets worksheet/evaluations back from the workshop attendees. Will compile and send to the District/branches. Very positive input from the attendees.

Ways and Means –Lisa Crudo

- 19 went on cruise to Alaska in May. Made \$2,200.

- Night for the Seminarians. Thanks to the CC who donated and worked the event. Thank to the chairs Franklyn Lopes and Denise Antonowicz. Made a profit of \$6694.00.

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- July 24 is golf tournament.
- The Daily Raffle (use to be calendars) 365 chances to win for \$25; 2016 will be famous and infamous Italians. Remember to send in your names and dates to be added to the calendar.
- Late Night Catechism. Oct 25 matinee...open to the public, advertise, sell sponsorships. Deposit is non refundable but we can pick an alternate date if October 25 does not work. Leonard Rossi- Holy Names is a wonderful institution, wonderful theatre.
- Bob Basuino announced closed ballot vote for putting on Late Night Catechism event. PASSED. Roselynn Jarrett looked up ticket sales-it is not subject to sales tax but concession and bar are.
- Dante Galeazzi asked about novelties what kind of inventory...we will sell what we have at Las Vegas convention.

Workshop-Dante Galeazzi

- Has been working with the Strategic Plan on the workshop.

NO Unfinished Business

New Business

- Standing ovation to thank George Bacigalupi for all he has done.

Good of the Order

- Teresa Helfand stated that Father Fanelli is retiring. Vince Picciola says hello to all.

- Carmen and Larry Kilcullen July 16 celebrating 55th anniversary.

- Bob Acquistapace announced Br.198 St Eugenes on Jan 9, 2016 will celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Villa in Santa Rosa.

- Bob Basuino Br.191 50<sup>th</sup> get your

reservations in.

- Dante Galeazzi has been asked by his District could we create the report of addresses landscaped and not portrait style?

- June 6 one seminarian ordained from the Stockton District. He specifically thanked the ICF for our support of them.

- Andy Pappani thank Bob Basuino as GP and his leadership for the last 2 years. Also thank you to those that came to the service and sent condolences on the loss of his sister.

- Next Monday Msgr. Cardelli celebrates 58th anniversary of his ordination. Closing Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm by Grand President Bob Basuino

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Rodondi  
Grand Secretary



Members of Br. 418 packing food for "Feed My Starving Children" in Schaumburg, Illinois.



Everyone's a clown at Br. 418's Annual picnic, including "Rudi Kazooti", Gino Lerario, Joe Bratta and Rocky LoSurdo.



Rita Bratta, Branch 418 president presents the 1st Year College Scholarship Award to Alisa Lerario, one of our branch's two scholarship winners.



Br. 418 Annual picnic-Our cooks grilling up excellent lamb and Italian sausage. Delizioso!

Plans are underway for the Harvest Festival at the end of the August where the members run the roulette wheel and parishioners have a chance to win salami or homemade cookies. The spaghetti and meatball take-out dinner is scheduled for September. On a sad note, Ada Cavallero passed away in July. She was a long time member and a past president of our chapter. Please keep her son, Gary, in your prayers and continue to pray for our sick and injured members.

**Fresno**

**Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32**

Summer fun is what Br. 32 has had. In June members toiled in five fundraising events for our branch. Branch 32's June meeting had a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic theme. We played picnic games called Pass the Marshmallow and the M & M Game amid hot dogs, beans, chips, and salad. Our July meeting brought on Italian picnic food like Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.

August had us again working. Our Salad Bar Luncheon, chaired by Corinne Abate, combined fun and work. With a fresh approach this event took on a new look and feel.

We teamed up with our parish Knights of Columbus and supported their 'Charlie's' fundraising event. Those proceeds went to help the DeGrange family and son, Charlie. Charlie was diagnosed with a very rare inoperable type of brain cancer. He was a second grade student at Our Lady of Victory School before the diagnosis. Since then the DeGrange Family has relocated to Vacaville, CA, to be closer to family and medical attention in San Francisco. We pray for Charlie and his family.

Pray for peace in the world and good health for our members.

We are looking forward to the ICF Convention in Fresno, CA, in 2016. See you all there.

Branch 32's June meeting had a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic Theme.

**Chicago**

**River Forest**

**St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358**

Not too much going on as we take a summer break from our meeting in July. It gives us time to refresh for the upcoming months. The branch hosted the sweet table for the parish picnic in June and also donated 2 prizes for the raffle. On Aug. 2 some of our members attended a prayer service at church for "God the Father", while others attended the Chicago District golf outing fund raiser; the profits go towards the seminarian fund. Some of our members went to visit the retired Scalabrinian nuns (there are only 6 of them) for a few hours on Sunday, Aug. 16. We ate a bit and chatted awhile and everyone seems to enjoy the time spent there. We also host a Mimosa Sunday with, naturally mimosas, and homemade Italian sweets-it's a parish function after the Masses so that people can meet and chat with other parishioners that they do no know.

By now, everyone should have their tickets for the Bishop's Day Dinner/Dance on Sunday, Sept. 20 at The Abbington Banquet Hall. It's always a fantastic event, thanks to the hard work of those in charge as well as those who attend and make the fundraiser worthwhile. We have a bake sale coming up in October so once the weather cools down we can roll up our sleeves and start making goodies to sell. It's our branch's only

fundraiser and we rely on making a good profit to enable us to contribute to worthy causes.

Birthday wishes to Josephine Karr in August and Cathleen Pope in September. Please keep our sick members in your daily prayers.

*Talk to you next time.*

*Leonora*

**Chicago**

**Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439**

On June 13, ICF Branch 439 honored St. Anthony with a mass, followed by a reception, at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The mass was celebrated by Father Clair Orso and was a special afternoon of prayer and devotion to St. Anthony for the 150 individuals who attended. Loaves of bread were distributed and donations received were sent to the St. Anthony orphanage in Italy. ICF Branch 439 is now actively preparing for its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser to be held on October 11, 2015. The event will be honoring Fr. Scott Donahue from Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, which has been providing kids in crisis with support and guidance since 1887. Members and their families and friends are looking forward to celebrating this special event.

*Anna Tamburello*

*President, ICF Branch 439*

**Fresno**

**Madera**

**Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27**

July was a time for vacations and relaxation. There was no general meeting, but the officers were busy planning the rest of the year. At the August meeting everyone will reconnect with a potluck and to wish a fond farewell to our Chaplin Sister Thomas Marie Heavy. She is leaving Madera for the East Coast and embarking on her next adventure.

**Bakersfield**

**San Luigi, Br. 33**

Thanks to our new leadership team headed by Maria Steele, the past months have been a time of reorganization and revitalization for Branch 33. The addition of seventeen new members has sparked increased activity. The switch from pot luck to contracted dinners has also been well received.

Programming has offered speakers on timely subjects of interest. Msgr. Craig Harrison spoke on prayerful preparation for Lent. Red Cross Preparedness Coordinator, Daniel Avila discussed personal and family



From Branch 27, left: Jim Cavallero, scholarship recipient Mark Cavallero, President Elsie Bottorff and Scholarship Chairman Dr. Cecilia Massetti.



Branch 27 Kevin Bottorff, scholarship recipient Tyler Bottorff, President Elsie Bottorff and Scholarship Chairman Dr. Cecilia Massetti

disaster preparedness. Judge Raymonda Marques updated us on the Get on the Bus program which buses children to visit their incarcerated parents. Medical Education Specialist Kari Adams spoke on Peripheral Arterial Disease. ICF Scholarship recipient, Zachary Boone, told of his future plans. A Garces graduate, and the great nephew of long time member, Mary Marchetti, Zachary will attend Bakersfield College, and ultimately Fresno State.

Members also participated in two successful fundraisers: St. Joseph's Pasta Dinner and the St. Francis Barbecue. Discussions about a possible joint effort with the Dante Club to sponsor an Italian Festa in October are ongoing.

Membership anniversary congratulations were offered to Mary Marchetti, 78 years; Nancy Romanini, 69 year; Josephine Lencioni, 68 years; and Lido Marchetti, 50 years. Olga Jacobs remains the longest Branch member.

Approved donations were: St. Francis

Parish; Branch 33 Scholarship; Get on the Bus Program; Gifts of Love; Cooley's Anemia and Nepal earthquake victims.

Branch 33 again expects to be the top calendar sales unit in our membership category.

Branch meetings continue to be closed on a humorous note supplied by the able story telling of Bobby Lencioni.

*Roberta Cerri Teglia*

**Sanger**

**Sant'Antonio, Br. 70**

On July 14, Branch 70 held a meeting at St. Mary's Hall. Our guests of honor were the three Sanger High students that were our scholarship winners; Christopher Moreno, Maria Diaz and Giovanni Garza, each received \$500.00 President Kay Lopez also introduced the students parents and all were treated to a delicious buffet dinner prepared by our members.

Also introduced by President Kay Lopez, was Sanger's Mother of the Year, Mrs. Mary Ann Hightower Paxton, who said a few words about herself and gave some good advice to the students.

We also welcomed our deputy, Fred DeRienzo and his lovely wife Gerry.

We are planning a fundraiser yard sale on August 14, and our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale is scheduled for Sept 27. Our dinner is always a popular event in Sanger.

I will be our delegate to the convention in Las Vegas and I will be looking forward to seeing all members who are going.

That's all for now. God Bless and hope to see you in Vegas!

*Orsolina Casella*

**Clovis**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250**

Our Branch is looking forward to our picnic on August 23 and the Convention starting the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rich and Mary Zanarini traveled to Illinois in July to celebrate Rich's mother's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Congratulations to Mrs. Zanarini.

Jennie Campopiano's grandson, Jake Powe, graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from St. Philip School in Pasadena. He will be attending LaSalle Catholic High School in Pasadena.

Please pray for the following families: Jacqui and Luis Ramirez, Verona DeLuca and the Carroll's. Jacquie lost her father in June; Verona DeLuca lost her sister, Dominica, who was charter member of our Branch; and Margaret Carroll, a former member, recently passed away. May their souls rest in peace.

We're happy to report that Beverly Travis came through surgery and is doing well. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Nicole Lang is transferring to Cal Poly this fall to pursue a degree in Business. Good luck, Nicole.

Nicole's brother, eight-year-old Vincent



Branch 250, Clovis Deputy Flora DePasquale initiated new members, Vincent Rodriguez and Mary Moss.

Rodriguez, received a medal of Special Merit for being the only student in the entire second grade to receive all 'A's.

Vincent was initiated as a member last month and received his membership pin. Recently Melissa, his mother, noticed he was getting a dark tan, and she commented on it. Vincent told her he's dark because he's Italian now. "But", his mother, who is Italian, said, "You've always been part Italian." His response was, "No, I wasn't, Mommy, but I'm Italian now because I got my pin."

Happy Birthday to: Lena Daddino (8/19); Angelo Lavagnino (8/2); Betty Massa (8/29); Glenn Vietti (8/13); and Deputy Flora DePasquale (8/25).

*Ciao!*

*LeAnne Lavagnino*

**Bakersfield**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281**

A special thanks to George and Terri Carson for hosting the Ice Cream Social at their home for our July meeting. It was a great event filled with tasty treats and spirited discussion.

We will meet at Dana and Cynthia Munn's home for our September 10 meeting. Attendees will hear a report from our convention delegates who have returned from the Las Vegas Convention with new information and ideas for our ICF branch.

Gary Moles and his team will return to provide our quarterly Pancake Breakfast September 13; contact Gary to volunteer. The more members helping make the day more enjoyable for all, especially since "many hands make light work."

Coffee and Donuts will return the first Sunday of October after parish masses. Consider joining George and Gary's donut gang to have fun distributing donuts and enjoying time conversing with parishioners, who are all potential ICF members!

Our annual "Nite at the Races" will be held October 10. Contact Allen Watts to see how you can help with this fun and exciting event! Marian Zasoski will be asking people to purchase a horse—don't let her down! Remember to invite friends and family outside of the ICF as well—the more, the merrier! This is one of our largest fundraisers and it's up to our members to make it bigger and better each year.

*Baci e abbracci,*

*Kristen Watts*



The Branch 32 officers were recognized in appreciation for their efforts in another successful year.



Branch 32 Committee Chairmen, Patricia Vivenzi, Elaine Lencioni, Evelyn Nieto and Richard Romagnoli received Certificates of Appreciation for their effective leadership in this year's Branch's activities.



The Branch 32 Picnic Theme was complete with hot dogs, salads and chips and ice cold sodas. Leading the serving line are left, Dori Sabbatini and right Martha Acuna.



Another hilarious game played was Transfer the Candy. A straw was used to lift the candies from one bowl to another. We had four teams of 4 members all bobbing heads at the same time trying to get a candy. Pictured here are Rev Deacon Kurt Neuhaus and Patricia Vivenzi.

Members of Branch 32 played pass the Marshmallow became a fun game with each team shouting encouragement for their team. Coordination was the challenge for this winning team. Pictured here are Eleanor Andreotti, Evelyn Nieto, Evelyn Lopez and Claire Pisching.





Members of Branch 417 enjoying time together.

**Fresno**

**Holy Spirit, Br. 417**

So far it has been a great year for Branch 417.

Our Lenten dinners were more successful than the previous years and we were very happy to be able to put the generous donations to good use. In May, our charity committee met and assigned to our local and ICF charities the monies earned through our Lenten dinners and other fund raisers.

Also in May we had a wonderful gathering of members for the Mothers/Fathers day dinner. A group photo was taken of our Branch members and the dinner was delightful as usual.

On July 11, 2015 Holy Spirit Catholic Church celebrated Fr. Patrick McCormick's 40th Priestly Anniversary! He was ordained on June 29, 1975. Our ICF branch 417 helped with the celebration after the 4PM mass and we all had a great time. Our appetizers were much appreciated.

Our July meeting was held on July 15<sup>th</sup> and as usual we had our annual ice cream social in Logan hall. Dakota Stilson, a graduate

of Clovis High School, was the recipient of our Branch's ICF first Year Scholarship and joined us at this meeting and was introduced to our ICF members.

The ICF Convention is almost here. Our new president, Gerry DeRienzo, will represent our branch at the September convention. We know she will do a great job.

Have a wonderful end of summer to all our members.

*Ciao,*

*Pat Duncan*

# Los Angeles

## Archdiocese District

### District Council

Have a great Convention in Las Vegas! Make new friends, visit with old friends and help make the ICF the best that it can be!

We at the District have been busy working to represent the ICF at various Cultural Events throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Developing awareness of our organization while networking with other Italian American Organizations at Church and Community events and helping to get the word out on our organization; that the ICF is based on Faith, Family and Friendship.

As part of the overall ICF Strategic Planning Initiative, the District is working to expand the number of Branches in each of its four Regions by opening new and expanding existing Branches. One Branch was recently discovered to be culturally significant not only to Italians and Americans of Italian Ancestry but also to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To this end, several District Board Members have joined the Branch 67 Board to help reorganize and maintain Branch 67 at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Los Angeles. St Peter's is ranked as an Italian National Church and the District is making a major effort to support this significant historical and cultural facility. ICF Members are welcome to help join this effort.

Also as part of our faith and heritage commitment, the District maintains the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank. Support from ICF Members, Affiliated Mother Cabrini Groups and Friends of Mother Cabrini, is growing. A Monthly Madness Raffle is underway and continues to bring in funds necessary for the repair and replacement of the existing doors and frames on the Chapel and Library. A \$1.00 donation per member is also suggested to bring necessary funds for the continued rehabilitation of the Chapel and Library. All donations for this work are greatly appreciated.

If I could ask anything of all ICF Members it would be to help support the above efforts by keeping the Los Angeles Archdiocese District in your prayers as we continue this journey to reorganize ICF for future generations to enjoy.

All LAADC Branch Officers are requested to meet in the District President's Room on Saturday, September 5 at 4:30 PM for the LAADC District General Meeting. Hope to see you there ... Enjoy the Convention!

*Thank you for being a leader in ICF,*

*Carmelo A. Sabatella AIA*

*President*

**Los Angeles**

**St. Peter, Br. 67**

Branch 67 Board Members Wish All ICF Members a great Convention in Las Vegas! On Sunday, August 9th, ICF LAADC President and President of Branch 67 Carmelo Sabatella and Branch 108 Board Member Linda Sabatella (wife) attended a special Mass followed by the dedication and blessing of a New Mosaic of Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Catherine of Siena, Patron Saints of Italy, by Father Louis Piran of Saint Peter's Church in Los Angeles.

The Mosaic is an original work of Professor Enzo Aiello of Rome and donated to Saint Peter's Catholic Church by an anonymous donor. The dedication was followed by a light Lunch in Casa Italiana and attended by ICF LAADC Regional VP and Branch 67 Board Member Al Restivo and members



Mosaic by Professor Enzo Aiello of Rome.



**SAVE THE DATES:**

- July 19, 2015 - District invites members of the 18 District Branches including their families and friends to the 29th Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser in South Pasadena. Great food, great friends and Raffle too! Please RSVP to 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812. Host: Branch 108.

- September 5, 2015 - LAADC General Meeting at ICF Convention in District President's Room. Meeting scheduled to start at 4:30 pm. All Presidents, delegates and members of the 18 Branches are requested to attend.

- September 13, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Host: Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.

- September 13 2015 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

- November 8, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Host: Burbank Knights of Columbus.

- November 8, 2015 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

- November 15, 2015 - District Bishop Day Mass, Program and Luncheon from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Casa Italiana located at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles. Host: Branch 67.

- December 6, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Mass (12:30pm) followed by Pilgrimage to Chapel followed by Luncheon in the Parish Hall. Host: Branch 102

- January 9, 2016 - District La Befana Celebration. TBA

- January 17, 2016 - ICF LAADC Mass, Program and Officer Installation from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Casa Italiana located at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles. Host: Branch 67.

Note: Groups may schedule visit to Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library by contacting Carmelo Sabatella at 626 372-7812.

**Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA**

**needs YOUR support.**

Funds are still needed to restore the Chapel and Library doors, frames and weather proofing. Mother Cabrini is one of the I.C.F.'s Patron Saints and this is the Chapel she built to pray to Our Lady Help of Christians. The Mother Cabrini Committee of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is holding a "Monthly Money Madness Raffle" - eight more chances to win \$200.00. One drawing per month for the next eight months. Only \$25.00 per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. We NEED every Branch's support. Buy one for your Branch! Individual members welcome to purchase tickets, too! Please call Theresa Sabatella Shaw at 626-379-0639 to reserve your ticket.

Donations also accepted.



On July 9th District Archdiocese District President Carmelo Sabatella and wife Branch 108 Board Member Linda Sabatella, joined descendants of Los Angeles Artist Leo Politi (Susan, Mitch and Paul Politi) at the Leo Politi Photo Exhibition in the Pico House Gallery at Olvera Street in Los Angeles.



On July 9th District Archdiocese District President Carmelo Sabatella with South Pasadena (SP) Councilman Michael Cacciotti, (SP) Mayor Robert Joe, California State Senator Carol Liu and (SP) Councilwoman Marina Kibusian at the Leo Politi Exhibition.



Branch 111 members at annual Branch Picnic.



Branch 111 celebrated the June Birthday of Gary Brougher.



LA Branch 111 College Scholarship winner, Emma Nicoletta with Branch President Frank Salomone.

Ventura Region. ICF Chapel Committee meeting follows from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Chapel Library. Members and Parishioners invited to attend. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS WITH A SHORT ARTICLE IN YOUR CHURCH BULLETINS.

All Members are also invited to visit the ICF Booth at the Feast of San Gennaro in Hollywood on the weekend of September 26 - 27, 2015.

Thank you ICF Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Parishioners for a speedy recovery.

May God bless and keep you healthy "œper cento anni!"

*Carmelo Sabatella, Past President*

*ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com*

This month we would like to welcome the newest members of our branch – Nancy Valdez, Joyce Adragna, Rose Gioffre and Rocco Gioffre. WELCOME to the family!

This month's quote is from our 16th United States' President Abraham Lincoln – "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Always Believe.

*Thank you and God Bless,*

*Giuseppe Veneziano*

**San Pedro**

**St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115**

Our next major fundraiser is our annual St. John Joseph celebration. The Tridium will begin on Thursday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at 730pm, continue on Friday Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> and commence on Saturday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>. Father Patalano will be the Predicator for the 9am mass on Saturday. After mass we will proceed to the grotto and sing traditional songs.

The Lauro family will have the honor of carrying the statue of St. John Joseph.

The festivities will end with our annual prime rib dinner dance at 6pm. This is a fun evening and the funds raised help us to give back to our church. Tickets are \$35.00. If you would like to volunteer and or would like to purchase tickets please call Neal DiLeva 310 4331044.

Please note that due to Tridium starting on August 20<sup>th</sup> our August meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 730pm in parish center. We will be discussing our upcoming annual branch trip scheduled for Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.

Save the date Sept 17<sup>th</sup> This is our potluck meeting and we will be celebrating our branch's 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary. This is a nice get together and great fellowship. Please call Carmela Gioiello and let her know what tasty item you will be bringing.

Prayers and condolences to the family of Philip Mazzella. Phil was a member for 54 years and past president for 18 years. He was one of the pioneers of our branch. He is a great loss to our branch and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace

Our condolences also go out to the family of Carmela Castagnola. She was a wonderful

On August 9 Archdiocese District President Carmelo Sabatella, District and Branch 67 Board Members attended the Mass and Dedication Ceremony of the recently installed Mosaic of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Catherine of Siena, Patrons of Italy, at St Peter's Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

at Branch 67 in Los Angeles.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

**South Pasadena**

**Holy Family, Br. 108**

Branch 108 wishes all ICF Members a great Convention experience in Las Vegas!

As the Summer Season ends, Board Members look forward to the start of the new year visiting with old friends and making new friends at Convention.

ICF Members visiting the Los Angeles Area are invited to join Branch 108 in a game of Bocce and to come enjoy lunch and visit with members at the General Meeting. The next Branch Meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2015 with Bocce (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm) followed by Lunch Social and General Meeting (3:00 pm to 5:00 pm).

On September 13, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Open House at the Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Open House hosted by the ICF Santa Barbara/



of Branches 111 (Montebello) and 374 (La Canada) and representatives of nine Italian Societies of Saint Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles.

Branch 67 is eagerly working with Saint Peter's Church and is reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at the only Italian National Church on the West Coast. In this effort we are asking for your ideas, prayers and support. Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations



Branch 237 Scholarship winner Victoria Walters-Strauss with scholarship chairman Rose Moore.

woman and will be missed.

*Enjoy the rest of the summer*

*Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer*

### Gardena

#### St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

We are very happy to announce the three High School Scholarship winners. They are from St. Anthony, Talia Pele, who will be attending Junipero Serra High School, Faith Perez, who will be attending St. Mathais-Pius X HS and from St. Catherine, Victoria Walters-Strauss, who will be attending Bishop Montgomery HS. Again we congratulate all these students and wish them the best in the future!

Our trip to San Juan Capistrano is postponed until August, contact Connie for information and registration.

Stay tuned for information regarding our annual Christopher Columbus Day Dinner Dance, October 10.

We are all are looking forward to the convention, See you soon.

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord” Psalm 31:25

*Respectfully,*

*Micheal Bohannon-Roa*

### La Cañada Flintridge

#### St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Al and Diane shared a wonderful experience on August 9, 2015 when they attended the 11AM Mass and dedication of a beautiful mosaic at St. Peter Italian Catholic Church in Los Angeles. St. Peter is the Italian national church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and the home for Branch 67. An unknown benefactor donated the mosaic, created by an Italian master. A great Italian luncheon followed in Casa Italiana after Father Louis Piran, c.s., pastor of St. Peter dedicated the beautiful mosaic, which has a prominent place over the front doors of the church. The mosaic depicts St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Francis of Assisi, patron saints of Italy.

Our branch, like the other 17 ICF branches in the archdiocese is planning an outing that includes Mass at St. Peter later this year. The objective is to show support for our national church by bolstering Mass attendance. There is talk about a luncheon at San Antonio Winery after mass. We hope to make this a twice a year branch event. More about this in future Bollettino articles.

The summer was very quiet for our branch, as we were dark in July. The highlight for August was the Home Mass held at The Richardson residence in Flintridge on August

16th. Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, our branch chaplain, celebrated the mass, which was followed by a BBQ on the patio of the beautiful home and grounds.

Auguro a tutti voi abbondanti benedizioni di Dio.

*Al Restivo*

*Branch Orator and Immediate Past President*

## San Gabriel Valley Region

### Arcadia

#### Holy Angels, Br. 218

Hope everyone has been having a good summer. Our next meeting is September 13. Please watch for Jeanne's newsletter for details.

Connie Davis and son have volunteered to be our delegates for the convention in Las Vegas this year. We wish them a fruitful and enjoyable time.

Our nomination of officers is in October and we have several board positions that will need to be filled. Please think about running. Our board meetings are always productive with an element of fun to them. We all work together very well and the results are apparent in the way everything is handled in our branch. Hoping to see everyone at our September meeting. Lolly M.

### Diamond Bar

#### St. Denis, Br. 317

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Dinner/General Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Board Meeting

October 4<sup>th</sup> - ICF Donut Sale

Our St. Denis Annual Taste of Diamond Bar was a huge success. Thank you to all our ICF members who participated and attended and gave of their time.

The Board Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> was hosted by Gerry Hughes and we appreciate her ongoing support of ICF.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> Dinner/General Meeting was a patriotic theme and American Comfort food. In respect to September 11<sup>th</sup> and all who were lost that fatal day, we ask for God's Blessings on the United States of America.

The Convention in Las Vegas was extraordinary in every way. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of ICF 2015 and the wonderful enthusiasm.

*God Bless,*

*Roxanne Perry, President*

### Claremont

#### Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Since this is a 2 month Bulletino, let's recap.

July 4th was a day at the Memorial Park to sell ice cream. It was a hot but breezy and we did fairly well with this fundraiser, July 19 was the branch picnic at the loc park. Lots of food and bocci. All had fun.

The church has it's usually summer clean-up of the school, church and grounds, so we had an ice cream social on the grass. We discussed the upcoming ICF Convention topics and the new proposals. Pres. Bill Mussatto will report at the Sept. meeting. Also OLA school will be celebrating its anniversary in September. The school was opened in 1955. To celebrate there was a picnic on the lawn for the parish. It was manned by the school staff with the help of the parish ministries, ICF, Ladies of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus. Yea! The youth group helped with the blow-ups.

The September meeting will be review of the Convention after dinner and possible Bingo. At the July board meeting we set up our yearly calendar. We will try some joint ventures with the school PFA to help with fundraisers for both the ICF and the School. Pray for a successful year.

More to come later.

Pray for all the sick branch members.

*Andrea Linn*

*Corresponding Sec.*

### Temple City

#### St. Luke, Br. 326

Warm Summer Days are here!

Our next General Meeting will be held on August 26, 2015 at 7:30pm. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30pm.

The September General Meeting will be held on September 23, 2015 at 7:30pm. It will include our ice cream social.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Pat Buccola, Herminia Saez, Pete Costa, Mary Girillo, Annette Tombrello, John Perfetto, and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy August Birthday to: Eva Arrighi and Anthony Basile.

Happy September Birthday to: Luigi Arrighi, Lila Donofrio, Joanne Miller, Roberta Nangelo, and Frances Scorsone.

“Pray without ceasing God hears what you say, from the moment you rise to the close of the day. Don't think for a moment that He turns a deaf ear, trust and have faith and you'll never know fear.” (Helen Parker)

*God Bless,*

*Jo Anne Disney*

## San Fernando Valley Region

### Burbank

#### Santa Maria Goretti, Br. 102

With great sadness, we mourn the passing of Mary Massuci on June 15, 2015.

She was the first Financial Secretary of Branch 102 Burbank and held the office until 1990

when she moved north and joined Branch 352 in Danville.

She was an active member of both branches. She will be remembered for her love of children.

She returned to Burbank in 2009 to help her sister care for her husband.

They remained together until illness took Mary from us.

We will miss you, Mary. You were and always will be a loving and true friend and sister.

*Dina Tomei*

## Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

### Thousand Oaks

#### St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

In July we lost a beautiful soul, longtime member Romano Montanari. Romano was instrumental in building up our heritage programs and was an inspiration to everyone. His sense of humor, welcoming smile and larger than life personality brought so much to our branch. We will all miss him so much.

Our next General Meeting will take place



(Above) Don Giudici and Family.

(Below) Don Giudici as Branch 21's Santa.



Friday, September 18 at 6:00pm.

Convention is coming up quick and our delegates will be Deacon David and Cathie Lawrence and Geno and Lauren Spinelli. They will all have a great time meeting new friends and learning even more about the ICF. We also wish the best to our Central Council Candidates seeking re-election, Anne Interrante and Pat Mages.

Lastly, we pray for all of our children starting up again for a new school year. Whether it be preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, or college we hope they will have a successful year.

# Monterey

### Monterey

#### N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

It's hard to believe that we are once again heading into autumn, but it is a great time to slow down and be reflective. Branch 21 can reflect on having enjoyed a fun and productive spring and summer. In May we had a Luau Dinner that was well-attended. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful Hawaiian music performed by Kalae Miles, and the swaying of the traditional Hawaiian dancers. We thank Cindi Schuette for providing us with such excellent entertainment, and also thank all those hard workers who set-up, cooked, served, and cleaned up.

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual Summer Picnic held on August 16 after 10:30 Holy Cross Mass.

On a serious note, Branch 21 is very sad to learn of the passing of our long-time ICF member and friend, Don Giudici. Don was an amazing member; he had a great sense of fun and was always ready to help in any way that he could. Over the years, he served as Branch President and also served on the Board in several other capacities. God has brought home a most loving and dedicated servant. We will miss him very much.

Lastly, Father Occhiuto gave an up-date on the retrofitting of the Holy Cross High School Building. He said it is nearing completion and there will be a rededication of the building with Bishop Garcia in attendance once refurbishing is finished.

In closing: One September, long ago, while driving through a small town in the Midwest, I saw this saying on a church's marquee: “Fall for God; He is truly un-be-leaf-able.” We certainly know that is true.

*Patty Morelli, Secretary Branch 21*



### Salinas

#### Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Our Branch hosted a joint Central Coast District Bishop's day and Annual Picnic at the JM Ranch on August 2, 2015. Bishop Garcia officiated at mass which was followed by a wonderful picnic lunch. Desserts were provided by our Branch, and appetizers by all other branches. Both were delicious and we very much appreciate those who contributed. Particular thanks go to Bob and Michelle Coyle who donated the chickens and Chuck DeBord and John Cailotto who cooked those chickens. Seminarians Dat and Francisco accompanied the Bishop. The event was held at the JM Ranch; Julie and Joe were wonderful hosts as usual. Bishop Garcia was presented with a check for \$4000 from District President Julie Richards. The Bishop also received a check of \$2000 from Grand President Bob Basuino. Bob further presented Julie Richards with a Certificate of Merit for 85 years of dedication by Branch 25, which was Chartered on March 23, 1935. Bishop Garcia noted that Central Coast District has 19 seminarians; 4 were recently ordained.

The date of the Polenta Luncheon is November 4, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church Hall. This is the major fundraiser for our branch, and we are asking your support. Help the branch and have a great Polenta lunch at the same time.

President Julie Richards will represent our branch at the 2015 Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada

Ciao,

Roy Frontani



Monterey Branch 36 served a delicious chicken and ravioli dinner at our annual 85 and Over Birthday Celebration in July.

62 of the 97 members who are 85 or over attended. A special music program was the highlight of the evening along with birthday cake, balloons and flowers.

### Hollister

#### Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Hello Everyone,

Here's a quarterly update on how our branch is doing in Hollister. We started something new this year for our meetings. We chose to have our meetings at a family restaurant in Hollister called Paines. All of our members seemed to really enjoy it. We had a pasta feed in April which was a great turnout. Every meeting we have been celebrating all the birthdays and anniversaries of our members. Our next Pasta Feed will be on August 22nd at Immaculate Conception. The meal includes spaghetti, italian sausage, salad, bread and dessert. If you would like to come please call MaryAnn Friebe! 831-902-5151.

Please keep all of our sick members in your prayers!

Happy 100th Birthday Aurelia!

Sincerely,

Cheri Huntley

### Monterey

#### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

July was a very busy month for our volunteers, however, they always come through and even make it look easy!

Our 85 and older annual birthday party on July 2 was absolutely beautiful, we had 64 honorees in attendance, the other 33 were ill, traveling, or had other commitments,

we missed those who could not be with us, and had a great party for the ones who were there. The oldest 'STAR' at the party was Josephine Haidich, Josephine will be 101

years old this November. All of our honorees look fantastic, God bless them.

The Central Council Golf Tournament was held by our branch on July 24, there was not as many in attendance as in past years, but they had a very successful, fun filled day. P. J. Curatolo and his faithful crew made a delicious dinner with all the trimmings.

We have lost three more members, our deepest sympathy to the Flores family on the loss of their precious mother, Petrina 'Peggy' Flores. a beautiful woman, she was a role model for mothers, to Eleanor Roach on the death of her beloved Mike and her brother Jack Stracuzzi, they died within a month of each other, to Marie Ruiz whose husband Vincent Ruiz Jr. passed away after a long illness, I never saw Vince without his

smile and he cared about everybody.

CALENDAR:

September 11-12-13 Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival

October 9-10-11 Columbus weekend in Reno, for information call JoAnn Riso, (831) 372-2108

Enjoy every little thing in life, for one day you may look

back and realize they were the big things.

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

### Castroville

#### Santa Caterina Da Siena, Br. 51

It was a fun-filled summer. Spending time with children, grandchildren, family and friends sure makes time fly.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipient Elizabeth Olsen. Elizabeth is the grand niece of Virginia Frassetto, a long time member and past president of Branch #51.

We are looking forward to the Central Coast District Picnic and Bishop's Day at the JM Ranch. I'm sure that Julie has many activities planned for everyone.

Our next general meeting will be on August 27th. It will be a potluck, a member will be calling with more information.

Our condolences to Egidio and Marie Tonus on the passing of Egidio's sister, Gina Candiloro. Gina has been a member of Branch #51 for over forty-eight years. Please pray for Gina's family.

We would like to send best wishes to Thelma Sbarra, who lives out of the area but who is always in our hearts. Please pray for our sick and hospitalized members and friends, especially for Alice Soliven and Joe Micheli, Jr.

Thank you to all members who sold convention raffle tickets.

Happy Birthday wishes to Nancy Ausonio, Father Pedro, Carrie Holbrook, Alice Soliven and Kathy Stefani (June Birthdays), Cindy Stefani (July Birthday), Denise Amerison, Pauline Bigby, Stefani Cortopassi, Dave Pecci, Carmen Rossi and Pat Stefani (August Birthdays).

We will see you at the Convention.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

### Pacific Grove

#### Angela Merici, Br. 206

Because of scheduling conflicts with the Hall, we were finally able to schedule a meeting. All the members enjoyed being together again and sharing a potluck dinner.

The Central Coast Picnic and Bishop's Day are scheduled for August 2 in Chualar, and Sarah Jane Amoroso is planning to attend.

Sarah Jane will also be our delegate to the Convention in Las Vegas on September 3.

So many of our members have been and are still sick so they are all in our prayers. We look forward to seeing healthy Members at our next meeting on August 14, at 5:00 PM.

Have a fun summer with family and friends!

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

### Capitola

#### St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our August meeting featured a potluck dinner and once again, our members displayed their culinary skills. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. Thanks to all who participated.

At the same meeting, we welcomed new member Maureen O'Neil. Maureen, who is half Irish and half Italian, is married to our popular chef, Dan Casagrande. Dan's birthday is nine days after Maureen's, so he jokes about marrying an older woman.

Ron Castle has served as our bartender for three years and would like to "retire." Would anyone who is interested please contact Ron. He will show you the ropes.

Along that same vein, President Bob Montonye, who has headed our annual barbecue for eight years, announced that 2016 will be his last time.

We were sorry to learn of Will Gahr's passing. Every year at scholarship time, Will (who was by no means a youngster) would amuse us by standing up at the meeting and announcing that he wanted a scholarship. He never failed to get a laugh. Our traditional rose ceremony was carried out at Will's services.

As summer winds down, we wish good luck and safe travel to all students heading off to school.

We also offer best wishes to our Past President, Franklyn Lopes, in his campaign for re-election to the Central Council at the Annual Convention.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

### Arroyo Grande

#### St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 would like to send our prayers for a safe, fun and successful ICF Convention in Las Vegas for our delegates and all other attendees. Our branch delegates are Pete & Abby Gallagher and Jerry & Sandy Quintiliani. Joanna Van Blaricom and Kathleen Sullivan are attending as alternates. We look forward to hearing all about the convention at our September General Meeting. (Reminder: On this occasion, what happens in Vegas does NOT stay in Vegas!)

We are looking forward to our first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this season on Saturday, August 29. Join us from 4-7pm in our church hall for a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings! Net proceeds go towards our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. Stay tuned for an article on this successful program in a future Bollettino!

Several members from Branch 291 enjoyed the food, fellowship and festivities during the Central Coast District Meeting/Picnic and Bishop's Day held at Julie Richards' Ranch in Chualar on Aug. 2. Our Branch looks forward to hosting the next Central Coast District Meeting on October 4 at St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande.

Please keep the following ICF members from Br. 291 in your thoughts and prayers:

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Melanie Bloom, East Bay District Scholarship winner.

Barbara Badasci, Sr. Carol Carter, Dianne Clees, Homer Clees, Stevie Hall, Floralee Harris, Lorraine Spargo, Helen Summerfield, Joanna Van Blaricom, Josephine Volanto, Sonia Wagner and Jens Wagner.

Ciao!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

### St. Rose of Lima

#### Paso Robles, Br. 354

The St. Rose annual June Mass honoring living and deceased members of our club was well attended. Breakfast followed at the Grange. Supporters of the 4-H Club members voted to meet annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of August for Mass w/a pancake breakfast served by the Knights of Columbus, an event put on our agenda.

Fr. Roberto opened our July meeting w/ prayers. So happy to have him back after his long absence. President David reported that our project for repairs and replacements of chairs for the hall is complete and ready for use. Our club VP Karen Kudija presented St. Rose Grammar School with five \$250.00 scholarships; the two \$400.00 scholarships went to Julie Cates and Natalie Manieri.

The much anticipated District Meeting, Bishop's Day, was held at the ranch of Julie Richards and Joe Mossolo in Chualar. Mass was offered by Bishop Richard Garcia, followed by introductions of the many Central Council officers. Two new Seminarians attended: Francesco Garcia and Pat Nyguen.

Please offer healing prayers for our ill members: Muffy Banks, Evelyn Gandra, Alice Mastagni and Tony Salvia. We would also send get well wishes to Liz Grammatico, President of the Monterey Branch. See you in September, Liz.

Our small branch is proud of our group's many accomplishments due to the dedicated time and work of our President David Zanini and wife Irma. They will be honored with the "Family of the Year" award at the Convention, a most deserving couple. We love you.

God Bless all of you,

Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary

## Oakland East Bay

### District Council

Even though it is summer time the district has been hard at work planning the next 6 months and looking forward to the convention.

Leonard Rossi reports that the golf tournament was a success and that the dinner following was well attended.

The district will host a hospitality room at the convention to introduce candidate Lise Crudo to those attending. Thanks to Pres. Pat Paquinelli and past Pres. Fran LaTorre for doing the leg work.

When we return from the convention it will be time for the district picnic. This will take place on Sept.19th at Al and Deanna DeNurra's, Mass will be celebrated at 11 by Fr. Duda.

Save the Date: ICF Central Council will sponsor "Late Night Catechism" at Holy Names University on

Oct. 25th at 2pm. For ticket information call brown paper tickets @ 1-800-838-3006, ex 1, or go on line to <http://italiancatholicfederationinc.brownpapertickets.com>. Hope to see lots of you there.

Plans are under way for our Christmas party on Dec. 5, 2015. More info. to follow.

And into the new year, installation will be Sunday, Jan.17,2016, more to follow.

We made a few changes in branch deputies this month, not only will Fran LaTorre be district deputy she will also be deputy to Br.#10 and Dave Rose will be deputy to Br.#91.

Now, time to pack those clothes and make final plans for the convention. May everyone have a safe trip and meet some old friends and make some new ones.

God Bless,

Pat Grasso,

District Secretary

### Alameda

#### Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We welcomed a large group (about 84) of celebrants to our 89th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 16 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall in Alameda. Chef Ben Ratto cooked a delicious fare of pork loin and risotto. Leonard Rossi of Branch 343 (Castro Valley) provided live accordion music during the social hour, and the Ramos brother, Henry

and Alex, played dance music following the meal. Father Joy Kumarthusseril, MF, the pastor of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish of Alameda, who studied in Rome for several years, offered grace in Italian.

In the last weeks of the 2014-15 school year the branch honored six young people with scholarships for their ongoing learning. Two high school graduates, Cassian Castillo of Saint Joseph Notre Dame HS of Alameda and Joseph Carriere of Bishop O'Dowd HS of Oakland, received college scholarships. High school scholarships were awarded to eighth-grade graduates Isabel Alvarado and Andy Powell, both from Saint Philip Neri School, and Mia Leon and Gabriel Reyes, both from Saint Joseph Elementary School in Alameda.

We sponsored our first-ever bunco party in the late morning and early afternoon of Sunday, June 28 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Proceeds benefitted Birthright, which is headquartered in the nearby East Bay community of San Lorenzo. Second vice-president Peggy Lubeck chaired the event.

One other change from a longstanding tradition is that we have moved our monthly meeting from the second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of the month. The move will give us more time in which to include the latest information in our Bollettino article.

Our first social undertaking after the beginning of the 2015-16 school year will be the very popular Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, October 24. Details regarding prices and reservations will follow in the October edition of the Bollettino.

At our monthly meeting of June 11 we voted for our delegates to the September convention in Las Vegas. Journeying to Southern Nevada will be Branch 10 president Dave Rose, Peggy Lubeck and Bob Lubeck, Peggy's husband.

John Zugnoni

### Richmond

#### St. Raymond, Br.154

July was a vacation month for members of St. Raymond Branch. We are rested and ready to tackle our next big fundraiser which is the Polenta Dinner in October.

The date has been confirmed to be October 17, 2015. It is never too early to make your reservation. Call Dee Yonke at 510-236-0689.

The bus trip to Cache Creek on July 27, 2015, was not full but the folks at the casino said come on anyway! A good time was had by all those that attended. Next bus trip is in October, date still to be determined. Please call Joe Meneghelli at 510-234-2208 to reserve a seat on the lucky bus! Bring your friends; you do not have to be a member of ICF to grab a seat



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on the bus! A big Thank You to Joe for always putting together a fun trip.

Next meeting is Sept 14, 2015. The delegates to the convention will have returned with news and announcements to share. Dinner is at 6:00PM. Chicken dinner to precede the meeting, cost is 6:00. Please call Dee, 232-1387 by Sept 6<sup>th</sup> for reservations.

We are now on Face Book. Please, "Like us"! Look for us under St. Raymond Branch154.

Lorraine Acuña

### Livermore

#### St. Filomena, Br. 285

Branch 285 has had a great summer!

The weather was beautiful for our annual Bocce and Lunch get together on July 14. The teams kept a lively conversation going, cheering and consoling each other in good fun. We missed a few members who usually come because of health reasons and look forward to seeing them rolling those bocce balls next year. Thanks to Don Merucci for arranging it.

The Oakland Athletics Italian Heritage Night, August 7, was a good time, as usual. It is always fun to go somewhere and eat with a bunch of Italians; and, a baseball game is no exception! A big "Thank You" to Carolyn Cardinali for getting the tickets for our branch.

Our August 9 picnic and meeting was held at the home of member, Joyce DeAngelo. It was a great pot luck picnic and everyone enjoyed the afternoon. "Thank you, Joyce, for hosting and providing the beverages!"

Branch 285's September meeting will be held Friday, the 18th, 6:00pm, at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, in Pleasanton. The menu for the evening will be main dish salads and simple desserts. Our president, Elaine Meier will give us a short report on the ICF Convention in Las Vegas.

Anna Yocham and Ed Rocca are both on the mend. Both have been very active in our branch and we hope to see them at meetings again, soon. We also miss Pat Mueller and hope she and Ed Sacca can be with us soon. May God's healing blessings be with them and with any others I am not aware of who are ill.

Ciao,

Mary Merucci

### Castro Valley

#### Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well this may be the good old summertime, but we still have lots to do before going off to convention. Our Aug. meeting is a fun one, eating ice cream for dinner! However there are plenty of raffle tickets to be sold and ICF functions to attend. We did review



Congratulations to Kimberly Barkley, Branch 343 scholarship winner.

proposed by-law changes to be voted on at the convention. Even non delegates should attend meetings and listen to what is being proposed and why.

When we return from convention it will be time for more socializing at the district picnic, more good food and fun.

Many of our members at the July meeting were able to meet the new Parochial Vicar at OLG, Fr. Paul. Not only did he greet the group, but went from table to table to meet individuals. Let's give him a big ICF welcome!

Let's keep member, Lisa Crudo, in our prayers during her upcoming surgery.

Looking forward to our Chicken Marsala dinner in September. In the meantime, have a wonderful convention and enjoy the last holiday weekend of summer, Labor Day in Las Vegas.

*Blessing on all,*

*Pat Grasso, Branch secretary*

## Contra Costa

### Martinez

#### San Martino, Br. 13

We toast our first year scholarship recipient, De La Salle High School graduate, Officer and Branch 13 member, Paul S. Cook, along with our Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship recipient Melissa Plankey. This bursary is offered by Branch 13 annually to students in the eighth grade class at Saint Catherine of Siena Parochial School graduating to a Catholic High School. Congratulations to Paul in his future endeavors at Saint Mary's College of California and to Melissa as she continues her Catholic schooling at Carondelet High School.

Tickets are now on sale for Branch 13's Annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2015, 6pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) \$20 per person, \$8 for children 6 to 12 years old, and FREE for children under 6 years old accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets available by calling 925-229-2665. Raffle prizes and donations are requested and accepted at any time. St. Catherine has a 4:30 PM Saturday Mass, so, you can attend Mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there.

Upcoming in Martinez: September 12—Bingo; 25—Branch meeting; October 3—Oktoberfest; 10—Bingo; 10—Sacrament of Anointing; 17—Blood Drive; 23—Branch meeting/elections; 24—Polenta, Chicken & Sausage dinner; November 14—Bingo; 20—Thanksgiving feast/branch meeting; December 5/6—Holiday Lane; 2016 Calendars are now on sale for \$25.00 each.

Branch 13 wishes all ICF delegates a productive and fun-filled convention weekend. Stay cool.

*Ciao for now,*

*Mary Cook*

## Crockett

### San Carlo, Br. 14

We celebrated our Branch's 88th Anniversary in great style. As always, John Valentini and his assistants prepared a delicious barbeque. Being such a renowned chef, I doubt he shares his delicious barbeque sauce or salad dressing recipes. The Casino Night, following dinner, was fun and profitable for the 20 members who won prizes, and was even enjoyable for the good-natured members who didn't win.

Get well wishes were sent to Michelle Keyes. Hope by now you are doing fine, Michelle.

It is with great sadness that we offer condolences to Sylvia Smith and Rich and Clo Smith Haisley on the passing of our active member, Lisa Smith Yama. Lisa was a well-loved, gifted woman and a wonderful chef, who generously shared her time and talents with ICF. She is deeply missed.

We hope many will attend our Annual Branch Picnic on Sunday, August 23 at the DeTomasi home, 2:00 P.M. Please let Donna (799-2336) or Pat (787-1131) know if you will attend. Please bring a dessert; everything else will be provided.

Our regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8th. Mass is at 5:30, a risotto and chicken dinner at 6:30, and the meeting is at 7:30. The "highly sought-after" tickets for our "always-sold-out" October Polenta Dinner (October 24th) can be purchased after the meeting.

Regular participants look forward to our Bingo and Hot Dog Nights. On September 25th, hot dogs with all the trimmings are served at 6:00, followed by 10 games of Bingo, all for a mere \$10.00. There's no cover charge for Number Caller Pat Botta's amusing playfulness.

We send late summer blessings to all.

*Ciao,*

*Diane Bottini Thomas*

## Pittsburg

### San Domenico, Br. 72

On August 1 we attended a workshop presented by the Central Council. We wish to thank the Crockett branch for hosting. We enjoyed a continental breakfast followed by the workshop. We also thank the Central Council members for their presentation.

On August 15 our branch had our annual swim party and picnic held at the home of Joann Thilgen. It was a lot of fun. We thank Joann for this summer treat.

Upcoming:

No branch meeting in September.

September 4-7 Annual Convention held at the Westgate hotel in Las Vegas. Helen Politakes will represent our branch.

September 13 Bus trip to the Santa Rosalia festival in Monterey. Sold out. Call Joann for wait list. 925-625-0863

October 11 -- Over night bus trip to the Reno Italian festival. Sold out!

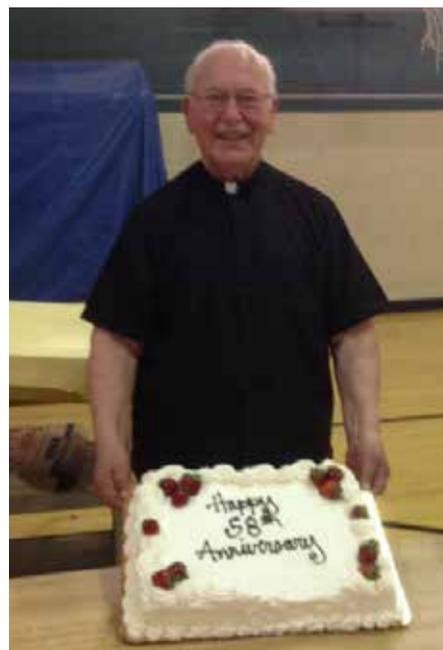
October 18 -- Branch meeting and election of 2016 officers at 2pm.

October 22 -- District meeting and elections at 7:30pm in Danville.

Our branch will host the district Communion Mass and Lunch in Nov. Watch for details next month.

The district is also going to have our annual Night of Recollection in the fall. Details will also be posted next month.

Some of our members have asked about



incorrect information posted by another branch. It was stated that Pittsburg might merge with another branch. There has been no discussion about us merging with anyone. It was also stated that our branch had 14 members. That is also incorrect. Please disregard these statements.

Happy Grandparents day on September 13 to all the grandparents.

*Sempre Avanti,*

*Patty Jarrett*

## Concord

### Todos Santos, Br. 214

#### St. Agnes, St. Bonaventure, Queen of All Saints & St. Francis of Assisi

September 20th is our Annual Wine Tasting Event. What a Great Way to Spend a Sunday Afternoon. 1-3:30pm - tickets are \$20 per person; this includes a souvenir wine glass, 4 wine tastings, & delicious appetizers. Please contact Joanne Doorack (925) 798-1735.

No August meeting.

Our Annual BBQ was held in August at our President Roberta Healy's home. She as always outdoes the day with her hospitality and deliciously prepared meal. Thanking new member Earl Koski for preparing appetizers on the BBQ and Jo Lee & husband Ed for bringing their own made wine.

September offers a lot in our branch, starting with convention; President Roberta and members Ed & Allison McGuirk attended. The branch members all looked forward to hearing updates on this informative and fun weekend. Our meeting also included the installing new members, more to come on this; we are so excited at the growth we continue to have.

Prayers for our sick members especially Wanda Smithson, prayers also for our elderly. God Bless Our Military too.

*Chris*

## Danville

### St. Isidore, Br. 352

The June dinner meeting of Danville Branch 352 was a pizza party! It also happened to be the 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Monsignor Cardelli's ordination to the priesthood. Our special dessert included a celebratory cake, in Monsignor's honor. He was also showered with all of our prayers and very best wishes for the years to come!



(Left) Congratulations to Monsignor Cardelli on celebrating his 58th Anniversary!

(Above) Branch 352 member, Dick Reynolds (Scholarship Chair) with the two 1st year scholarship award recipients, Emma Young & Natalie McElroy, and their families.

Our two first-year scholarship award recipients and their families were also in attendance at the June meeting. Awards were presented to Natalie McElroy and Emma Young by branch member Dick Reynolds, our Scholarship Chair. Emma will be attending Chico State. She'd like to major in Recording Engineering/Arts, to work in sound, film, TV or the music industry. Natalie will be attending UC-Davis, majoring in Environmental Science & Management. Congratulations to both Emma & Natalie and good luck to both in their educational endeavors.

Tony Rosellini, Membership Chair, introduced our two newest branch members. Please welcome Dana Wellington and Richard Potesta!

Please remember our past member, Mary Massucci, who passed away in June at the age of 98. Mary became a member of our Branch in 1975 and remained until she moved to Burbank, to be with her sister. She & her family are in our thoughts and prayers, may she rest in peace.

Our next dinner meeting is Monday, August 17. Bring your appetite – Chef Angelo will be back in the kitchen!

*Ciao,*

*Marianne Bordogna*

*Recording Secretary*

## Brentwood

### Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all. Lots of good things have been Happening:

On June 29 the annual scholarship winner's (see photo) dinner was held. ICF, in concert with the Knights of Columbus, treated the winners and their families to a gala evening of food and celebration. Deacon John emceed the evening making for some very happy and excited graduates. For all gathered, a very enjoyable evening.

Viva Las Vegas! As Elvis likes to sing. The delegates this year will be our President, Gino Simonetti and his wife Marilyn. The convention is being held in Las Vegas from September 4th to the 7th. This is a well deserved honor for Gino and Marilyn. We know it's tough duty, just remember "what happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas."

Hot August Nights! Vroom! Vroom! Roadsters, Coupes, Hot Rods and Classic Cars: it doesn't get any better than "Festa Italia." That's right, It's Branch 432's annual Concourse featuring some of America's



IHM, Branch 432 Scholarship winners for 2015: From the left Frank and Grace Bustos for Granddaughter Madeline, Meaghan Yeakley, Menard Mayo, John Madrid, Lareana Taraalba, Emilio Alaniz  
Photo courtesy J. Risso

greatest cars. Dozens of cars will be on display to be enjoyed and savored. It doesn't end at the car show though: Delight your palette with a great pasta feed washed down with a glass of red wine. This great event takes place on September 28th in the IHM Community Center and Church parking lot. The time is 3 to 9 PM. The cost is \$15 for both the Concourse and pasta feed.

When you are having a bad day, remember, all days are good, it's just that some days are better.

la vita è buona

July and August represents a two month summertime "vacation" from our regular dinner and meeting schedule. Our next Branch get-together will be our annual picnic at Idlewild Park on Sunday September 20, 2015 at noon. The Branch will furnish the meat and drinks. Everyone else attending should bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Hope everyone is having a good summer and see you at our annual picnic.

Ciao,

Charlyne Pacini



Branch 428, St. Katharine Drexel, Martell/Amador County had their annual Bocce Dinner/Meeting at the IBS grounds in Martell. It was another beautiful Gold Country Evening. Our cooks did a great job on the steaks and had many different salads and plenty of Bocce was played, just a great time was had by all.

by September 15; call Janine at 508-1199

Buon Compleanno to our members Michael Ebert, Deacon Luigi Del Gaudio, Mary Ann Heinen, Enes Manfredini, Anabelle Ebert, Forrest Frazier, Diane King, Patricia Wood who are celebrating August birthdays;

Birthday wishes also to September honorees Ivana Berton, Rev Francis A. Quinn, Leda Costamagna, Mary Jo Lee, Adele Viglione, Bonnie Lally and William James.



at our events.

I have once again been chosen by our branch to act as a delegate at the convention in Las Vegas. Thank you! I look forward to seeing old friends and learning more about the future of the ICF. See you there!

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Bolletino Contributor

## Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

The meeting on June 14 was a celebration of our scholarship recipients. Attending was Danielle Uptain, who graduated from Reed High School in Sparks. She is the granddaughter of one of our members, Darlene Uptain. The other scholarship recipient was Branden Matthews, who graduated from Bishop Manogue High School, the grandson of Melvena Sullivan, who was unable to attend but sent a thank you letter. The attending recipient and her family joined us for a pizza dinner.

Another celebration was for our chaplain, Father Mike Mahone, on the occasion of his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a priest.

Father Mike brought a guest, Francesco from Italy, who is studying for a Master's Degree at the University of Nevada in Reno.

The two members chosen to be delegates for this year's convention in Las Vegas are Charlyne Pacini and Vonnice Ramos.

Our annual fund-raiser will be a polenta with chicken dinner at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows on Saturday, November 7, 2015. It was voted to present Bishop Calvo with the Seminary Burse at the dinner, if he is able to attend.

## Sacramento

Blessed Sacrament

District Council

A night of fun, food and entertainment will be held on Saturday, September 26 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Roseville; the Blessed Sacrament District is holding a Monte Carlo and Pasta Dinner! Each person will receive \$3000 in play money to enjoy Blackjack, Bingo, Bunco, Roulette and Texas Hold 'em... all for chances to win several wonderful prizes. Plus, a delicious pasta dinner will be served, including meat sauce, pesto sauce, salad, bread and dessert. Donation: \$20 per person. For more information and reservations, please call District President Paula Scarpelli (916) 740-3256 or District Secretary Maria Keller (916) 456-0957.

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

The next GREAT Chicken and Polenta Dinner is on Sunday, September 20. Because of the great success of the Monte Carlo Night we will be playing BINGO before the dinner. Times are branch meeting at 4:00pm, BINGO at 4:30pm and dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$13.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members and guests. Make your reservation

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

Frances Pugliese, a member of Branch 73 since 1978, died 5 July. Frances rarely missed a monthly meeting and always attended the branch's dinners, almost always in the company of family members and a considerable number of friends. Her absence from Branch 73 and its activities will be noted. Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eam. Requiescat in pace.

The \$500.00 scholarships donated by Branch 73 to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will be attending a Catholic high school were granted by the school to James White and Gabrielle Dickey. James plans to attend Christian Brothers High School. Gabrielle St. Francis High School. They and their families have been invited to join us for a light supper at 6:00 pm on 18 August, preceding our meeting that evening.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti I soci della Sezione 73 nati nei mesi di agosto e settembre. Uno di questi e' Bruno Novi, il quale arriva al suo ottantunesimo il 3 agosto.

Robert Delpippo

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Let me give you some highlights on our Giants Game now that the peanuts, popcorn, hot dogs and oh yes the garlic fries are devoured. We sure enjoyed this trip thanks to Michael and Sandra for doing a remarkable job chairing and preparing this event. At the rest stop we were served hot dogs, chips and sodas or water. This was a surprise to all of us. On the way to the game we played bingo. The winners received some very nice prizes. Congratulations to all the winners. The real excitement came when we arrived at the ball park. The garden was all adorned with Italian music and food. We also received our Italian and Giants logo blanket. Between the screams and shouts some of us lost our voice. We do have some die hard fans that stayed for the extra inning which we didn't expect. All in all we had a wonderful time thanks to the Fuentes.

The date has been changed for the Mangiamo Dinner and Monte Carlo night due to several members going on vacation. The new date is Saturday Sept.26th. The cost is \$20.00 this includes casino money to play the games. Each branch has a responsible task. Our branch will be doing desserts and taking down tables.

We lost one of our dear members this month. Are condolences to Joe Wagner's family. Please keep all our sick members in your prayers.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 26 -- Gathering Inn Dinner- Chairman Michael Fuentes

Sept. 26 -- Mangiamo Dinner and Casino Night

Your Reporter

Yvonne Perry

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Greetings from Branch 342! We hope everyone had a restful summer. Our branch enjoyed several fun summer events and we were able to welcome several new families to the branch. Our board is busy planning our fall and winter events and we would love for you to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month and help plan them. It is important that as many members as possible attend our meetings so everyone can make suggestions and volunteer to help



Danielle Uptain receiving her Central Council scholarship certificate from Branch 135 President Carolyn Smith.



Branch 135 Chaplain, Father Mike Mahone being congratulated by President Carolyn Smith on the occasion of his 35th anniversary of becoming a Priest.

# San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Well the year is half gone and I missed the deadline for an article last month, so I hope to get this one in on time. We held an election to fill the Trustee position vacated when Danny Vendetti passed. Nan Judge was elected, but fell and injured her wrist, so wasn't at the last meeting. Keep her in your prayers that she recuperates soon. Our President, Mauro Romagnoli, and First Vice President, John Carlo, presented two scholarships at our 10:30 Mass. Felicia Carlo received our Branch Scholarship and Cheyenne Figueroa, was awarded another one funded by one of our members, Ethel Juliano. Tony Selvaggi, will barbecue at the next meeting there will only be brief update but no formal meeting. Almost every member contributed to the Sponsor Page, at the urging of our Branch Secretary, Annemarie McCarthy. Thanks to my grandson, Mark's computer expertise, he created an ad for our Branch and one for our District, which will be published in the Souvenir Book. We are looking forward to seeing our fellow ICF friends, in Las Vegas. Birthday Greetings to all late July and August Celebrants.

Ciao,

Jack Grisafe

# San Diego

Chula Vista

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

Happy Convention!! I wish all the delegates well!

The July 18, 2015 Pasta Dinner Dance Event was a great success! Thank you to Bob Maruca, the Pierottis, the Snyders, the Savageaus, Anthony Scipione, Josepha Arietta, Jody Balestrieri, and all of you for your hard work and dedication!! Also, thank you to Fr. Alex for the beautiful blessing spoken in Italian, for the vendors and the members who donated items for the raffle, and for the great DJ. The food was delicious, the music was great, the raffle was a lot of fun, and the fellowship was wonderful!! A good time was had by all!!

We welcome new members Kathy Bruyere, Dolores Cisneros, and Stevan and Michele Gonzales.

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, for the unemployed, for the military personnel, and for those in need.

When you see a man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military! God bless America! God bless the ICF!!

Ciao!

Karen Judson

Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Hats off to the Las Vegas District for all its hard work in preparing for this year's convention. The convention, being the first that our Branch President, Delfina Centanni, will attend, will be equipped with valuable information acquired from the general and break-out sessions which she will share with



Forrest & Prudence Price, Chairs of the Branch 261 Fathers' Day Buffet.

our branch's membership at the September 18 general meeting.

Congratulations to Jim Cardinale-Hill and Pietro Vella who placed third in the San Diego District's Annual Bocce Tournament. Thanks to Forrest Price and Richard Barker for co-chairing this popular event (picnic and tournament) held at Allied Gardens Park and to Fr. Bill Stevenson for celebrating Mass to begin the day.

Our district and branch are looking forward to attending Bishop's Day to be held on Sunday, September 27 hosted by Branch 416, Santa Sophia Parish in Spring Valley. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon in the parish hall.

God Bless,

Maria Tollefson

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

An Evangelist: Our Pastor Father Michael invited an evangelist to speak at our parish... Richard Lane provided an inspirational evening. He spoke of mercy – love & charity.. He was most knowledgeable of the Bible – and gave us short quizzes.. His Dad was a famous football player Night Train Lane...who is a member of the NFL Hall of Fame....Lane will be going to Africa to preach Pope Francis' message of mercy....

Scholarships: Our branch voted to give two \$400 grants to two parish school grads... The recipients: Ryan McNamara & Adrian Carretero.. Our prayers are with you as you continue your education...

Bocce: Some of our Bocce pros have been practicing Bocce... It appears they would like win another 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy.. Br 261 now has a reputation of being the "Olde Yankees" of Bocce...We are the team to beat!! The Branch Tournament is on July 12<sup>th</sup> and the San Diego District will be August 2.

New Members: Congrats and welcome to Jo Cryder and Francien Poirier our new members... Jo is an usher at Sunday Mass – Francien is a special minister .... Our ICF thanks you for your Christian service...

The June meeting was well attended.. We all met at Gaetano's Pizza Restaurant.. The

cooks provided a delicious Italian Buffet. The fried egg plant was delizioso!!!! Forrest & Prudence Price chaired a delightful session... All voted to return ASAP.. Thank you Forrest & Prudence.

Vic Tallarida

# San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Due to the August/September issue of the Bollettino at Convention time, the following dates cover several months:

Aug. 23 -- Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am

Sept 4-7 -- Convention Las Vegas

Sept 9 -- Monthly Meeting Convention Reports 7:00 pm Hosts: Toni Morsello & Mary Zadra

Sept 27 -- Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am

Oct 7 -- Monthly Meeting 7:00pm Hosts: Ollie deMicheli & Anna Doyle. Nomination and election of 2016 Officers .

Best wishes to Pres. Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat for a successful Convention !

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

When the July Bollettino came out, we hadn't had our June meeting yet. We celebrated "Il Giorno Del Papa" with a nice "Minestrone Soup Luncheon" purchased at a Deli in Napa...hot & delicious! We were very happy to meet our new member Erin Costigliola. We are so excited to have Erin join our happy bunch, Branch 38. I'm sure she'll be an active ICF member.

We all enjoyed the Heritage Program portion of our meetings, and we're lucky to have Maria Gloria as our Heritage chairlady. Normally, each month she has something interesting to tell us on "our promise to love & honor the land of our ancestors." This month (Flag Day June 14 & Independence Day July 4), she spoke of our "promise of loyalty & respect to the American flag." She gave each member Red, White, & Blue necklaces, a R/W/B decorated bucket with lots of R/W/B goodies in it! GRAZIE

We are looking forward at meeting 2015 Scholarship Recipient, Matilde Begliomini, at our August 8 meeting. Her mother told me she traveled to Italy in June to visit her grandmother. It will be nice to hear all about her experiences in Italy, where she'll be attending college, and her plans for the future.

Reminder Members: If you haven't returned your Money/stubs for the ICF Convention Raffle tickets, you have a few days left. August 15 is the deadline! Send everything to Madeline. Our Br. #38 gets to keep \$10.00 from each book sold.

Ciao, ci vediamo il 12 di settembre!

\*10:30 Officers meeting \*11:30 Regular meeting \*12:30 "Hawaiian Luau" luncheon

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

As our President George Bacigalupi was vacationing in Hawaii, out past Pres. Liana Figone graciously conducted our August meeting.

We were happy to welcome two new members: Josephine Amoroso and Mary La Rocca.

It was announced that our oldest member, Dina Puccinelli, Passed away at 105 yrs. of age. May she rest in peace.

It is wonderful that Marcella Ramos will be attending the ICF Convention in September, and we look forward to her report. Plans were discussed to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of our branch. It was agreed to celebrate with a Christmas Breakfast. Date and Place to be announced. Also in the planning stage is an overnight trip to Cache Creek.

As it was our "Pizza Night", we thank Mimi Ysturiz Dougherty for her delicious selections. Everyone had a favorite ! Our meal was rounded out with a wonderful salad and yummy ice cream desserts.

To all our dear members fighting health problems, we send prayers and get well wishes.

Ciao,

Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We are very sad to report that Jenny Sant passed away on July 5, 2015. Jenny was a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, Br. 258 for 37 years. Jenny attended all of our affairs when she was able to do so. Jenny we know the Blessed Mother will keep you in Her care. We love you and you will be greatly missed.

On August 19th we are going to Red Hawk Casino. We hope someone will hit it big.

September 9th--we plan a trip to visit Mission San Juan Bautista. Lunch will be at the Cow's Nest. Then we will go to see Historic State Parks Museums.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers.

Br. 258 wishes everyone a very successful and enjoyable Convention.

*Valente Marini Perata*  
& Company FD-100

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Br. 258 Pot Luck Lunch on July 8 honored Alessandro Di Modica, Karina Loza and Sarah Mehrwein for their \$400 scholarships. Their families also attended.



vacations. Congratulations to our Scholarship recipient Sabrina Clark, a Graduate of St. Francis High School, Mountain View. She will attend Cal Poly and Study Environmental Science. A reception was held to honor her before our June meeting. She attended with her parents and cousin.

Congratulations to Branch 6, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City on their 90th milestone Anniversary celebration on August 9, 2015.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, September 4, to Monday, September 7, 2015 ICF Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's theme: "Glorify the Lord by your Life."

Saturday, September 19, District's 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan's Church, Millbrae

Thursday, September 24, 2015, District meeting at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. 7:30 p.m.

Special thanks to Carole Gianuario for all of her devotion as our past Sunshine person.

Thanks to our new Sunshine person Roberta Franchini for volunteering.

Our thoughts and prayers to Father Frank Murray. Our sympathy and prayers to the Family of Deacon Michael Murphy, Chaplain of Branch 327, St. Charles Church.

*Peach and Love!*

*Anne O'Brien*

**South San Francisco**

**Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

Welcome back from summer. We hope you all had a restful and relaxing vacation.

Our Vice President, Marc Teglia attended Saint Veronicas School graduation and presented scholarships to Domenic and Garrett Camicia. Both will be attending Serra High School. (See attached picture). Due to a late notice, we were unable to attend the graduation at All Souls School, but our award recipient was Kailey Vo and she will be attending Mercy San Francisco. Congratulations!

Our first dinner/business meeting back from vacation will be August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization. Our convention is coming up in September and will be held in Las Vegas this year.

The "Western BBQ Dinner-Dance" Fundraiser is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> and will be our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will send out more information on this event as time draws near.



SSF Branch 7 VP Marc Teglia with Domenic and Garrett-Scholarship Winners.

The business/dinner meeting for September will be on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and our October business/dinner meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

My goodness, that brings us into the holidays. The November business/dinner meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> and last but not least, the last meeting of the year is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is always great fun because there is no business on the agenda. We just all take the time to really enjoy each other's company.

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to our President Kelly on the recent death of her father. Rest in Peace.

So, until next time...a little thought to ponder, "Happiness is not getting what we want, it's appreciating what we have"!

*Sempre Avanti*

*Laurie Masetti*

**San Mateo**

**St. Matthew, Br. 163**

Greetings! Hope you had an enjoyable and restful respite this past month.

Many thanks to Virginia Fuentes and her helpers for the delicious chicken dinner in June.

Congratulations to Norma and Bob Ludlow on the birth of their first grandchild and to Michele and Jim Loman on the birth of their second granddaughter, Teagan!

Congratulations to Frank and Lena Venturelli on their 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Congratulations to on their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversaries to Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Sunday, August 9 and Branch 7, All Souls, South San Francisco on Saturday, October 24.

Other districts celebrating anniversaries in October are Branch 163 on October 18 and Branch 19 on October 26.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, August 13, 2015 – Will be our next meeting and Risotto Dinner. Usual time and price.

Friday, September 4 to Monday, September 7, 2015 – ICF Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – Our District's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. 2 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan's, Millbrae. Cost \$25.

Keep Father Frank Murray in your thoughts and Prayers.

Our Sympathy to the family of Deacon Michael Murphy, Chaplain of Branch 327, St. Charles, San Carlos.

*Peace and Love.*

*Anne O'Brien*

**Burlingame**

**Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173**

Convention time is almost here as our Branch will be well represented. Las Vegas here we come.

We held our 2nd Annual Branch Picnic August 2, 2015 in San Mateo and shade, great weather, good food, bocce ball, face painting and other games were enjoyed by all ages. Special thanks to Mary Ann Camacho who chaired the event and Tom and Elena Tealdi who reserved the park for us. Also, special thanks goes to John who was our cook and, of course, Italians and friends never go hungry!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 19: 50th Anniversary Celebration of the San Mateo District. Contact: Dorene Campanile 650-344-7870

OCTOBER 17: Pedro Tournament O.L.A. Hall, Burlingame - more details to follow.

NOVEMBER 21: Branch Anniversary Dinner - details to be announced soon.

Please keep members who are in the recovery stages: Rosalie Hare and Margie Hosking and any other ill members in your prayers.

*God Bless,*

*Rosalind C. Emery*

**South San Francisco**

**St. Augustine, Br. 213**

We all enjoyed the "pot luck picnic" at our August 11 meeting, hosted by Faith Hill. Thanks, Faith, for organizing it!

Good luck wishes to all the conventioners in wonderful Las Vegas! Hope you learn lots about the Italian Catholic Federation and have a great time. We especially wish our delegate, president Barbara Gabriel, a memorable experience. Barbara is a new president and this is her first ICF convention!

Some dates to remember: September 19th – 50th Anniversary of San Mateo District and October 21st – Branch 213 Casino Bus Trip Fundraiser to Graton. Details at our branch meeting.

Sunshine: As always, please keep in your prayers our members who are unable to attend our meetings. Especially keep Steve Crisafi in your prayers. Steve was unable to attend our June meeting, so give him a call (754-0144) and let him know he is missed.

Hope to see all of you at our September 8 dinner meeting to be hosted by Glorinda Dobleman.

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**San Carlos**

**St. Charles, Br. 327**

Hope all of you had a very nice summer. I have just a couple of announcements for this September Bollettino.

The ICF San Mateo District is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on Saturday, September 19. The Mass will be at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Angels, 1721 Hillside Blvd., Burlingame. The dinner will follow the Mass and will be held at St. Dunstan's Hall, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae. There will be a no-host cocktail bar with appetizers. The dinner features Chicken Cordon Bleu, glazed carrots, rice pilaf, salad, dessert, wine and coffee. The price is \$25.00 (\$12.50 for children 5-12; under 5, no charge) If you plan to attend RSVP by

September 10 to: Dorene Campanile, 1620 Howard Avenue, Burlingame 94010, 650-344-7870.

Saturday, October 24, Branch #7, All Souls



San Mateo District Scholarship winner with Marc Teglia and CC Grand Secretary Debbie Rodondi.

Remember these dates:

September 7th--Officer's Meeting

September 27th-- Mass

September 28th--Meeting

*Ciao,*

*Eva Perata, president*

**San Francisco**

**St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

I hope that all of you are enjoying the summer and doing fun things. Joe and I have just returned from a ten-day Alaska cruise, which we enjoyed a lot. I can now focus on the upcoming convention in Las Vegas.

Next meeting will be on Sept. 9, at 6:30, followed by a potluck dinner and raffle. Serra Room.

Please note that our October meeting will be on held on Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 12 Noon, in the Serra Room. At that time we will have nomination and election of officers. Pizza, salad and beer will be served.

La vita e` bella. Thanks to all your prayers and good wishes, Nancy is free of that nasty virus and doing much better. She is now looking forward to Convention days. We pray that everyone else is in good health.

*Ciao and God Bless,*

*Ann Basuino*

**San Mateo**

**San Mateo**

**District Council**

Greetings! Hope this finds you rested and ready to get back to business after summer

Church, South San Francisco is celebrating its 90th Anniversary with a Western BBQ night. More information in the next Bollettino.

Our next ICF meeting is Tuesday, September 15. Dinner menu still to be determined.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

**Menlo Park**

**St. Patrick, Br. 351**

Thursday September 10 -5:30pm - Monthly Mass at Church of Nativity will be followed a Potluck Dinner and Meeting! RSVP to Cory at 650-867-8946 by August 4th!!!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!

Congratulations Lauren Genevro, our scholarship winner! She is the Granddaughter of Al and Theresa Genevro.

Thursday September 24- Gambling Trip to Black Oak Casino. \$30.00 per person. Call Theresa at 650-324-0421

Please pray for our many sick members, especially, Victor Rosasco, Betty Long, Dr. Ralph Yob, Al and Theresa Genevro, Annuziatta Maestrini, Father Gaffey, and Father Murray (District Chaplain)

We need to continue to pray for our deceased members.

Wishing everyone a safe trip a successful convention!

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**Millbrae**

**St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

The ICF Convention will be held in Las Vegas on Friday September 4 to Sunday September 6, 2015.

We will have no monthly meeting in September.

September 19, 2015 - ICF San Mateo District celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Festivities begin with 2:00PM Mass at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame followed by a meal at St. Dunstan's Parish Center, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae. A complete chicken cordon bleu dinner will be served for \$25. For reservations call 650-344-7870 by 9/10/15.

Save this date: October 25, 2015

Our branch will be serving our popular Polenta Dinner in the Parish Center, with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will consist of salad, antipasto, polenta with chicken and sausage, bread, wine and dessert for \$25 per person. For reservations send check payable to Branch #403, to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Rose Marie Morando

Correspondent Secretary

**Marin**

**Larkspur**

**St. James, Br. 161**

On July 19 we had our summer dinner at Chalet Basque Restaurant in San Rafael. No-host cocktails started at 4:00 with dinner at 5:00pm. Entrée choices were poached salmon, half roasted chicken, veal piccata and New York steak. The dinner included pate, soup, salad, dessert, coffee and wine. Everyone attending had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who donated money towards the basket raffles.

Thank you to all of you who bought raffle tickets for the convention.



Santa Clara Valley District outdoor mass at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara. Ric Shimshock holds an umbrella to protect Father Paolo Gobbo from the sun on this beautiful day.

Best wishes for a successful convention in Las Vegas.

Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren't feeling well.

Our next meeting will be September 15. See you then.

See you next month,

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

**San Jose**

**Santa Clara Valley**

**District Council**

Thank you Br 435 St. Catherine for hosting the July District Meeting. President Denise called on all branches give their usual reports and acknowledging that their Apostolate Report was sent to Central Council.

Louise Vento provided an insightful Heritage talk about the Sicilian Language. Eileen Fritsch gave an update on the current status on the Organ Donor program. Elaine Osorio reported that 100 people attended the District Mass and that 61 members attended the following luncheon. Our next big event is the District Picnic. Help will be needed on Saturday, Aug 1 to setup the tables and booths. This year a mass is planned on Sunday at 11:30 am. Casino Night finally has a venue and is a go for 9/18.

- o District Picnic – Setup Aug 1 – Aug 2 – 11:30 am Mass, Picnic follows – St. Clare's
- o San Jose Giants Italian Night – Saturday, 8/15/15

- o Casino Night 9/18

- o Bishop's Day Br 391 – 11:30 am Mass – Oct 18

- o Next Meeting: Holy Cross – Tuesday, August 11

Mike Nunziata

**Santa Clara**

**N.S. Assunta, Br. 5**

Thanks go to all of you who helped to make our July BBQ a successful, enjoyable, and memorable event. God blessed us with beautiful weather, so that we could relax and enjoy being with good friends, and getting



Denise Antonowicz presented the Santa Clara Valley District Papa Joe Marsalli Scholarship award.

to know ICF members who came from other chapters.

We wish our Br. 5 Convention Delegate, Bob McLean and his wife, an informative and enjoyable experience. They will give us a report at the September meeting.

Our branch will be hosting the Santa Clara Valley District meeting on September 14. Some volunteers will be needed to help with set-up and treats.

Hope your summer had many relaxing and enjoyable moments.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

**Gilroy**

**Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28**

We wish our Delegates to convention good luck and God speed for a very successful convention. And also good luck to Andy Pappani running for office again.

Roger thanks everyone for a wonderful potluck in August. it is always one of our best meals. Our next meeting will be on September 21, 2015.

On September 18, the San Jose District will be holding a Monte Carlo Night at Church of the Transfiguration 4525 Jarvis Ave. San

Jose. The district need the support of all of the branches. For more information call Denise Antonowicz at 408-356-2543.

Upcoming:

November 1 -- Scholarship breakfast

November 8 -- Saint Francis Cabrini Pilgrimage. We will host it here at St. Mary's more information coming at a later date.

October 10 -- Touch of Italy Dinner, all you can eat shrimp and ravioli.

Please keep our sick and homebound in your prayers.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

**San Jose**

**St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191**

This message is for the branches in the Santa Clara District. I don't mean to neglect all the other branches in the Federation and the following invitation is also open to you. We would welcome you with open arms, but the distance you would have to travel might be a problem. (Maybe not)

Saint Frances Cabrini Church in San Jose has a wonderful facility on their grounds. If you are looking for a place to have a birthday party, an organizational event, a private party, a BBQ for friends or family, consider this wonderful location. This outdoor facility has 3 regulation size Bocce Courts, a horse shoe pit, a BBQ pit and grills, a covered area with table and chairs, and room to fit comfortably 80 people. It is really nice and I have used it for my Toastmasters Club, birthday parties and graduation parties for my family. St. Frances Cabrini Church is located at 15333 Woodard Rd. San Jose, Ca. 95124.



Br. 191's newest member Jeannie Gregorio was installed by Bob Basuino at the July meeting.



Branch 47 presented it scholarships to the young recipient with his family in attendance.



Italian Catholic Federation Branch 184 in Los Gatos held its annual Layette Luncheon at the home of Members Rose and Don Arnaudo in Monte Sereno. Thank you to all who supported our branch layette.



Bob Basuino presents Br. 191's President Jo Bertaccini with a small banner for the branch's 50th Anniversary.

The price is reasonable. For information, call Liz Donaldson (408) 266-3833 or Betty Antuzzi (408) 559-4268.

Jim Jones

**San Jose**

**Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368**

On August 12 we had a wonderful ice cream social, thanks to Jacquie and Paul Butler, Cheryl and Ron Sanchez, and JoAnne and Jerry Opp. Ice cream is always a favorite, but our hosts and hostesses realized that all that sugar, though great tasting, needed to be supplemented by actual nourishment, so we brought "heavy" appetizers, too. A tasty meal was enjoyed by all.

President Noreen Gillio reported that the Santa Clara Valley District Mass and Picnic was well attended by our branch, which provided cakes and helpers.

We discussed and voted on the four proposed branch by-law changes. Our lively discussion gave our delegates direction on how to vote at Convention. Our members had lots of opinions.

Our Monte Carlo night on August fourteenth was a huge success. Organized very capably by our branch members Tony and Connie Clancy, the night of fun provided both our

branch and the John Neumann Council of the Knights of Columbus with funds for our projects. Our share goes to the new parish hall, which is coming along nicely in its second of three phases. Also, the secret is out: Connie and Tony are extremely talented, even able to compose and perform songs at Mass to advertise our Monte Carlo night. A hearty "thank you" to them for all they did to make the evening so much fun!

*Blessings on all,  
Judy Zahn*

**San Jose**

**St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391**

Branch #391 did not have a July meeting, and instead, had a BBQ hotdog dinner, along with beans, watermelon and chips. The summer dinner was spearheaded by the Lencioni Family.

Congratulations to Mary and Sal Lipari who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July!

The St. Martin's gym and kitchen are in the process of being renovated, so Branch #391 will not have a dinner or meeting in August. Also, the Branch's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, originally planned for August, will be moved to September.

*Ciao,  
Bianca Vallorz*

**Sunnyvale**

**Resurrection, Br. 408**

Congratulations to Msgr Milani who has celebrated his 90th Birthday and the 65th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood in June

Our Summer ICF Blood Drive was held on June 21st and we hosted over 43 donors. Thanks to all who have prayed for the success of these Blood drives – especially CC Member Jane Dianda who supplied ICF



Several ICF Members enjoyed participating in the July 4th Rose, White and Blue parade with Tony & Alba's.

Tote bags to all Donors- courtesy of CC.

The outdoor District Mass at Our Lady of Peace was well attended and Fr. Paulo Gobo presider under the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday 19th July in the Farana Center in conjunction with our Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter in support of Community Service . Please consider Vollunteering for this event.

The District Picnic will be held on Sunday 2 August with Mass @ 11 AM and serving from 12 noon to 2PM. Please make an effort to attend.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Monsignor Milani (who is walking now and miracously has no pain), Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, Al's wife Syd, Carolyn O'Connor, Susie Quaglia, and Aldo Lucaratti and especially for Mary Jo DiMuccio who suffered a stroke and is recuperating at The Forum.

**Morgan Hill**

**Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435**

At our last dinner meeting we were treated to a wonderful meal prepared by Luciana and Bob Valenti. We feasted on Linguini with Marinara sauce, prawns, garlic bread and yummy desserts. A big THANK YOU to the Valenti's.

Our branch celebrated June as Wedding month. We brought pictures of our weddings,



Happy 90th Birthday to Monsignor Milani!

our parents weddings etc. It was so much fun looking at pictures from the past and bringing back so many special memories.

Louise Vento talked about the making of a huge wedding cake made in Laverna, Italy. It was very interesting and informative. Thank you Louise.

We would love to have more members join our branch. If you have friends, relatives, family members please tell them about our wonderful bunch of people here at branch 435 and the delicious meals we share every month.

Our condolences to Andy Pappani for the loss of his sister, and to Sylvia Sorci in the passing of her brother in law Gerald Sato.

Please keep Loretta Wilson, Gail Wess, Ken Ravissa and Joe Tacci in your prayers.

Have a wonderful and blessed summer.

*God bless.  
Donna Basilin*

**Santa Rosa**

**Napa**

**San Giuseppe, Br. 12**

We have been busy in July with our Beer Booth for five days at the Napa Town and Country Fair.

August 9th was our annual Picnic held at Ernie and Eloise Rota's patio. There were 23 in attendance including our 8th Grade Scholarship winner and her mother. Jen will be attending Justin-Siena high school this Fall. Many delicious side dishes shared by the members.

*Ciao,  
Juliann*

**Santa Rosa**

**Santa Rosa, Br. 18**

We have big news, we are holding an extra sit-down dinner, Saturday, October 17, 2015, Scottish Rite Center, Acacia Lane and Highway 12, menu; prime rib and all the trimmings at \$20.00. For reservations, call Doreen, 707/525-0295. We use this dinner



Santa Rosa District President, Dante Corsetti, gives a donation to Len Marabella, Executive Director, Santa Rosa Diocese Catholic Charities. Also present are ICF Past Grand President, Robert Acquistapace and ICF Past Grand President Carmen Kilcullen.

income to fund our many community service projects; scholarships, medical research, elder care, help for the homeless and the unborn. Look for further information in our church bulletins, on line and word of mouth. Please pray for the sick; Martha Rusake, the son of our Branch Deputy, Louise Vicino, our District Deputy, Kathy Acquistapace and the grandson of our member, Carmella Hanson. Her dear grandson passed recently. Our sympathy and prayers are with Carmella. Congratulations, Branch 127 Petaluma for hosting our annual District Day of Recollection Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. A special thanks to the coordinators of this most inspiring and interesting event, Dennice DiGirolamo and Spence Burton. For all Sonoma County Fair goers, may all your horses come in winners!

Marie Canale

### Healdsburg

#### San Francesco di Sales, Br. 52

Br. 52 has taken a much needed rest for the summer and we hope all our members had a fun summer. In September, we gear up again, for what promises to be a busy fall season.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 15: Potluck dinner and meeting. 6:30 PM. Make your favorite dish to share with branch members. The Convention delegates will give their reports from the Convention. We will also hold our election of 2016

officers at the meeting. We have a vibrant, successful branch and to continue to be one, we need members to become officers. Please contact Pres. Nancy Seppi or one of the current officers if you are interested in running.

Oct. 11: Bishop's Day at St. Sebastian's Church in Sebastopol. More details, next month.

Nov. 7: Our first Polenta Dinner of the season. Mark your calendars! This dinner is always popular.

We wish our convention delegates a safe, fun and productive trip to the Convention!

We also wish Fr. Sean and Nancy and Karl Seppi a safe and fun trip to Europe. They are walking along the pilgrimage route of Camino de Santiago in Spain.

Please pray for Kathy Acquistapace, our former deputy, who is recovering from a stroke.

Good luck in the new school year to all our members returning to school!

Lauren Kilcullen

### Cloverdale

#### L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Our pre-Father's Day dinner/meeting chaired by Teresa DeRosier and Kristina Caturegli was wonderful. They served up chicken and tri-tip with the works...salad, bread,

veggies...finishing up with choices of lemon delight and double chocolate brownies/ice cream for dessert. Afterwards, they told the dads to go fishing in a specially designed pond stocked with "manly" goodies.

This dinner had a special entrance fee! Everyone brought bags of food for branch member, MJ Dellaquilla's "Christmas in June" event for The Food Pantry here in Cloverdale. This ministry does much to feed the homeless, those sheltered by the Wallace House and other low income populations in our area. Her event was a great success and we enthusiastically support her efforts.

This is also our month to throw our financial support behind Melissa Gothard and donate to Vacation Bible School which begins the last week in July. The kids will be learning about Jesus and making the imaginary climb to Mount Everest, this year's special theme. It's a lively five days with several different learning stations and youth leadership for the singing and dancing. Melissa and crew do a fantastic job of making Catholicism fun and relevant...a memorable experience for the kids that they'll want to pass on to the next generation!

President, Patsy Buchignani, will be the delegate for the Convention in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend.

We ask for prayers of healing for Teresa's 26 year-old son, Dustin DeRosier, an avid race car driver who was attending an event at Sears Point, passed out, and damaged himself seriously from the fall.

Patsy Buchignani

### Petaluma

#### St. Vincent, Br. 127

Convention time is almost here and I am looking forward to attending the Convention in Las Vegas. The Branch is being well represented, not only by our President Bruno and his wife, but Sharon Hromek, Bea McQuaid, Denise DiGirolamo, Lucy Spingola and myself. It's so much fun because I get to see all the friends I have made through the years of other conventions that Louis and I attended.

Congratulations to Madeline Fassett on becoming our new Trustee at the last meetings election.

Thanks to Mary Ann Ciabbattari for handling the Convention Raffle Tickets Sales.

Condolences to the family of Doris Burbank, a long time member of the Branch who recently passed on. Condolences too, to Susan O'Connor on the loss of her Stepfather, and to Jackie Smith, on the loss of her Father.

Also I want to welcome Susan back to the Branch. Looking forward to seeing you.

Good to see that Denise DiGirolamo is doing so well from her surgery. Get well wishes to our District Deputy Kathy Acquistapace who recently had a stroke. Keep her in your prayers. Sending wishes to Frank Cresci and hope he is having better days.

Sept. 3 - 7 Convention, Las Vegas

Sept. 14 -- Pot Luck, Regular Meeting Room 9 - 6:00 p.m. Please be on time.

Oct. 11 -- Bishop's Day Mass and Luncheon Sebastopol Branch

Oct. 12 -- Columbus Day Meeting - Branch Nominations and Elections

Oct. 24 -- Polenta and Stew Dinner - Keep the date open

Happy Labor Day to all! Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month.



Angelica Smullin accepts the Branch 145 Colivas Scholarship award from former Eureka High School Principal Jerry Colivas during the Eureka branch's potluck dinner meeting to honor our local scholarship recipients. Angelica will attend UC Davis.

Remember to be nice to someone you will a;ways get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

### Arcata

#### St. Mary, Br. 144

July was quite a month. With so many folks gone or ill, we sadly had to cancel Heritage Day. Things should be improving soon... pray for us, and bring in some new members! Upcoming events include nomination of Officers in Sept, Parish Picnic on 9/13, and POLENTA Sept 20...so put on your work aprons.

We wish our Convention Delegates, Mike and Joan Dal Porto a safe, informative, and fun trip to Convention. They should be bringing back the 2016 Calendars. I just can't wait to see them.

Happy Birthday to Dora Scott, Maria Silva, Pete Da Massa, and Mother Seton. Please pray for our ill: Joan and Larry De Peel, Linda Spallino, Lena Dal Porto, Maria Silva, Scott Hicks, and Kathy Acquistapace. Also pray for all those affected by all the wild fires.

August gives us a chance to prepare for the Fall and winter. Gather in supplies and preserve food for future use. Make repairs. While we are doing this, we need to say many prayers of thanks for awe have been given. Pray for strength and courage to face whatever whatever lies ahead for us. Seek God's intentions for our lives. Enjoy the fruits of his Love. Reach out with love to those around us, and share whatever we have to give.

Ciao,

Linda

### Sebastopol

#### St. Michael, Br. 209

Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! Last year our summer weather was quite cool. This year is a different story - lots of hot weather to be able to enjoy summertime activities.

Branch 209 does not meet during the month of July, so this month's news will be very brief.

Upcoming

SEPTEMBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 7 - ICF CONVENTION - LAS VEGAS

September 1, 6:00pm - Board Meeting

September 8, 6:00pm - Regular Meeting - Nominating Committee Appointed

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli



Saint Rose Branch 18 hosting the monthly district meeting.



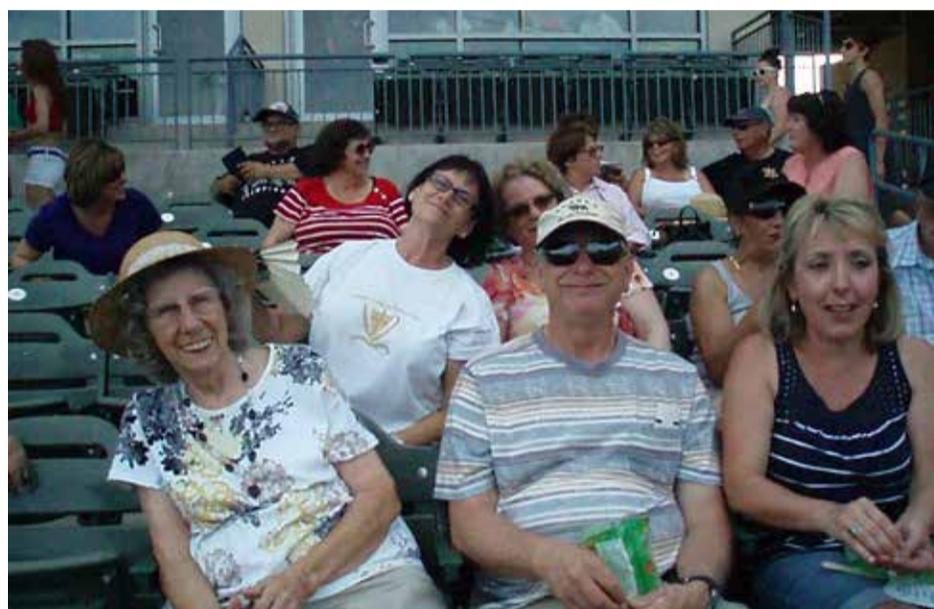
Strategic Plan Workshop: Robert Pachinger, Andy Pappani, Nina Malone, Vince Piro, Pat Mages, Annette and Roger Elissagaray.



Ports Game: Karen Rosson, Splash, Dante Galeazzi, Josephine and Bob Weber.



Strategic Plan Workshop Kitchen Crew: Tracy Members Serena Martochchio, Betty Hollars, Mary Gualco, Lucy Orsi, Marilyn.



# Stockton

## District Council

A fun time was had by all on the warm evening of June 30 at the Banner Island Ballpark in Stockton as the Stockton Ports took on the Modesto Giants. All five branches of the District were represented as we sat behind home plate to cheer on the Ports. Ice cream, hot dogs, and beer were just a few of the ballpark goodies as we enjoyed each other's company without having to do any work...a novelty

The Strategic Plan Workshop was held on Saturday, July 18, at the home of Roger and Annette Elissagaray in Tracy. Again, all branches of the District were represented. The event began with a continental breakfast and was followed by the workshop and lunch. Central Councilmembers Vince Piro, Andy Pappani, Pat Mages, and Nina Malone as well as Robert Pachinger, Branch 413, covered membership, leadership, and community connections. Honored guests were Life Member Dante Galeazzi, Central Councilmember Marco Galeazzi, and Mrs. Malone. A big shout out to the Strategic Plan Workshop presenters and the Elissagaray's for their "over-the-top" hospitality

Congratulations to Frank Re, President of Branch 139, who volunteered to be the Branch Deputy for Modesto, Branch 48. That leaves one branch open for a deputy, St. Anthony's Branch 130. They meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the months at 6:00 p.m. for

dinner with the meeting following dinner, at St. Anthony's. Interested? Call Karen Rosson at (209) 603-5708 for details. We will help you and you will have lots of fun!

It is with great sorrow that our District Trustee, Rita Barretta, died on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday June 21. Rita was a member of Branch 390 for many years, as well as the Stockton District Trustee, and served in many offices.

*Karen Rosson*

## Modesto

### St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

The Stockton District Italian Baseball Night turned out to be a lot of fun. We had a problem getting our tickets, knowing where to meet and the time but Marco Galeazzi came to our rescue with all the information.

When we get back from the convention the preparations for the Parish Fall Festival will be next on the agenda. The festival is September 25-27, 2015. You are invited to join us for the dinners, the carnival, kid's game booths, silent and oral auctions and entertainment. It is held at 1416 Maze Blvd. Modesto on the school grounds.

After the fall festival we will be busy with the bake sale October 3&4. Our bakers will be getting all their specialty recipes baked and the parishioners will be there to buy the biscotti, cakes, breads and pies.

Mass for our deceased members will Sunday,

September 6, 2015 and October 14, 2015 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Our bank night winner was Marie Bertolotti. The refreshments for the September 9, 2015 meeting will be furnished by Carla Wagner.

Coming up:

Sep 4-7 Convention in Las Vegas

Sep 9, 7:00pm - Meeting - St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

Sep 25-27 Fall Festival 11416 Maze Blvd.

Oct 3-4 Bake sale after all the masses

Oct 14 7:00 pm - Meeting - St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

Oct 25 8:00 am mass - Annual Mass & Breakfast

*Cecelia McGhee*

## Manteca

### Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Our ICF Branch was well-represented at the recent Festa Italiana in Lodi. We had a booth there selling Italian merchandise, including aprons, mugs and CD's. Chair Anna Mello and her 10 helpers collected funds which will go into our scholarship account. Many thanks for their hard work on a hot day.

Congratulations are also in order for our other two scholarship recipients. Colton

Thomas, son of Financial Secretary Lisa Compton, is an East Union High graduate in Manteca and plans to go to Modesto Junior College and study Agriculture Business. Stephanie Bribiesca is also a graduate of East Union High. Her plans are undecided at this time.

Speaking of scholarships, congratulations to Dwight Jackson, grandson of Joe and Pat Pellegrino, who received a scholarship from the Central Council at our June meeting. Dwight is a graduate of St. Mary's High in Stockton and is enrolled at the University of Puget Sound. He will study criminology and play football.

*Ciao,  
Mariano*

## Tracy

### St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our District Strategic Plan Workshop was held on Saturday, July 18 at the home of District President Annette Elissagaray and was attended by members of the Stockton District. It was an informative day with over 40 ICF members attending. Continental breakfast was over the top! Lunch was fabulous. Our thanks to Annette and her husband Roger for hosting our branch's first event of this kind. We learned a lot about the leadership needed to continue our



ICF Branch 390 monthly dinner enjoyed by our new Italian priest Father Charlie Fermeglia and Sister Marlene at St. Bernard's in Tracy.

organization.

Our annual District picnic at Escalon Community Park in August, where we feasted on wonderful bbq steaks and lots of side dishes. Everyone had a ball!

Our delegates to the convention this year will be Joe Bacchetti, Serena Martocchio, Steve Ridolfi and Lucy Orsi. Also keeping Branch 390 busy in September will be manning our booth like we do every year at St. Bernard's Church Parish Festival. ICF branch members volunteer our time and energy selling pizza and iced-lemonade, with all proceeds going to help with the expenses to run our parish and school.

Sadly, Rita Baretta passed away peacefully at home on her 85th birthday June 21st. She was a Charter member and past President of Branch 390. She was born in Gera Lario on Lake Como in Italy and was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Mario. Rita came to the US in 1952 and after marrying Mario, they farmed together for 52 years. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ICF "Gifts of Love" in her name.

Hope everyone had a super summer!

*Ciao for now,*

*Betty Hollars*

**Angels Camp**

**St. Patrick, Br. 413**

Howdy, Howdy Y'all. Much thanks to all who helped and attended our Western BBQ. A great time was had by all; good food, great raffle, Branch and District support and above all profitable for our charities. Hope Dewayne Brown is on the mend after 11 stitches cutting his hand while preparing for the BBQ.

Upcoming Events:

Parish Festival August 16<sup>th</sup>, ICF will make Italian desserts for our booth,

Columbus Day Dinner October 10<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.

Gold Rush Days in Angels October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will do the Pancake Breakfast.

Bishops Day 2016 will be hosted by Br 413 on March 6, 2016 so mark your calendars.

Hugs and prayers for our members under the weather.

*Ciao,*

*Nancy Corsi*



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual ICF Convention Blood Drive**

*Glorify the Lord by Your Life - By Giving the Gift of Life!*

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(Convention Conference Rooms 5 and 6)

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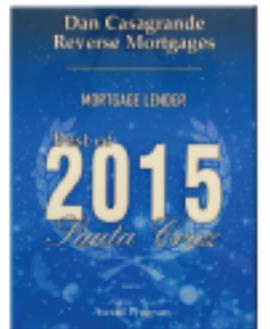
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