



BOLLETTINO



Election of Central Council Officers

This is a follow up to a discussion at the Open Forum workshop at Convention last year. A question was asked why the Convention delegates do not directly elect the Central Council Officers. The answer is stated in the Central Council Statutes which say: "The Central Council shall elect the Officers at the Annual Convention." As is common with almost all other organizations and corporations, the governing board is elected by the members or shareholders, then the governing board elects the officers.

Mike Rossi

Return of the ICF Recipes Section

Recipes are something my mom and I, along with the women in our family before us, loved to collect, try out and improve on for that special dish. At a very young age I remember assisting them with raviolis, gnocchi's, sugo/gravy/sauce and more. When mom no longer wanted to cook, she loved collecting recipes and putting them aside for me to put together for us to sample. And because of this love for recipes, there are shelves upon shelves of cookbooks in the house. Mom loved the ICF recipe calendars and the recipe section in the *Bollettino*... before I could look at the *Bollettino* she had already confiscated it and cut out the recipe so she would not lose it. It never failed that the article I was reading with great interest happened to continue onto the page that was on the flip side of the

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TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Want to Make a Difference? Make Plans to Run for Central Council or the Hospitalization Committee

Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of year has come again to consider running for Central Council.

This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members.

If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:

- 1) Central Council Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
 - 2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by August 1st. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.
 - 3) Present Central Council Members attend the Convention as Delegates-At-Large.
 - 4) The deadline for Candidate Photo and Statement of Purpose to appear in the *Bollettino* is also August 1.
- Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

Hospitalization Committee Candidates

That time of year has come again to consider running for the Hospitalization Committee.

This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members with a two-year term on the Hospitalization Committee.

If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:

- 1) Hospitalization Committee Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
 - 2) Candidates for election to the Hospitalization Committee must declare their candidacy by August 1. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.
- Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

Grand President's Monthly Message *by Bob Basuino*

June has crept up on me. I cannot believe that 2015 is half over. Where has the year gone? I am receiving invitations to graduations from family and friends. Children I remember as babies and 10 year olds are now graduating from grade school, high school or college. When did kids get so tall so fast? I then realized these invitations are proudly announcing big accomplishments and goals that were achieved. These are all reasons to celebrate. Then there is the tradition of June weddings, which leads to anniversaries, more children's birthday parties and graduations.



A special event on my calendar is the ICF's 91st anniversary. Was it really a year ago that we held 3 impressive galas to celebrate this grand occasion? The cycle of life truly is amazing. I forget that I am touching people's lives as I attend all these events by celebrating a special moment in someone's life that will be looked at in the future with great memories. I am reminded of the events of my life and the memories and lives of the people who have left me. I now realize how fast time flies by and yet I forget life is fragile. All these invitations, parties and celebrations create someone's life story that is cherished and carried in memories for as long as we live.

Here in the United States, Father's Day is celebrated in June. In Italy, it is celebrated on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph. Take the time to honor our fathers, not just in the month of June, but always. Our fathers spent their lives teaching and mentoring us. They created memories we fondly remember, and fun stories we share at our family events during our lifetimes.

This year is very bitter sweet for me, as it is the first Father's Day without my Dad. He left me with many great memories, his grandkids and his great-grandchildren. I thank him daily for leaving me a great legacy. By setting the example, he raised me to be a loving father and grandfather. I know in my heart that he not only left his imprint on Diane, my sister, and me, but he managed to become a big part of my children's and grandchildren's lives. Two were too young to know him, so I will rely on my memories to tell them about him and how much they were loved. His influence and love was showed by the way my grandchildren idolized him every time they saw him. I look back and realize I was not as important as I thought because the kids flocked to him. I see

-- Executive Committee

Relief Fund Established For the Earthquake in Nepal

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, Nepal was struck by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. The Nepal earthquake caused serious damage to villages across many districts (with some villages entirely flattened), killed more than 8,000 residents, injured more than 16,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

The Federation has started a relief fund for the people who were devastated by the earthquake in Nepal. \$250 has already been donated from the Central Council funds. We encourage all Branches and Districts to donate to this relief fund to help the people of Nepal who were affected. Individual donations are also welcomed.

Please send your donation to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Nepal Earthquake Relief on the memo line. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to Catholic Relief Services. The deadline for donations is July 15th, so we can forward the money on to help the victims and their families as soon as possible.

Catholic Relief Services is the relief and development arm of the Catholic Church in the United States and they are assisting a sister agency, Caritas Nepal, in coordinating the relief efforts. They are working to provide food, shelter, water and hygiene kits.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who were impacted by this terrible disaster.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.

-- Executive Committee

ICF Is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the *Bollettino* online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, please send an email to newsongline@icf.org to sign up. Please include your full name, branch number and email address.

Correction:

The Seminarian Night that will occur on Saturday, June 6 is the 5th annual Seminarian Night hosted by the ICF.

New Convention Room Rate:

The room rate has been decreased to \$95.00 per night. Please see flyer on page 7.

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UPCOMING**2015 Bishops' Days:**

- Aug. 2 Monterey (Central Coast)
- Sept. 20 Chicago
- Sept. 27 San Diego
- Oct. 4 Fresno
- Oct. 11 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 18 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Nov. 1 Las Vegas

Grand President*continued from page 1*

Dad's imprint on my son Rob when he is with his boys, Jake and Dean. I always thought it was my influence that made my son a great father and husband, but now I am not so sure. Dad is probably laughing, knowing he pulled one over on me.

I thank Dad for all of his love and devotion he showered on all of his family and friends. I thank him for introducing me to the ICF and "politely suggesting" I join. The "gentle push" came when I found there were dues to be paid when I became President of our Branch. On that day he looked at me, smiled, and said, "Now I don't have to worry about you not staying involved, so it's time to pay your own dues!" I think I hear him laughing again. I would not have had 2 of the greatest years of my life as your Grand President had that "gentle push" never happened. There is a saying I heard a short time ago that stated, "to the world you were one person, to us you are the world!" THANK YOU Dad for your love, guidance, and all your support.

We also have to thank our founding fathers, Sir Luigi and Father Bandini, for giving us this wonderful organization we all belong to. Without them many wonderful memories from our groups' celebrations would have never been.

**BUON 91ST ANNIVERSARIO
FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
E UN GIORNA FELICE PADRI!!!!!!**

Our Gift -- Our Responsibility

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
Spiritual Director ICF
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Procreation is a beautiful and amazing gift from God! The very thought that people can cooperate with God in creating a new human being is truly miraculous. A sperm unites with an egg and, behold, a new human being begins to develop. The fertilized cell divides and divides and continues to divide and, in nine short months, forms all the intricate systems of a human body. A new human being is born, unique, unlike any other person in all of history. No one in the future will be born with this baby's personality, this baby's individuality, this baby's "consciousness of self."

We share in this miracle. Our consciousness of ourselves -- who we are, our thoughts, ideas, feelings, hopes and desires -- is special. These

traits are personal to us, not known or shared by anyone else. Each of us is unique indeed.

In our uniqueness, we are also each chosen to serve the Lord uniquely. We each take different life paths, sometimes more than once throughout our lives: different jobs, different careers, different choices in our hobbies and where we live. We all have different life relationships. Yet still, we have one common goal and one common responsibility: to serve our God well, always with Him at our center, coupled with unconditional kindness toward one another. We are meant to embrace life and all its challenges with a big heart and a generous spirit. In this way, we honor the Lord and every unique and miraculous person He has created.

Because God made each one of us as a special human being, we thank Him for this precious gift of life. Along with this gift, we also recognize our responsibility to respect others as children of God, each one a grace in



our lives, each one unique. Born, unborn, about to be born! Yes, procreation is a beautiful and amazing gift and carries great responsibilities.

What Does it Mean to be a Member?

Denise Antonowicz
Membership Committee

Membership

- : the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization
- : the state of being a member
- : all the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or a group.

That's what the Dictionary says is the definition of membership but what is your definition? Is it that we pay our dues and that makes us a member of an organization or is it that we belong because we give our all to what becomes a "family." We are so fortunate to belong to the Italian Catholic Federation, an organization that promotes the basic needs of everyone, Family and Faith. What we need to do is to tell others why we believe in the goals of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Most branches are struggling to enlist new members. There is no magic formula to gain members, but we all need is to come together as a branch or district and figure out what works for us. We know of branches who have mega members and we wonder how can I do that? The Membership Committee is working hard to get you motivated to really start that spark that will inspire you to greatness. It might be as simple as inviting a friend or acquaintance to a branch function, pay their way and let them see the magic that happens when a group of people come together for a common cause. It might be to become an Amici di Couri (a friend of your heart) - a mentor to a new member. Someone who calls that new member before a meeting, picks them up if they need a ride or to introduce them to the wonders of the Italian Catholic Federation. No matter what you do or how you do it, remember the Membership Committee is here to help you. Let us be there for your next Membership Drive, we are ready and willing to assist you in any way!

**Membership Stats as of
April 30, 2015: 10,454
Members as of July 1, 2014:**

10,454 = overall loss of 371 members	
New:	722
Reinstated:	34
Transfer in/out:	74
Deceased:	-220
Cancelled:	-686
Non-payment >12 mos.:	-221

High Five!

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

Central Coast	+37
Santa Rosa	+28
Santa Barbara	+21
Contra Costa	+14
Fresno	+8

with the Seminarian Night Fundraiser and is hopeful for continued private donations to this fund. It is from the Providenza Fund that the Central Council gives a donation to each Bishop for the education of our seminarians. This year, we had to reduce the amount given to each diocese because finances were too low to fully fund our annual donations. The Central Council is hopeful that our Seminarian Night is successful and that donations return to past levels, so we may resume our usual annual donation to each diocese.

The easiest way to maintain our Apostolate Fund is through membership dues. With the decrease of members over the years, our funds have suffered. Meanwhile, our programs are receiving less money in a time when they can truly use more.

We appreciate your support in helping maintain our per capita and promoting donations to our programs to ensure that we can fully support the needs of our Apostolate efforts.

Figuring Out Our Finances – The Apostolate Fund

Roselynne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

As we continue to learn more about the financial operations of the ICF, we will direct our attention to the Apostolate Fund.

From the yearly individual (not family) membership dues, \$2.40 is assessed as apostolate dues. This amount is further broken down to assist other funds. \$1.50 goes to our Providenza Fund, \$0.10 goes to our Charity-Relief Fund, and \$0.80 stays in our Apostolate Fund.

From the amount that stays within our Apostolate Fund, the Central Council pays for religious based expenses, for example stipends to clergy, including The Pope; covering the cost of paying for our Bishops

and Diocesan Chaplains to attend the annual convention; and, paying for the expense of sending our Grand President to the various Bishop's Days.

The portion directed to our Charity-Relief Fund is to be used in special cases for charity or in case of public calamity. Each case is examined and decided by the Central Council, or by the Executive Committee, when time is of the essence. We just accessed the Charity-Relief Fund to provide seed money to assist the earthquake victims in Nepal. Any additional donations will be added to the startup fund then forwarded to a Catholic based organization overseeing recovery efforts in Nepal.

The third fund benefitting from the Apostolate dues is the Providenza Fund, which was fully covered in the last finance article. In short, the Central Council is working to rebuild this fund

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Beginnings of the Scholarship Program - 1964

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

Since this is the time of the year when the Federation districts, branches and Central Council award scholarships, we thought that we would give you, our readers, a bit of history on the program. The ICF has always been interested in the education of Italian students. In 1964, under the leadership of former Grand President, Armond DeMartini, the ICF started its scholarship program. Eight scholarships of \$250 each were awarded to deserving students of Italian descent. The winning applicants in that year were Elaine Giampoli of Chicago; Darlene Biaggi of Minden, NV; Susan Audap of Delano, CA; Rosalie Lopopolo of Orosi, CA; Frank Cetani of San Jose, CA; Frank Onorato of San Pedro, CA; Christine Collins of San Francisco and Suzanne Rocco of San Marcos, CA.

We thought that we would try to see if we could find these winners 51 years later to see what they did with their scholarship money and what path they took in life. We have been able to follow up on three so far. Hopefully, we will be able to find some of the others. We are also trying to find the first winners of the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship and feature them later.

Frank Cetani

Frank Cetani used his scholarship money at the University of Santa Clara where he majored in philosophy. He received a graduate degree from Emory University and later studied at the University of Padua in Italy. He did post-graduate work at the University of Santa Clara and the University of Washington. He served as senior vice-president of Bank of the West; executive vice-president of Silicon Valley Bank and CEO of a Credit Union. Frank is married and has two children and three grandchildren. He is now retired, but is studying

theology at Franciscan University. He says he is enjoying retirement and just "taking it easy." Frank is a parishioner at St. Christopher's in San Jose.

Frank Onorato

Frank used his scholarship money at St. Mary's College where he received a degree in biochemistry. He went on to earn a doctorate degree in Pharmacy from the University of Southern California. For 45 years, Frank managed the Seaside Pharmacy in San Pedro, CA. He also credits his wife, Nancy, with helping him in his career. Frank is now retired and lives in Temecula, CA. He and his wife have three children and two grandchildren. He is enjoying retirement greatly and is spending his spare time becoming more proficient on the computer. He says that retirement is "great"!

Darlene (Biaggi) McRae

Darlene was from Minden, NV. She was the salutatorian of her graduating class at the Douglas County High School in Nevada. She attended the University of Washington and earned a degree in accounting. Darlene worked in the financial field with a number of health-related companies. Darlene was married to Bob McRae and had two daughters, Cheryl and Dianne. Sadly, she died in 2005 after an eleven-year battle with cancer. People remember her as a kind, thoughtful person who inspired all with her strength of spirit, courage, love and humor. She was very devoted to and proud of her family. Her 98 year old father still lives in Minden.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the remaining five winners, please contact Carmen at carmensk@comcast.net. Hopefully, we can feature them in the future.

Congratulations to all the winners for this year, 2015.

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.

Branch 441, Des Plaines, Illinois Raises Funds while Making Friends.

Branch members started several fundraisers as a way to raise money for their charities and to build their up their presence in the parish and local community:

- Sports Raffle which included tickets to a Chicago Bears game, limo transportation to/ from the stadium and a dinner at a famous restaurant
- Monthly Italian Mass (collection goes to parish)
- Spaghetti Luncheon with wine and a raffle
- Christmas Party with dinner (free for members), raffle and entertainment - last year featuring "Elvis", this year an Italian-American singer and accordion player

A future event is a bus trip to the Milwaukee Italian Festival. These events raised thousands of dollars for scholarships, parish and other local charities. Also, more importantly they are able to spread the word about the ICF programs and make many new friends and supporters in the process. Events are a great way to attract new members as well.

It must be noted that this branch has only 30 members. Although they may be small in number, they remain motivated to do all they can to make a difference in their community!



Branch 342, Auburn, California schedules Guest Speakers for Meetings and Events.

In order to spice things up, branch members collectively decided to include guest speakers at some of their monthly meetings as well as to headline special events. A couple of examples are a Christmas Dinner where donation recipients within the local community speak about their organization and a Spring Luncheon that features a community leader as guest speaker.

Their vision was to invite representatives from community organizations to share information about their groups with branch members. Members find out more about what is going on in their local community, understanding the needs of their neighbors, and discovering ways they might be able to help out. Also, the ICF is building relationships with these community organizations who in turn spread the word about the support of the ICF.

The events with guest speakers are promoted through the parish bulletins and local newspaper publications which is a great way to bring more people to the ICF with the possibility of them becoming new members.

So, check out what's happening in your local community, find ways to spread the word about all the good works, and collaborate to make great things happen! ICF

Save The Date

It doesn't seem possible, but Grand President Bob Basuino's term will come to an end at the 2015 Convention.

To celebrate his two years of service to the ICF, there will be a testimonial dinner in his honor.

Save the date for Saturday,
November 7, 2015.

More details will be available as the date draws near.

Thank you!

Heritage Only 155 Days to Go!

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Committee

To what you ask? To the San Francisco Heritage Parade and the Italian Catholic Federation's Trattoria del Pollo float! I'd like to share the interesting history of the parade with you.

1869- San Francisco's First Columbus Day Celebration was held; marking the first time in San Francisco and America that Italian-American gathered and held a parade to honor the accomplishments of Italians, as well as the first Italian-American, Christopher Columbus. The Parade took place in San Francisco's downtown featuring the bands and marching units of Italian fraternal organizations, including the Garibaldi Guard, Swiss Guards

and Lafayette Guards. Four floats were showcased: the first hosted the statue of Christopher Columbus, the second featured two girls representing Isabella of Spain and America, the third depicted the "Santa Maria" with a sailor dressed as Christopher Columbus; and the fourth honored Italian gardeners featuring their agricultural achievements. 1915- The San Francisco Columbus Day Committee was organized by the Salesian Fathers of St. Peter and Paul's Church in the heart of North Beach. The celebration grew to include activities such as the formal grand ball, and a ceremony where a young man and woman were selected by the community to be crowned as the Spanish Monarch's Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. San Francisco's "Ferdinand" and "Isabella" presided over the festivities. Roaring 20's- The Parade grew to include marching units, bands, decorated automobiles

and floats, with the celebration lasting over three hours and presented to a crowd of thousands. The new Parade route started at San Francisco's Civic Center, traveled down Market Street through the Financial District, Chinatown and up Columbus Avenue to finish in front of St. Peter and Paul's Church in the heart of North Beach. 1994- The Columbus Day Parade evolved into the Italian Heritage Parade in an effort to celebrate the accomplishments and culture of all Italians and Italian Americans. 2013- This year marked the return of the Italian Catholic Federation's entry into the parade. A traveling Trattoria del Pollo, featuring Marie Stalteri Antonowicz, dressed as a Chicken, leading the Chicken Dance, many Central Council Members and members from various branches around the ICF handing out information about our organization.

2015- This year marks San Francisco's 147th Italian Heritage Parade, featuring Italian-American dignitaries, music, performances, floats, commerce and of course, our traveling Trattoria! See you all in San Francisco on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nunziata

*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

ICF Deadlines and Calendar

Seminarian Night	June 6, 2015
Golf Tournament Reservation	July 17, 2015
Golf Tournament	July 24, 2015
Convention Hotel Reservation	August 13, 2015
Annual Convention	September 4-7, 2015
Bob Basuino's Testimonial Dinner	November 7, 2015

Thank You...

The family of Theresa Dianda would like to thank everyone for their get-well wishes, calls, cards and masses. Your care and concern are very much appreciated. Please continue to keep Theresa in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you.
The Dianda Family

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2015

Branch 36	Santa Rosa District
Branch 47	Bob and Elaine Osorio
Branch 144	In honor of the 75 th birthday of Bill Greco
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Rita Baretta and Family
Get well wishes for Theresa Dianda	In memory of Nella Bonomini
Bess A. Nicosia	Bob Basuino
In memory of B. John Talia	In honor of the 80 th birthday of Aldine Grisenti
Donna and Richard Pfaff	Bob Basuino
In memory of Richard Semintelli	In honor of the 75 th birthday of Bill Greco
Donna and Richard Pfaff	Mrs. Yvonne Kuzinich and Daughter
Get well wishes for Denise Antonowicz	In memory of Frank Basuino
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basuino	Nina Malone
In memory of Frank Basuino	In memory of Tom Pollicita
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In memory of John Talia	In memory of Joe Slavin
Bea Cunha	Roman Zan
In memory of John Talia	In memory of Mario Cassanego
Patricia and Walter Phillips	Roman Zan
In honor of the birthday of Bill Greco	In memory of Loredana Nomellini
Charles P. Gullo, Jr.	Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Mae Ferraro	Get well wishes for Marco Galeazzi
John and Kris Kaiser	Guido and Emma Zan
In honor of the birthday of Phyllis Dovalgo	In memory of Mario Cassanego
Officers/Members of Br. 184	Aldine Grisenti
In memory of Joanne Erba	Get well wishes for Kathy Mezzetta
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In memory of The Deceased Members of	

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 05/08/2015

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Scholarship Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2015.

Scholarship Donations - 1 st Year
Cecilia Tommei and Family
In memory of Florence Budelli

Ed and Jo Bertaccini
In memory of Marilyn Uzzardo
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nejasmich
In honor of the birthday of Bill Greco

Children's Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2014 and ends in August 2015. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley's Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children's Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley's Anemia patients whom they treat. I.C.F. donations make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Events and Outings.
- Patient Family Conferences.

Last year, the I.C.F. donated \$2,625.00 and this year the I.C.F. wants to continue the program

whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation, in whatever amount you are able to give, towards this very worthwhile program.

A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children/young adults or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help make fun and healthy experiences available to them. Please consider making a donation to help bring these events into their lives.

The deadline for contributions is June 30. Please make your check payable to Italian Catholic Federation, memo it "Children's Hospital Activities Donation" and mail it to the I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report on or before July 15, 2015.

Thank you.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2015

Branch 36
Branch 47
Branch 144
Branch 220
Ann Centoni
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Maxine Settrini

Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Dorothy Chiesa
Jo-Ann and John Donivan
In memory of Stanley Howard
Louise and Frank Segreto
In honor of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Raggio
Mr. Charles Gullo, Jr.
In memory of Marilyn Uzzardo

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Stephen Shimshock	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
5/2	Kathy Houle	14	Vallejo, CA	\$30
5/3	Roger & Kathy Santos	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/4	Nancy Dolci	118	Monterey Park, CA	\$30
5/5	Steve Maricich		Rodeo, CA	\$30
5/6	Ken Marshall	12	Vallejo, CA	\$30
5/7	Cy L. Rinck		Redwood City, CA	\$30
5/8	Joe Rossi	391	Railroad Flat, CA	\$30
5/9	Rita Eulitt		Spring Valley, CA	\$30
5/10	Dale & Terry Benson		Lakewood, CO	\$50
5/11	Lynda Cook	428	Sutter Creek, CA	\$30
5/12	Gerald Engeli	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
5/13	Violetta Daniels	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
5/14	Valerie Vanni	28	Gilroy, CA	\$50
5/15	Rosalind Crudo	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
5/16	Maria Steele	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/17	Hope Rodriguez		Merced, CA	\$30
5/18	Marilyn Ramacher	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
5/19	Terry Wolfe	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/20	Barb Delgado	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
5/21	Beverly Andreozzi	327	Redwood City, CA	\$30
5/22	Mark V. Yonke		Richmond, CA	\$30
5/23	Josie Dacquisto	191	Campbell, CA	\$30
5/24	Branch 12		Napa, CA	\$30
5/25	Catherine Kapper	40	Castro Valley, CA	\$100
5/26	Roseann Costabile	21	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/27	David Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
5/28	Diane Altergott		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/29	Jeff & Nora Farber		Novato, CA	\$30
5/30	Aime Maricich		Crockett, CA	\$30
5/31	Angie De La Rosa		San Bernardino, CA	\$30

Cooley's Corner

The Magic of Painted Turtle Camp

Rosalyn Skelton and Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Everyone deserves to experience the magic of camp. But what about children who need special medical attention in order to be away from home? That is where a place called The Painted Turtle comes in.

The Painted Turtle is a medical specialty camp that provides a year-round, life-changing environment and authentic camp experience for children with serious medical conditions. As a member of the Serious Fun Children's Network, an international family of camps founded by Paul Newman, it is the only camp of its kind in California, serving children across the state with a variety of serious illnesses. The best part is that it is free! There is no billing department — campers and their families will always attend camp free of charge.

Located in the hills just north of Los Angeles, The Painted Turtle hosts eight week-long summer camp sessions and eleven family weekend programs for over 2,500 children, ages 7 to 16. In addition, The Painted Turtle reaches another 2,000 children each year in hospitals across California through its hospital outreach program, The Painted Turtle Outpost.

With the on-site support of some of California's top pediatric medical professionals and a state-of-the-art medical facility, The Painted Turtle's adaptive programming makes it possible for children with serious medical conditions to enjoy traditional summer camp activities such as fishing, boating, horseback riding, archery, high ropes, arts and crafts, woodshop, and much more. Through these programs, campers gain self-confidence and independence and form a community of friends with other children who face similar medical challenges, helping them to realize that they are not alone



in their illnesses. Each session is medical-condition specific. Throughout the year, The Painted Turtle welcomes children with over 30 different illnesses.

Medical conditions served at The Painted Turtle this year include: cerebral palsy, spina bifida, kidney disease and transplant, liver disease and transplant, primary immunodeficiency diseases, rheumatic diseases, skeletal dysplasia (dwarfism), hemophilia, thalassemia (also called Cooley's Anemia), inflammatory bowel diseases, neuromuscular disorders, genetic and metabolic conditions, and many more.

While camp is free, many children with thalassemia from UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, need assistance with transportation. The ICF has been instrumental in providing funds for these kids to make their camp dreams come true. Thank you, ICF!

To learn more about The Painted Turtle visit their website at www.thepaintedturtle.org.



Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If your Branch would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

(510) 428-3885, ext. 5427 or

e-mail: LLevine@mail.cho.org

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is – we are always willing and honored to come for a visit!



BOOK REVIEW

Robert J. Pachinger
Branch 413, St. Patrick's,
Angels Camp

The Mass of the Early Christians**By****Mike Aquilina****Our Sunday Visitor Publishing
Divisions, 255 pages**

A few months ago, I presented a report on the History of the Mass. This book provided an overview of 2,000 years of history. There were many topics brought up in the book that only served to increase my curiosity and focus my efforts on further reading. I found the practice of the early Christians to be very interesting. As such, I looked for more publications on early Christian history and found Mike Aquilina's book. The Mass of the Early Christians is focused on exploring how Mass was celebrated in the first couple of centuries after Christ had established the Church. As Scott Hahn eloquently states in the introduction "The Mass we know on Sunday –the Mass you encounter in this book is where Tradition lives, where the Church's memory reigns "in the Spirit." The exploration of this memory is the point of this book. The exploration is undertaken by a review of contemporary documents written by believers and non-believers.

One must keep in mind that the Eucharistic celebration predates the compilation of the New Testament. Yet, the Mass is established in a form that we can easily recognize from the beginning of the Church. St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians (1 Cor 10-11) already contained instruction on the Mass. All early Christians understood what was meant by reading the memoirs of the apostles and breaking bread. It is impossible to find a complete description (play-by-play) of the Mass because the ritual and traditions had to be kept secret. The reasoning for this is two-fold. First, the early Christians had to survive persecutions and so met in secret. Secondly, the rituals had to be kept secret from the many people who promulgated various heresies. Early Church fathers encouraged the listeners gathered at Mass not to repeat the words to non-believers. Nevertheless, there was enough of a written record left that we can glimpse what was going on in the churches.

Mike Aquilina's book is full of documentary

evidence of early Church practices. It is interesting to read the account of Pliny the Younger who was a pagan governor of Pontus-Bithynia that is now in Turkey. He wrote a letter to Emperor Trajan of Rome, in the year 112, describing the practices of early Christians. He knew that Christians worshiped on Sunday and ate food of an "ordinary kind." It is apparent that he did not find the practice of the Christians to be offensive. Yet, he did not hesitate to be in line with Rome's conclusion that the practices were politically seditious and deserving of capital punishment.

The book has many other examples of early Church traditions. One of my favorites is the Eucharistic Prayer contained in the Apostolic Tradition of St. Hippolytus of Rome. This work was written around the year 215. Controversy surrounds the document, as there is no complete original copy, and the copies that we have are translations from the original Greek that have been revised and expanded. Nevertheless, one can see a close match to our Eucharistic Prayer II that we hear at Mass today.

One constant of the Church is the doctrine of transubstantiation. The early Christians did not have the vocabulary to describe and fully explore the theology behind transubstantiation. Yet, Ignatius of Antioch, in the year 107, clearly knew the Church's Eucharistic teaching that the "Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ."

I am always amazed at the depth of love for the Church and Mass that the early Christians had. These people did not have books. The Bible as we know it did not exist. These people did not have access to the sources of information that we have today. Yet, most of these people were willing to sacrifice their lives for these beliefs. Not all were willing, and there are records of people willing to renounce their faith to save their lives. The early Church struggled with how to let these people re-enter the Church. Throughout all this stress, the early Church practices have continued to be passed on through the generations without change. There have been some embellishments and some clarifications. But, we still read the memoirs of the apostles and break bread.

The Mass of the Early Christians is written in a form that is accessible to all. One does not have to be a scholar to enjoy the various documents presented in the book. The book is divided into three parts: How the Mass Began, The Testimony of Witnesses, and The Mass of the Early Christians. The parts all contain very short chapters that can be read in a short amount of time. I recommend this book to all who wish to explore our Catholic heritage.

Roselynne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

When submitting donations to one of our programs (Providenza, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Cooley's Anemia, etc), please make the check payable to ICF or Italian Catholic Federation. In the memo, indicate the fund where you would like the donation directed.

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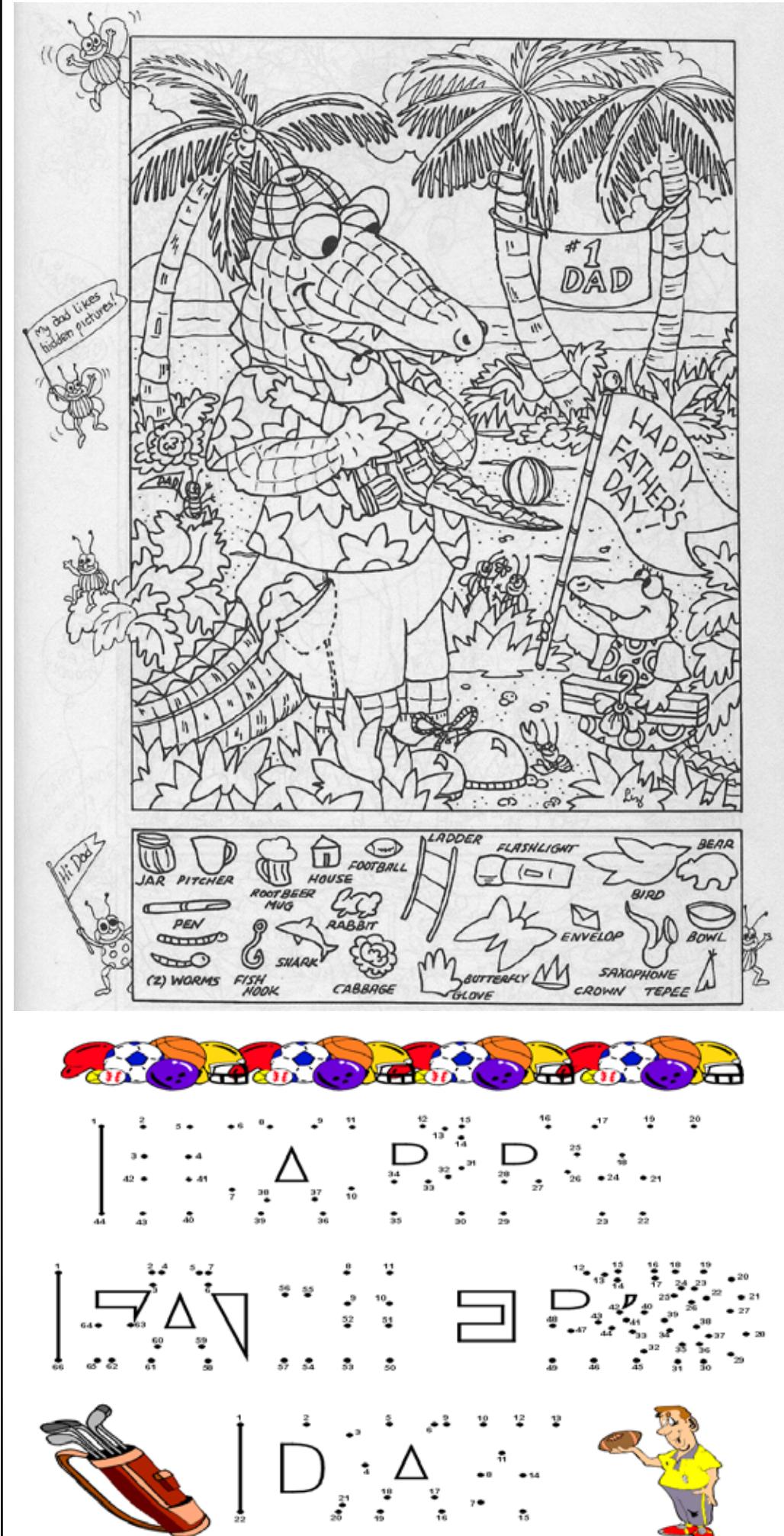
The only email address to send things for the Bollettino is
icfeditor@gmail.com.

All other email addresses have been closed. Please make a note of it.

La Celebrazione di Gioventù -- The Celebration of Youth Happy Father's Day!

*Submitted by Roselynne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer*

Find the hidden objects in this Father's Day picture.



**Italian Catholic Federation Fifteenth Annual****GOLF TOURNAMENT**

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

**DATE:****COURSE:**Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940**FORMAT:**

Four Person Scramble

START:

Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

BANQUET**2:00 -**San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails**3:00 -**

Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 17th, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2015*****If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!*******SIGN UP:**

Name _____

Handicap _____

Name _____

Handicap _____

Name _____

Handicap _____

Name _____

Handicap _____

Banquet only _____

Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 17th deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 17th.

The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!



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Oakland, CA 94621**2015 Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada**
Friday, September 4, 2015 to
Monday, September 7, 2015
Glorify the Lord by Your Life**HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS*******OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL*****

Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino Phone: (702) 732-5111 / Reservations: (800) 635-7711; 3000 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109 -- Visit the following link to hotel reservations <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SICF5R> on our Web site for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

► Room Rate: \$95.00 Single Occupancy plus 12% (subject to change) tax; \$95.00 Double Occupancy plus 12% (subject to change) tax

► Use Group Name "Italian Catholic Federation" or Convention Code "SICF5R" when booking your reservation

► Complimentary Self Parking

► Transportation to/from McCarran Airport: McCarran Int'l Airport is approximately 15 minutes southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.mccarran.com. Bell Trans has a location at the airport and the hotel.

Reservation Deadline is Thursday, August 13, 2015. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability. To avoid lost reservations and reservation errors, we will no longer provide reservation forms.

You must call the hotel or go to their Web site to make your reservations.

*****AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL DIRECT*****

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**Las Vegas Branch 367
invites you to attend**

**Thursday Night Dinner
September 3, 2015**



**Our Lady of Las Vegas
3050 Alta Drive
Las Vegas NV 89107**



6:00 pm No Host Cocktails

**7:00 pm Dinner
Raffle**



**A bus departing at 5 pm
will be provided for
convention hotel guests.**

Please print clearly

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Branch #: _____

Contact Phone #: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Number of persons attending: _____ X \$39.00 per person Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

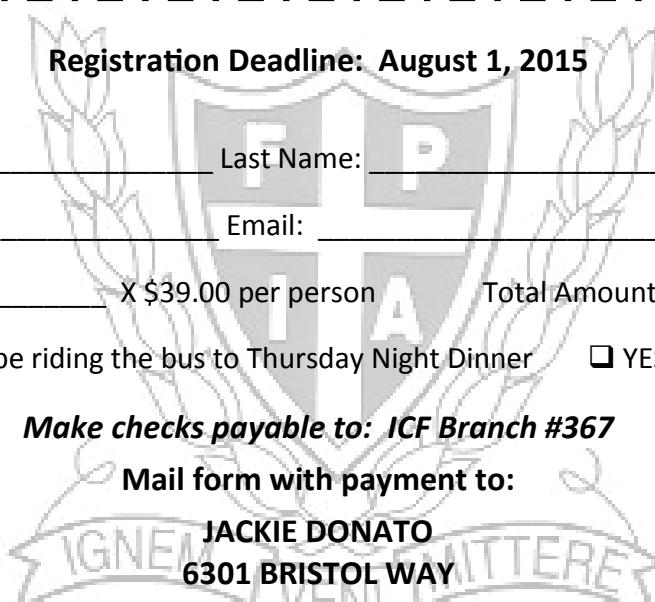


I/We will be riding the bus to Thursday Night Dinner YES NO

Make checks payable to: ICF Branch #367

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Save-The-Date
3rd Annual
Convention
Blood Drive
 Friday, September 4, 2015
 at the Convention Hotel.
 Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

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Convention 2015
Novelties Booth Operating Hours

Thursday, September 3	2:00pm-4:00pm
Friday, September 4	9am-5pm
Saturday, September 5	9am-5pm
Sunday, September 6	9am-5pm
Monday, September 7	9am-1pm

Located in front of the Convention Meeting Rooms.
 Come check out all the fabulous items available to purchase!
 Aprons... Baby Clothes... Hats... Polo Shirts... T-Shirts,
 and a variety of other items - many with an Italian theme!

ICF Annual Convention Pedro Lessons



WHEN: Friday, September 4, 2015
WHERE: Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino
TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
COST: FREE!!

COME AND LEARN HOW TO PLAY
 WHAT SOME SAY IS OUR "OFFICIAL" CARD GAME.
 JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
 AND
 SEE WHAT PEDRO IS ALL ABOUT!!!

ICF Annual Convention Bocce Tournament

WHEN: Friday, September 4, 2015
WHERE: Westgate Las Vegas Resort
TIME: Registration 10:00 A.M.

COST: \$18.00

*Only 12 Teams (48 Players) - Timed Play.

We will be playing inside the hotel on the rug with the lines taped. NO wood boards.

Teams will be created randomly and announced at registration. First, Second, and Third place medals will be awarded.

Reservations must be in the I.C.F. Office by **August 14, 2015 - no later.**

Number of Players _____ Total Enclosed _____
 1. _____ Branch # _____
 2. _____ Branch # _____
 3. _____ Branch # _____
 4. _____ Branch # _____

Mail to: I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
 Oakland, CA 94621 Phone #1-888-423-1924

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ENTRY FEE: \$15.00
 INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
DEADLINE: AUGUST 14TH

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4TH

PRIZES

- 1ST - \$50
- 2ND - \$30
- 3RD - \$20
- 4TH - \$10
- 5TH - \$5

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

TO REGISTER: MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE I.C.F., PUT "PEDRO" ON THE MEMO LINE AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM TO:
 ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, 8393 CAPWELL DRIVE, SUITE 110
 OAKLAND, CA 94621

PEDRO ENTRY FORM

NAME 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 14TH



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- Referenced by members
- A visual history of the ICF

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- Create a **NEW** ad this year
- Use **COLOR** in your ad
- Submit individual ads for your members!

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Tell YOUR part of the story!

This is Your ICF Convention Book!
 We're making this book one you'll want to look through over and over. It will tell this year's story of the ICF.

To do that it needs **your participation!**
What's YOUR part of the story?

Did you know that each person who brings in a commercial ad gets a **20% commission check?**



COLOR!

We are now offering **color** ads to bring some **WOW** to your images. Here's an ad that appeared in black and white last year. They could have had it in color!

What a difference!

Recipes*continued from page 1*

recipe article that had already been removed and relocated to that safe place for future consideration in our kitchen.

Hopefully, you enjoy recipes as much as we did and 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 and 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.

Quick Minestrone (meatless)

1 can (1 pound 11 ounces) red kidney beans
 1 tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. garlic salt
 1 clove garlic, minced
 ¼ tsp. pepper
 1 Tbls. oil
 ¼ cup chopped parsley
 1 small zucchini, unpeeled and sliced
 2 stalks celery, sliced
 1 small carrot, sliced
 2 green onions, chopped (if I don't have I use yellow onions)
 4-5 leaves swiss chard, chopped
 3 Tbls. Butter (can be eliminated)
 2 ½ cups water
 1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce or 1 can of solid pack tomatoes mashed
 ½ cup Dry Sherry (optional...I make it without)
 ¼ cup uncooked elbow macaroni (optional-I usually don't add)
 grated Parmesan cheese

Place undrained beans in a large kettle or saucepan; mash about 2/3 of the beans and leave the rest whole. Add salt, garlic salt, garlic, pepper, oil and parsley, stirring well. Then add all of the vegetables, butter, tomato sauce and water. Simmer one hour or more then add sherry, If desired macaroni can be added at this time. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes longer. Sprinkle with cheese before serving.

Serves 6

NOTE: If too thick, add water and salt. Mashing the kidney beans allows for it to be thicker, if you don't like thick soup don't mash as many of the beans as the recipe calls for, leave more of them whole.

Minestrone is an old recipe that used to take half a day to prepare, starting with dried beans and using all the leftovers in the refrigerator.

Several leaves of fresh basil, chopped fine, gives added flavor. Also can add ½ cup grated or cubed potatoes.

The longer the minestrone cooks the better the flavor.

This is a favorite of mine. I usually adjust the vegetables according to what is in my refrigerator.

Boun Appetito!

Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Since my father died when he was only 22 during the invasion of Normandy and I was only 11 months I didn't have the opportunity to know and love my father but a father has always been someone very sacred to me & special. when growing up I always noticed how fathers treated their daughters and how little girls just love their daddy! What a special bond. I yearned for this throughout my life as I still do. even at my age!

I found this poem (author unknown) and it touched my heart as I hope it will tug at yours.

You never said "I'm leaving"
 You never said "goodbye"
 You were gone before I knew it,
 And only god knew why.
 A million times I'll need you
 A million times I'll cry
 if love alone could have saved you
 you never would have died
 It broke my heart to lose you
 But you didn't go alone
 For part of me went with you
 The day God took you home
 things will never be the same
 and all though it hurts so bad
 I will smile whenever I hear your name
 and be proud you were my dad.

I want to congratulate all the men out there who are working diligently to be good fathers whether they are stepfathers or biological fathers or just spiritual fathers. You are special!

Happy Birthday to:
 Vicky DeGrazia
 Judith Schweikert

Des Plaines**St. Zachary, Br. 441**

At the March General Meeting, Apostolate/Charity Chairman, Marisa Perna, presented a donation of \$400 to St. Zachary School. It was accepted by School Principal, Catherine Determann. A donation of \$200 was presented to The Pillars of Honor, The Traveling WWII Memorial. Noreen Lake, Treasurer, accepted the donation and invited Branch 441 Members and their families to attend their presentation which will be held at the Frisbie Center in Des Plaines on July 11, 2015. The donations were greatly appreciated.

Installation of Branch Officers took place after the Italian Mass on April 12th and was conducted by Teresa Helfand. Scholarship Committee Chairman, Joanne Di Girolamo, reported that Scholarship Applications will be reviewed and that two \$500 Scholarships will be awarded. Plans are underway for various events and fundraisers in the coming months.

Rose Marie Berg

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

YMI and ICF merged on the night of March 13th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The feast included all the traditional Irish fare: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and bread. Thanks to the ICF March Chairman, Jim Barsotti



Members of Branch 27 at Women's Conference. From Left: Marcia Valorosi, a guest, Louise Chiarelli, Marilyn Rowe, Cari Beveridge, Theresa DeFrank and Betty Scalise.

and committee members: Gloria Massetti, Fred Massetti and Jim Massetti, Cecilia Massetti and Diane Massetti. In March 8 members of the club attended a women's conference at St. Joachim Church. The speaker was Gary Zimak who gave an inspirational talk with an important message, "Listen to Your Blessed Mother." The April meeting was a real treat as Chairman, Chef Jeff Bottorff made his special "Bolito Misto". Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal. Thanks, Jeff, for all your hard work. Thanks are also in order for the rest of the April Committee: Cari Beveridge, Mike and Linda Parino, Mary Sue Ferretti, and Bina Boitano. Plans are underway for a take-out dinner in June. On a sad note, we lost long time member and "right-hand man" William 'Bill' Bottorff. We will miss his sense of humor and his kindness. His passing not only leaves an empty space in the hearts of his family, but in ICF and all of Madera. Please continue to pray for our president Elsie Bottorff and her family.

Ciao,
 Kerin Cavallero

Los Banos**Santa Lucia, Br. 31**

Our April 20 meeting was a dinner meeting with delicious Italian Sausage sandwiches and pasta salad on the menu. Thanks to all who prepared this speacial meal.

Our branch was saddened by the death of long term member, Anita Giannone. Anita has worked many years for the ICF and was a devoted member. She held the office of Financial Secretary. Our sympathy to her family - may she rest in peace.

We were thrilled to have the preliminary report on the Polenta Chicken Dinner held in February. It was a great success and we will be able to support our many charities including Cooley's Anemia, scholarships, our parish etc. At our next meeting this will be on the agenda.

District Deputy Marco Galeazzi and his wife Diane visiting our branch at this meeting and gave some suggestions on how to move forward within our branch.

We were so happy to have Rosemarie Pricolo at the meeting and feeling better. God Bless.

No meeting in June or July. Our annual Potluck will be held in August.

Let us rejoice in our risen Lord - may he strengthen and guide us.

Ciao,
 Germaine Orlando

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

We're having a Bake and Misc. Sale June 6 – 7, at OLV Church after masses. Biscotti, cookies, pasta sauce, plants, knick-knacks, cakes, are

planned to be offered.

The 14th of June will be our Spaghetti Take-Out or Eat In fundraiser. Richard Romagnoli is spearheading the project, along with lots of member volunteers.

Father's Day Sunday, June 21, Egg Burritos will be for sale, as well as, some Father's Day novelties.

Our Italian Sausage Sandwiches will be available June 28, after the morning masses. First order up at 9:00 a.m.

Along with these events, Mrs. Evelyn Nieto, will be the organizing Chairperson for the donuts and coffee hospitality.

George Pisching has recovered nicely from his surgery. . . Praise God, he is now pain free. Deacon Kurt is well on his way to good mending. Dorie Sabbatini attended our April meeting and looking better than ever. So glad to see you back to good health. Peggy Barbato is feeling so much better and we are looking forward to seeing her again soon. Maria Guglielmino attended her granddaughter's wedding prior to knee replacement surgery. She's on the mend and hoping to attend the next meeting. Keep Irene Jelmini in your prayers for God's blessings. Condolences to Martha Acuna on the loss of her brother.

Julius and Corrine Abate attended our April meeting in hopes of transferring to OLV ICF Branch. We are so excited because Evelyn Lopez rejoined the ICF Br. #32. Welcome back Evelyn.

Merced**St. Cecelia, Br. 39**

Where has the year gone? We have a busy time ahead of us. Just finished with our Polenta/Raffle dinner, our April meeting and our Spring Biscotti Bake sale. Our Polenta raffle netted us a thousand dollars. All because of very generous sponsors. Our main prize was a \$399.00 iPad donated by Merco Credit Union. Our April dinner meeting was chicken and risotto and our May meeting will be celebrating Mothers and Father's Day and a Mexican menu will be prepared by Robyn Piro and Estella Reta. Welcome to our new members, Alyssa, PJ and Evie Mendosa, Giana Cardenas and David O'Neal.

We enjoyed a day at Black Oak Casino, the bus was full and we had a great time. Convention raffle tickets will be mailed out so watch your mail box. It's a great money maker for the branch, we keep \$10.00 for every book we sell. Best part? No one has to set up tables or clean up. Get well wishes to Edie Nahas, Roland Noya, Josephine Trindade, Nada Bandoni, Mary Petroni, and Kathleen Stefani. Our prayers to the Proietti family on the loss of their father and grandfather and to the Marvin Noya family on the loss of his wife Wanda. Both Joe and Wanda were very loyal and supportive members. Thank you to Ezio Sansoni for donating almonds for our

biscotti/bake sale. He joined in 1950 and over the years, that is a lot of almonds. What would we do without these generous and hardworking members. God bless all of you.

The real secret of happiness is not what you give or what you receive; it's what you share.

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

We started our April meeting with the installation of our new member, Anita Dupras. Welcome Anita, and welcome to Michael and Teresa Weatherly and their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth, who transferred from Branch 32, Our Lady of Victory.

Anita's grandson, Kevin Ellis, is completing his first few months at Santa Clara University. He is taking Mandarin Chinese and Japanese along with Engineering on a complete four-year scholarship he earned from the Bellarmine College Prep School in Santa Clara, CA.

Jennie Campopiano's grandsons, Jake and Marcus, have made it to the finals for their track team. They attend St. Philip Elementary School in Pasadena. More news later about how they did in the finals.

Father Robert Borges, our Chaplain, enjoyed a week of scuba diving in Fiji. He logged his 200th dive while on the trip. He also celebrated Mass on the beach for his fellow divers and resort staff.

We need to keep praying for Beverly Travis and Vince Jura. We hope to see them back with us very soon. Pray, too, for Maxine Johnson quick recovery.

Birthday celebrants this month are Carlene Christensen (6/14), Ken Gray (6/26), Dolores Guaglianone (6/28), Maxine Johnson (6/19), Wes Johnson (6/1), and Vince Jura (6/20). Happy Birthday, to you all.

Remember D-Day. During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in our organization.

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

June is always a hot month here in Bakersfield, but we were fortunate to have a relatively cool May, which we were very grateful for; for the first time since we began Branch 281's Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, the weather was not in the 90s! The event took place on May 16th, and we were blessed with weather in the 70s, a great turnout of enthusiastic participants, and a tasty tri-tip lunch. A special thanks is due to Allen Watts who organized the tournament and made it such a fun time for all.

The Fresno District bocce ball tournament was held May 23rd, and was also a great occasion. It is always wonderful to unite as a district for some fun competition at an event that contributes so much to our organization and its mission.

Branch 281 will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the masses on June 7th, so be sure to swing by for a sweet treat. This is also a great time to mingle with fellow church-goers who are not a part of the ICF Branch 281 and encourage them to become new members!

Also, our June meeting will be held June 11th. It's the Salad Social, and our members never fail to provide many refreshing, delicious summer salads. Big thanks in advance to Jeff and Jan Lemucchi for hosting!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Watts

Fresno

St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308

Greetings from St. Anthony de Padua!

Can you believe it's already May? The months are just flying by. Our weather

is constantly changing it has been cool in the morning, to very warm during the day, to cool to almost cold at night. But we finally got some much needed rain, hail, and snow in the mountains. Isn't it great to have that smell after the rain, the beautiful sunshine that follows and its warmth. Thanks be to God. I love this time, to watch trees with new growth, watching our vegetables and gardens grow. Hopefully, our Branch will grow with new members as well.

On a beautiful Wednesday evening of May 13 over 46 members enjoyed the annual Tri-tip Dinner, prepared by Jo Soligian, Russell Renna, Ed Girado, Bernie Squeo, Larry Pricolo and Tim Solipasso. Jo and Paul Soligian also bought the buns for those wishing to do a tri-tip sandwich. The rice pilaf by Jo was terrific along with a salad, veggies, and beverages. The ice cream for our dessert was the perfect finishing touch. Many thanks for the delicious food and dedicated service.

On Thursday, May 14, our ICF member, Mary Ann Prody celebrated her 101st birthday. She is alert and full of spirit as ever. We wish this former teacher, continued health.

We are continuing to recruit for the May Bocce Tournament which takes place on the 23 of May at San Joaquin Memorial High School. The registration on that Saturday starts at 8:30 a.m. We have four good teams so far, and hope to have more teams and are looking forward to this event.

On May 29-30 we will have our Italian Sausage Sandwich Sale. We will be selling them after the mass on Saturday, May 29 and after the morning masses on Sunday.

June 7 will be our ICF Deceased Members Mass at 8:00 a.m. and any one who wishes may attend and join us for brunch. Let us especially remember also those who died in recent weeks.

Please mark your calendars for June 13th our Feast of St. Anthony de Padua.

It plans to be a big event again this year. There will be four different types of food being served by the different ministries. Fruits and various desserts will be served afterwards. There will be entertainment, along with prizes.

Please pray for all our ill and injured members and their caregivers.

We also pray for safe travels for Antoinette and Angelo Pecora who are in Europe for the next couple of months.

Celebrating Birthdays are Carolyn Romersa (May 2), Nick Newsome (May 4),

Leonard Garber (May 10), Jo Soligian (May 13), Mary Ann Prody (May 14), Mary Ann Miller (May 17), Carlotta Alvarez (May 18), James Lloyd (May 20), Susan Grilione (May 25), and Richard Cavin (May 27).

Remember Flag Day is June 14.

"Happy Fathers' Day to all the DADS, GRANDFATHERS, and UNCLES!"

Maria E. Juarez~Garcia

Recording Secretary

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis De Sales, Br. 367

This year's convention in Las Vegas will be a blast! Beginning with our Thursday night dinner. The buffet will be supplied by our own

members, the DePatta Family and their "At Your Service Catering" expertise. You will have a choice of baked ziti Neapolitan, chicken saute sec, filo wrapped salmon, or Italian pot roast together with a green salad, mixed veggies, rolls, and berries and cream for dessert with iced tea, lemonade or coffee. Are you drooling yet???

After dinner we will have a huge raffle. Winnie Barley, a recent transferee from the Crockett branch, has been working diligently on some beautiful baskets for you to win. After dinner, your luxury bus will take you back to the Westgate Hotel where you can either see a show or visit with other ICF members at a bar.

On Friday, our novelty shoppe will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for you to shop all day for T-shirts, tank tops, shirts with "bling," key chains, lanyards. You name it, I think we have it. We will close in time for you to have dinner and go to the opening Ceremony, and then visit the hospitality rooms that the CC candidates have. Our novelty shoppe will be open all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday for your shopping convenience.

Ciao for now,

Jackie Donato



Recent pilgrimage to the Mother Cabrini Chapel by members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District.

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

Next Branch 108 Bocce BBQ and General Meeting on June 21st at the Children's Field from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Parishioners welcome to play Bocce with members.

On May 4, 2015, Members, families and friends supported the biannual dinner Fundraiser at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia. Thank you Joan and Jerry Brascia for chairing this event. President Michele Silveri thanked the Brascias and dinner guests for supporting the fundraiser then celebrated the May Birthday of Member Jim Coari and the May Wedding Anniversary (51 years) of Joan and Jerry Brascia.

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from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Open House hosted by the ICF San Gabriel Region. ICF

Chapel Committee meeting from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Chapel Library. Members and Parishioners invited to attend. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO MEMBERS

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Please remember our brothers and sisters of our armed services in your prayers to keep

them out of harm's way. May God bless and keep you healthy per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, President

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Los Angeles Archdiocese District

Los Angeles Region

The Next Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House is scheduled for June 7, 2015 at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Burbank. Open House will be hosted by the ICF San Gabriel Region. All Branches are encouraged to include the Mother Cabrini Open House in their respective Church Bulletins. This year the Mother Cabrini Chapel needs funds to replace the weather-damaged doors. Please ask members, parishioners, friends and families to help support the building restoration program. Your support is greatly needed to continue maintaining the facility that protects the precious artifacts of one of our ICF Patroness Saints. Please call 626 372-7812 for more information on how to help.

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Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA needs YOUR support.

Funds are needed to restore the Chapel and Library Doors. Mother Cabrini is one of the I.C.F.'s Patron Saints and this is the Chapel she built to pray to Our Lady. The Mother Cabrini Committee of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is holding a "Monthly Money Madness Raffle" - 11 chances to win \$200.00. One drawing per month for 11 months. Only \$25.00 per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. We NEED every Branch's support. Buy one for your Branch! Individual Members are welcome to purchase tickets, too! Please call Theresa Shaw at 626-379-0629 to reserve your ticket.



Members of Branch 108 at the dinner fundraiser.



Congratulations to Emma Nicoletta from University High School in Los Angeles who is the winner of our ICF Branch 111 First Year College Scholarship of \$400.00. May it help her further higher education.

May 15-17 was St. Benedict's 45th Annual spring festival. Thank you all who participated in manning the Pizza Booth. There were lots and lots of families, children. All having fun on the carnival rides, enjoying fabulous food, and live entertainment all weekend long.

This month's I leave you with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson - "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Always Believe.

*Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano*



Happy Birthday to Branch 111 members Nancy Dolci and Henry Herrera.



Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of the Madonna dell'Arco on April 19, 2015 at Mary Star of the Sea Church. Branch president Neal Di Leva and wife Anna Di Leva participated in the procession with many attending offering flowers to the Madonna.

who won a scholarship from Gardena branch. His mother Nancy Cootes and Grandparents Carmela and Carl D'Ambra are members of branch 115. We wish them success in their future studies.

At this meeting we learned that with all our hard work we were able to contribute \$1000.00 to Cooley's anemia charity. Thank you to all who help to make our branch so successful. We also learned that our chaplain Father Bravo will be transferred. He has been our chaplain for the past 3 years. When he became our chaplain he had no knowledge about ICF. He has been a great asset to our branch and will be missed.

Please join our branch on June 30th as we try our luck at Pechanga Casino. Cost \$23.00/person ICF members will receive a \$3.00 discount. 9am departure with a 6 hour stay. Casino will provide \$5.00 playing credit. These trips help fund our many charitable endeavors. Please call Pauline (310) 8320563 for reservations.

Our annual parish fiesta will be held on July 17th -19th. Once again we will host the pizza and hot sandwich booth. There are many ways to help. From making meatballs, setting up, working in the booth or cleaning up, volunteering a few hours will be greatly appreciated and fun at the same time. Please call Pauline (310) 8320563 for more information.

Our next meeting will be June 18th at 7:30pm.

Also please return the convention raffle tickets. A book of tickets is \$20.00. The branch keeps \$10.00 per book which defrays the cost sending our delegates to the convention.

Save the date August 20 -22 Triduum in honor of San Giovan Giuseppe. 9am mass on August 22nd. 6pm Prime Rib Dinner Dance \$35.00 per person

Happy Father's Day to every father. You are all so deserving and no one can ever replace you!

Please remember all our sick and deceased members in your prayers.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

La Canada Flintridge

St. Bede, Br. 374

Two St. Bede Elementary School students in La Canada Flintridge, California Branch 374



Pictured left to right are: Cameron Carey, 8th grade; Mark Mannarelli, Branch 374 President, and Olivia Pieterse, 7th grade. Branch photo courtesy of Penny Baisley.

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Thank you to all who attended our May potluck meeting. Thanks to Nancy Donato for organizing the potluck and to all who brought such delicious food.

At this meeting we learned that our scholarship winners are Michael Amalfitano from San Pedro High School and Mariangela Miseo from Mary Star High School. Michael and his parents attended our potluck meeting. Mariangela's high school scholarship banquet happened to be at the same night as our potluck. President Neal attended the banquet and presented her with the award and then attended our potluck. Also congratulations to Roy Cootes PV High



Members of Branch 218 at the ministry faire.



Members of Branch 218 at the ministry faire: Emily Curley, Nicolas Luchetta, Gianni Carrano, Claire Curley, and Maria Luchetta.

were designated distinguished students this past week. Students in the seventh and grade grades who contributed essays and provided evidence of service were each winners \$100.00 ecch. The studenadants were selected by a committee made up of educators: past president Al Restivo, 2nd Vice president Diane Restivo, and Branch Secretary Mary Wynton, along and branch president Mark Mannarell who chairs the scholarship committee.

Students were awarded checks at the April general meeting of the branch on April 21, 2015 in the St. Pope John XIII room of the parish center. Each year ICF selects students from the school who submit essays and prove hours of service to the church, school, and the community. ICF also provides a \$400 scholarship to a selected 8th grader once each year. Proud parerts of the winners, Jill Pieterse, and Joyce Carey stood by as their children were honored.

San Gabriel Valley Region Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

This month we will be rewarding our scholarship recipients from Holy Angels School. As of this writing, we do not know yet who two of them will be. Scott Carrano's son will be one of three recipients. Congratulations to whomever they may be!

Our next meeting is June 14 and I will be in charge of the luncheon after. Watch for Jeane's newsletter.

It was so great to see our President, Jo Ann, at our Mother's Day celebration, which was very nice. Thanks to Karen Berardi and Audrey Luchetta for putting it together. Everyone very much enjoyed the catered luncheon and the handmade cards from the 2nd graders of Holy Angels. Father Michael was also presented with

a check for the repair of a statue in the church. Summer is almost here and we will go dark for July and August, so I am going to wish everyone a cool and enjoyable summer and will see all of you in September.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

Thank you to our wonderful soup cooks for the March Lenten Dinner and meeting – Julia, Pamela, Gerry and Roxanne. Also we shall include in the April Newsletter the menu for our meeting night.



Branch 317 President, Roxanne Perry, gave Barbara a beautiful Vera Wang necklace for doing an excellent job with the Cannoli fundraiser.



Members of Branch 169 at their bake sale on March 22 at Sacred Heart. A good time was had by all.

More details will follow in BOLLETTINO for April regarding our Holy Cannoli fundraiser on March 22:

We really appreciate Barbara Northam accepting the chairmanship of this event. Her committee and Barbara did an awesome commitment.

We shall hold our Annual Arts and Craft Faire on Sunday, April 26th in the parish courtyard at \$40 per space. All proceeds from the space rental will be given to St Denis "Building on Faith". Once again Bea Yary chaired the very successful event. Thank you so much Bea.

We congratulate Gerry Hughes for her Leadership Award on March 7th. We are very proud of her and appreciate all she contributes to St. Denis and the Italian Catholic Federation.

*God Bless,
Roxanne Perry, President*

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

June is the month to remember all of the special fathers that have made a difference in our lives.

Our next General Meeting will be held on June 24, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on June 7, 2015. The price for those 13 and up is \$6.00 per person; those age 4 to 12 is \$3.00 per person; and those 3 and under are free. This is a fundraising event and we need everyone's help. Please support your branch and make this a successful event.

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

It is with great sadness that Branch #326 shares the passing of one of its members, Frank R. Buccola. Frank was a pillar of support to St. Luke Catholic Church since 1954. He was instrumental in getting ICF Branch #326 established for St. Luke's in 1976 and from 1977 to the present day, Frank had served as an officer, district delegate, trustee and board member, including establishing and chairing the Scholarship Committee for Branch #326 to be given to graduating 8th

grade students at St. Luke's Elementary School attending Catholic high schools. He always stepped up to help in any capacity that his church, family, friends or parishioner needed. Frank was a true leader. Besides being active in ICF, in 2001 Frank was chosen as one of the "Unsung Heroes of St. Luke Parish." When he was asked how the St. Luke Community had impacted his life, he said, "It has manifested the true feeling of family parish life and friendships that have lasted a lifetime." Frank continued by saying that our parish is unique to other parishes because of "the feeling of family and working together. Father Birch and the many new priests who tutored under him to become pastors in other parishes, including Bishop Steve Blair, and four St. Luke graduates becoming priests." Frank served as the first Lay Eucharistic Minister at St. Luke's, and was an usher for 36 years, up until his passing. In the words of Father Thomas King, "Frank was a devoted parishioner, family man, and a person of Faith." St. Luke's Church and Branch #326 have lost a wonderful friend. God bless you, Frank.

Happy June Birthday to: Tony Farinella, Mary Ann Law, Cal Magro, Lena Merendino, Rose Marie Perfetto, Annette Tombrello, and Chuck Hernandez. Happy Anniversary to: Ann and Jack Baziak, (63 years), and Chuck and Lucy Hernandez (41 years).

"When all seems lost, and the future dim, The Lord will help, just turn to Him; When dreams are gone, and you can't cope, God's endless love will give you hope. He knows your needs, He'll show the way to meet your problems day by day; His strength and help will be with you, just let Him in, His light shine through. Trust in God, He's always there to hold you in His loving care." (Ruth Moyer Gilmour)

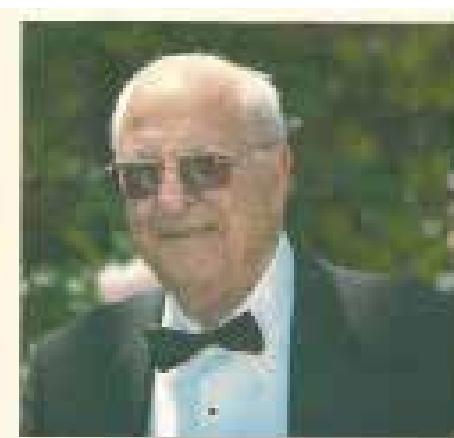
*God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney*

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region Ventura

Sacred Heart, Br. 169

We celebrated our branch's 52nd anniversary on April 26 begining with a mass by Fr. Bill. We then went to lunch at Milano's in Ventura harbor and enjoyed good food, good friends and a beautiful view.

Welcome to our newest member Mary Poe.



Branch 326 mourns the loss of Frank Buccola.

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch had a wonderful May meeting. A sumptuous potluck buffet was really enjoyed by everyone! We celebrated Mother's Day with our annual Crowning of Mary. We also had a very informative presentation about the rosary presented by Decon Dave Laurence. The ICF kids made Mother's Day crafts with Kierstyn and they did face painting.

We are making plans for the our upcoming meetings there will be a chili cook off in June and a bocci ball tournament and barbecue in August. An interest list is forming for those who might like to take a bus to a local casino in July. We are also looking for another delegate for the



Members of Branch 380 celebrated the Crowning of Mary.

ICF Convention in September in Las Vegas. Anyone interested in being a delegate please let the board know as soon as you can. Convention is a fun weekend!

We look forward to seeing all of our members at our June meeting!

Ciao Tutti,
Jean Fontana Bridges, Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

Santa Cruz

N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

Well, summer is here and as Nat King Cole once sang "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." It's a great time to spend with friends and family, to work in the garden, and to take naps in your hammock. But in case your days get a little too hazy, we want to remind you of a few Branch 21 General Meeting dates. For example, this June's meeting will be at Holy Cross Hall as usual; however it will be held on the 3rd Tuesday, June 16th instead of the first Tuesday. And, don't forget that we do not have a meeting in July. That's when you can get really lazy and crazy. However, don't forget to come back to the following month's ICF meeting on August 4th.

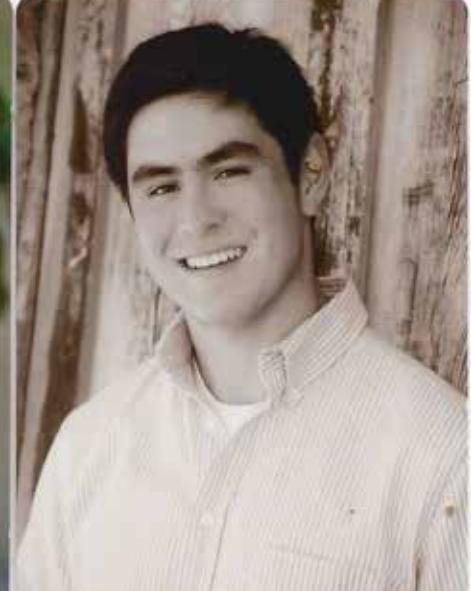
Some events that have happened since we last met: On April 19th, Branch 21 was host to the annual Central Coast District Meeting. It was held at the St. Joseph Oblates on West Cliff Drive, a beautiful setting overlooking the ocean. The food was delicious and the camaraderie was inspirational. Those ICF branches that attended included Capitola, Arroyo Grande, Hollister, Monterey, and Salinas. We would like to thank all those who helped with this event; you know



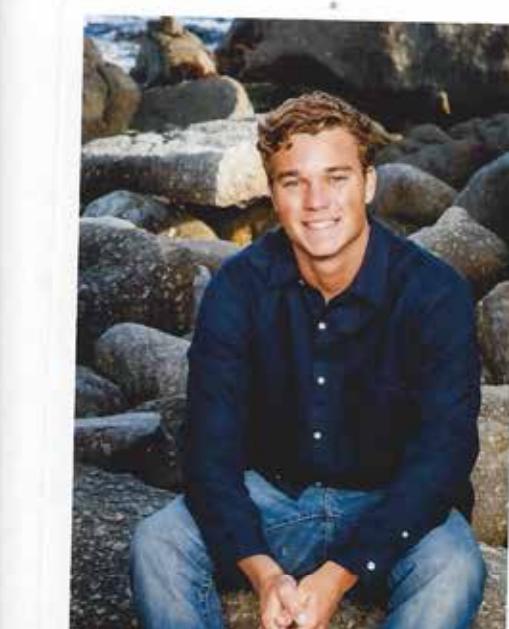
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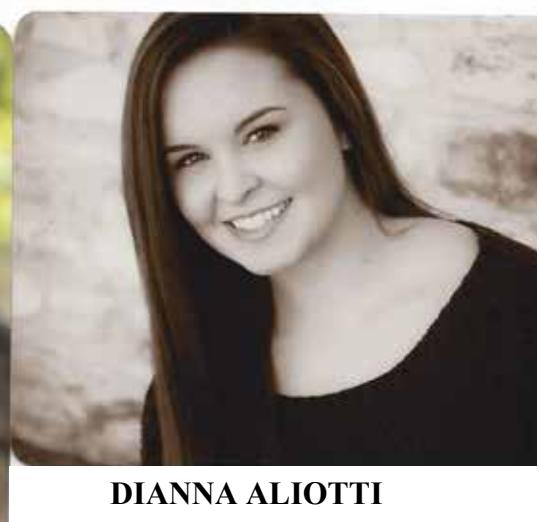
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Monterey, Branch 36 gave scholarships to the above seven students. They also gave achievement awards to three 8th grade students from San Carlos School who will continue their education at a Catholic high school. Christopher Campo, Lena Ciandro, and Jerry Flores.

Congratulations to each student who worked hard to achieve their goal. Our future is in good hands!

who you are and we could never have done it without you. Thank you.

At our General Meeting on May 5th, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo. Enchiladas, tamale pie, Spanish rice, tortilla salad, and tres leches cake were served with Mexican flair! Everyone had a great time and we still managed to get some business done

despite the delicious Margaritas! We would like to thank all those who brought food and helped clean up. Our Branch is blessed with many great cooks and among the usual suspects is Rosalie Campisi, who never fails to bring a delectable dish to every meeting and event. Finally, we can't forget to mention that we acquired two new members that night: Nancy Prevedelli and Rebecca Rosser. Benvenute, Ladies.

In closing, we offer these reassuring words from Genesis 8:22: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

The polenta luncheon date noted in the last Bollettino was in error. The Polenta fundraiser will be held on November 4th at Sacred Heart Hall. We will need help with preparation on the 3rd for cooking, decorating and setting up tables. Contact an officer if you can help.

Our delegate to the I.C.F Convention starting in Las Vegas on September 4th will be Julie Richards. An alternate will be named at the next meeting. Tickets for the raffle drawing are still available from any officer. Tickets are \$2 apiece, or you can purchase a book of 12 for \$20. First prize is \$2500.

Topical comment of the day: "Spring is here and I'm so excited, I wet my plants."

Important Dates:
August 2, 2015 - District Picnic at J&M Ranch

November 4, 2015 - Polenta Luncheon Fundraiser. Preparation on the 3rd

*Ciao,
Roy Frontani*



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Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Our branch has approved a \$400 donation to Sacred Heart School to support students for tuition and other expenses. President Julie Richards will present the check to School Principal Connie Rossi Raines at first opportunity.

The two scholarship recipients of our scholarship program have been announced. They are Joe Felice of Salinas High School and Sarah Nino of Notre Dame High School. Each will receive a check for \$400. Congratulations to both students, and we wish them all success in their college years.

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Our 84th anniversary was huge, first to the church where Fr. Peter Crivello did benediction before the initiation of 51 new members, then to the Parish Hall for dinner, we had 425 members and guests,

Ted Ursino, Scholarship

Chairperson and Elizabeth Grammatico, President of Br. 36, presented seven students with scholarships of \$700 each, then Anna Panetta, Co-President of the Italian Heritage Society presented the seven recipients with scholarships of \$300 each, and Central Council gave one of the student's, Victoria Spadaro,

a scholarship in the amount of \$400. We also gave achievement awards of \$350 each to three 8th grade students from San Carlos School who will continue their education at a Catholic high school. The students are Christopher Campo, Lena Ciandro, and Jerry Flores. Then President Liz called Father Peter to the stage to present him with a check for San Carlos for \$15,000, a check for \$4,000 for maintenance of the Parish Hall, and a check for \$500 for loaves and fishes, this money came from our Lenten dinners.

A great evening and what made it even better was the following Central Council

members who came to participate in the initiation of our new members:

Grand President Robert Basuino, Andrew Pappani (and wife Siria), Franklyn Lopes, Michael Cannady (and wife Donna), Jim Friebel (and wife Mary Ann) Dante Galeazzi. Marco Galeazzi, Denise Antonicz (and mother). We always love having them visit us and know it takes effort on their part to attend.

Mark your calendar

July 2 - Annual 85 and over birthday party- our birthday members are free, all others will pay \$15.00 p/p. Birthday members will get their invitation in the mail, telephone ladies and men will call all other members for a count of who is coming. If you say you are coming please do so or cancel as soon as you know you cannot make it, food has to be purchased, if you do not come food is wasted and we lose money.

July 24 - Annual Central Council Golf Tournament, Laguna Seca Golf Course, for information check your Bollettino, deadline for reservations is July 17.

Deepest sympathy to Gus Aiello on the loss of his brother Sal, to Jeanette Mazzarino on the death of her husband Vito, and to the family of our very special Katherine (Katie) Mary Annello who passed away. Katie was a delightful 98 year old and loved by all who knew her. May they all rest in peace.

Thanks to Br. 21 for hosting the District Meeting, beautiful church right across the street from the ocean, we enjoyed the day and seeing everyone.

Happy Father's Day to all of our Father's, Papa's, Nannu's, - imagine, without you none of us would be here, so thank you and have a great day!

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Capitola**St. Joseph, Br. 227**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 25th, for the annual barbecue at DeLaveaga Park. This is always a fun event for members and their guests. Steak or chicken are on the menu. President Bob Montonye has headed up the barbecue for many years now, and he is looking for volunteers to learn how to set up for the barbecue and run the bar. Bob would also like a few members to learn how to set up for monthly meetings and special events.

Bob would like to establish a Membership Committee and needs two people to work with him on it. In addition to recruiting new members, the committee will also address retention of members.

Thumbs up to Bob Martinelli, a wonderful chef, who prepared Pork Scallopine and the trimmings, topped off by a cannoli for each person at our May meeting. Many thanks to Bob and crew—it was delicious! Bob's presentation is always top drawer.

Prayers and get well wishes go to Lena Mungai, who is recovering after being treated in the hospital for pneumonia. Lena is the grandmother of our past President and Central Council member Franklyn Lopes.

Several of our members helped at the Anointing Mass luncheon in April by preparing food and helping serve and clean up. Thanks to Carl and Barbara Schaarschmidt, Margaret Margo, Liz Cass, Deanna Musler and Christina Horvat for their participation.

In honor of all dads on Father's Day, here's a quote from George Herbert: "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande**St. Patrick, Br. 291**

At our April General Meeting we welcomed special guests Jim Friebel and his wife, Mary Anne. Jim also assisted us in initiating several new members to our Branch! Our newest members include the Munoz family – John-Jon, Christine, Jonathan, Cristian and Daniel – and the Orlando family – Anne and Vinny. Welcome to ICF Branch 291!

Our Branch was looking forward to co-hosting the Central Coast District Meeting on June 6th along with the Paso Robles Branch; however, due to a date conflict, the District Meeting has been rescheduled. We hope to host a District Meeting this fall instead. Stay tuned!

We would like to congratulate our members Homer and Dianne Clees on their 59th Wedding Anniversary! We wish them many more happy years together!

We have several ICF family members who need our thoughts and prayers at this time: Fr. Ken Brown, Sr. Carol Carter, Dianne Clees, Homer Clees, Tim Dutra, Annette Grimaud, Stevie



Br. 291 recently initiated 2 new families to our Branch. Pictured here L-R (back row): John-Jon Munoz, Central Council Member Jim Friebel and President Pete Gallagher. (Middle row): Christine Munoz, Jonathan Munoz and Anne Orlando. (Front row): Daniel Munoz, Cristian Munoz and Vinny Orlando.

Hall, Floralee Harris, Lorraine Spargo, Joanna Van Blaricom, Josephine Volanto, Sonia Wagner and Jens Wagner. Also pray for the families and loved ones of Joe Slavin and Fr. Joe Butters.

Happy Father's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles**St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354**

Our Pasta Feed on Feb. 7th was another success due to the hard work of the dedicated members and volunteers. We served over 300 dinners. A big thanks to all. At our Branch meeting on Feb. 13th our President David and his wife Irma treated us for our work with a dinner of pizza, salad and dessert. Thank you much.

We are happy to announce that we have two new members: Michael Federico, who is a transfer member from the South Pasadena Branch and Marianne Cates from Atascadero, St. William's Church. Marianne's daughter previously won the 8th grade scholarship. Michael Federico was a great help at the pasta feed. Welcome!

Installation of Officers was Feb. 28th in Salinas and their menu was sumptuous. Everyone brought their appetite. Pete Gallagher reported on the fish fries in Arroyo Grande, Br. 291 they had in February and March. Dave Kudija gave a report on the Knights of Columbus corned beef and cabbage dinner on Mar. 14th. We will continue our Branch Christmas Dinner at the Madonna Inn. It is so beautifully decorated each year and the food/service is excellent.

The Central Council is converting some of the quarterly mailings to a web based file. We have arrived in the 21st century and I'm still in the 20th.

Our project regarding the chair repairs and replacement for our hall is coming along slowly but surely. We have 100 delivered and 65 out for repairs. We hope this will be advantageous for all. Looking good too.

Our Convention in Sept. will be in Las Vegas. Yahoo...hum, I wonder if we will have time to gamble.

Easter favors are being done by Irma Zanini and her granddaughters, Hope and Brooke Ellsworth. They are terrific helpers at all times.

Our prayers to all of our members who are ill or recuperating. Our friend, member and Corresponding Secretary, Theresa Sollazzo,

who writes for the Bollettino, had hip surgery. She send thanks to all who sent prayers, cards and for the calls. We pray for her quick return. We pray for the family of Deacon Steve Michaelson. St. Rose of Lima had a Mass of the Resurrection for him on Feb. 21st. A reception was held in the parish hall. Deacon Steve will be missed for his great generosity in helping the poor and homeless. He and wife, Cherie, have had a Sunday sandwich morning for the homeless. Our Branch will have a Mass for him.

To All, a very Happy Easter!

Evelyn Gandara for Theresa Sollazzo

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Hope that you all had a glorious Mother's Day and have put on your running shoes for the busy June the district is preparing to carry out.

We will be off and running for our fun filled Day at the Races on June 4th. Heard that the tickets were a sell out! Now let's have some winners.

The next big happening, and this is really important for all ICF members, is the leadership meeting day. Ours will be on June 14th at high noon at St. Albert the Great Parish. Lunch will be available, but we will need a head count, so let your branch president know if you will be attending.

The quarterly District Communion will be at Our Lady of Grace Parish on Saturday, June 20th, beginning with the 5 P.M. Mass. A light supper will follow, this is free, but once again we need a head count. Please let your branch president know if you are attending no later than June 15th.

Welcome home all you brave sailors, hope Alaska is still standing.

Happy Graduation to all.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers and godfathers and greats!

Hope to see many of you at one or more of our upcoming functions.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

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ICF Mourns Passing of CC Member Fabiola Di Paolo

by Maria Di Paolo

There was a little voice that said "Remember Me!" As I spread the news about my mother, Fabiola Di Paolo passing, friends and family were repeating, "I was just thinking about her." She wanted to celebrate Easter with her family instead she is celebrating Easter with all of us here.



Fabiola Cristina Di Paolo was born on July 24, 1928 in Mira Flores, just outside of Lima Peru to Aurelio Julio Carvo Cruzate and Maria Constanza Urbina de Aguilera. She was the 4th of five children, Constanza Soto, Isabel Carvo and surviving brothers Carlos and Enrique Carvo.

It was such a hard time in Mira Flores with poverty and depression that her parents sent her to a government owned boarding school. The school was managed by the Catholic nuns. There she met her best friend Lorraine Del Rey or Loli and learned to knit with her hands under the desk. Her Godmother awarded her a scholarship to continue on her education.

After graduation, she was employed by the Bank of Lima. It was there she met her first husband, Constantine von Starschedel of Germany. They were married in 1948 and gave birth to her first daughter, Anne Marie in March 1949. Fabiola made the big move to America on July 4 1956 to meet up with Constantine. When she arrived, she saw the fireworks and thought it was for her. They made Glendale, California their home.

Fabiola made America her beloved country. She learned English, learned to drive in a Chrysler, and became an American citizen. She also worked very hard in the laundromat and a cookie factory before becoming a banker at Security Pacific Bank in Glendale. By this time, in January 1961, Fabiola gave birth to her second daughter, Helena Cristina. Suddenly, she lost her husband to a massive heart attack in December 1962.

Happiness was granted within the year when she met and married the "love of her life" Osvaldo Jose Di Paolo, an Argentinean machinist in December 1963. They moved to a 3 bedroom house with a swing set in the backyard in Glendale. Joy came in March 1966 when Alberto Jose was born to the South American couple. A big surprise arrived in March 1971 when Fabiola's third daughter, Maria Elena, and last child was born.

After the '71 Sylmar earthquake, the Di Paolo's decided to move to Huntington Beach, CA. Fabiola continued to rise in the banking world to chief teller and was on her way to bank manager. However, she did not like Maria's babysitter and decided to stay at home. Coworkers from the bank asked her if she could babysit their children, thus began her Day Care business for 30 years.

She began a very structured daily program of reading, craft making and music play that centered on Early Childhood development. In a few short years, "Faye's Fine Finishing School" had earned a reputation among the teachers in the Ocean View School District as a safe and structured day care provider. The mothers to be had their names on a waiting list for future attendance. Through the day care industry, she became a member of the OCDayCareAssociation and worked very closely with Children's Home Society and Crystal Stairs.

Tragedy happened in October 1983, when Osvaldo lost his battle with cancer. She continued her education at Orange Coast College with certificates in Early Childhood Education and Preschool Administration. Her greatest career accomplishment when she was

accredited by the National Association for Family Day Care and received a letter from President Clinton. Fabiola also taught classes for new and Spanish day care providers.

One Sunday after mass in 1988, she went to a pasta dinner and signed her life away into Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 379 of St. Bonaventure. Like many of her endeavors, Fabiola put her heart into the Federation and was soon elected as an officer of the branch. The branch level including President was not enough for her. Somehow she was elected as the Orange District President. In the Chicago convention, she ran for the first time for Central Council but it was in Santa Clara that she became a member. Through the Federation, she made many countless lifelong friends and acquaintances to various businesses (including Heritage Memorial). Her last event was the St. Joseph's Table on March 15 of this year.

Fabiola did not lose her faith during tragedy but embraced it. She was a very active member at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. She helped in the H.O.P.E. office, the annual festival, a C.C.D. teacher, and made baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

She was also a St. Bonaventure School and Mater Dei High School parent. She was right there when Albert was in R.O.T.C. or Maria in Girl Scouts. Soccer was a big sport in the Di Paolo's household. She was the soccer mom for Helena, Albert, and Maria.

Fabiola was a very smart lady. Throughout the years, in our neighborhood, she would buy houses at the right time and have long-lasting tenants.

She managed to travel the world because she followed the teachers' schedule. She took her children to Peru, Argentina, England, and Canada. When Albert stopped going, she would drag me to Australia, Europe, Greece and South America. She visited a lot of cities and states in the United States and stayed with her brother in D. C. She even went to Disney World with me.

Her most precious time was with her children, grandchildren and great children. I was in grade school and wanted a crossing guard sash. She made me one while giving her Day Care children snacks. She found a suit for Joseph for his Titanic Capt Smith here. She knitted Albert a precisely designed airplane vest. She loved being Mom to the four of us and loved being Abuela to 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren.

We will think of her when we eat Macaroni and cheese, serving meatballs and pasta, or preparing food for the baskets. She will always be in our hearts and in our souls. We will become a better person because of the wisdom she shared. We will always love her and miss her. With this Easter Season, we will not grieve or cry for her but celebrate the Love she has passed onto you.



The members of Branch 215 held a successful Bingo/Salad Luncheon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall on April 16. One picture is panned shot of people playing bingo. (Above) Branch President Fran LaTorre, along with many of the branch members who planned and worked the luncheon.



We celebrated our 89th anniversary with a pork loin and risotto dinner in Monsignor O'Brien Hall on Saturday evening, May 16. Ben Ratto prepared the meal, and regulars Ken and Peggy Dorrance operated the bar. The program included accordion music played by Leonard Rossi and dance music presented by the Ramos brothers.

Next on our social calendar is the branch's first-ever bunco party. Date and time are Sunday, June 28 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The locations is Monsignor O'Brien Hall at High and Van Buren Streets in the East End area of the Alameda "main" island. The \$25.00 admission includes games and a box lunch. The \$250.00 total payout will include \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 for first through fourth places. For information and reservations please contact Branch 10 first vice-president Peggy Lubbeck at petalpeggy@aol.com or at (510) 521-4687. Proceeds will benefit Brithright, the Branch 10 charity headquartered nearby in San Leandro.

Less than two weeks later, on Thursday, July 9, we will sponsor our annual bocce and barbecue in Alameda's Lincoln Park, which is located just one-and-a-half blocks from Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Bocce will be played on reserved courts within the park. Patricia ("Pat") Pasquinelli, District Council president who in the past served as president of Branch 10. For information regarding times, prices and reservations, you can send an e-mail to Jeanette Zugnoni, jeanette@zugnoni.net, or call Jeanette at (510) 523-8005.

In the July Bollettino we will announce the recipients of our annual scholarships. We award scholarships to two eighth-graders who will be entering a Catholic high school in the next school year. We also award a \$500.00 college scholarship to a student who is graduating from a high school--public or private--located in Alameda. All winners of Branch 10 scholarships must be affiliated with the ICF through the student's family or with the Catholic parishes or schools of Alameda.

We have voted to sponsor our namesake hole (no. 10) at the ICF 15th Annual Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 24 on the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. Details regarding the tournament can be found on other pages of this month's Bollettino.

John Zugnoni, Publicity

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

June will be a busy month for Branch 215. By the time this article appears, Corpus Christi Church will have celebrated its annual parish festival on June 7th. President Fran, John and Shirley DeLucchi, Nadine Mattier and James McGee proudly presented our ICF Branch Banner during the procession through the downtown Niles District ending in an 11:00 a.m. Mass. Br. 215 also happily made a monetary donation to help with the purchase of food and condiments for the Hot Dog Booth. Nadine was able to enlist a local Boys Scout troop to help with the set up and take down of festival tents.

President Fran wishes to thank the seven Br. 215 members and all the other members of district branches for fully supporting the East Bay District's Day at the Races held on Thursday, June 4th. Branch 215's was pleased to have our 2015 First Year College Scholarship winner, Cara Castillou, and her parents, Al and Kathy Castillou, join us at our June 9th branch meeting. Cara is a graduate of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont. President Fran presented Cara with a certificate acknowledging her achievement and Cara spoke to the members about her choice of college and her career plans. It is always a pleasure to meet our scholarship winner and their parents.

Don't forget June 14th is the date for the East Bay District's Leadership workshop. CC Member Vince Piro will lead this workshop from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at St. Albert the Great

Church Hall, Bay Farm Island, Alameda, CA. This workshop is opened to all members, not just officers. Refreshments will be provided and President Fran is happy to provide transportation for members who do not drive. Please let President Fran know of your interest no later than June 8th.

The next East Bay District Quarterly Communion will be held on June 20th at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Avenue, Castro Valley. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by a light supper. Be sure to let President Fran know no later than June 9th if you plan on attending.

Our next bocce ball gathering will be June 28th, 3:00 p.m., City Beach Sports Center, Automall Parkway, Fremont. Call Jack Navarra at (510) 656-0258 no later than June 21st if you plan on joining us at the bocce ball courts. We usually play two games with a cost of \$5.00 per game. Join us for dinner after the games. We usually decide the restaurant that day.

Happy Father's Day to all our members who are Dads, Nonnos, Uncles, Godfathers. Congratulations to those members celebrating wedding anniversaries in June. Happy Birthday to Lorraine Lucivero, Joe Mini, Stephen Damozonio, Andrea Senge and a special Happy 14th birthday to Jeanine Vanek.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran LaTorre

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

We would like to say Grazie tante to all who helped us celebrate our 36th anniversary and making it such a success. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Our May dinner was something new for us, a late Cinco de Mayo dinner, Mexican cuisine with an Italian twist. It will be a Ravioli dinner in June at which we will announce the winner a scholarship, to a graduating 8th grader from OLG, who will be continuing their Catholic education.

Time to begin thinking about the ICF convention that will happen over Labor Day weekend. We need to elect delegates and sell those raffle books. Remember 1/2 of the proceeds from the sale remains with our branch, could be quite a money maker. Also, we had a big winner last year.

We will be hosting the quarterly district Communion at the 5 P.M. Mass on Saturday, June 20th. there will be a light supper to follow, for this we need a head count by June 15th.

Success for the future to all those graduating this month.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and greats.

Please keep our member, Liz Griffith, in your prayers.

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

At our May, Branch Anniversary Meeting, Ed Rocca took us on a "stroll down memory lane" with a presentation of highlights from past years. Champagne and cake completed the pot luck dinner. A big "thank you" to Ed and our hosts for the evening, Judy and Dave Wellbeloved.

Our two First Year Scholarship recipients are Kelly Borden, from Granada High School, Livermore, and Shannon C. Lessard, from Livermore Valley Charter Prep High School. Our congratulations to the graduates and their parents!

Branch 285, is working on a new fund-raising event to take place next Fall. It will be a Polenta and Chicken Cacciatoire Dinner at St. Augustine's Hall in Pleasanton, on Saturday, October 3rd. More details will follow in the

coming months.

Important upcoming dates are:

Tuesday, June 9 -- monthly bocce, 10 am - 12 pm, Pleasanton Senior Center

Friday, June 19 -- branch monthly meeting... place and time to be determined

Saturday, June 20 -- 5 pm Mass and Dist. Communion at Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley(contact Karen Rossi at 510-581-3246)

Tuesday, July 14 -- summer bocce and pizza outing w/short meeting. 10 am - 2 pm at Senior Center and Gay 90's Pizza

Friday, August 7 -- Italian Night at the Oakland A's!! (contact Carolyn Cardinalli at 925-846-0440)

We are all happy to see Elena Simi at our meetings after her long illness! Thank you for your prayers.

We wish all our dads a VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!! And, we ask God to watch over all our members, their families and loved ones as they enjoy summer outings and vacations. Until next month, may we be mindful of and grateful for all God's blessings in our lives.

Ciao,

Mary Merucci

Contra Costa

District Council

Our Contra Costa District will hold a workshop on August 1 in Crockett to be presented by the Central Council. Time and Menu will be listed in next month's report.

During our April meeting we voted to make a donation for the Golf Tournament in Monterey this summer.

There are a few tickets left for the A's baseball game on the 22nd of August. If you are interested call Roselynne at 925-957-0269

Message from our President: "Our next district meeting will be on Thursday, June 25th at 7:30 P.M. It's always nice to see each delegate and to hear what activities the branches have going on. Delegates are encouraged to attend these District meetings in order to be kept informed and to vote on motions brought up on the floor.

Our last meeting of 2015 will be on Thursday, October 22. This is the meeting where nominations for District officers will be held. October may seem far away but will be here before we know it. Please consider becoming an officer. We need people to step forward and show their leadership because without good leaders we will not prevail.

It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help. Do you know a few people like that? Pray for them this month that they might learn humility. Peace.

Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

We, as Catholics, daily follow the fifth commandment handed down to Moses and "honor thy father and thy mother." In these two months that we celebrate our parents and embody this commandments, the words of Audrey Hepburn come to mind when she was asked to share her 'beauty tips.' She said, "For attractive lips, speak words of kindness; for lovely eyes, seek out the good in people; for a slim figure, share your food with the hungry; for beautiful hair, let a child run her fingers through it once a day; and, for poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed."

We pray for our graduates, mothers, fathers, each other, and a peaceful summer. Branch #13 gathers again at our next meeting on Friday, August 28



Branch 13 members congratulate officer and De La Salle graduate, Paul S. Cook, 2015 Recipient of the ICF First Year Scholarship. Best wishes for your future success!

when we celebrate the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients: our first year scholarship winner, member and officer of Branch 13, Paul S. Cook, a De La Salle High School graduate; and, the Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship winner, Melissa Plankey, a graduate from St. Catherine of Siena Parochial School. Come join us and bring a friend.

Ciao for now!

Mary Cook

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

In June, we honor our scholarship recipients, and once again, our faith in the future soars as we see and hear the optimism of determined young adults.

Our June meeting is Tuesday, June 9th. Mass is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and the meeting is at 7:30. Italian pasta will be served, in addition to salad and dessert. The cost for this delicious Italian dinner is \$8.00. Imagine what it would cost at a restaurant!

You are invited to attend the June 19th Pedro and Card Night at 7:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served. Amid laughter and good-humored banter, most play either Pedro or Pay Me.

A sincere welcome to our newest member, John Lira, of El Sobrante.

Congrats to Convention delegates Dee Carone, Vonda Egan, Helen Petersen and Tony Raffanelli. We know they, as well as David Botta and President Donna Hoffmann, will represent Branch 14 well. Thanks also to Janice Burnett and Carol Lawson for agreeing to be alternates.

We send messages for improved health to Andrea Delsid, Marcy Morales, Joe Noe, Judy Pereria, Becky Pessagno and Tony Scardino.

To our scholarship recipients and all graduates, we remind you to reach for the stars, they may be closer than you think!

To the men in our branch, we remind you that a father, or a father figure, is neither an anchor

to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows the way.

To all, we hope that June may be filled with many special blessings.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

It is time for those lazy days of summer. Join us at our fun filled events!

Upcoming:

Sunday, June 14 -- Meeting and Member appreciation potluck at 2pm followed by free raffle.

Thurs., June 25 -- District meeting in Danville at 7:30pm

Watch for a flyer with information about our branch picnic and swim party. It will be held at the home of Joann Thilgen during the month of June or July. You will not want to miss this.

Also, watch for a newsletter with details for our two fall bus trips. Joann is planning a turnaround trip to the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey on Sunday, Sept. 13. On Sunday/Monday Oct. 11/12, we will go to Reno for the Italian festival for an overnighter. We will also have a luncheon fundraiser this summer.

The convention will be held in Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend. Watch for details. Have you bought your convention raffle tickets? Remember the branch makes a profit off the sale of each book.

Member Connie Bochse died in April. Please pray for her soul and may comfort be given to her family.

Please pray for members Denny O'Laughlin and Shirley Joachim. They were in a car accident. Denny is better, but Shirley is still suffering with a separate major illness.

Branch 72 will welcome former Branch President Larry Bastian back. He will attend our meeting in June.

Happy Father's Day!

Sempre Avanti,

Patty Jarrett

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The St. Raymond Branch is happy to announce our first year scholarship winners for 2015.

The recipients and their families will be invited to our June meeting to receive their certificates of achievements. The winners are: Michela Besagno, Northgate High School, Walnut Creek, Isabella Costa, Carondelet High School, Concord. Isabella is the daughter of Walter Costa, past president of St. Raymond, 154. Kaitlyn Emigh, Alhambra High School, Martinez.



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Jonathan B. Yake, Gonzaga Prepatory School, Spokane WA. A heartfelt congratulations to all of our winners. We look forward to meeting them at our June meeting.

For our May meeting dinner, we served something new: Chicken Enchiladas! Thanks to all who helped to make our dinner a success. The meeting was preceded with a mass honoring our Mothers and Fathers. Thank you to Father Al for being our celebrant.

Delegates to the ICF convention were chosen. They are: Lorraine Acuña, and Lori Framsted. Alternates are Domenica Yonke and Walter Costa.

May Barbano graciously volunteered to be our Membership Mentor. Thank you, May.

Next meeting June 8th, Ravioli and Salad, Scholarship recipients honored. Please call Gloria Martinucci for reservations@526-8749.

District meeting-June 25th, 2015, St. Isadore, Danville.

Lorraine Acuña

Danville

San Isidore, Br. 352

Success! Our "Festa Primavera" Dinner was held on Saturday, May 2nd. Once again, it was "two thumbs up" to Angelo & crew who turned out an amazing Italian dinner. The outstanding cuisine included salad, marinated chicken, pasta with red or pesto sauce, followed by dessert of red velvet or chocolate chip 'buntinis' with cream cheese frosting. A lively raffle & silent auction helped to contribute to the coffers. Thank you to all of the members who volunteered for the Festa committee. Whether you jumped in to pick up/purchase supplies, set up tables, help in the kitchen or at the door, manned the bar, sold raffle/drink tickets or contributed raffle prizes, all were very much needed – and appreciated. What a fun night we had! The high-energy entertainment provided by Wallin & Barretta performing their "Tribute to Italian Singers" in the spirit and style of a Las Vegas headliner show of the '50's, kept the audience dancing & singing along – including an impromptu performance by one of our members, Russ Bellicci! Who knew? Larry Wallin & Rick Barretta were such a hit that we'd like to have them back at our October polenta dinner – with their entire orchestra! We'll be sure to fill the entire gym – you'll want to reserve early, as you definitely won't want to miss that performance!

In the meantime, there's no rest for the Branch, as we're busily working on our next event. Please plan to join us on June 20th at 5pm for our Champagne Dinner & Bingo! All are invited – and RSVPs are required by June 16th as this will be a catered event, with a final headcount required in advance. Please contact Steve Gouig at sjgou@aol.com if you'd like to attend. An eVite will also be emailed to the membership, for your convenience.

In closing, may we celebrate and wish a very Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers!

Until next month –

Ciao,

Marianne Bordogna

Recording Secretary

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all. For openers we would like to welcome new members Ruben and Maria Moreno. We look forward to the Moreno's joining us, bringing their brand of enthusiasm to participate in our many efforts. Volunteering should be a walk in the park for Ruben as he is a member of the Knights of Columbus (KoC), he knows the drill.

The IHM April pancake breakfast was hosted by the Branch and, again, was an unqualified success. May's breakfast will be hosted by KoC.

The Breakfast is free and nothing has done more to help the Parish come together.

The Annual IHM Golf Tournament is rolling around, June 8th is the date. Our very own Frank Silva is the tournaments co-chairman. Our Branch is buying a sponsorship, so get out and start hitting some balls. Lets help make this year's tournament another success.

The college scholarship applications have arrived and been reviewed, there are five winners. The awards will be presented during the Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 29th. The winners and their families are being hosted by KoC who are handling the dinner this year. Our Branch and the Knights alternate hosting the dinners each year.

Are you ready for some Baseball? The 2nd Annual ICF, Contra Cost District Family Night at the Ball Game will be held Saturday night, August 22nd. Your \$30 ticket gets you: Pizza at a tailgate party, second deck seating and fireworks show. Reserve your seat now at 925-381-4709.

Life's all good but sometimes it's better.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

Our inaugural spring tea fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the leadership of Chairwoman Carole Delucchi Pado. The event netted the branch more than \$2,800, and everyone who took part reported having a great time! Thanks to Carole and all her volunteers who took part.

May was another busy month for the branch. Monica and Gino Scodeller organized a delicious polenta dinner on May 1 that was well-attended by members and guests. The dinner was followed by our monthly branch meeting, where Diana Mackinson, Ann Consul and Patty Jarrett were selected as branch delegates to the ICF annual convention in September. The branch also welcomed three new members at the meeting.

Matt and Judi Dallara once again organized the always-popular salami boss booth at the Parish Festival later in May. Thanks to all those who volunteered to work shifts at the booth during the festival and assisted with the polenta dinner.

Are you receiving our emails and evites? If not, let us know at icfpleasanthill@aol.com, or feel free to share your thoughts or suggestions.

Next branch meeting is June 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Ciao!

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Branch 45 is proud to announce the winner of the \$400.00 High School Scholarship. Congratulations to Dante Mazza from Winters. Dante, currently a student at Christian Brothers High School, will be attending Columbia University in the fall.

The winner of our \$500 8th grade scholarship will be announced next month. This additional scholarship is made possible by the generosity of Lee and Shirley (Pasquini) Bennett, offered in memory of Leda Pasquini.

Our president, Janine Orsi, will be our delegate to the 2015 convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Our second attendee will be either Tina Tallman or Bonnie Lally

Up coming events on the calendar... in August (9th), Branch 45 will be hosting the Second Sunday Social at St. Mary's Church. In September and November, Chicken and Polenta dinners return; if you were at the dinner earlier this year, you know what a treat they are! Dates and times to be announced.



The Belle Donne's, from St. Clare, Branch 438, Roseville.

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Thank you to all those who participated and attended our Corporate Mass at St. Joseph's on May 31st. A special thank you goes out to one of our younger members, Diego Ortega, who represented our branch by carrying in our banner at the beginning of mass. It was so nice to celebrate mass with all of you, share more about ICF with the congregation, and have fellowship following the mass.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients who were honored at our June 7th Appreciation Dinner. Our 8th grade recipients are Logan Marino and Elizabeth Artim. Our high school recipients are Sarah Bianchi (Colfax High School) and Michaela Christa Collins (Placer High School).

Please mark your calendars for our annual members picnic which will take place at ARD Park on Saturday, June 27th. Be on the lookout for e-mails with more details about the day. The calling committee will be contacting you soon about what to bring. Hope to see you all there!

Pam Andersen

Bulletin Contributor

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

For the third time in the last four years, the recipient of the \$400.00 first year college scholarship donated Branch 73 has come, so to speak, "from family". This year the ICF Scholarship Committee awarded it to a Branch member, Ava Hagwood, who is the granddaughter of Aldo Frediani and the daughter of Susan Frediani, both also members. Ava plans to attend the University of California, Davis, where she will major in psychology and possibly also in music; her instrument is the French horn. We wish Ava much success in all her future plans and endeavors. Her brother Garrett, recipient of this scholarship in 2012, continues his pre-med and music studies at Davis.

Auguri di ogni bene a tutti i padri della Sezione 73 nell' occasione della loro giornata speciale, il 21 giugno. Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della sezione nati nel mese di giugno.

Robert Delpippo

North Highlands

St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

On Saturday, May 2nd, our general meeting was held at the Parish Center. Members were treated to a delicious Mexican feast prepared by Vera Beine. A special thank you to Vera for cooking the meal and for graciously donating her time and costs.

Congratulations to Ann D'Antonio who won the half and half drawing.

President Nina Malone will be speaking at all the masses to kick off the 2015 ICF Branch 236 membership drive.

It's Convention Raffle Ticket time again, so come on everybody, let's sell, sell sell! If you need tickets, please see Nina Malone.

Please continue to pray for our sick members and their families.

Belated Birthday wishes to Jo Bertolucci (April 13th), Fran Foglia-Teglia (May 7th), and Tina Flanders (May 26th),

Happy Birthday to John Storelli (June 1st)

It's that time of year to pay the remaining half (6 months) of your annual membership dues.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, June 5th, 6PM at Strings Italian Café 4848 Madison Ave., Sacramento.

Best Wishes,

Margie Burke

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

Peanuts and popcorn and cracker jacks but we can't forget the hot dogs at the old ball game. When June 23rd. celebrating Italian night. The Giants Vs. the Padres. Get your baseball tickets if you haven't already. It sounds like a real fun time. Tickets are being sold now. They are going for \$ 50.00 a person. Call Michael Fuentes for tickets. The price includes the bus and other amenities.

A big thank you to our branch deputy and C.C., member Nina Malone and her mother Natalie for cooking a delicious home made lasagna dinner. I was there helper and enjoyed working with them both.

Wednesday May 6th.our ladies in the branch had a luncheon at Skipbolini's in Rocklin. Susan you are so appreciated setting up these luncheons every month. We voted on a name for our group. We are called the Belle Donne's.

Please remember in your prayers all are sick members.

Your Reporter:

Yvonne Perry

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

We had a booth at Our Parish Feast April 25 & 26th. Saturday was cold and rainy. We were bundled up most of the day, but we had



Branch 261 kitchen crew.

a beautiful Sunday and enjoyed all the varied ethnic foods.

We celebrated Mother's Day with our usual Pot Luck. Tony Selvaggi donated a turkey and other members provided the salads, veggies, and desserts. Rosealie Massoni made her delicious Canoli which topped off the meal. We missed The Luzis and LaMons. Hope they didn't forget we met a week early because of Mother's Day on the second Sunday.

We pray for John Carlo's Mom, who was placed in hospice. As a result the Carlo Family was absent. Everyone missed the little ones.

We had an election. Nan Judge was elected to fill the office of Trustee vacated by the death of Dan Vendetti last March. It was voted to send two Delegates to Convention this year. Mauro Romagnoli, as President, I was elected as the second, and Anne Marie McCarthy as alternate.

Remember to bring names of deceased for the Memory page to the next meeting. Buy some chances too. The stubs have to be sent in by August. Hope all the Fathers have a restful and enjoyable Father's Day.

Birthday and Anniversary wishes to those celebrating.

*Ciao,
Jack Grisafe*

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Branch 230 is alive and well and has been very busy for the last few months with two of its major fundraisers – the annual Fish Fry held on February 20th and Pancake Breakfast held on April 12th. Many thanks to all of our branch members, especially Richard Barker, Delfina Centanni, Theresa Cutri, Mary Lou Terramagra, Jim Cardinale-Hill, and the many supporters that helped to make both events very successful. The proceeds from both of these two events have been donated to Our Lady of the Rosary Church and for the funding of two ICF \$400 first year scholarships.

Congratulations to the branch's scholarship recipients – Evelyn Grimm from River Valley Charter School and Jessica Sperrazzo from Cathedral Catholic High School. Hopefully, our two winners and their families will join the branch at the next general meeting on June 19th.

Branch 230 enjoyed hosting the ICF San Diego District Meeting on May 11th. Please keep two district board members in your prayers, Mary Alesi (Branch 416) and Tony Anthony (Branch 261). May God grant them both a speedy recovery.

Mark your calendars for the June 19th general meeting and for the July 12th annual branch picnic to be held at Spanish Landing which will

highlight a competitive bocce ball tournament, delicious food and, of course, warm camaraderie.

May all of our Dads and Granddads enjoy their special day on June 21st. Happy Father's Day!

*God Bless,
Maria Tolleson*

San Diego

St. Theresa, Br. 261

Thanks to our ICF members for providing our parish delicious meatball & sausage sandwiches..Don Chmiel chaired the event... Tim Tallarida prepared 15 gallons of sauce.. And our members rolled the meatballs... The meal was transported to Murray Hall where Robin Fielding & crew sold the sandwiches... Our recipes are over 40 years old...

Some of our members will be traveling north for vacations... We plan on hearing on the sights of Sequoia and Lake Tahoe at a future meeting. Our favorite question – "What was your most memorable moment?" We did hear that one of our members fell out of a rubber raft on the Truckee River. Luckily all he injured was his pride...

I found this story about Custer difficult to believe because I thought that there were no survivors at the Battle of Little Big Horn... Well it appears there was one that went on to speak about his experiences.. In 1863 Luigi Palma di Cesnola was the Company bugler... he was a teenager..During the battle Custer realized that he needed aid..so Luigi was chosen to be the person to seek assistance...Since Luigi spoke with a heavy accent and was not easily understood the SOS message was written on paper... When Luigi rode out of the area on to the high ground he looked back to see Custer's army being destroyed .. The note has been preserved and is on display ...

Welcome to new ICF members: Jo Cryder - Francene Poirier - Mr/Mrs Striebel....

Vic Tallarida

San Francisco

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members,

Please note the following events:

May 24 - Branch Mass. 10:30 am I.C.C.

June 3 - Monthly meeting - 7:00 pm Host: Anna Doyle

Happy Father's Day to all Branch 1 Fathers!

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

First, our Branch #38 is hoping all le Mamme, Nonne, e Zie of the ICF had a wonderful and memorable "Giorno delle Mamma." Our branch will be celebrating this wonderful occasion next Saturday, May 16. We have lots of things planned! A pizza party is in the works and maybe a song or two, such as: "Mamma" and "That's Amore!" Thank you goes to our "Sister's Trio," Norma, Charlotte (yes, just like the new baby Princess), & Dora for making the arrangements at Tony's Restaurant. We can hardly wait for lunch!

We began our "No Bake Sale" at our April meeting. All of our branch members have received notices in the mail regarding our annual fundraiser. Madeline Torre, our wonderful (homebound) Treasurer, said the donations are coming in very well. Thanks to some of our very generous members, we have actually exceeded last years' total! I am so happy! As you know, our branch membership has decreased over the years, and every cash donation we get helps us meet our annual obligations. However, if you forgot to mail your check, you still can do so! Thank you, our loyal Branch #38 members!

We also celebrated Norma Tealdi's "99th" Birthday! Dora decorated the PC with birthday everything, tables, walls, dishes. The hall looked very festive and inviting. The branch surprised Norma with a "Fior d'Italia" gift certificate and a card signed by everyone. She was quite happy and appreciated everything. Her sisters, Lottie and Dora treated everyone to a delicious Strawberry Shortcake. Thank you Varacchi Sisters!

At our April meeting, Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, told us about a saint from Lucca whose feast day is April 27. Her name is St. Zita who at the age of 12 became a housekeeper. Her motto was: "A servant is not holy if she is not busy." St. Zita was a very young and hard working girl! In a change of subject, Maria also told us this year in April, the Italian candy, "Gianduotto Chocolate" celebrated its 150 year. The candy is a combination of chocolate & hazelnut. As always, Maria treated each member with a few samples! Thank you for being so thoughtful! The Gianduotto Chocolates were delicious!

*Exciting news: Congratulations to one of our youngest Branch 38 members! He is DOMINIC RAMSEY! He received his 1st Holy Communion at St. Teresa's Church on May 2. We are so proud of you. We remember when you were born 8 years ago on April 15, when your Dad was our wonderful branch president. God bless you, Dominic.

** Announcement: Convention Raffle tickets will soon be arriving. Br. gets to keep 50%!

***HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the ICF Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, & Godfathers!

Ciao!

Ci Vediamo il 13 di giugno!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

On May 6th, our members enjoyed a wonderful dinner of Salad, Risotto, Meatballs, and dessert. Although our President George Bacigalupi was unable to attend, our past president Liana Figone capably ran the meeting and gave us information regarding the upcoming ICF Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Our special thanks to Father Linh for his support.

Please continue to pray for all members who are ill.

Ciao,

Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope all our Mothers had a very nice Mother's Day.

Our red Hawk Casino trip on 4/22 was a great day. Unfortunately, no big winners.

May 1st: our trip to the Fratellanza Club was very enjoyable. Lunch was very good and the Finnocchio fun performance was excellent.

June 24th: Trip is being planned for the Jackson Rancheria Casino in Jackson, Ca. Then on our way home we will stop and shop at the Lockford Meat and Sausage Company. Their Sausage is out of this world!

On July 8th we will have our Pot Luck Lunch. This is always a great Day with loads of good food and visits with good friends.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads. Have a great day.

Birthdays: Eva Perata, June 18th; Vince Tudoni, June 28th; John Gersick,

July 1st; Linda Di Martine, July 10th; Anna Skopanick, July 18th; Nora Borghello, July 20th; Dolores Crespi, July 20th. We wish you many more years of much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Remember these dates:

June 1st: Officers Meeting

June 22nd: Meeting

June 28th: Mass

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Members,

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our only evening meeting on Thursday, June 18th. The meeting will be preceded by a delicious ravioli dinner at 6:00 PM in honor of Branch 290's scholarship winners. Be sure to attend this most festive and enjoyable event.

Our condolences go out to Therese and Marco Calgaro on the loss of their mother, Norma. May she rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

Please continue to pray for all our members who are not feeling well or who are recuperating from surgery or an illness.

Happy Father's Day to all Branch 290 dads!

Ciao,

Jeannette

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

La vita e bella!

Last month we had another successful garage sale. We want to thank all workers and contributors that helped make this a successful event. They helped setting up the event, pricing the items, and helping make the sales: ann@joebasuino, ellena kelly, italo@liliana zarich, gary gualco, florence omalley. Special thanks to Vince Russo and daughter, Lisa Hiks, for the use of their garage for the sale; and providing us with great coffee and cake. We also thank our gracious contributors of items from bicycles to clothes, to wheelchairs to garden furniture: Mary Fe, eddy@norma Eremco, Mary Lobuglio, Mary Mendieta, Liliana Zarich, Vince Russo, and Father Joe Landi. We want to thank them all for their generosity of time and efforts and their contributions.

Ann Basuino

San Mateo District Council

Many thanks to Branch 7, All Souls Church for hosting Bishop's Day, April 12. Special thanks to Kelly and Marc Teglia for all their work to make this day a great success. Many thanks to Bishop William Justice for celebrating the spirit filled Mass assisted by Branch 6 Chaplain Deacon Tom Boyle. Mass was followed by a delicious luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, August 9, Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City celebrating 90th Anniversary at San Mateo Elks Club. More information later.

Saturday, October 24, Branch 7 All Souls, South San Francisco also celebrating 90th Anniversary. This is a major milestone, so please try to attend.

Saturday, September 19, District's 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William Justice at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame at 2:00 p.m. followed by dinner at St. Dunstan's Parish Center, Millbrae. Price: \$25.00. More information later.

Other Anniversaries in the District:

Branch 19--October 26

Branch 163--October 18, San Mateo Elks Club.

God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

The May dinner meeting was chaired by Gayle & Bill Mangini. As always, it was a wonderful dinner to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo". Thank you Gail and all your helpers!

Don't forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. The "Western BBQ Dinner-Dance" Fundraiser is scheduled for October 24th and will be our 90th anniversary. More info to follow. Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 6th. 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.

Our dear Norma Steffen has stepped down as our dinner coordinator. We would like to thank and acknowledge all her hard work and the many years of service she provided to our branch. She really has been our "Rock of Gibraltar"! Thank you Norma and we wish you all the best!

Our branch needs volunteers to help. We cannot thrive without them. As our President Kelly said, "Many Hands Make Light Work". Please consider helping to set up or clean-up at our regular meetings, or helping with reminder calls, or partnering with someone to chair and

cook a dinner. You may want to help manage the bar, sell raffle tickets, or solicit and make raffle prizes. Please call Kelly at 650-589-4638 or talk to her at the meeting.

A little chuckle for your day... "Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called Witchcraft. Today, it's called Golf!" Sempre Avanti and Happy Summer!

Laurie Masetti

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Here we are into the month of June already. Everyone will be getting ready to celebrate Father's Day, graduations and summer vacation. We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day with their families.

Everyone enjoyed the Mexican style dinner that was held and hosted by Christine Prudenciado and her crew. Also a big thank you for all those who helped with the Jefferson Baccalaureate Mass/Breakfast.

There will be the annual Columbus Day Reno trip on October 9, 10 and 11. Come join the branch and have a fun time. Make reservations with Kathy Trevizo at (650) 993-8336.

Don't forget about the annual Spring Garage Sale.

Branch Schedule:

June 8th: 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting with social following.

June 22nd: Scholarship Recipients Dinner – Chair Person Cheryl Simon.

Make your reservation with Cheryl Simon 650-755-0878 or cas94015@yahoo.com.

Buona festa del papà,

N. Thurman

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Thanks to Branch 7, All Souls, for hosting Bishop's Day April 12th. Ten of our members attended and had a very enjoyable time. Mass was followed by a delicious dinner at the Basque Cultural Center.

A special thanks to Steve Fuentes for cooking the tasty Paella Dinner we had in April and to Virginia Fuentes for buying and preparing supplies for the dinner.

Since our May meeting will be after this deadline, I will report about the Mothers' Day dinner and Social next month. The men will pay tribute to the Mothers. We will elect the delegates to the Convention at this meeting.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, June 11, 2015 – Meeting and Chicken Dinner. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Mass 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan's, Millbrae. Price \$25.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 – Our Branch's 53rd Anniversary Celebration at the San Mateo Elks Club.

Remember to buy or sell your book of raffle tickets. Send check for \$20 and the stubs to: Virginia Fuentes, 2414 Dekoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94402. Branch keeps \$10 for every book sold.

God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We are looking forward to our May dinner/meeting and celebrating Cinco de Mayo with Mexican food including Beer, Wine and Margaritas. Thanks to our hostesses Brenda Wemiz and Lisa Martinelli for co-chairing the dinner.

At our May meeting we will have a sign up sheet for helpers for our rummage sale on Friday June 19th and Saturday June 20th. It would be appreciated if we could have helpers for 3-4 hour increments. Also, if possible let us know at the meeting convenient times for small items to be picked up. Any large items should be dropped off on Wednesday 6-18 or advise Dorene (650-344-7870) ahead of time.

Our Annual Ravioli Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2015 with 4:00pm No Host Cocktails and 5:00 PM Dinner. Prices are: \$22.00 Adults and \$50.00 for a family of 4. Contact: Dorene Campanile (no. listed above) and we will honor our scholarship winners at the dinner. Thanks to our members and guests attending our fundraisers we were able to award two one year scholarships of \$400.00 each to two high school seniors.

We will not have a June meeting and we will be electing delegates to attend the Convention at our May meeting. Save the date for our next big event on Sunday, August 2nd which will be held at Beresford Park in San Mateo. A flyer will be sent out with the July newsletter and it should be fun for everyone.

Our prayers go out to the family of Mario Cassanego who passed away recently. He was the brother of John Cassanego and brother-in-law of Rina.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our May 12 meeting was cancelled since so many members could not attend. So, we are looking forward to our June 9th meeting, when

will be honoring our scholarship recipient, Robert Chapman, and his family. Robert is the grandson of member Roberta Franchini, and he will be attending Sonoma State University in the Fall. We are looking forward to meeting him.

Don't forget to send in your convention raffle ticket stubs and checks to Roberta. Our branch makes \$10 for each book sold. If you need additional books, call Roberta 650/355-0813. This is a great way to make some money for our treasury.

Hope you have the date of September 19th on your calendars. This is the date for the San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass is at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame and will be celebrated by Bishop William Justice. Dinner follows Mass at St. Dunstan's Parish Center in Millbrae. Details have not been firmed up yet; more information will be coming.

Several of our members have been unable to attend our meetings and functions, so please let them know they are missed!! Mary Rose Favuzzi – 650-355-2482; John Cannon – 650-685-1936; Fran & Chuck Baumann – 650/355-3205; Bill Houwer – 650-952-9403; Faith Hill – 209/848-2479.

Don't forget! Our next meeting is on June 9, and will be hosted by Joyce James and Renee Lee Mintun, and we will be honoring our scholarship recipient, Robert Chapman!

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San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16. We will be having our annual "pizza and scholarship" dinner. We have invited all the scholarship recipients and their families to join us for pizza and we will present the winners with their scholarships. Please plan to join us for this fun event.

Mark your calendars - no meeting in July.

On a sad note, we lost another member of our branch in March. Tom Brennan, former 2nd Vice President and dedicated worker for our branch passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alma and her family. May he rest in peace.

Did you know??? Our wonderful Rosary program started in 1991 and to date the Rosary group of dedicated workers have made 76,363 rosaries! Our rosaries are given free to such groups as: Legion of Mary, CCD classes, schools in the Bay Area, Stanford Hospital and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital to name just a few who have asked for them. The notes of thanks received from the various groups are very heart-warming and can bring a tear to your eye. The rosaries are always appreciated. Our present rosary makers are: Rose Beall, Barbara Borra, Marie DeRosa, Ida Figone and Joe Sheehan, under the direction of Lorie Boris. We should all be proud of the work they do representing our branch and the ICF.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

Everyone stay happy and healthy!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our annual fundraiser "Spaghetti & Meatball" dinner prepared by our President Lorrie and Past President Carla was enjoyed by all attendees. We thank our ICF member John Muniz and his Millbrae Leos for setting up, serving and cleaning-up.

Our June meeting to be held on June 2, will be a KFC dinner for \$10 per person. The dinner will consist of 2 pieces of chicken, with mashed potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit and dessert. For



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reservations send check payable to ICF Branch #403 to Carla del Carlo, P.O. Box 852, Millbrae, CA 94030 by May 28, 2015.

We have no monthly meeting in July, so we wish everyone a safe and fun-filled vacation.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

San Jose Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Our district meeting had all branches represented. Marie Antonowicz gave an opening religious reflection. Central Council requested donations for the Nepal relief and a \$100 was approved. Emily Corral reported that we have three scholarship winners. She plans to invite them to the District Mass & luncheon. Joan Delfino said nineteen scholarships were awarded within the Santa Clara area – three other scholarships were given to another district.

The flyer for the Seminarians Night promises Mangiare, Bere and Divertirsi but support has been tepid. President Denise Antonowicz (Chairperson) implored everyone to step up support and consider a donation if not able to attend.

Larry Marsalli gave high praise for the effort on Branch 4 and 5 90th celebration. He was happy to see Monsignor Milani who put aside his walker. Larry said that when asked why he attended he replied, "Why not these are my people!" Benvenuti e Salute Monsignor!

Louise Vento's heritage talk provided techniques to research your family ancestry. Using resources available online and via the Mormon and Ellis Island ancestry centers.

* Our Lady of Peace Mass – 11 am, July 12th. (Note Change)

* District Picnic – 8/2/15 – St. Clare's

* Central Council Leadership/Membership Workshop – 7/25/15 Location TBD

* Casino Night 9/12 (need a venue)

* Next Meeting: St. Mary's – Los Gatos – Monday, June 8

Mike Nunziata

San Jose Holy Cross, Br. 4

The 90th Anniversary Celebration for Branches 4 and 5 was wonderful. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Congratulations to Branch 191 who will celebrate 50 years on June 28th!

Hoping all Mothers' had a great Mother's day!

June 3- Fundraiser- Baby Back Ribs with all the trimmings. Invite your friends and families. Donation \$30.00 for adults.

July 8- Picnic in the Park. Pot Luck dinner. Please bring your own chairs. Branch will furnish a beverage.

July 12- District Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass at 11:00 a.m.. Lunch to follow. More on the Luncheon later.

The Branch 4 Delegates to Convention are: President Anna Gonzales and David Ballard.

Thoughts and prayers to all of our sick members.

It is with a heavy heart I'm reporting the passing of Marilyn Uzzardo. Marilyn was not only a member of our branch, she was an incredibly hard worker for the branch. She NEVER said No to helping out when she was asked, and always volunteered to help whenever she could. Marilyn was loved by all who knew her. Our deepest sympathy to her Family. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in

Peace.

*Blessings to all,
Ann Fitzgerald*

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

The celebration of the 90th Anniversaries of Branches 4 & 5 was truly a delightful occasion. Everyone enjoyed the choir during Mass, three priests that were in attendance, the humor provided by Fr. Milani, the delicious buffet served by Mariani's Restaurant, a spectacular collection of memorabilia from the last 90 years, and of course a chance to meet with new and old friends in a wonderful setting. Thanks to all who made the event so enjoyable.

Two important events are taking place: Date: July 12, 2015 –

- 1) District ICF Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, at 11:00AM in Santa Clara
- 2) Our own ICF Br. 5 Chicken/Pasta BBQ at St. Clare's Church BBQ Area in Santa Clara Time: 12:00 Noon to 4:00PM.

We need your attendance and support on both of these events, especially our own Branch BBQ. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at the next meeting. All donations are welcome, including items for the raffle baskets and items for the cake booth. Please help in any way you can.

Remember to sell/or buy the ICF Convention Raffle Tickets, and return stubs and money to Mary Ann Ruiz.

Thanks go to Elaine and Bob Osorio and helpers, who prepared a beautiful enchilada dinner with all the trimmings for our May meeting.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Dan Ardizzone and John Talia. They are a great loss to our branch. May they rest in peace.

Happy 4th of July. Enjoy and be safe.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

The 2015 ICF Convention will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 4 to September 7. I am sure that the delegates will have a marvelous time!! Please look for the Convention Raffle Tickets, which should be arriving by mail. For each booklet sold, our Branch receives \$5.00, so it's a win-win! How do you like those odds?

Do plan to attend the always beautiful outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, which will be celebrated on Sunday, July 12, at 11 A.M. Please call Denise Antonowicz at (408) 356 2543 for details regarding the luncheon which follows, at Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant.

Jim and Janice Jones and Mike and Marcie Rossi, bid on and won the Tree House Dinner at our Dinner Dance last October. So, last week they claimed their prize, starting with hors d'oeuvres served at the cowboy saloon, then enjoying the meal prepared by Joe and Marie Yurosko, and ending with homemade apple pie served by Sue Cristallo. Even Mystique, one of Sue's horses, arrived to visit!

FYI: Central Council Golf Tournament in Monterey will be July 24. The District Chicken and Pasta Picnic will be held at St. Clare's Church in Santa Clara on August 2. Call Denise Antonowicz for details.

Best wishes to all Grads and Dads!! Please pray for our families, our members, and for our country!

Be safe,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Branch 191 would like to congratulate Branches 4 and 5 on their 90th year anniversary. Branch 4 started April 19, 1925 and Branch 5 started May 17th, 1925. This is a magnificent milestone.

Branch 191 will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary on June 28th at the 3 Flames Restaurant. For information please contact Denise Antonowicz or Aldine Grisenti.

Our annual Central Council Seminarian Night will be held on June 6th this year at St. Mary's Church, Los Gatos, California. Saint Mary's Branch 184 will host this important event and not only will it be loads of fun, a great dinner cooked by Debbie Piro (Vince Piro's sister) and Robyn Piro (Vince Piro's wife). You will also enjoy the music of a terrific band; Anthony Lane's Band for entertainment and dance from Monterey. This is an important function with the proceeds going toward the support of our Providenza Seminary Fund. Please try to attend. A wonderful opportunity to go on a date with your special loved one and the cost is only \$40 per person.

Don't forget our Lady of Peace outdoor Mass on July 12th at 11:00 am in Santa Clara. Father George is our Celebrant. You can look forward to a fantastic day!

God Bless you all.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

At our meeting on May 13 our branch enjoyed a delicious meal of appetizers, salads, sliders and desserts. Our thanks go to Judy and John Janini, Mary and Marcello Ridi, and Mary's mother Rose Traina for all their work as hosts and hostesses for the evening.

Our congratulations and best wishes went to Santa Teresa High School senior Kylie Schmid, winner of the First Year Scholarship for 2015. We are proud of you, Kylie!

Besides electing our Convention delegates, we discussed these dates to remember:

June 6th, A Night for Seminarians; July 12th, Our Lady of Peace Mass at 11:00 a.m., that the whole district attends; and August 2nd, our district picnic.

Our pasta and meatball dinner on May 15 was a huge success. Joan Delfino's famous homemade sauce topped our pasta, which was accompanied by a garden salad, dessert, and a beverage. Anne Cordoni and Mary Ridi, along with their many helpers, did an excellent job organizing, preparing, and serving the dinner. We look forward to presenting Father George with a fat check toward furnishing our new hall.

Benediciones to all,

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Congratulations to our branch Chaplin, Fr. Abe, who is celebrating 20 years as a priest. May the Lord continue to guide and bless him on his vocation for many years to come.

Branch #391's dinner was Mexican inspired, due to the Cinco de Mayo holiday. The team of "Holy Rollers" prepared the enchiladas, rice and beans. They even made extra enchiladas, which were sold after the meeting to raise additional funds for the branch. Thank you Kitchen Crew, Jessie Romero, and the many Holy Rollers for making so many enchiladas!

At the meeting, the Heritage Report was presented by Louise Vento about Mother's Day. Also, Louise set-up a beautiful table which displayed pictures of the members with their mothers. Scholarship winners will be invited

to the next meeting on June 2nd. Leslie Plaque reported on the annual Celebration of Life, which was a big success. Hawaiian dancers were the entertainment. Our branch President, Russ Vento, reported that the branch received \$250 from April's fundraiser at Tony & Alba's.

Reminder: the convention raffle tickets were passed out at the meeting, if you forgot to pick-up your tickets, we will mail them to you.

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to our 2015 ICF Scholarship Winner Paige Martin of Fremont High School. Paige has helped out at a number of ICF Blood Drives and has demonstrated a strong commitment to Community Service in her High School Career. Paige plans to University of San Diego and to pursue a criminal justice career.

Please pray for Donors for our next ICF Blood Drive on June 14th.

The District Mass at Our Lady of Peace has been moved to Sunday 12 July 2015 @ 11 AM. Please make an effort to attend this Mass. Fr. George will be the Presider.

Monsignor Milani will celebrate his 90th Birthday and 65 years as priest at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's of Cupertino on the 14th of June.

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday 28th June in the Farana Center. Please Volunteer for this event.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Monsignor Milani (who is walking now), Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, Al's wife Syd, Carolyn O'Connor, Susie Quaglia, and Aldo Lucaratti.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Our branch had a very successful turn out at our fund raiser on April 25th. We all enjoyed a truly 100% Italian meal consisting of delicious mostaccioli, sausage, many different breads, antipasti and yummy desserts. This feast was prepared by Andy and Sid Pappani George Gugliemo and many of Andy and Sid's relatives. If I omitted anyone I am truly sorry.

Our tables were beautifully decorated by Giulia Gallego who always amazes us with her lovely centerpieces.

We also were so fortunate to have some lovely, wonderful donated raffle prizes. Our members and friends were very generous buying many tickets to make it a big success. Denise and Sal Campagna were big winners, winning 3 great prizes.

For our May dinner meeting we will be catered to by Sid and Andy Pappini making their delicious enchiladas in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Last year they were outstanding and a big hit with all of us.

Please keep Joe Tacci, son of Johanna Tacci in your prayers. Hope all the mother's had a happy, blessed Mother's Day.

God bless,

Donna Baslin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our 88th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER held on Saturday, May 2nd was attended by 20 ICF members. Two friends, Joe and Jo Macaluso, came from the Crotchet Branch and our Deputy Linda Sherman and her husband Glenn attended. We enjoyed each other's company and the delicious meal.



2015 Scholarship Recipients of St. Eugene's Branch 198 – from left to right: Branch President, Robert Acquistapace, Claudia Manni, Dante Feliciano, Ariana Fernandez, Adam Bates, Past Grand President and Member of Scholarship Committee, Carmen Kilcullen, Joseph Luchetti and Caroline Sheppard. Not pictured: Nicole Cheda and Jacob Righetti.

Our 8th Grade Scholarship Committee has given information to Parishes in Napa with the winner being announced at the end of the May.

The ICF Central Council Scholarships went to the following graduating senior in Napa: Kate Anderson and Steven Bertolucci from Vintage High School and, Scott Silva from Napa High School. Scott's grandmother is our Branch Secretary Laura Silva.

We will have a Turkey Burger Dinner at our June Meeting, prepared by Pauline Seago.

Happy summerto one and all.

Ciao,

Julian

Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Congratulations to the Central Council Team who so superbly presented the Strategic Plan Workshop

April 19th in Napa. Much needed material was shared. Martha Rusake and Marie Canale represented Branch 18. The District Meeting followed. Many thanks to host branch 12 for the fine hospitality. Our get-well prayers to our District President, Dante Corsetti recovering from recent surgery. We honored our mothers with donations to The Living Room-a local homeless shelter for women and children and also to Life Pregnancy Services. We honor our fathers in June with a donation to Yountville Veterans Home where there is much need. Our convention raffle tickets

arrive with our June Newsletter, good luck. The income from these tickets helps cover convention

expenses. The winners of our Branch 18 ICF scholarships; Victoria Dobbins and Grace Forsell, Cardinal Newman High School. Santa Rosa, these scholarships are in memory of Branch 18 deceased members, Emily Seely, Clear Lake High School won the scholarship donated by Marie Canale and Joseph Angelesco in memory of their uncle, Anthony Nicosia. We look forward to meeting our winners at our August 8th pasta&roast beef dinner dance, Scottish Rite Center, Sasnta Rosa, music by Showcase, \$20.00, call Doreen, 707/525-0295 for tickets.

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Our Mother's Day Dinner / Meeting was a fun evening. Thank you to Peter Smederle, a new member, for cooking the delicious dinner. We honored mothers over 80 and our two scholarship winners. Photos will be in the next Bollettino. ICF Sunday on May 17 was also successful. We provided the lectors, greeters and Eucharistic ministers at the 10 AM Mass and had doughnuts after the Mass.

Upcoming Events:

June 10: Father's Day Dinner, 6:30 PM. Carmen Puccinelli will be the chef. Reservations are a must by calling Mary Madden 431-0438, Nancy Seppi 433-4708, or Karla Lippincott 237-1308. We will take the annual branch photo for the ICF Convention Souvenir Book.

We are looking for members who are interested in becoming an officer. Please see Pres. Nancy Seppi or one of the other officers if you'd like to be an officer. The branch is growing and needs to continue having effective leadership to keep prospering.

Happy Father's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Please accept my apologies for not reflecting the hard work and dedication of our branch in The Bollettino. We have been so focused on the next event and our communication "here", that I have forgotten to keep my communication going out "there." The Bollettino is an important part of The Italian Catholic Federation landscape and I know branch members are disappointed to open it up and not find our news represented in it.

Our February Citrus Fair Chicken/Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. It was downright scary watching so many people come through the doors and having to turn some away who didn't have tickets. It turns out, all we needed was faith...the food didn't run out and chairpersons Teresa DeRosier and Kristina Caturegli and a zillion relatives had everything under control both in the kitchen and the barbecue pits. The chicken was moist and tender and the spaghetti sauce perfectly delicious. A handful of kids from Washington School manned the dining room and our different members were scattered around the dining room and the bar keeping everyone happy. It was a happy, typically Cloverdalian vibe...in and out and off again to the Citrus Fair. Great fun!

The March, St. Joseph's Day Banquet featured



(Above) Branch 198 scholarship recipients with judges Robert Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcullen are honored at the May dinner.

(Right) Jacob Righetti receives his scholarship from Branch 198 president Robert Acquistapace.

exquisite vegetarian/traditional feast day foods, salads and breads. Dianne Heckenberg will never "chair" an event but does it anyway with her beautiful meal preparation and presentation. Our District Chaplain and Parish Priest, Father Fergal McGuinness said a special blessing in honor of St. Joseph, the father and protector of Jesus, ergo, the father and protector of us.

Unique to our parish is a vineyard with the fourteen Stations of the Cross off to the side of it. Also unique to our branch is the location of the Heckenberg's home who live right off the fourteenth station! Last year they invited us to do the Stations of the Cross and pop in for dessert. We designed April's meeting around this invitation and began with a light supper ala Teresa DeRosier in Reali Hall, we divided the leadership of the stations among its members and did the slow mournful walk of Calvary. The clear readings of the members, the prayers, and the canting at each station marked a very touching event.

Onward to our May 16th Card/Game Day. We hope to reignite the enthusiasm of the past for these events which have died out in recent years. So far with Ceil Casciaro and Lori Schandel chairing this event, there are several Bridge Tables. We're hoping for a wild and crazy variety of games and a Saturday of food, family and fun!

Patsy Buchignani

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I can't believe I am writing for the June issue. This year is going so fast and I don't know where all the time went. The weather has been unbelievable, we need the rain. Maybe we should be like the Indians and beat the drums and maybe, just maybe, it might rain. Pray for rain!

The Branch will have held their chicken/cacciatora dinner by the time you get your Bollettino. Our thanks go to all the cooks and all who helped in any way and also to those who made an effort to attend.

Don't forget to send in your donation for the Bakeless Bake Sale.

We are proud to name the recipients of the



\$400 Scholarship Awards. They are as follows: Isabella Cirelli, St. Vincent's High School; Victoria Leoni, Petaluma High School; Jennifer Nelson, Casagrande High School; and the Sam DiGirolamo Scholarship went to Alexandria Gambonini, St. Vincent's High School. Congratulations to all of them. They have all been invited to our June dinner.

The next dinner to be held is the Shrimp/Risotto or Mushroom/Risotto, on August 15th in St. James Church Hall. The last one held was delicious and all who attended enjoyed themselves. Cost \$22 for Adults - \$10 children under 12 yrs. Call Louise for reservations: 769-7389.

On August 2, our Branch will be holding its family picnic and the Day of Recollection for the District. There will be a mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Church. The presentations and the picnic will follow in the Courtyard. The menu will be chicken, salads, dessert, beverages. The cost is \$10. Help will be needed by members. Make your reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

Quarterly Communion Mass for Living/Deceased is on June 7th at St. Vincent's Church 10:30 Mass with a Breakfast/Lunch to follow at the Boulevard Cafè. Call Kathleen Walker for reservations - 763-7354.

Regular Meeting - June 8th - DUE TO VACANCIES IN OFFICES, THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION AT THE JUNE MEETING. PLEASE ATTEND!

Get well wishes to Rita Boynton and thinking of you wishes to Frank Cresci. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to all celebrating. A Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers. May God bless all of you with much happiness and love.

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Eureka**St. Ambrose, Br. 145**

Our April 14 meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Marian read minutes of our last meeting, approved as read.

Joe announced that we will have a booth at the Gazebo in Old Town during the June 6 Arts Alive Event. We will be sharing with people what the ICF is about, also showing with what we do for all of our community. We hope this will help increase our membership.

Our Anniversary dinner was on April 18, at St. Mary's in Arcata. After mass members enjoyed cocktails, good food, and a fun time visiting. Thank you Arcata Branch 144 for hosting the dinner.

There was a biscotti sale on May 3rd during the pancake breakfast at St. Bernard's Pinocchi Hall. We will learn how the sales went at the next meeting.

During our April 14 meeting we welcomed new member Jerry Colivas. Congratulations! We are happy to have you as a member. Jerry is the son of longtime member Jerry Colivas Sr.

Our next meeting will be on May 12th. We will have a pizza potluck, so mark your calendar and bring your favorite pizza to share. We will also meet the winner of the Jerry Colivas Scholarship. Please plan to attend.

The month of May brings us to Memorial Day. Please remember to honor and pray for all our loved ones who have passed, especially all the veterans who have served our country to protect our freedom.

Peace and good health to all,
Nancy Paoli



Italian Heritage Night is our best night of the year at Branch 390. Top row l-r: (1) raffle table prizes, (2) feasting at all-Italian appetizer table, (3) hot cooks in the kitchen draining ravioli. Middle row l-r (1) Pam Dunn and Ronnie Gallegos checking out Italian members' photo collages, (2) Sister Mary, Sister Marlene and Ronnie, (3) Bianca Tuso, her father Chuck Tuso and Eileen Morri. Bottom Row l-r, parade of our very youngest members carrying Italian flags and decorations assisted by Anita Ridolfi.

scholarship recipients were: Jessica and Jake Mathews (twin grandchildren of our members Judy & Pete Barbieri), Jacob Righetti (son of our members Regina & Val Aggio) and Anna Belli from El Molino High School who received our ICF Agricultural Scholarship.

On June 14th, ICF Branch #209, along with St. Sebastian's YMI and YLI, are hosting a fundraiser Chicken BBQ Dinner. Proceeds will go toward maintenance of the church grounds. The BBQ will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation is \$15/person. Call Lona Bertoli (707) 527-1021 for ticket information.

President Mike Falvey reported that the recent District Meeting & Workshop held in Napa was very successful and provided a great deal of useful information and suggestions including how to be more efficient when conducting the meeting and, also, suggestions on increasing membership.

Upcoming:

June 2 -- Board Meeting

June 9 -- Regular Meeting – Father's Day Dinner

Happy Father's Day!!

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton District Council

The Stockton District Meeting was held at Church of the Presentation, featuring beautiful table settings by Br. 395 member Bernice Nichols. Gorgeous hydrangeas wrapped with spring paper and ribbon adorned the brightly colored tablecloths. Presentation members prepared the meal and desserts. Honored guests were Life Member Dante Galeazzi and Central Council Member Marco Galeazzi and his wife Diane. The birthday candle was lit as we sang Happy Birthday to Joseph Pachinger as he turned 7 years old. There were a lot of blue lips

from the frosting on the cake!

Congratulations to Lauren Franks from St. Mary's High School who is the recipient of the first year scholarship from the District.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!! The Stockton District will be attending the Stockton Ports Game on Tuesday evening, June 30, at Banner Island in Stockton. First pitch is 7:10 p.m. against the San Jose Giants. Tickets are \$14 for adults, under 2 are free, 2-12 are \$7 with a \$3 kick back to our district if we meet the 100 ticket mark. That's only 25 tickets per branch! Contact Dante at (209) 815-8825 for your reservation.

SAVE THE DATE: August 16 District Picnic Escalon Community Park. This event is a wonderful BBQ steak dinner with games and a raffle. Bring the family. There will be organized kids games this year with awards. Bocce and horse shoes for the adults.

By the time you read this, Cesar Martinez will have been ordained a new Stockton Diocesan Priest. God Bless him and all seminarians on their faith journey.

Karen Rosson

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We are slowing down a bit since our bake sale. June is a rather slow month for us. We will be selling convention raffle tickets and getting ready for the convention and the Stockton District Picnic.

The branch gets to keep \$10 from each convention raffle book sold. If all the members will sell or buy at least one book it will help our branch.

Cecelia McGhee will be our convention delegate this year since Tom Silvaggio will be traveling out of the country.

Bring your family and friends to the District Picnic, where we always have a great time. The steak dinner and all the trimmings are always

very good. There are games to play or you can bring games of your own to play in the park. It will be August 16, 2015 in Escalon.

Refreshments for the June 10, 2015 meeting will be furnished by Mary Jennings.

Mass for our deceased members will Sunday, June 7, 2015 and July 5, 2015 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!

Coming up:

June 10 – 7:00 pm – Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets Modesto

July No Meeting

August No Meeting

August 16 Stockton District Picnic - Escalon Park

September 4-7 Convention in Las Vegas

Cecelia McGhee

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

ICF members, old and new, along with their friends and families, were treated to yet another splendid menu at our monthly dinner. Allowed to eat with our fingers, we chowed down on baby back ribs, enjoyed beans and coleslaw and the ever-popular dessert buffet. Our theme for the evening was a tribute to Mothers and Fathers. At the annual St. Bernard's Church Gala on May 16, the theme this year "One Nation Under God" displayed all 50 state flags, an artist rendering collage of sail nts from here in America and a white house replica (built by ICF long-time member Chuck Tuso and his lovely family), complete with presidents John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Obama. When guests looked around at the beautiful decorations, food, servers, cooks, photographers and speakers, they saw almost all were ICF members. Long hours were devoted to this annual event with all proceeds going toward building our new church next to Holy Family Center, which is where the

Sebastopol**St. Michael, Br. 209**

Our meeting on May 12th featured our annual Mother's Day/Scholarship Winners Dinner. Students and their families enjoyed a BBQ Hamburger and Hot Dog dinner with all the trimmings including macaroni and potato salad and a decorated cake for dessert. This year's

Gala was held this year. In addition to the dinner, we raised additional funds with two auctions. ICF donated Italian items, including a six-foot wine tower/cabinet with wine, assorted food items for the live auction, and a gift certificate for a year of ICF monthly dinner tickets and to our annual polenta dinner for two for the silent auction.

Lots of upcoming events so mark your calendars:

June 30 - 7:00PM - Stockton District goes to the ball game, Stockton Ports vs. San Jose Giants - tickets are still available. Contact Lucy Orsi 209-814-2189. Bring it on San Jose! We're ready for you!

July 18 - 11AM-2PM - ICF workshop hosted by our branch - open to all in the District. Topics to be covered include leadership, officers responsibilities and encouraging new and young members to a greater participation. Contact Lucy Orsi 209-814-2189.

August 16 - District Picnic at Escalon Community Park - wonderful steak barbecue and lots of food, games and raffle. All families are invited.

September 4-7 - Convention - Branch 390 delegates will be Lucy Orsi, Joe Bacchetti, Serena Martoccio and Steve Ridolfi.

September 18-20 - St. Bernard's Church Parish Festival in Tracy. ICF mans the pizza and iced-lemonade booth - all volunteers are welcome.

*Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton

Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Branch 395 has just completed hosting the Stockton District meeting on May 3. We served a delicious dinner to around 40 people and had a productive meeting. At our next meeting on May 14, we will be completing plans for our booth at the Festa Italiana to be held on May 31. We will be selling bracelets from Italy, Italian note cards and other items. Also at this meeting we will be presenting our pastor, Msgr. Larry McGovern with a check for \$4,000 from the proceeds of our always-successful Polenta Dinner. Every year the funds go towards the projects and programs of the Presentation Church. This time it is intended towards the stained glass windows for the church. We will also present the certificate to our scholarship recipient Ted Lin-Cereghino for the first year scholarship. Ted is the son of our Second Vice President, Geoff Lin-Cereghino. As we wind down for a summer break, we will have one more branch meeting in June and a fun activity, Stockton District Night at the Stockton Ports baseball game on June 30. We are also planning for the Annual convention in September. Upcoming events:

June 11 - Branch meeting

June 30 - Night at the Ports Baseball game

August 16 - Stockton District Picnic, Escalon Park

We hope you are enjoying the Springtime. Many blessings.

Josephine Weber, President, Branch 395

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

Howdy, Howdy Y'all. Well it's that time of year to mark your calendars for the big BBQ Western Dinner and Music in the Foothills. It will be on Saturday, June 27, 2015: Drinks at 5 and dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$25.00 for BBQ steak dinner (or chicken if preferred) with all the 'fixins'. Beer, wine, soft drinks and water included.

Come on out and make it a getaway weekend, weather is perfect this time of year. Call Annie Pachinger, President for tickets@ 209-754-9619.

Delegates for the convention will be selected at our next meeting. Don't forget to sell your

Convention Raffle tickets as our Branch profits from each book sold.

Hugs and prayers for Lorin and Pat Ramorini, hope they are on the mend.

Happy Birthday to our May babies: Joseph and Russ Pachinger and Giovanni Corsi. Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to Jon and Debbie Singleton.

Ciao,

Nancy Corsi

Tucson

Tucson

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Our fundraising accomplished...we spent the month of April on activities that bring us closer together as a faith family...a corporate communion followed by a brunch outing...a trip to the Sonoita vineyards to observe the annual blessing of the vineyards...Sundays after 9 AM mass many of us enjoy a prayerful group breakfast at a local establishment. Some of us enjoyed a Mother's Day brunch as a group. The May meeting is the annual picnic in Madera Canyon...an abbreviated business meeting...

followed by brats and burgers with plenty of sides and desserts...followed by games. Funny how so many of our ICF activities involve food and fellowship...whether fundraising or fun-raising.

With this report our activities dwindle to the gathering of the few desert rats that hunker down to cope with the Sonoran Desert summer and wait for the monsoon season that restores life to the desert. Our activities will resume in September as we seek to increase our membership... improve our fundraising efforts... seek out new opportunities to be of service. We are family.

Barbara Barton

Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

The new year has started out quite successful so far. In January, our branch held our annual 8th grade grad dinner to help raise funds for our kids. We served antipasto, roasted chicken with meatballs and pasta, salad and dessert. The kids were very successful in selling twice as many tickets than last year. We raised over \$3200 for their class, which not only paid for all of their 8th grade graduation trip but also gave them the chance to go on a field trip to the U of A so all

students would get an idea of what Arizona has to offer for college.

We joined Branches 425 and 433 in our Bishop's Day and Installation dinner in February.

Father's Day

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