



BOLLETTINO

2016 Convention Workshops Schedule and Descriptions

The Convention Workshops will take place on Saturday, September 3, 2016. The following are the list the topics to be discussed at each session.

SESSION 1 10am – 10:45am 4 OPTIONS

Salon A: Spiritual “Called to Be Merciful” – Presenter To Be Announced

Pope Francis reminds us that “Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life.” During this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, let’s reflect on how the ICF helps us fulfill our call to be merciful and allows us to demonstrate the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy.

Salon B: Strategic Plan – “Making Progress” – Presented by: The Task Force Committee

All members, especially officers and deputies, are invited to learn the role of the branches during the next phase of the Strategic Plan. The Task Force will share our progress to date and plans for the future.

Salon C: History of the ICF – “Our Timeline, Our Story” – Presented by: David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen, Assisted by The Heritage Committee

Picture it. San Francisco – 1924. Hear the story of our roots and how our co-founders, Father Albert Bandini and Sir Luigi Providenza, formed the ICF. Enjoy a slide show of our early years and see artifacts going back many decades.

Salon D: Open Forum – “Your Questions Answered” – Facilitated by: To Be Announced

Take this opportunity to ask questions, give feedback and offer suggestions on any ICF related topic.

SESSION 2 10:55am – 11:40am 4 OPTIONS

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Salon B: The Deputy Program – “Developing Deputies Within Our Districts” – Presented by: The Deputy Program Committee

Deputies act as a liaison between the Central Council and the Branches. The Deputy Program Committee has tips for developing and recruiting deputies and suggestions for strengthening your district’s deputy program. By coaching our deputies, they will be able to coach our branches.

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Salon D: FUNraising – “Share Your Branch’s Fun Ideas” – Facilitated by: The Central Council Spouses’ Association

We are pros at fundraising, now let’s focus on FUNraising. You’re invited to share your low cost or no cost activities that promote the social aspect of the ICF. These ideas come just in time for preparing next year’s calendar.

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Grand President’s Monthly Message by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

We are nearing half of the year 2016, gone by the time you read this article. Time does go by faster with age, or at least it seems that way. I wish it would slow down some, so that I could catch up with life. Sometimes we can be so wrapped up in things that we don’t realize what is going on around us that we missed.



On April 23 we had an American Cancer Society Relay for Life event in Bakersfield. I am a 4 ½-year Prostate Cancer Survivor and have been involved as a team captain for the past four years at the request of some ICF members from our branch that are also cancer survivors. This year I was finding it difficult to arrange the time to organize the team, as in the past, so we only had three members who participated in the event this year versus 27 last year.

An ICF member from our branch, Amy Ainsworth, was a driving force for me in being involved in the ICF and Relay. Amy was a 15-year cancer survivor that originally was given less than three years to live. Every year it got harder and harder for her to make that survivor lap. I would tell her that I would carry her if necessary, but she was going to make that lap, because she was such an inspiration to me.

Even with her aches and pains she was always asking how she could help at any of our ICF events, and she always had a smile. She was determined not to let things get her down. Amy passed away in February of this year. This year, as I walked the survivor lap at our Relay event, joined by more than 1,300 plus cancer survivors, I felt all alone without my friend by my side. I saw her daughter Tami on the sideline halfway around the track. I stopped to give her a hug and the tears started flowing. We are blessed by so many good people around us that even as life goes by fast we must slow down to enjoy all the good that the Lord gives to us.

This month we will honor the fathers in our lives, living or deceased. My father passed away from cancer when I was 22 years old. At that young age, I didn’t realize all that I was about to miss in the future. My father was a charter member of our branch along with my mother. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and ICF member who was always there to help. As I near his age when he passed away, I realize now how young he was at the time and how much more of life he still could have had to enjoy and continue to give back to others which gave him great happiness in life.

On Father’s Day give your father a hug and tell him how much you love him. If he is far away, call him and tell him how much he has

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Plan to Attend Annual Seminarists’ Night



The Italian Catholic Federation
Central Council & St. Paschal Baylon Br. 380
Presents:
Una Notte per i Seminaristi

Saturday, June 25, 2016

St. Paschal Baylon

155 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA

5:00 pm - No Host Cocktails & Antipasti

6:00 pm - Dinner Served



Menu Salad & Pasta Tri-Tip Potatoes & Green Beans Rolls, Dessert	Cost: Adults - \$40.00 12 & Under - \$15.00
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Benevenuto to our little piece of Italy. We will transform St. Paschal’s Hall to the Italian Catholic Federation’s Trattoria as we raise money for our Seminarian’s fund! Great food, Great Friends, Great Herb Gardens and Fabulous Raffle Prizes. Please send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to the ICF Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA. 94621 no later than June 17, 2016. For questions call, Pat Mages at (805) 428-4623 or email: pat.lou.mages@gmail.com.

Send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to
the ICF Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
No later than June 17, 2016

Name _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip _____ Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 I wish to be seated with: _____

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

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Amorist Laetitia: The Joy Of Love

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
Spiritual Director ICF

“On April 8, 2016, Pope Francis released a widely anticipated apostolic exhortation entitled *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. In this 325-paragraph document, the Holy Father provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and the family: their strengths and weaknesses, their call from God and the challenges they face...Pope Francis recommends that *Amoris Laetitia* be read ‘patiently and carefully.’ Of the nine chapters, some may be more pertinent to marriages and families themselves, and others to those who care for them, such as priests and lay pastoral leaders.” (usccb.org)

This treatise is a wonderful explanation of married life, the joys as well as the challenges of a successful marriage. It is easy reading. I especially recommend it for those preparing for marriage. However, I urge everyone to read it. Don’t read it all at once. It would be better to read it a few paragraphs or pages at a time and think and talk about what you read. It may seem a bit long but it is worth reading. Finally, we have a publication that really is a great, practical help for all families.

Pope Francis wrote, “No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need



Photo courtesy of ICF website.

constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love.” It seems that there is more time and money spent in the preparation of the wedding than in preparation for the marriage. “The pope has given us a love letter to families—a love letter inviting all of us, and especially married



couples and families, to never stop growing in love. It is also a love letter calling the Church, the family of God, to realize more and more her mission to live and love as a family.”(usccb.org)

You can download a copy of *The Joy of Love* on the web: <https://zenit.org/articles/amoris-laetitia-full-text/>

Take the time to read it. It could change your life!

http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf

UPCOMING:

2016 Bishops' Days:

- Jul. 31 Monterey (Central Coast)
- Oct. 16 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 16 Blessed Sacrament
- Oct. 23 Fresno
- Nov. 6 Las Vegas
- Nov. 6 Los Angeles
- Nov. 6 San Diego
- Nov. 9 San Bernardino

New Procedure Regarding the *Bollettino*

ICF Office

In our continued efforts to streamline operations and promote cost cutting measures, we will begin a new procedure regarding the *Bollettino* with the August/September (Convention) Issue.

Members who have not paid their dues for 6

months or more, will not be sent the *Bollettino* starting with the Convention Issue and going forward until such time as the dues are paid. Once the dues are paid, a member will begin receiving the *Bollettino* again. Members will remain on their Branch rosters, unless a cancellation notice is sent in by the Branch. Members are removed by the database system when they have not paid dues for 15 months. For Branches that order mailing labels, you should also be aware that labels will not be generated for members who are set not to get the paper.

The Branch Financial Secretaries are sent delinquency reports starting with the quarter ending June 30. It is a report which lists only the members who have not paid their dues, in order to make it easier to follow up with these members. Please use this change as an incentive to make contact with these members and encourage them to remain and remit their dues. Reaching out to members personally, can often make a difference.

This will help to reduce postage and printing costs and eliminate mailings to members that may have chosen not to renew their memberships.

If you have any questions about this process, you may call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank you.

Heritage

What is Heritage?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Committee Chair

According to the Amherst University and their class on heritage....

Heritage is the full range of our inherited traditions, monuments, objects, and culture. Most important, it is the range of contemporary activities, meanings, and behaviors that we draw from them.

Heritage includes, but is much more than preserving, excavating, displaying, or restoring a collection of old things. It is both tangible and intangible, in the sense that ideas and memories--of songs, recipes, language, dances, and many other elements of who we are and how we identify ourselves--are as important as historical buildings and archaeological sites.

Heritage is, or should be, the subject of active public reflection, debate, and discussion. What is worth saving? What can we, or should we,

forget? What memories can we enjoy, regret, or learn from? Who owns “The Past” and who is entitled to speak for past generations? Active public discussion about material and intangible heritage--of individuals, groups, communities, and nations--is a valuable facet of public life in our multicultural world.

Heritage is a contemporary activity with far-reaching effects. It can be an element of far-sighted urban and regional planning. It can be the platform for political recognition, a medium for intercultural dialogue, a means of ethical reflection, and the potential basis for local economic development. It is simultaneously local and particular, global and shared.

Heritage is an essential part of the present we live in--and of the future we will build.

Remember to fill out the Heritage report for the upcoming Convention. Share with other branches what you do to promote Heritage.

Membership Stats as of April 30, 2016: 9,660

Members as of July 1, 2015:	
10,074 = overall loss of 414 members	
New:	774
Reinstated:	22
Transfer in/out:	48
Deceased:	-213
Cancelled:	-737

High Five!

Top five districts and areas with increased membership: (excluding deceased members)	
Santa Barbara	+81
Blessed Sacrament	+29
Stockton	+18
Santa Clara Valley	+16
Santa Rosa	+06

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 follow this link to sign up:

<http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>

Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2016 Convention

Application Process

1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office by August 1 in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a branch delegate to the Convention.

Other Pre-Convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by July 1.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food and beverage items may not be distributed during "Meet the Candidates."
3. As voted upon at the February 2016 Central Council Meeting, there will be no candidate

hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the hotel's quiet time policy. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.

4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council, unless an unforeseen event takes place that will reduce the election to 9 Central Council Members.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

ICF HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Anne Interrante -- Young Adult Go-Getter!

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

In this issue, we will present the last of the Italian Catholic Federation awards. The Young Adult Leadership Award was first given in 2003 to Anne Interrante of Branch 380 in Thousand Oaks by then Grand President Steven Fuentes. This award was sponsored by Past Grand President Madeleine Vinci who felt it was important to recognize the contributions of young adults for their work in the ICF.

Anne Interrante was born in Los Angeles, attended local schools in Thousand Oaks and graduated from Sonoma State University. She is married to Richard and they have two children – Marisa and Ryan. Anne joined the ICF in 1999 and brought her family in the next year. She loves the ICF and feels that it gives her the opportunity to do things with the family as well as service work for her church and community.

Anne served as branch president, started a youth officer program and was a presenter at three convention workshops. She ran for the Central Council in 2014 and was elected with the largest number of votes. She was re-elected in 2015. She was then elected a CC Grand Trustee. Anne is chairperson of the Expansion Committee and, as such, with her committee members, has worked hard to start new branches. Under her leadership, the committee has already opened two branches

with the possibility of more in the future. She also serves on the Finance Committee, Membership Committee, and the Public Relations Committee.

Anne is hard-working and very focused on what she does, certainly a great asset to the Central Council.

Anne does volunteer work with the Sisters of Notre Dame and helps them with programs and events besides working in her parish and community.

Convention-2015 - The Young Adult Leadership Award at the Convention in Las Vegas was presented to Melissa Rodriguez of Branch 433 in Tucson, AZ. Melissa joined the branch in 2013 and was immediately elected to the office of treasurer. She is now president of #433 and has been instrumental in promoting branch fundraising and youth participation. Her goals are to help open new branches in the Phoenix-Tucson area, to increase membership and the positive outreach power of the ICF as a whole.

Certainly, these two dynamic young ladies and others like them are what the ICF needs going into the future!

*As a postscript, the two of us opened #433 ten years ago.

D.Botta/ C. Kilcullen

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Kathleen Thomas	14	Port Costa, CA	\$30
5/2	Amy Arnaudo		Los Gatos, CA	\$30
5/3	Denise Campagna	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
5/4	Louise Vicino	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
5/5	Marie Canale	18	Healdsburg, CA	\$50
5/6	Jason Simon		Daly City, CA	\$30
5/7	Bruno Fomasi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
5/8	Alvina Robbins		Modesto, CA	\$50
5/9	Matt & Kristie Grisafe		Escondido, CA	\$30
5/10	Patricia Korf	438	Carmichael, CA	\$30
5/11	Gina Sabatella	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
5/12	Carol Salmeri	39	Merced, CA	\$30
5/13	Edgar & Gina Roden		Arcata, CA	\$30
5/14	Connie Pagura	428	Pine Grove, CA	\$30
5/15	Rich Trevizo		Antioch, CA	\$30
5/16	Deacon Ernie Von Emster	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
5/17	Augie Morello	161	Larkspur, CA	\$30
5/18	Greg Taddei		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
5/19	Leo Gilardi	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
5/20	John Collins	442	Martinez, CA	\$30
5/21	Marylou Collaco		Daly City, CA	\$30
5/22	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	352	Danville, CA	\$30
5/23	Janay Chan		Fairfield, CA	\$30
5/24	Michelle Salmeri		Merced, CA	\$30
5/25	Peggy Barbato	32	Clovis, CA	\$30
5/26	Patti Phillips	4	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/27	Irv & Rose Ploke		Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/28	Patricia Putkey	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30
5/29	Anne Madej	91	San Leandro, CA	\$30
5/30	Fr. Bob Lèger		Sunnyvale, CA	\$100
5/31	Branch 227		Capitola, CA	\$30



Italian Catholic Federation Sixteenth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016

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 15th, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2016

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 15th deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 15th.

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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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Rosemarie Glover	Officers/Members of Br. 229
Deceased Members of Br. 161	Marlene Farber
Gladys Re	Officers/Members of Br. 50
Gladys Re	George and Diana Bacigalupi
Evelyn Manfredo	Officers/Members of Br. 308
Edward Hoffknecht	Officers/Members of Br. 308
Virginia Maffeo	Officers/Members of Br. 91
Virginia Maffeo	Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda
Guy Masciotra	David and Pat Botta
Judy Parenti	David and Pat Botta

GET WELL WISHES:

Russ Vento	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Ted and Jean Day	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Elaine Cruci-Saslaw	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Ill Members of Br. 161	Marlene Farber
Maria Aversa	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Elinor Franchetti	Officers/Members of Br. 161

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY:

Eddie Leonard	Elizabeth Grammatico
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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:

Jennie Flagg	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
Larry Marsalli	Diana Petrolino

HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

I.C.F. Br. #10	Officers/Members of Central Council
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*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.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2016

Branch 31
Branch 36
Branch 218
Herb Basuino
In memory of David Rosenkrantz
Officers/Members of Br. 308
In memory of Alan Collier
Roger and Kathy Santos
In honor of the 90th birthday of Farrel Martin
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Gloria Rizzi
Elia M. Willms
In memory of Ines Sabatella

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Marlene Farber
In honor of the Branch Anniversary of Br. 161
Jan Farren
In memory of Dina Puccinelli and in honor of Mother's Day

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations Received By May 10, 2016

Branch 36
Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District
In memory of The Deceased Members of Santa Rosa District
Harold, Virginia and Steven Fuentes
In memory of Edith Scrivani
Eva Stern
Get well wishes for Russ Vento
Bob and Elaine Osorio
Get well wishes for Russ Vento
John and Kris Kaiser
In memory of Guy Masciotra
Officers/Members of Br. 291
In memory of Floralee Harris
Officers/Members of Br. 291
In memory of Trish Jimenez
Joanna C. Van Blaricom
In memory of Floralee Harris
Officers/Members of Br. 308
In memory of Guy Masciotra
Helen Dianda
In memory of Virginia Maffeo
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Nancy Marsalli

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 05/16/2016

MAE DALLIMONTI	Branch 006	ANTOINETTE F ONORATO-UTHOFF	Branch 115
ELIZABETH M ODELLA	Branch 012	GIACOMO LA ROSA	Branch 191
RICHARD A ZANETELL	Branch 012	DOROTHY AGGIO	Branch 209
MARCELLA TASTSIDES	Branch 014	JACK DEI	Branch 209
JAMES J GENTILE	Branch 019	GUS POZZI	Branch 227
FRANK H MERCURIO	Branch 036	MUFFY BANKS	Branch 354
GRAZIA VULTAGGIO	Branch 036	COLEEN BIANCHI	Branch 390
NENZI BENUCCI	Branch 115	LORIN A RAMORINI	Branch 413
FLORENCE COLLINS	Branch 115	LAWRENCE F MURPHY	Branch 416

Attention: Branch and District Presidents

Branch and District Financial Secretaries

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990 EZ or 990

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD FORM 199-N & FORM 199

As you are aware, the IRS and State of California are requiring annual tax returns to be filed by our Branches and Districts.

- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 are required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.
- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 are required to file Franchise Tax Board Form 199.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file Franchise Tax Board form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

The forms should have been filed by May 15, 2016.

Numerous small exempt organizations have come under IRS scrutiny for failure to file information returns. Organizations that have failed to file the appropriate form for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. This includes the group ruling holders and their subordinates (Branches and Districts for the I.C.F.). We are now scrutinized by the State of CA as well. The IRS and State have asked us to please make sure that no subordinate (Branches or Districts) unintentionally throws away its tax exempt status.

If you have not yet filed the 990-N (e-Postcard) or the 990 EZ or 990 or the 199-N (e-Postcard) or the 199 even though the May 15th deadline has passed, please file it as soon as possible. If you have missed filing for any reason in the past two years (this applies to the IRS and the State), please make sure that you file now (for the tax year ending 2015) so that you do not fall into this category. The e-Postcard and other forms can be accessed through the IRS site (www.irs.gov) and the Franchise Tax Board site (www.ftb.ca.gov).

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2015. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 as soon as possible.

Thank You,

Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer



Congratulations Graduates!

May Your Future be Bright and Exciting!

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 05/16/2016

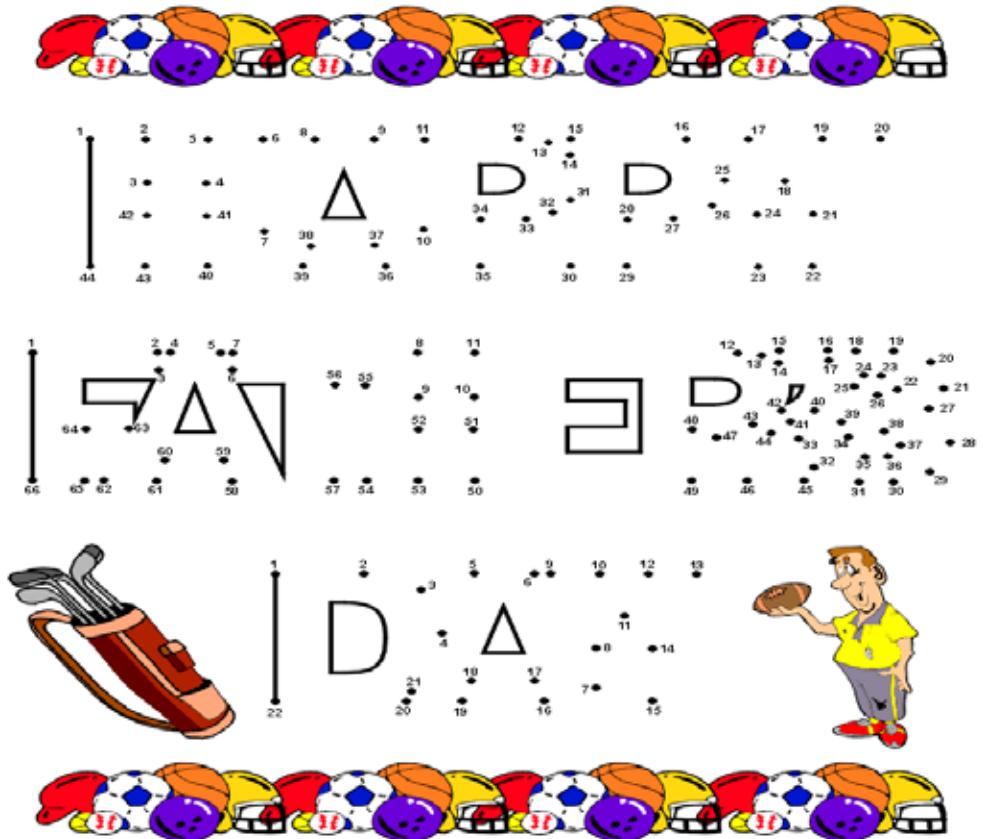
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 JOSEPHINE FRANCK Branch 013
 LINDA C DORN Branch 014
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 GENE PETERS Branch 028
 MARISA PETERS Branch 028
 EUISA V CAVALIERE Branch 036
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La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett
 Central Council Life Member

Color the picture of Dad.



Workshops

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SESSION 3 11:50am – 12:35pm 3 OPTIONS

Salon B The Deputy Program – “Developing Deputies Within Our Districts” – Presented by: The Deputy Program Committee

(Repeat) Deputies act as a liaison between the Central Council and the Branches. The Deputy Program Committee has tips for developing and recruiting deputies and suggestions for strengthening your district’s deputy program. By coaching our deputies, they will be able to coach our branches.

Salon C: Convention Planning – “Enhancing Future Conventions” Presented by: Roselynn Jarrett

As we plan future conventions, your feedback will help the Central Council format our annual meeting. Additionally, we’ll discuss what goes into planning a convention to help our members understand our contracts, finances and other details involved in the process.

Salon D: FUNraising – “Share Your Branch’s Fun Ideas” - Facilitated by: The Central Council Spouses Association

(Repeat) We are pros at fundraising now let’s focus on FUNraising. You’re invited to share your low cost or no cost activities that promote the social aspect of the ICF. These ideas come just in time for preparing next

year’s calendar.

Branches with multiple delegates are encouraged to split the workshops among their representatives to allow branches to gain more information. Non-delegates are also welcome to attend and participate in workshops.

Some workshops are repeated to accommodate the number of delegates and members in attendance.

Grand President

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meant to you and your family. Don’t let time slip away from you because you may never know when life will change.

Happy Father’s Day to all the Fathers in the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless,

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Things to Ponder

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.”

Jim Valvano



Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

CC Grand Treasurer

It is June and we are finishing up with graduations and getting ready to celebrate Father's Day and summertime. What better way to celebrate with Dad and summer but with a family BBQ. I got this recipe from my sister-in-law Lisa and I love it. It is great that you can put the chicken in the marinade and place in the freezer for future use, so I always prepare extra so I can freeze for a future meal.

Korean Chicken BBQ Marinade

1 ½ cup soy sauce
1 ½ cup water
1 ½ - 2 cups equal parts brown and white sugar (too taste)
1 bunch green onions
1 small head garlic (8-10 small cloves) finely chopped (food processor)

1 Tablespoon sesame seed oil
Pepper to taste (about 1 teaspoon)
1-2 teaspoon sesame seeds

Chicken thighs (6-8) I remove skin and debone, when deboned the one thigh has now become 2-3 pieces of chicken

Mix the marinade ingredients, adjust to taste, then add chicken to marinade and refrigerate overnight.

BBQ chicken slowly over medium heat to avoid burning due to sugar. Cook well (difficult to overcook). This chicken stays well in a covered container in a warmer or warm oven (130 degrees) for 30-60 minutes after it comes off the BBQ keeping it hot for serving while preparing other dishes for your meal.

One cup of the remaining marinade can be reduced over a medium heat to serve as a sauce over the cooked chicken. Make sure to bring the marinade to a quick boil then simmer for 10-15 minutes to insure pasteurization. Can adjust seasoning or add sugar to taste. Drizzle the sauce over the chicken then serve. The chicken is so tasty I do not do this step.

NOTE: Make enough marinade so the liquid covers most of the chicken while marinating. Can use some of the water and all of the sugar to make simple syrup to insure dissolving the sugar into the mixture. For later use, place chicken and marinade in ziplock bag and freeze then thaw in refrigerator a day before use.

The key here is soy sauce/water/sugar in roughly equal proportions for the base of the marinade and then use seasonings to your taste. I never followed a recipe and eyeballed the ingredients while tasting the marinade for balance. I prefer 2 cups of sugar in this recipe and lots of garlic.

For the past few year I have had the big Rodondi Christmas party and this is always

on the menu along with tri-tip...yes even in the winter it is great to BBQ this frees up the 2 ovens in the kitchen for other foods (like my signature lasagna) needed to feed 45-50 hungry Italians.

Use more water if using this marinade for the Korean dish bulgoki (thinly sliced beef, can be purchased at Korean markets) or it will be too salty. This is also delicious and the meat cooks quickly on the BBQ.

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

Buon Appetito!

Live to Give

List of Districts and Corresponding Blood Banks

By The Live to Give Committee

This guide is your how-to in finding a blood center/bank that will assist your ICF branch in planning a blood drive. The information below is categorized by States and Districts. Within districts only cities with different blood center information from their counterparts will be listed. While most blood centers/banks collect blood and also plan blood drives, there could be some below that solely collect blood donations – however they will be able to direct you to a blood collections team for your drive. Information changes frequently; if you have questions or updates, please contact Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or LLevine@mail.cho.org.

CALIFORNIA

1. SACRAMENTO:

BloodSource
10536 Peter A McCuen Blvd.
Mather, CA 95655-4128
www.bloodsource.org
916-456-1500 or 800-995-4420

American Red Cross - Capital Region Chapter
1565 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95815
<http://www.redcross.org/ca/sacramento/>
916-993-7070

2. CENTRAL COAST:

American Red Cross -Santa Cruz County Chapter
2960 Soquel Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
www.redcross.org/ca/santa-cruz
831-462-2881

3. CONTRA COSTA:

Blood Centers of the Pacific
270 Masonic Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94118
www.BloodCenters.org; 888-393-4483

American Red Cross - Concord Service Center
1300 Alberta Way
Concord, CA 94521
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/locations
925-603-7400

4. EAST BAY:

Blood Centers of the Pacific
270 Masonic Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94118
www.BloodCenters.org
888-393-4483

American Red Cross - Oakland Service Center
3901 Broadway Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611
<http://www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/locations>
510-595-4400

City of Alameda Service Center
451 Stardust Place
Alameda, CA 94501
<http://www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/locations>
510-814-4200

5. FRESNO:

Central California Blood Center
-Administrative Offices & Jenny Eller Donor Center
4343 W. Herndon Ave.
Fresno, CA 93722
www.donateblood.org
559-389-LIFE (5433)

American Red Cross Central Valley Chapter
- Serves Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern Counties.
1300 W. Shaw Ave., #4B
Fresno, CA 93711
<http://www.redcross.org/ca/fresno/>
559-455-1000

6. LOS ANGELES:

American Red Cross Los Angeles Region Headquarters - Serves more than 88 cities and is comprised of six Red Cross chapters: Antelope Valley, Glendale-Crescenta Valley, Greater Los Angeles, San Gabriel Pomona Valley, Santa Monica and Long Beach/Rio Hondo.
11355 Ohio Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
www.redcross.org/ca/los-angeles
310-445-9900

Children's Hospital Los Angeles Blood Donor Center
4650 Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsG/b.4387119/k.5068/Coordinate_a_Blood_Drive.htm#_UpyRk-JGbyY
323-361-2441

7. MARIN:

Blood Centers of the Pacific
270 Masonic Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94118
www.BloodCenters.org
888-393-4483

American Red Cross San Rafael Service Center
712 5th Ave.
San Rafael, CA 94901
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/locations
415-721-2365

8. ORANGE/SAN BERNARDINO/SAN DIEGO:

American Red Cross Southern California Services Region – Serves Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Imperial Counties.
601 N Golden Cir Dr.
Santa Ana, CA 92705
<http://www.redcrossblood.org/socal>
714-481-5300

San Diego (in addition to San Diego listing above under the Red Cross)
San Diego Blood Bank
3636 Gateway Center Ave., Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92102
http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood-drive-organizers/faq_1-800-469-7322

9. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY:

AmericanRedCrossLosAngelesRegionHeadquarters
11355 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025
<http://www.redcross.org/ca/los-angeles/>
310-445-9900

10. SAN FRANCISCO:

Blood Centers of the Pacific
270 Masonic Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94118
www.BloodCenters.org
888-393-4483

American Red Cross San Francisco – Chapter Headquarters/Service Center
1663 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco
415-427-8000

11. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY:

American Red Cross San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter: Serves La Canada Flintridge to Pomona and Duarte to Rowland Heights.
430 Madeline Dr
Pasadena, CA 91105
www.redcross.org/ca/pasadena/
626-799-0841

12. SAN MATEO:

Blood Centers of the Pacific
270 Masonic Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94118
www.BloodCenters.org
888-393-4483

American Red Cross - Burlingame Service Center
1710 Trousdale Drive
Burlingame, CA 94010
<http://www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/locations>
650-259-1750

13. SANTA BARBARA/VENTURA:

America Red Cross – Santa Barbara County Chapter
2707 State Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
www.redcross.org/ca/santa-barbara
805-687-1331

More will be printed next month.

Called To Be Merciful

2016 Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation

Friday, September 2 – Monday, September 5, 2016

Fresno, California

Hotel and Travel Highlights

Convention Site: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
2233 Ventura Street • Fresno, CA • 93721

Hotel Accommodations

- Call: (559) 268-1000
- Book online @ www.doubletreefresno.com
- Group Code: ICF
- Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
- Room Rate: \$112 plus 14.35% tax (tax rate subject to change)
- Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 9

Note: Reservations are available until sold out or until August 9, whichever occurs first. After August 9, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate, based on availability. To reserve your room, you must call the hotel or visit their website.

Transportation

- Complimentary hotel self-parking
- Fresno Yosemite National Airport – 6.5 miles Visit <http://www.flyfresno.com>
Airlines Include: Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta and United
- Amtrak – 0.7 miles ICF Code: X66A-945 For travel between 08/29 - 09/08, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245
- Limited complimentary hotel shuttle service to/from Amtrak and Fresno Airport is on a space available basis. Call the hotel front desk when ready for pickup.

Please notify your branch of your attendance.

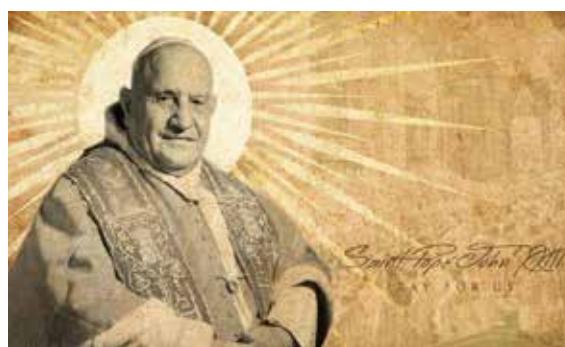
To ensure we have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention, even if you are not staying at the hotel.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



For assistance, please contact the ICF Office at (888) 423-1924.



Delegates, Members and Guests are invited to the annual Saturday Night Convention Banquet to recognize the recipient of the Italian Catholic Federation's Saint Pope John XXIII Award.

Saturday, September 3, 2016
6:00pm Delegate's Reception
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins

DoubleTree Hotel, Fresno
Semiformal Attire Suggested

Dinner Menu:

Bibb Salad, Petite Filet Mignon coupled with Encrusted Stuffed Chicken, Harvest Vegetable Medley, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Freshly Baked Breads, Chocolate Cake on a Raspberry Painted Plate, Iced Tea and Coffee.

Children's Menu: Chicken Strips with French Fries (ages 12 and younger – Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet).

Reservations are non-refundable once headcount is given to the hotel.

Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Non-delegate Reservations

Branch # _____

City: _____

Convention Delegates ~ Admission is included with convention registration. A reply is not required.

Non-delegate Reservations:

_____ X \$65 per adult = \$ _____

_____ X \$20 per child = \$ _____
(Ages 12 and younger)

Check # _____ = \$ _____

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 1st.
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110,
Oakland, CA 94621

Delegate and non-delegate tickets will be distribute to your Branch President, or their representative, during convention registration.

Names of Non-delegate attendees:

CONVENTION PEDRO

Lessons - Come and learn how to play what some say is the "official" card game of the I.C.F. Lessons are complimentary and will take place on Friday, September 2 from 1pm-3pm.

Tournament — Beginners and Pros are invited to compete in the annual convention Pedro tournament on Friday, September 2 from 3pm-6pm. The entry fee is \$10 per player.

Prizes: 1st - \$50 2nd - \$30

3rd - \$20 4th - \$10 5th - \$5

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: _____

City: _____

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:

Walk-ins welcome!

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: _____

X Entry Fee Per Player: \$10

Total: _____

Check Number: _____

Please make your check payable to I.C.F. and write "Pedro" in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

October 8 – 12, 2016 to Washington DC with ICF Br. 12, Napa and Knights of Columbus

Price of \$1500 per person, based on double occupancy includes round trip airfare and hotel accommodations for 4 nights.

Highlights of the pilgrimage will be daily Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and St. Augustine's Catholic Church and other churches. You will also visit the many memorials in Washington DC. A tour of the US Capitol and the National Archives will round out the tour.

For more information, call Proximo Travel at 1-855-842-8001 or visit their website at www.proximotravel.com and look for "Brother Paul's Trip to Washington DC."

Brother Paul is the chaplain for Branch 12.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
FRESNO DISTRICT
WELCOMES YOU TO

a nite at the races

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

WE WILL RECREATE A NIGHT AT THE TRACK WITH THOROUGHBRED RACING ON DVD. Every device is employed to simulate an experience at the track and an evening full of excitement; the parade of horses, opening of the gate, photo-finish close-ups, posting of the final results and \$2 mutual wagering.

BECOME AN OWNER.

Sponsor your own horse for a donation of \$20 and you could win the \$120 Purse to be given away with each race. There will be 6 races of 12 horses each race. That's a 1 in 12 chance of winning the big money!

CONTACT ALLEN WATTS (661) 363 3803 FOR MORE INFO ON THE HORSE RACE AND HOW TO BECOME AN OWNER.



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
355 E. CHAMPLAIN DRIVE
FRESNO CA 93730

5:00 PM BUS DEPARTS FOR CONVENTION HOTEL GUESTS
6:00 PM NO-HOST COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER
RAFFLE PRIZES



MENU: PASTA E FAGIOLI SOUP, SPINACH SALAD, PENNE PASTA WITH CHICKEN BREAST AND SHRIMP, SOFT POLENTA AND GREEN BEANS WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE AND DESSERT.

Dinner Reservation Deadline – August 11, 2016

Please Print Clearly:

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

Contact Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

Number of Persons Attending Dinner: _____ x \$35.00 each Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I/We will be riding the bus to the "nite at the races" Thursday Night Dinner Yes ___ No ___

Make Checks payable to: ICF Fresno District
And Mail to: Robyn Piro
336 W. 21st Street
Merced, CA 95340



CONVENTION BINGO

DoubleTree Hotel, Fresno
Friday, September 2, 2016 3pm – 5pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack: \$25 Advance Reservations
\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Prizes: First five games \$100 per pot
Final game – Blackout - \$250 pot

Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch # _____

Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____
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Please make your check payable to I.C.F. and write Bingo in the memo. Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is \$30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

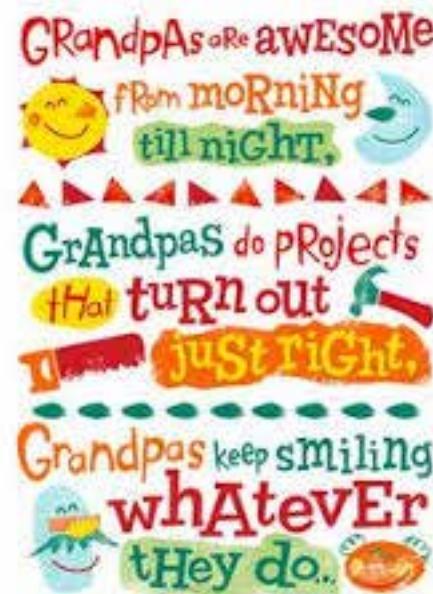
Total Bingo Packs: _____
X \$25 each
Check Enclosed = \$ _____
Check Number: _____



Friday September 2 DoubleTree Hotel Registration 10am

Take part in the 2016 convention bocce tournament. Teams will be created randomly, and announced at registration. Timed games will be played in the meeting space on carpet. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

There will be no entry fee this year, but advanced signups are still required. Bocce is limited to 48 players of all skill levels. Please submit this form to the I.C.F. office before August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621



BOCCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Branch # _____	Name: _____ Branch # _____
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Convention Prom Night

Sunday, September 4, 2016 7:00pm

Reservations for Branch #: _____
City: _____

_____ Adults x \$55 = \$ _____

_____ Children x \$25 = \$ _____

(ages 12 and younger)

Check # _____ enclosed = \$ _____

Names of attendees: _____

Enjoy dinner and dancing with your date or group of friends at the ICF Prom. Ruffled tuxes and retro prom dresses are welcomed, but not required. Help crown a prom king and queen and vote for the ICF "Best of the Best." This throwback night will be full of fun and surprises.

The committee would like to use your prom photos at the event. If you'd like to share, please mail a copy to the office or email to roselynnjarrett@gmail.com by August 1.

Dinner Buffet Menu: Downtown Green Salad, Basil Pesto Bowtie Pasta Salad, Sliced London Broil with Herbed Balsamic Demi Glaze, Stuffed Pork Loin with Raspberry Chipotle Glaze, Italian Oven Roasted Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes with Hot Bacon Dressing, Freshly Baked Breads, Assorted Desserts, Iced Tea and Coffee

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Please place a star next to children's names.
Seating arrangements are made in the order that reservation checks are received. If you wish to sit with your branch or other group, please send in your reservation together. Tickets will be distributed to your Branch President, or their representative, during convention registration. Reservations are non-refundable once headcount is given to the hotel.

Italian Catholic Federation Cruise 2016



on board the beautiful Grand Princess

Departing San Francisco on Saturday, October 29th 2016

15-night trip going to Hawaiian Islands (Hawaii and South Pacific)

Visiting: San Francisco, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Maui, Ensenada



Category	Cruise Fare	Taxes and Fees	Per Person
Category: Mini-suite per person/double occupancy	\$3,199.00	\$230.00	\$3,429.00
Category: Balcony per person/double occupancy	\$2,599.00	\$230.00	\$2,829.00
Category: Ocean View per person/double occupancy	\$2,299.00	\$230.00	\$2,529.00

inside cabins also available

\$200.00 deposit per person required upon booking
final payment due August 1

Grand Princess continues to offer the signature service for which Princess Cruises is renowned. With our innovative features like Movies Under the Stars, our Italian-inspired Piazza and The Sanctuary, there are plenty of ways to help you escape completely. Sip on a variety of soothing teas at Leaves Tea Lounge & Library, or enjoy hand-tossed pizza in Alfredo's, our full-service pizzeria. Plus, our new nightclub, The One5 provides a vibrant ambience to dance the night away.

Princess Cruises Grand Princess 10/29/16

Contact Julie Graham

View Details:

Julie@CruisePlannersCA.com

<http://www.grahamsgetaways.com/es/541466>

(925) 829-7245

Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life

5th Annual

Convention Blood Drive

Friday, September 2nd, 2016

at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle



Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

For more information:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

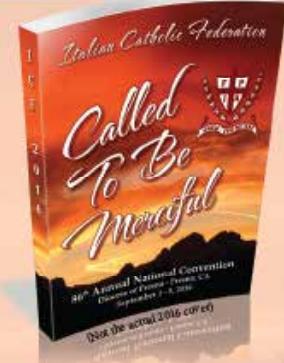
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Italian Catholic Federation Convention Souvenir Program ARTWORK DEADLINE JULY 1ST!

NEW SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!
Full color 1/16th page sponsor ad for only \$25!
EVERYONE should be doing this!
(This is the actual size of the ad.)



Best of Wishes for a Successful Convention
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Branch #39 - Merced, CA

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!



The ICF Convention Souvenir Program Books are:

- Collected & kept for years
- Referenced by members
- A visual history of the ICF

You need to be in this year's book! **Maximize** your **visibility!**

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

BE SEEN!
Tell YOUR part of the story!

Italian Catholic Federation

2016 Convention – Fresno, CA

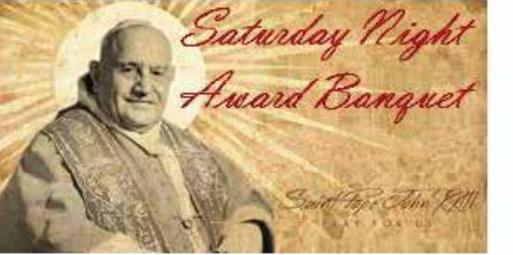
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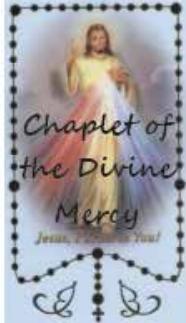
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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS














Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

June is upon us. How fast the days, weeks, months seem to come & go. I find the older I get, the faster the time passes. Remember when we were young children, when time seemed to stand still especially during the holiday season. However, the summer months was the only time when time flew. Too bad we had to grow up!

During this year 2016, we are celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy. All members of the faithful will have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage during the Jubilee thru a designated parish. This pilgrimage is to be a journey of walking closer with God and discovering moments of grace and spiritual renewal. So, we at Branch 358 are getting ready to make that pilgrimage the end of June.

Please do not forget to honor Father's Day, June 19. If you are lucky to have your Father around, please show him you care. Every Day is Father's Day but this is his or her special day. A Father does not have to be of a male gender. My Father died when I was just an infant and was raised by my Mother. She was both Mother & Father to me. Every year she got a Happy Father's Day card from me as well as on Mother's Day. God Bless her beautiful soul!

Happy Birthday to:
Marie (Vicky) DeGrazia
Judith Schweickert
Mille Grazie!
Cathy Neri

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Our branch is proud to announce First Year College Scholarship winner: ARIANA ALOISIO, of Itasca. We are all very happy for Ariana. She will be presented with the award at our June meeting.

Excitement is in the air as St. Peter's new church will be a reality! Ground breaking ceremony is on June 5th, with Bishop Conlon, of Joliet, presiding. Our branch is proud to be a part of this endeavor. We will be hosting the refreshment festivities after the 11:15 a.m. mass on Sunday, June 5th. Completion of new church scheduled for Summer of 2017.

Our next general membership meeting is on Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Itasca Park District, first floor, Iris Room, 350 East Irving Park Road, Itasca.

Save the date for our branch picnic: Sunday, July 10th, Madison Meadow park in Lombard.

Congratulations to members, Mary and Vito DiFino, celebrating 50 years of marriage on June 5th. We wish you both all of God's blessings: good health, peace and happiness.

Ciao,
Rita

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The April meeting was held on the 12th and it was a real feast. 'Chef' Jeff Bottorff made his famous "Bolito Misto". It means boiled meat and we were treated to a delicious dinner of beef, chicken, tongue, sausage, salad, bread and a yummy

mango cake for dessert. Thanks to the chairman Jeff Bottorff and the committee: Mark and Cari Beveridge, Bina Boitano, Mary Sue Ferretti, Jim and Kerin Cavallero and Gary Cavallero. May 1st was the bake sale/raffle. Our members made many mouth-watering desserts which sold out after only 3 masses and we made over \$600.00. Thanks to everyone who baked and sold the goods on Sunday. Our member Marge Avellar made a beautiful sea green afghan to be raffled on the same day as our bake sale. Diane Massetti was the lucky winner of the afghan. Congratulations Diane! The raffle raised \$500.00 dollars and was donated to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Thanks to Mark Beveridge, Rick Farinelli, and Jim Cavallero who spoke at the masses to inform the congregation about ICF and recruit new members. Thanks guys, you did a great job because we are getting requests for applications! On a sad note, we lost longtime member, Ola Toschi, in April. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members, especially Jim and Brenda Toschi and family, Marge Avellar and Bina Boitano.

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Los Banos

Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Molte grazie to all our members who worked so hard to make our Chicken Polenta fund-raiser dinner such a great affair. It was a huge success and we are happy to be able to support our charities and scholarships.

Our branch continues to grow and prosper under the guidance of our devoted officers.

In March we had a dinner meeting, guests were Nine and Angelo Naldi who spoke of the opportunity give to us by the Merced County

Historical Society to showcase the contributions our Italian ancestors made to Merced County. In the springs of 2017 there will be an exhibit at the Courthouse Museum.

At our April meeting we were treated to pizza and dessert. We distributed the profits from our fundraiser dinner to various charities and scholarship.

Convention raffle tickets were given out by MaryAnn Post, chairperson.

It was good to have Paul Riso with us. Paul has been ill and is doing better. Likewise to see Susan Jordan who is recovering from surgery. Get Well wishes to Rita Toscano who recently had a fall. We continue to pray for our sick and deceased members.

No meeting in May or June. Next meeting will be a breakfast meeting at Country Waffles, July 31st at 9:00a.m. hope to see all members.

Thought for the day....."Prayer is asking for rain - Faith is carrying the umbrella"

Ciao,
Germaine Orlando

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

May was a busy time for our Branch. We had five teams at the Fresno District Bocce Tournament.

Great time was had by all who attended. Lunch was so very good. Everyone, winners and losers, had a fantastic time.

Branch 32 celebrated Mother's and Father's Day with a chicken dinner including pilaf, salad, and dessert. Awards were presented to the Mother and the Father who shared their love and wisdom for the most years.



Branch 32 would like to recognize Rose Caglia for being a member of our branch for 77 years. From left to right Pres. Claire Pisching, Rose Caglia, and Grand Pres. Leonard Zasoski.

Get Well wishes are sent to our sick members which include, Deacon Kurt, Maria Guglielmino, Doris Papi, Ann and Don Saladino, Peggy Barbato, and Mario Isnardi. Please inform our Sunshine person when you hear of someone who is ill.

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Auguri, anche se in ritardo, per la festa delle madri e auguri per la festa dei padri!

Playing the Italian card game Pedro before our May meeting was rousing fun again and the players are getting better! We plan to continue meeting at 5 PM for a social hour. A huge thank you goes out to chefs Robyn Piro and Estella Reta for preparing a delicious homemade chicken enchilada dinner for the members in recognition of Cinco de Mayo. We also thank the kitchen helpers, table setters, front door greeters, servers and clean-up crew.

Update on our biannual Biscotti and cookie sale: we grossed over \$2,000.00 and sold over 200 dozen biscotti plus more than 50 dozen assorted other varieties. Again we thank our chairladies: Janet Pugliese, Maryellen Mazzei, and Nettie Descalco-Del Nero, and also our many faithful members who baked, donated ingredients, made labels, bagged, sold, and bought our homemade treats.

Sunday, June 26, is our St. Patrick's Parish Festival at St. Patrick's Hall. Please join the congregation at this informative and fun event.

Remember: there will be no meeting in June, but save the date for Wednesday, July 13, for our annual Family Wiener Roast with bingo, prizes, and a cake walk. It's a great family occasion spent out at our beautiful Lake Yosemite.

The committee working on the local Italian exhibit scheduled for spring 2017, wants your family stories, history, artifacts and photos. Please contact Sarah Lim at the Courthouse Museum (209) 723-2401, mercedmuseum@sbcglobal.net, or Stephanie Lucich (209) 658-1897 or Frank Muratore (209) 723-8575.



Branch 39 recently honored Mother's and Father's Day. Pictured here are Jim Rosa and Mimi.

Remember our shut in and sick members with cards, visits and prayers.

Cari Salute,

Stephanie Lucich

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Our Branch President Jessie Budd and hubby, Mark who is District Deputy, have been busy preparing us for the 2016 ICF Convention here in Fresno. We're looking forward to seeing friends from across the Country.

August 28 is the date for our Branch fundraiser dinner at Tahoe Joe's. Plan to treat the family to a delicious dinner.

The deadline for this Bollettino article falls before our Take-Out Dinner and the District Bocceball Tournament. Reports of our teams' successes will follow next month.

Father Robert just returned from a trip to the Caribbean. He did some diving, which is one of his favorite sports. Glad you enjoyed your vacation, Father. We're always glad to have you back.

As of this writing, Shirley Mitchell is in the Bay Area spending time with her daughter.

Our prayers go out to Nancy DiPrima and the family for the passing of her husband, John. John and Nancy are past members of our Branch.

A few of our members were under the weather at our last meeting. They are Mary Zanarini, Ron Travis, Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez and Deputy Flora DePasquale. Please pray for a complete recovery for each of them.

Our June birthday celebrants are: Carlene Christensen (6/14); Ken Gray (6/26); Dolores Guaglianone (6/28); Maxine Johnson (6/19); Wes Johnson (6/1); Vince Jura (6/20); Mary Moss (6/16); and William Schultz (6/9). Happy Birthday to All!

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." (Charles Wadsworth)

Happy Father's Day, to all our Dads!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

June is always a hot month here in Bakersfield, but luckily we know how to stay cool. Our meeting this month will be the annual Salad Social on June 9. Our members never fail to provide diverse, delicious summer salads; from pasta to potato, fruit to tomato, this is a tasty spread you won't want to miss.

May was a great month for our branch and the district because...BOCCE! May 14 was the district tournament, which was a great occasion for the many branches to unite as a district for some fun competition! Also, of course, this event contributes much to our organization and its mission.

On May 28, the Branch 281 tournament was one of the most successful bocce tournaments we've had. Although the weather was quite hot, it didn't deter members from playing their best and enjoying the day. As always, we enjoyed a tasty tri-tip lunch along with the company of our members and many non-member parishioners as well. A special thanks is due to Allen Watts who organized the tournament and made it such a fun time for all.

Branch 281 will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the masses on June 5, so be sure to swing by for a sweet treat. Since this is also the time of our membership drive, it will be a great opportunity to mingle with fellow church-goers who are not a part of the ICF Branch 281 and encourage them to become new members. When you attend mass that Sunday, hang around the donut table—show parishioners our ICF hospitality!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Watts



Fresno Branch 308 played Bocce Ball on Saturday, May 14 at San Joaquin Memorial High School.



Fresno Branch 308 Presidents Past and Present at St. Anthony's.



Fresno Branch 308 Father Ferdinand with Mike and Frances Berdinella.

Fresno

St. Anthony, Br. 308

Fresno Saint Anthony of Padua's ICF Branch 308 recently celebrated fellowship in a special way. Bocce Ball Team "Russ' Wops" remained undefeated in five matches on Saturday 5/14/2016, during the District Tournament held at San Joaquin Memorial High School. Branch President "Giovanni Mulligani", Ted Gennuso, Nick Diliddo, and Leonard Garber (pictured) with Russ Renna rolled to victory, while another Branch 308 team, led by Alex Garcia, placed third. The Wednesday before, at their May Tri-Tip meeting - with food prepared by Branch Chef Bernie Squeo, who also manned the BBQ at the tournament - 308 was happy to have in attendance for the first time their new Chaplain, Father Ferdinand (pictured with Mike and Frances Berdinella). That evening the long time leadership of Past President Antonette Pecora and her husband Angelo was formally recognized, with the presentation of a plaque by President John Mulligan (pictured together). And a Knights of Columbus invitation was accepted to sponsor Saint Anthony's Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls, with a decision also made to dedicate proceeds from a current fundraiser - selling tickets for a special meal to be held at steakhouse Tahoe Joe's, on Sunday 10 July 2016 - to benefit Seminarian and Scholarship Programs.

Cynthia Oliphant

**Happy
Father's
Day!**

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 continues to work with Saint Peter's Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Branch 108 invites Branch 67 members for a year end Bocce BBQ and picnic at Pasadena Lawn Bowling Center in Central Park Pasadena. All ICF Members invited. Please RSVP to 626 372-7812 by June 20th.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and host a Brunch at the Casa Italiana lunch room on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call 626 372-7812 to RSVP.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella AIA

President Branch 67

Italian Catholic Federation

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Save The Date:

- August 28, 2016 - ICF LAADC Communion Sunday Mass 11:00 (Church) and Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Casa Italiana Basement (host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region).

- November 28, 2016 - ICF LAADC Communion Sunday Mass 11:00 am (Church) and Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Casa Italiana Basement (host San Fernando Region).

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

President John Maggiora thanked HF Parishioners, Members, families and friends for making the Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at JAKES BBQ in Monrovia a successful event. All enjoyed the great BBQ Dinner and comaraderie visiting old and meeting new friends.. Thank you Joanie and Gerry Brascia for coordinating this successful event. All funds used to support ICF Charities and Student Scholarships.

The next Branch 108 BBQ Lunch and General meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 26th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club facilities in Pasadena Central Park. All ICF Branches, families and friends are invited to play Bocce with Branch 108 Members. Please RSVP by calling 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 before July 8th.



Thanks to everyone who made the Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at JAKES BBQ in Monrovia a successful event.



SAVE THE DATE: The annual ICF Branch 108 Cooley's Anemia BBQ is scheduled for Sunday July 24th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena.

We will be celebrating 30 years of friendship and great BBQ in support of ICF's National Charity. Space is limited. Please RSVP by calling 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 on or before July 18th. All Branches are invited. Please spread the word.

Thank you Members, families and friends for your support of ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to the families who passed away earlier this year and to all Members who have gone to their eternal reward and to sick members, family and

friends for a speedy recovery.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com , Branch 308 Recording Secretary

Two Meeting Photos by Branch 308 VP Jay Newsome

Tournament Photo by Cynthia Oliphant

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.)



Thanks to everyone who made the Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at JAKES BBQ in Monrovia a successful event.

in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scorcia, Edward Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

At our last meeting our members voted and we donated \$1,000.00 to St. Benedict Church for church improvements. Also, we received applications and essays for the St. Benedict School Scholarships. Our scholarship committee will be reviewing the applications and essays. We will awarding two \$300.00 scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students. Additionally, we would like to thank our member, Dr. Jeannine Vieni, for donating a refrigerator on behalf of the ICF to St. Benedict Church, which was placed in the Parish Hall for the benefit and use for all church organizations.

This year our branch is teaming up with the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus to operate a Fireworks Stand at a location on Beverly Blvd., east of Poplar Avenue, adjacent to the Beverly Car Wash. All expenses and proceeds will be split 50/50 among the two organizations. The stand will operate from Monday, June 27th to Monday, July 4th. We need everyone's support to make this a successful event. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer on some days.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following Making a Difference quote by William Arthur Ward: "Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work." Thank you for all you for the ICF and for our community.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Thank you to all who brought such delicious entrees to our May potluck meeting. We all enjoyed great food! We learned that Nicholas DiLeva (parents Kim and Anthony) and Alyssa DiMassa (parents Maria and John) are our scholarship recipients. Unfortunately Mary Star High School's award banquet was the same night as our meeting so we were not able to meet them. Congratulations to the students and their families!

Many of our members had the pleasure of attending the installation mass for our newest branch at St. John Fisher on May 22nd. What a blessing it is to see the Federation grow!

Our next fundraiser/daytrip will be to San Manuel

2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS OF THE Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

- June 5 - Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by San Gabriel Region

- June 5 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.

- July TBD

- August TBD

- September 11 – Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.

- September 11 – ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.

- October TBD

- November 13- Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Burbank.

- November 13 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.

- December 4 - Mother Cabrini Mass (12:30pm) followed by Pilgrimage to Chapel and Lunch in the Parish Hall.

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

The final three winners of the Monthly Money Madness Raffle are: Phyllis Dovalago (Br 102 -

January), Amy Pasquarelli (Br 319 - February) and Vince Veneziano (Br 111 - March). Congratulations to the Raffle Winners and thank you to all members who participated in the Raffle and to all members who sent donations for the much-needed replacement of the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Doors and Frames. Additional donations are encouraged to continue the maintenance of this historic and cultural facility. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

Please spread the word to members, friends and parishioners who may be interested in Mother Cabrini and her life's work and how her role is reflective of our Church and the ICF mission to help those in need and post a notice in your church and organization bulletins, newsletters and newspapers one to two weeks prior to the events.

Thankyou for your help,

Carmelo Sabatella AIA, President

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

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Celebrating birthdays at Branch 111.

Casino on June 23rd. Please call Pauline Iacono for more information 310 832 0563.

It's time for our annual parish fiesta. This year the fiesta will be held on July 15th thru 17th. We will once again be hosting the pizza and meatball/sausage sandwich booth. As you know it takes alot of man power to make our booth a success. If interested in helping out please call Neal DiLeva 310 433 1044.

The 2016 ICF Convention is approaching and will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fresno, California. Our branch will be sending 4 representatives. This year Neal and Anna will not be able to attend. The convention is a rewarding experience. Please think about representing our branch.

Our next meeting will be on June 16th at 7:30pm

Save the Date : St John Joseph Feast August 18th to the 20th.

We pray for our sick members and those in need. Keep them in our thoughts and prayers

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Downey

St. Raymond, Br. 362

We are looking forward to our May bingo as we celebrate our Mothers. We are hopeful to have a great crowd and that everyone will join us. Thank you and God bless.

Gabby Schilling

La Canada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Our May meeting featured Sister Rosemarie Tulacz, SND who provided a keynote presentation



Sister Rosemarie Tulacz, SND

on "The Roots of Mercy". Her spiritual talk explored the profound insights of Biblical mercy and spirituality, and embraced the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. She placed particular emphasis on incorporating these themes and focused on how one develops a spirituality that is practical for the family. She also provided insights for how to develop one's personal spirituality. Sister Rosemarie, an accomplished photographer, incorporated her photography to provide a different way of seeing mercy through the eyes of faith and human events as a divine experience. Her talk tied into the spiritual objectives of the branch for 2016 as we observe the Year of Mercy: corporal and spiritual, proclaimed by Pope Francis.

Sentinel David Capurso conducted another informative program. This program on Catholic



John Curley of Branch 218 presents a special plaque to Frank Bermel for all his years of service for making the sauce at all of Br. 218's functions. It was presented at the May meeting. The spoon is the original one used over the years to stir the sauce with.

knowledge was in an entertaining quiz format. It was noteworthy that many of our members admitted how little they really know about Catholicism. As usual, every one had a lot of fun. In a previous meeting, David guided us through a quiz on Italian heritage. Again, we learned a lot.

Italian classes are in the planning stages and shortly will be announced. The plan calls for a 7-week Saturday morning program in June and July. It will be focused solely on conversational Italian. Let us know if you are interested.

Scholarship winners have been selected. Two St. Bede School students will be honored for their winning essays at the June meeting. We will also be awarding a college scholarship to a St. Francis High School graduate.

Tanti cari auguri e benedizione,

Al Restivo, Orator

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our Mother's Day Dinner, prepared and served by the men of our branch, was a huge success. Thanks to Matt Luchetta and all his helpers who worked so hard to make this a very special dinner for the women.

Upcoming: June 12 – Special Mass for the ICF at 11:00, rosary 12:30, meeting 1 to 4. The women will plan the Father's Day dinner for the guys. Please watch for Jeane's newsletter. This will be

San Pedro Branch 115 had a seven day California Coastal Cruise on April 23-30 attended by 24 people. This fundraiser cruise was organized by member Maria Letizia Chaparro with group leader Branch President Neal Di Leva. A wonderful cruise and a great fundraiser for the Branch. Thank all of you who joined us.



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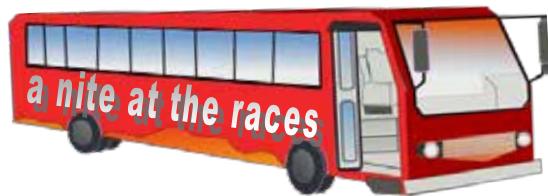
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I/We will be riding the bus to the “nite at the races” Thursday Night Dinner Yes ____ No ____

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I wish to be seated with: _____



Branch 317 President Roxanne Perry at a recent Membership Drive.



our last meeting until September. We will have the installation of the new members at this meeting.

Our convention in Fresno this year will be attended by President Jerry and wife, Carol, this year. Be sure to turn in your convention books which really helps to offset the cost of the convention.

Everyone have a pleasant summer, keep safe, and hope to see you at our June meeting. And a very happy Father's Day to all the dads.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

June 10 - Dinner/General Meeting

June 14 - I.C.F. Quarterly Mass

June 19 - I.C.F. Donut Sale

This dinner and general meeting will be on June 10, details in the Newsletter. It will be a potluck to celebrate Fathers Day. Our Holy Cannolis fundraiser was a wonderful success. We thank everyone who worked so hard to enable a successful event. Toni, Laura, Terry and Barbara were all angles. The Ministry Fair was lovely and possible new members may be on the horizon.

Enjoy the summer and God Bless you and the Italian Federation.

Roxanne Perry, President

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 27th 1976 Branch 319 was begun. We were installed in the church after mass by Central council. Our first president was Roy Capuano. I don't remember any other officers (except I was the treasurer). We have had some great times through the years.

We will be celebrating the occasion with an Open House in the auditorium at OLA on June 5, 2016. Old and recent pictures will be displayed for the parish see and a table for new members sign up from 8am to 12:30pm. After that we will be going out for a group dinner.

On June 20th we will be hosting a dinner for the Scholarship winners both Central Council and OLA school and our local charities.

Summer is approaching fast and school will be out. Everyone have a great and safe vacation.

God bless all,

Andrea Linn

Monterey

Santa Cruz

N.S. Del Socorso, Br. 21

Wow, here comes summer again! Someone once said: "Summer is when laziness finds respectability". But Branch 21 isn't founded on laziness; we're busy bees. At our last general meeting on May 3rd, we were honored to have Past Grand President Jim Jones and his wife, Former First Lady Janice, in attendance. Jim presided over the initiation of seven new members. They are: Nancy Prevedelli, Gary Castiglioni, Mandy Danner, Peggy Mansfield, Heidi Morgan de Courcy, Margaret Hartman, and Rebecca Rosser. Welcome new members! After the formalities, enchiladas and Coronas were served in celebration



From Branch 21: L to R: 1) Jim Jones; 2) Vicki Howell; 3) Richard Puccinelli; 4) Mandy Danner; 5) Heidi Morgan; 6) Rebecca Rosser; 7) Nancy Prevedelli; 8) Gary Castiglioni; 9) Peggy Mansfield; 10) Margaret Hartman.

of our new members and also Cinco de Mayo. It was a great evening.

As you know, the No-Bake Sale is over and we would like to report that over \$1,800 was donated this year. That is more than was donated last year. Thank you all for your generosity.

It should be noted that our Branch helped this year's Holy Cross Confirmation Class with their celebratory dinner in the Hall after the Mass. Accolades for the decorations and the food were plentiful. We want to thank all those who worked so hard on this event. It was beautiful.

Believe it or not, it's time to plan for this year's ICF Convention which will be held in Fresno on Labor Day Weekend. A nominating committee has been chosen to select this year's delegates, so stay tuned.

We would like to send a big hello and get well to Bobby Wilson, Nara Caiocca, and Aurelia Bozzo. We miss you and hope to see you soon.

Come join the fun at our next meeting on June 7 in Holy Cross Hall beginning at 5pm. As a reminder there will not be a meeting in July but a meeting will follow on August 2. Ciao for niao, tutti.

May the Good Lord bless and keep you safe.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

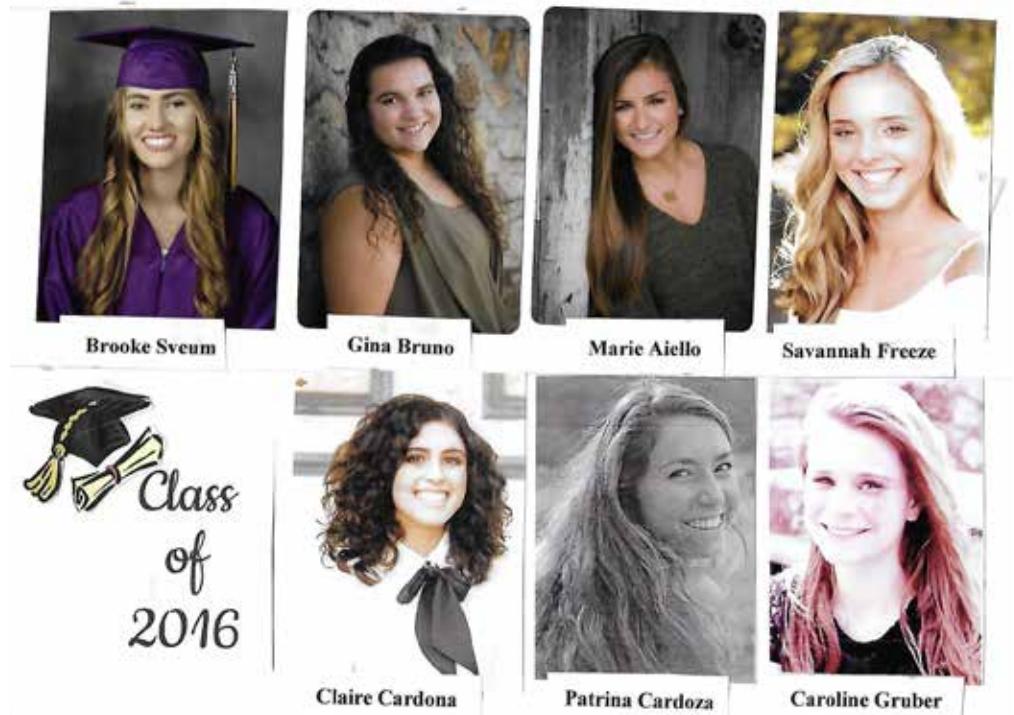
Happy Fathers Day to all of our father's, nanu's, and papa's, June 19 is your designated day to do what you want to do, so enjoy.

You will be receiving I.C.F. raffle tickets in the mail, please buy or sell your tickets, this is a fundraiser for our branch, we need and would appreciate your participation. Thank you.

We had a delicious Cinco de Mayo dinner. After dinner our scholarship chairman Ted Ursino, introduced our seven recipients, Maria Aiello, Gina Bruno, Claire Cardona, Patrina Cardoza, Savannah Freese, Caroline Gruber, Brooke Sveum.

Each received \$1,000 from Br. 36, \$300. each from The Italian American Culture Center Foundation, each recipient received \$1,300. We also gave \$350. each to two San Carlos School students, Mia Campos and Alexis Jimenec. Co-President Elizabeth Grammatico presented Father Peter Crivello with three checks, one for \$750 to Loaves & Fishes, one for \$4,000 for maintenance of the Parish Hall, and one for \$15,000. for San Carlos Cathedral. It was a beautiful evening, and, not finished - our mystery honoree was Father Peter Crivello, everyone there was so pleased. Father Peter will be leaving San Carlos parish in June for a new position with Bishop Garcia in the Pastoral Office, in addition to being the Vicar General he will also be the Moderator of the Curia. We will miss him, he has been with San Carlos for 12 years.

Our deepest sympathy to Ventura Manuguerra



Congratulations to the Branch 36 scholarship winners.

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whose brother Giuseppe passed away, to Suzanne Menendez Herbst and family whose mother Dolores Menendez passed away, and to the family of Rosemarie Bruno Smith. Rosemarie (Ree Ree) was an icon in Monterey's local entertainers. May they all rest in peace.

CALENDAR:

June 2 - Monthly Dinner Meeting

July 7 - 85 and older party - 85 and older members will get an invitation in the mail.

As always, 85 and older paid up members are our guests.

More of Regina Brett (90 yrs. old) philosophy on life

(1) Life is not always fair, but it's still good.

(2) Get outside every day, miracles are waiting everywhere.

(3) All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

(4) Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.

(5) And, the best is yet to come.....

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Oops! The wrong column appeared in the May Bollettino, the following is what should have appeared:

Not only was our Scholarship Fundraiser a big success but we gained four new members. The Carbonel Family had such a great time at the fundraiser that they decided to join Branch #51's amazing crew. Congratulations!!

The Potluck and General meeting scheduled for May 5th was canceled. Paul will re-schedule at a later date.

Our Branch hosted the April 16th District Meeting, more details on this event will be forth coming. Also Paul may be having some events and meetings in the summer months so stay tuned!!

Happy Birthday wishes to (April) Vera Doris, Gino Grier and Thelma Sbarra, (May) Eva Sigala, Ashley Stefani and Marie Tonus, (June) Nancy Ausonio, Father Pedro, Carrie Holbrook, Alice Soliven and Kathy Stefani and (July) Cindy Stefani.

Please keep in your prayers Carl Armento and Alice Soliven and all who need God's healing love.

Happy Father's Day to all Dads and a big thank you for all your love and support.

Peace be with you always.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Due to a conflict with Father's Day, the June meeting is postponed until the 26th. Scholarships will be awarded that day.

Everyone is invited to the wine-tasting on June 18. Five wineries will be pouring and you'll have an opportunity to taste some special extra virgin olive oils. There will also be assorted cheeses and crackers, as well as a silent auction and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12.50 for non-members and the hours are 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It's not too early to mention the annual Barbecue on Saturday, July 23 at DeLaveaga Park. The menu will be chicken or steak and all the trimmings. Cost is \$7.00 for members, \$12 for guests, and \$5 for children under five. Chairman Bob Montonye will be asking for volunteers to help out. Let him know if you are willing and able.

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Lou and Fran Boczek who will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 23. Quite an achievement by two very nice members of our branch.

Vicky Howell is taking reservations for the bus trip to the Italian Festival in Reno October 7-9. The price is \$300 per person and includes two nights lodging and two breakfasts. Call Vicky at 831 345-6374 to sign up.

In honor of Father's Day, here's a quote from Lionel Kaufman:

Children are a great comfort in your old age — and they help you reach it faster, too.

Happy Father's Day to all you dads and granddads.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Since Br. 291 did not hold a March General Meeting (due to it falling on Easter) we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table at our April meeting. Thank you to Kathleen Sullivan and Rose Haupt who did a wonderful job decorating our table and to Fr. Alphonse for blessing it. Also, thank you to all the members who brought in non-perishable food to display on our table. All food collected was donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

At our April meeting we also celebrated member Marjorie Rodarte's U.S. Citizenship! Marjorie is so proud to finally be an official U.S. citizen! We also send our congratulations and blessings to Homer and Dianne Clees, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April!

Br. 291 lost two former ICF members and dear friends, Trish Jimenez and Floralee Harris, one day apart in April. We pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families during this difficult time. We will truly miss them both.

Please continue to keep our entire ICF Family in your prayers, especially the following members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Barbara Badasci, Homer Clees, Dianne



Marjorie Rodarte, from Br. 291, recently became a U.S. Citizen! Pictured here are James and Marjorie Rodarte with President Pete Gallagher, celebrating Marjorie's citizenship.



Clees, Crystina Giuffrida, Stevie Hall, Jim Mitten, Pat Osuch, Lorraine Spargo, Helen Summerfield, Joanna Van Blaricom and Jens Wagner.

Happy Father's Day and welcome summer!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

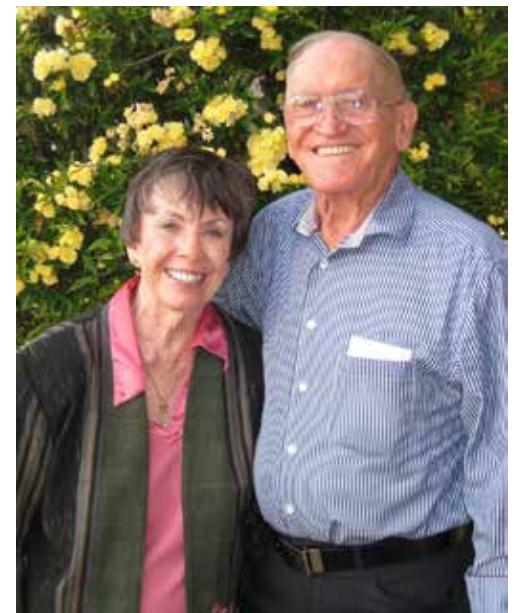
The April meeting opened by President David Zanini was well attended. Discussions covered business, finances, and replacement of chairs and tables damaged, abused or just worn due to the many activities held in our parish hall.

We will purchase 68 new chairs and two tables.

Proceeds from our last pasta dinner will also be applied to the scholarship fund. Applications will be sent to St. Rose Catholic School later this month for possible candidates. Two \$400.00 first year scholarships for beginning college applicants will be awarded. They will be named next month.

President David and his wife Irma attended the Castroville district meeting and luncheon. The approved allowance for meals was increased to \$10.00. This will help since our branch together with the Arroyo Grande branch will be hosting a district meeting on June 4.

This month's meeting, as in the past, will be held at my home. President David is going to BBQ



Homer and Dianne Clees, from Br. 291, recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations Homer and Dianne and may the Lord bless you with many more happy and healthy years together!

(Left) Br. 291 recently celebrated their St. Joseph's Table. Pictured here are Kathleen Sullivan and Rose Haupt, who did a wonderful job decorating our table and reminding members to bring in non-perishable food to donate to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

sausage and chorizo. Members are asked to bring side dishes. Should be fun.

On June 14, Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. at our St. Rose church followed by a pancake breakfast for ICF members at the Grange Hall.

Tony Salvia can use your healing prayers. Michael Frederico is recovering from recent surgery, and President David is getting stronger.

Thought for the month comes from a quote by Kathleen Grove, "A friend is someone who not only reaches for your hand, but touches your heart."

Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary

Oakland East Bay

District Council

Hi All, it's that time of the year once again when we start preparing for the ICF convention. By the time you read this the delegates will have been selected and will be making their reservations. Being a delegate is a special privilege, as one has the chance to see how our organization works and be a part of it. Also, it is time to sell all those chance books that support both the ICF and our local branches. Who is your top seller??

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Branch 215 enjoyed a great Bingo Luncheon with a Door Prize Table, Bingo Prize Table, Raffle Prize Table and "Good Neighbor" prize table.

We have some Save the Dates for your busy calendars: "Late Night Catechism" has been rescheduled for Aug. 27th still @ Holy Names University, new fliers will be coming out soon; and our district celebration of 80 years will be a dinner on Saturday, October 15th, more information to follow.

Between now and then District President Leonard Rossi will be looking for golfers and fans for the tournament on Friday, July 22nd. Even if you do not golf, rumor has it that the food is great and well worth the trip.

To all the graduates, congratulations and remember your ICF roots.

And last but not least, to all you fathers, many blessings and a very Happy Father's Day!

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We spent April and much of May planning for our 90th Anniversary Dinner, which was scheduled for Saturday evening, May 21. We received assistance from multiple sources, including the ICF office itself and a number of long-time ICF members, in preparing a historical brochure for the event. The printed program contained the names and the terms of office of all of our chaplains and the names of all of our branch presidents. Al Pacciorini, the editor of the Oakland Diocesan newspaper, researched the Archives of the Diocese and provided the founding date (July 1, 1925) of Saint Philip Neri Parish, our sponsoring parish for most of our 90 years. Saint Philip Neri Parish was merged with Saint Albert the Great Parish of Alameda in 2011. The new parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great, has sponsored Branch 10 since that time.

Our new chaplain, Rev. Robert Kennady Chinnapan, mf, was installed as the new pastor of our sponsoring parish on Sunday, April 17. We were represented in the procession for the Mass by past president and past treasurer JoAnn Dorn and present secretary Jeanette Zugnoni.

We are looking forward to our only outdoor social function, the barbecue and bocce scheduled for Thursday evening, July 7. The event will be held in Lincoln Park, High Street at Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda and will begin at 4:30 p.m. Prices are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. For information, contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005.

Branch 10 president David Rose has returned to good health. Dave presided at our May meeting and has also resumed his regular attendance at meetings of the District Council and other branches.

We hope to provide news from our anniversary dinner in our article in the July Bollettino.

John Zugnoni,

Publicity

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Now that Spring is fully here, we are looking forward to another great Bocce Season. We play the 3rd Sunday (weather permitting) at our makeshift bocce field at Our Lady of Guadalupe's track field. Contact Jack Navarra @ (510) 656-0258 for specific dates and times. At April's gathering, we were able to field 1 court of 8 players for two games. Each team ended up winning one game. So far, Judy Schiecl is in 1st place by one win.

Our April Bingo Luncheon was another success. Over 100 people enjoyed a salad luncheon and had the opportunity to win some great prizes. In addition to raffle and door prizes, there were ample bingo prizes and a special selection of "Good Neighbor" prizes for select games. Our thanks to the organizers and the many people who helped make this event a success. Thanks also to our Corporate Sponsors: Starbucks, Orchard Supply Hardware, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Safeway Stores, and Outback Steakhouse. Please remember them when you shop. Special thanks to Ralph Marinelli for the See's Candy gift certificate, Claire Chiatello for her 6 beautiful, hand knitted lap & baby blankets, and Nadine Mattier for her beautifully wrapped home baked brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

We hope all those attending this year's "ICF Day at the Races" on June 9th had a winningly good time. We hope to see you next year at this fun event.

On Sunday, June 26th there will be a going away luncheon following the 10:30 AM mass at Corpus Christi Church for our branch chaplain Fr Sergio.

2016 Convention Raffle tickets were distributed at our May branch meeting. Ticket stubs and remittance should be sent to Ralph Marinelli no later than August 9th. Ralph's address is: 42483 Greenbrier Park Dr., Fremont CA 94538

Ken Chiatello

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

We were delighted to be able to hold our Primavera Dinner-Dance after a one year hiatus owing to the church hall being redone last year. These fund raising events are the lifeblood of our ability to support our charities. And as a special treat, two of our recent scholarship winners were there to say a few words about what scholarships mean to them and to those who will be supported by this event in the future. These young men and women are different from the many who simply don't find the time to write a few paragraphs about what their Italian heritage and a scholarship, even a small scholarship, means to them. It's a characteristic that will ultimately mean more to our scholarship winners than the money.

And here's an idea for fundraising. We encouraged members who could not attend to purchase raffle tickets. And thanks to one special lady, Pauline Kirk, and her friends, we raised over \$150 in tickets before the raffles began!

A special thanks from the ICF 285 members goes to Elaine Meier, chairman of the Primavera again this year. Events like this are hard work for many, but the rewards are evidenced by our "family" having a good time and whose support is essential to our ICF charities. Elaine thanks the many who spent untold hours making this year's event a success, both as a family gathering and as a fundraiser. Unhappily, our own Joe Buonsante leaves the Melotones orchestra with Primavera as his final performance. Good luck Joe, we know you won't be idle.

Thanks to our charity events, we are able to donate to special causes such as our donation this year to St. Michael's in honor of Father Poon for student scholarships.

Our June meeting will be our annual dinner out which everyone will surely enjoy as a respite after a busy May. Our July meeting is Bocce and pizza. And to stretch out our fun and frivolity, August is our picnic. We will get back to our regular meetings in September so stay tuned for who our next speaker will be.

Come join us for our events or meetings - together we are the Italian Catholic Federation family.

Ciao, a presto

Chuck (my wife's Italian) Meier

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It has been a busy month and will continue to be so into the summer, but there is a lot of fun to be packed in there too. During the Ministry Fair, Lisa and Dorothy were able to meet new parishioners



Some of St. Catherine of Siena youth group who helped serve at the annual Spaghetti and Meatball dinner for volunteer hours toward their Confirmation requirement. Nicholas Woodhall, Czejay Oliveros, Marisa Woodhall and Iron Chef Tom Cook of Branch 13.

and introduce them to ICF and some of our activities. One that is little known is the 8th grade scholarship awarded to qualified students who plan to continue their Catholic education.

On the fun side, we had a delicious dinner and evening of fun at Br. #285's D/D. We are looking forward to Day at the Races, the golf tournament and Italian Night at the A's.

Meantime, back at the branch, we are getting ready for our convention in Fresno, Labor Day weekend.

Time to choose delegates and review any bylaw changes that have been submitted. Guess that sounds like work again, but there is also a social side to the convention for all to enjoy. Don't forget to sell those chance books and raise money for both ICF and our branch. How many winners has this branch had??

Congratulations to all new graduates in 2016.

God bless all our fathers for all they do and will continue to do.

Pat Grasso, Sec.

Contra Costa

District Council

The Contra Costa District met on April 28th and discussed the coming events! The event coming

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St. Catherine youth/scouts display the Italian flag after they finish setting-up the hall for Branch 13's annual Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner. Dylan Woodhall, Czjay Oliveros, Nicholas Woodhall, Marisa Woodhall, and Jack Belgarde.



Branch #13 members getting their Italian on! From left sitting: Teresa Poirier and Anne Crisp; standing: Bob Poirier, Maria Catanese-Helberg, Peggy Aiello-Hagerthy, Tom Cook, Czjay Oliveros, Nicholas and Dylan Woodhall, Jack Belgarde, Marisa and Jennifer Woodhall.



Branch 13 Iron Chefs Karen Glen, Tom Cook, Peggy Aiello-Hagerthy and Marty De Venuta prepare spaghetti and meatballs for the annual dinner held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall.

up in the near future is our Italian Heritage Night with the Oakland Athletics and the Italian Catholic Federation. Rose Jarrett has 33 tickets left. Please call her at 925-381-4709 or Angels8199@aol.com. Come join us for a night of fun on August 5th.

We have now decided to have raffle drawings at our meetings, and we want to thank our past president Joseph Flores for donating the funds for the District raffle.

We are happy to say that all branches were represented at our April 28 meeting, and are looking forward to having the same representation at our next meeting on June 23.

A reminder --If your branch has not finished its' calendar for the year, would you please do so? and distribute it to the other branches.

We formed a bylaw committee to assess our bylaws, and decided that changes are not necessary.

We also voted to give a District scholarship, to sponsor the ICF golf tournament and to place an ad in the convention book.

This little elderly woman I would take places in the car, would put her seat belt on and then say three Hail Marys for our safe journey. It was never because I was not a good driver, but she said for all the other bad drivers on the road. With the beginning of the summer traveling may we all make the extra sign of the cross for our safe journey.

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Our annual Spaghetti and Meatball dinner, held on April 16th, was a wonderful success. Thanks to all the volunteers for putting on a great Italian feast.

We are especially grateful for our Iron Chefs - Tom Cook, Karen Glen, Peggy Aiello-Hagerthy, and Marty De Venuta, and our St. Catherine of Siena youth group members who helped serve and earn volunteer hours toward their Confirmation requirement

We were pleased to accept several new ICF members: Melanie and Kayley Woods, Anne Crisp, Rozalyn Devincenzi, and Josie Franck.

Ciao from Martinez.

Roberto

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

In June, we honor our scholarship recipients, and once again, through the optimism of determined students, we glimpse a bright future. The date is Tuesday, June 14th. Mass is at 5:30, a delicious ravioli dinner is at 6:30 (\$8.00), and the meeting is at 7:30.

We send messages for improved health to Gene Gatewood and Louise DeTomasi, and hugs to Mary Regalia, with the hope that her broken arm will heal quickly. A special "hello" to Inez Chapdelain (Corby), who is at Creekside.

We have something new and exciting to report, too. Celebrating Father's Day, for the first time as a dad, will be Paul Pastori. Paul and his wife, Carmela, welcomed Sophia Marie into their family on April 18th. Congratulations to all of the Pastori family.

Fr. Leo mentioned that Pam and Dennis Zampa recently returned from Ireland, where they had a wonderful visit with our priest of 20 years, Fr. Dillon. Fr. Dillon, who looks happy and healthy, sends regards to all.

As of this writing, there are a few tickets available for Italian Heritage Night at the A's game on August 5. Contact Donna if you are interested in attending.

We often take for granted those who do the most. Our officers appear to handle their responsibilities so effortlessly that it's easy to forget the hours of preparation that are required to be so organized. Grazie to Donna, Kathleen, Karl, David and Clare for all of your "behind the scenes" work. We sincerely appreciate your efforts.



(Above) Ok Mr Botta how do you make lemonade?? Branch 14 Crockett

(Below) Caption: Yes Italians can make enchiladas ! at Branch 14 Crockett.



Happy Father's Day to the men in our branch. May all fathers and father figures forever nurture and encourage those who hold them in high esteem.

And to all, may June will be filled with happiness, good health, and many special blessings.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

We had an enjoyable dinner and meeting in April. We met at La Pinata in Pittsburg and started out with appetizers thanks to the kindness of our deputy Peggy Aiello Hagerthy. After dinner our meeting took place. One guest was introduced. His name was John Kreslake. He is the boyfriend of our branch officer Roselynn Jarrett. John told us a little bit about himself. We discussed idea's for our yearly apostolic project. We will look into helping at the local food hall.

President Patty Jarrett told the members that she is planning to go to the convention in Fresno but is willing to not be the delegate if someone else has interest. A nomination was made to have Joann Thilgen be delegate. She accepted. No other nominations were made. Congrats Joann! Patty Jarrett and Helen Politakes will be alternates.

Convention raffle tickets were passed out. We will mail raffle tickets to those not in attendance. A book of tickets is 20.00. Half the sales goes to our branch.

We do not meet in May. Watch for your newsletter with the date and details for our June Potluck, meeting, free raffle. member appreciation



IHM Parishioners enjoying their breakfast from Branch 432.



Seminarist Mario Rizzo getting ready to enjoy breakfast at Branch 432.



IHM Breakfast cooks, left to right Mike Bertel, Chris Romero, Ken McCoy.



IHM Donation table, left to right Anna Castillo, Deacon John Kortuem (Majordomo), Marry Webber, Carol Ilch-Rojo.

ceremony and celebration of Mothers and Fathers day. Details will also be in the newsletter for our Bus trip to Monterey on Sept. 10. Joann is planning a fun filled day!

At Anthony's feast day is on June 13.

St Anthony pray for us.

Happy Fathers day!

Sempre Avanti,

Patty

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The St. Raymond Branch is happy to announce our first year scholarship winners for 2016.

The recipients and their families will be invited to our June meeting to receive their certificates of achievements. The winners are:

Alexandra Gori- St Patrick-St. Vincent High School, Vallejo

Ryann Elizabeth Piry, Marin Catholic High School, Kentfield.

Both of these two scholarships are in memory of Gino Martinucci.

Alyssa Gonzalez, Salesian College High School – Richmond

Marisa Gonzales, Salesian College High School-Richmond.

Both Alyssa and Marisa are great nieces of our member, Gina Lencioni

Heartfelt congratulations to all of our winners. We look forward to meeting them at our June meeting.

Our May meeting was a celebration of our Mothers. During the meeting we paid tribute to our spiritual leader, Father Albert Mengon, who celebrated his fifty year jubilee as an ordained priest. We made a donation to the Salesian missions in his honor. Complimenti, Father Al, con amore e apprezzamento!

Our next bus trip to Cache Creek is July 25, 2016. Get your reservations in early to Joe Meneghelli, 510-234-2208. Cache Creek would like us to arrive 15 minutes early so we can be ahead of the crowd.

Any profit we make on our trips benefits Cooley's anemia,

We congratulate Laurice Levine and husband on the birth of her son. We look forward to meeting him at Convention.

We would like to welcome several new members, Lorraine Nelson, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Darling and Marilyn Darling.

Next meeting June 13th, Ravioli and Salad, Scholarship recipients honored. Please call Gloria Martinucci for reservations@526-8749.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

Includes: St. Agnes, Queen of All Saints, St. Bonaventure & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes.

Our May meeting brought the largest attendance in a long time; 35 members. We had a membership drive this month @ St. Bonaventure Church. June meetings are back on our calendar our President Roberta Healy will prepare a Ham & members will bring side dishes. Our Wine Event plans are well into progress, June 12th; Viano Winery, Martinez. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact: Joanne Doorack (925) 798-1735.

Folding our hands in prayer for our sick and elderly. Also always remembering the Military.

Ciao,

Christina, Correspondence Secty

Danville

St. Isidore, Br. 352

We are planning our Bake Sale and Membership Drive, also a Bingo night after our Saturday Mass afternoon Masses.

Happy Birthday wishes to all of our June celebrants.

Ciao,

Madeline

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Coming up on June 5th another Pancake Breakfast. This one hosted by Branch 432. The Breakfast is free to all Parishioners. Donations are accepted to help offset the cost of the ingredients. Oddly enough, even though the breakfasts are free and donations are optional we have generated a profit over the years. The profits allowed ICF and their Co-sponsors, the Knights of Columbus, to add 2 scholarships to their scholarship programs, the second one this year.

All preparation and serving of the breakfasts are done by ICF or Knights of Columbus volunteers, depending on the month. Along with the food, there is a great deal of charity and love being served. It is a big undertaking, not to be taken lightly. Amen to that. (Please see the accompanying pictures of the IHM Breakfast.)

Speaking of scholarships, 2016 is ICF's year to host the Scholarship Award's Dinner. It will be held on June 27th. We will be hosting the winners and their families to dinner and the award's presentation. Plan on attending, let's show our support for these great young adults and their efforts for a better future.

Get ready for the best one yet, the 7th annual "FESTA d' ITALIA", Branch 432's version of "Hot August Nights". Some of America's greatest cars will be on display for car enthusiasts to enjoy. Coupled with great food it doesn't get any better. Make your plans to attend. The date is September 26th. More information to follow.

Life does not consist of holding good cards but of playing the cards you do hold well.

la vita è buona

Orange

Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

It is with great sadness that our branch lost a beloved member, Kitty Cipolla on March 22. Our April meeting was dedicated to Kitty Cipolla, whose birthday would have been on April 20. She regularly attended the meetings with her husband Jerry if they were not travelling or attending their family's events.

Fred Baldwin of St. Vincent de Paul was our guest speaker. He gave us a brief history of who St. Vincent de Paul was and the purpose of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This organization's

main purpose is to raise people out of their poor circumstances. They receive donations, give food to those who need it, assist in any way they can, and also spread the message of God's love to those they help.

Branch scholarship/book decision will be made this month and the recipient will be announced at the June meeting.

On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, St. Thomas More parish had the Speaking of the Tongues Mass at 11:15 am. Member Joann Jordan did a reading in Italian for the mass.

The proposed picnic location is St. Thomas More parish on August 12. We plan to have our annual bocce ball tournament and picnic fare. More details to come.

Marci Dodson shared a heritage report about Italian wedding traditions. She shared that wedding veils are passed down through generations; candies like Jordan almonds are thrown at the couple; also candies are given in odd numbers, and men would wear iron to ward off evil spirits. The number five represents health, fertility, happiness, longevity, and wealth.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Welcome new member Mario Mandy. Mario has relocated to Sacramento and we thank him for joining our Branch.

Due to a conflict, we had to cancel our May 15th dinner but have re-scheduled for Sunday, June 12th in Giovanni Hall. We will still have Bingo Night with our Chicken and Polenta Dinner. A branch meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. and Bingo at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. with Salad, Roll, 1/2 Chicken, Polenta, Dessert. Cost is \$14 for members and \$17 for non-members. Each person receives one complimentary Bingo Card. Additional cards available for purchase. For reservations and information, contact me before June 7th at 916-508-1199. Upcoming on July 10th will be Monte Carlo Night with a Pasta Dinner. For more information, contact me at above number.

Scholarship applications for our Branch Scholarship have gone out to St. Mary's 8th grade students. We will announce the winner in the next article. Thanks to Lee and Shirley Pasquini Bennett for making the scholarship possible. The donation is made in memory of Shirley's mother,



Blessed Sacrament District Officers Installation taken from Branch 438.

Leda Pasquini.

Birthday wishes to members for June: Lisa Bandaccari and Rina Tomei.

Ciao,

Janine

Roseville Branch 73

Branch 73 had a very successful and well attended Polenta/Chicken dinner on April 16th. The success came from the hard work of members and friends of our branch. President Tony Barsotti and his cooking crew prepared a delicious dinner and everyone ate their fill. Our thanks go out to all those who: sold dinner tickets, cleaned the chickens, set up the hall, purchased supplies, decorated, donated raffle prizes, ran the bar, sold bar and raffle tickets, servers in the food line, and lastly, the young people who did such a good job of serving and clearing tables.

We send belated Happy Mother's Day greetings to the Mothers of our branch and Happy Father's Day greetings to the Fathers of our branch. Happy birthday to all our members who celebrate May and June birthdays. Remember to pray for all our members who are not feeling well and also for Robert Delpippo who is recovering from knee surgery.

Arlene Roe for Robert Delpippo

Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all of you who attended and helped out at our annual corporate mass on May 15th. Thank you to Fr. Brennan and Deacon Mike for saying the mass, to Norma and MaryAnn for supplying the biscotti, to Diego for carrying our flag into mass, and to Flo for manning the membership table and all who helped with set up and passing out cookies. It was a beautiful morning and so wonderful to celebrate mass together.

We hope you will be able to join us on June 5th at Joseph's Hall for our annual Member Appreciation Dinner. At this event we honor a member (or two) for service to our branch and recognize this year's scholarship recipients. Dinner is potluck and by now you should have received a phone call from the call committee regarding what to bring. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun family event!

Our summer picnic will be held at ARD Park on July 9th. Details will be in the next Bolletino.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville St. Clare, Br. 438

After our branch meeting in April several of our members served delicious dishes from our new cook book "Buon Appetito". These recipes were enjoyed by all the members. A huge thank you to

Angela DiGrande and her committee for doing such a wonderful job in organizing the cook book. Also we give recognition to her husband Frank and all the members who worked at the masses. After all of the books were sold Angela and Frank took orders for more books. This is what I call dedication.

Michael Fuentes is busy preparing his committee for the upcoming elections. They will be working at 2 precincts.

We are planning several trips in the next upcoming months. One is the wine trip which were planning to have around the area. We still need a chair person for this event. I hope some one is interested in being a chair person. It isn't a hard task. It can actually be a lot of fun. We have several members that will step up to the plate and help you out. Please consider on taking this chairmanship.

It is so sad to see so many of our members sick or having surgeries. Get well soon as we all miss you. Please pray for them.

Before I close I would like to give Sandra Fuentes recognition for doing such a great job chairing the Gathering Inn. Thanks to you and your committee for making this very successful.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Friday evening, May 20, was certainly a night to remember as Our Lady of the Rosary held its monthly general meeting. Thank you to members Delfina Centanni, Theresa Cutri, Jim and Martha Cardinale-Hill, and Maria Tollefson for the delicious lasagna dinner. However, the highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by our own "Rat Pack" starring Louie Centanni. The impersonations and singing of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. filled the parish hall with fund memories of the 60's.

The branch was happy to present to Fr. Joe Tabigue, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary, a check for

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\$6,000 which represented the profit from the very popular Lenten Fish Fry. Due to a conflict with the use of the parish hall the April Pancake Breakfast was rescheduled for Sunday, September 25. The next general meeting will be on Friday, June 17.

Have a great summer and God bless!

Maria Tollefson

San Diego St. Theresa, Br. 261

Branch 261 produces a number of meatball/ sausage sandwiches and containers of meatballs and sausage with sauce to support our charity programs... Our Executive Board scheduled a sale on April 16 - 17...

The initial effort was to generate a written plan for the entire effort...Key people were asked to take an inventory and to itemize what had to be purchased. \$400 was allocated for the buy...The non-perishables were scheduled very early - the perishables about a day before their use... Tasks included the opening of 16 #10 cans of tomato ingredients - preparing the onions and garlic - processing the loafs of day old bread - and placing in plastic bags all the ingredients required for the 60 gallons of sauce and over 800 meatballs...

The aroma caused by our cooking results in many visitors coming into the kitchen to investigate the cause of the tantalizing odors...

The entire effort started on Thursday and ended on Sunday...

Our next sale...Oct 1 & 2....

Our parishoners do enjoy the "homemade" Italian cousine.. Our "Gibaldi" rolls make a tasty sandwich...

We acknowledge the members who made this happen : Pamela (President) and Vic Tallarida Jr; Forrest & Prudence Price; Tony Anthony; Tim & Bob Tallarida; Mike & Vickie DelVac; Carmella Hartzell; Vickie Strible...

Part two: The many ladies who make and sell the sandwiches will be written in the next edition...

Vic Tallarida Br 261

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note the following events:

June 26 - Branch Mass - ICC - 10:30 am.

July 6 Spuntino and Raffle - 6:30 pm Cost \$15.00
Chairperson Vic Arnaudo - (650) 755-1369 Please bring a raffle prize.

Prayers and Condolences to Anna Doyle and family on the loss of her husband.

Prayers and get-well wishes to Pat Arnaudo and Mary Zadra - recuperating from falls.

Ciao

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

As you may know, Norma Tealdi's celebrated her "100th" Birthday on April 20! Since we did not have a meeting in April, we are looking forward to singing Happy Birthday to her at our May meeting. Norma, we know what a wonderful and happy day it was for you and your dear family. We wish you nothing but good memories in your life.

We had two very sad deaths of our branch members recently. The first was Arleen Calegari who was Branch 38 President for a long time and this coming June would have been a 50 year member of our branch. She had recently undergone surgery and was doing well. Her death on April 30 was quite a shock. Rest in Peace dear Arleen.

Our second death was Charlotte (Lotte) Peradotto, middle sister of our members Norma Tealdi and Dora Varacchi. Lotte died on May 5. As of last January, Lotte was a 50-year member of our ICF branch. Lotte was an active and valuable member of our branch to the very end. Lotte, I don't know what we'll do without you? We're glad you were able to enjoy your sister Norma's 100th birthday. Lotte, remember to organize an ICF branch 38 extension in Heaven...for when the rest of us join you! RIP dear friend!

Valente Marini Perata
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Our dear Chaplin, Fr. Al Mengon fell and tore a ligament in his leg. He had surgery, but I hear he's now limping around in the rectory. We hope to see you at our May meeting!

We will have a lot of serious business to discuss at our May meeting.

* Convention Raffle tickets will soon be sent out... our branch gets to keep 50%!

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

Ciao!

Ci Vediamo il 11 di giugno...at 12:00 noon...in the PC!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope all of our mothers had a beautiful day. We love all of you.

To all of our fathers a very Happy Father's Day. We love you too.

Our Champagne Bingo was another success. A big Thank You to those who helped on Saturday and Sunday. It takes many hands to put on a Champagne Bingo.

Branches that came to our Bingo Game: Br. 1, Br. 290, Br. 163, a group from Visitation Valley, a group from Epiphany Parish, Br. 258 and Br. 7. It is nice that we support each other.

On June 29th we have a Casino Trip to Red Hawk. It would be so nice if one of us hits a big jackpot.

Our get well wishes are with Barbara Bottarini. We said a prayer for you at our meeting and we will continue to keep you in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

To our June Birthdays – we wish you a Happy Birthday, Happiness and Good Health always.

Please remember our ill and deceased members and their families in your prayers.

June 6th - Officers' Meeting

June 26th - Monthly Mass

June 27th - Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

We have a number of members who are not well. Carol Braga fell and cracked a couple of ribs. Isabel Juarez is getting over a case of shingles and Leo has been in the hospital with high blood pressure. Bill Irwin is unable to walk and is pretty much house bound. Agnes Piva is having problems with her heart. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. May they get better soon.

There will be no meeting in July.

Our next meeting will be on August 10th.

Remember to "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks for all circumstances."

God Bless,

Ann Basuino

San Mateo

District Council

Greetings! Hope you have organized your Branch calendars for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. If you are to host any District event during this time remember to book a date.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, May 26, 2016 next District Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Dessert hosted by Branch 6, Our Lady

of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City.

Sunday, June 19, 2016 Happy Father's Day to the Father Members!

Saturday, June 25, 2016 Night for the Seminarians at St. Paschal Baylon, 155 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. Tri-Tip Dinner. Adults \$40.00, under 12 years \$15.00. Reservations to ICF Office by June 17.

Wednesday, August 3, 2016, Branch 7, All Souls, South San Francisco dinner meeting. They have scheduled Laurice Levine (Cooley's Anemia spokesperson) as a guest speaker. All are invited to come. Call Kelly Teglia for further information 650-589-4638.

2016 ICF Convention begins on Thursday, September 1 to Monday, September 5, 2016. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Fresno.

ICF celebrates its 92nd year-June 1924-June 2016, Happy Birthday ICF! And my day too.

Remember Father Frank Murray in your prayers. Send him a card: Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael 94903.

God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Over one hundred members enjoyed the May dinner meeting. It was chaired by Gayle & Bill Mangini. As always, it was a wonderful dinner to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo". Thank you Gail and Bill 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 and will be our 91st anniversary. More info to follow.

Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 3rd. Kelly Teglia has made arrangements for a guest speaker to talk to us about Cooley's Anemia, which our branch helps support to find a cure. Our guest speaker for September will be Chaplin Jon Wright from Fort Miley Military Hospital in San Francisco.

"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. If that doesn't suite your fancy, how about selling raffle tickets, or make or buy a raffle prize to donate for our raffle. Please call Lola at 650-589-8269 or talk to her at the meeting.

So, until next time, a little thought to ponder... "When you see that someone is having a bad day, and everything looks dark, always try to be the 'Rainbow in their Clouds'".

Sempre Avanti and Happy Summer!

Laurie Masetti

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Hope all Mothers enjoyed their special day! We are looking forward to celebrating Cinco de Mayo dinner hosted by Brenda Wemiz and helpers.

Our May meeting will be time to vote for Convention Delegates as the convention will be in Fresno beginning 9-1-16. The Fresno group has many fun events planned along with taking care of the usual serious business.

We held a very profitable Pedro Tourn. and thanks to all who worked so hard to make it successful. We want to be as successful in our selling of raffle convention tickets. If every member sells at least one book, the branch will keep \$750.00.

Upcoming events: June 3 annual Mother/Father's Day dinner at the PIASC. June 11 Ravioli Dinner - OLA Gym Please contact Dorene djc.noni2@att.net or 650,344-7870

July 10 Branch picnic: Beresford Park, San Mateo, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas skateboard park, Bocci Ball courts, face painting and for anyone



Members of Branch 332, Novato.

wishing to play Pedro (cards will be supplied). Contact: Mary Ann Camacho 415-285-1219

Some of our branch members need our prayers especially Carmela Gigliotti and family and Mary Ann Camacho & family.

Also our sick members Dave Mayer, Lori Clyne, Lois Fragomeni, Concha Edmondson Mercedes Borgen, Lorraine Rollandi and Keith Aguilar (Dorene & John's son-in-law need healing thoughts and prayers too.)

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Our May meeting was a potluck dinner and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who participated and prepared wonderful dishes for us to share.

The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21 and will be our annual Scholarship/Pizza dinner. Celeste Lennemann will coordinate this meeting, and as in the past, it is an enjoyable event. Please plan to attend. And don't forget to bring any unsold raffle tickets to the June meeting. We still have time to redistribute them to those who may want to buy or sell them.

There will be no meeting in July. We will resume our monthly meetings in August.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, June 18, Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma - Champagne BINGO. Opens 1:30pm, lunch 2:30pm - chicken, pasta, champagne, 1 BINGO card, \$16.00 (21 and over only)

Saturday, June 25, Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame - Ravioli dinner, cocktails 6:00pm, dinner 7:00pm - antipasto, salad, ravioli, dessert, wine, \$22.00

Friday-Sunday, October 7,8,9, Branch 19, Festa Italiana Bus Trip - accommodations at Silver Legacy - see President Tom for flyer at the June meeting

June 19 - Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

At our monthly meeting in May we were served a Mexican Dinner prepared by Carla Del Carlo, which was delicious.

Our annual fundraiser dinner, Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, held on May 22, was enjoyed by all thanks to our chefs, Lorrie and Carla. Also, thanks to John Muniz and the Millbrae Leos for setting up and serving, to chairman Eunice Danli, for the decorations and raffle, and thanks to Ray Bianchi our refreshment man.

Our June meeting will be a Social Night with dessert and refreshments served.

Happy Fathers Day to all Dads and Grandpas.

Rose Marie Morando

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

On May 17 we started the evening out with Mass at 6:30 followed by a Spuntino in the hall. Thanks to Guy, Phyllis, Imma, Lucia and Anna for providing the food.

Congratulations to Brooke Brewer of San Rafael High School and Abigail Tarantino of Marin Catholic High School our two scholarship recipients.

Father Lawrence Vadakkan is moving to Burlingame, we wish him well.

On July 24 will be a Mass followed by brunch at McGinnes Park restaurant at 11:30.

Our President Marlene Farber will be going to the convention over Labor Day weekend.

Our get well wishes to everyone who isn't feeling well.

We wish all the fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers a very Happy Father's Day.

Our next meeting will be June 21.

There will be no meeting in July or August.

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

With the arrival of spring, our Branch celebrated the energy and zest for life of a very special group of our membership. Approximately twenty-five percent of our members belong to an elite group that we respectfully refer to as our octogenarian plus members. They enthusiastically share with our Branch, throughout the year, their wisdom of eight and nine decades. Therefore, finding ourselves so blessed, we honored them at our recent dinner meeting. Angela Mc Duffee and her wonderful kitchen crew prepared a delicious pork roast dinner, with all the usual trimmings. Two cakes were especially ordered featuring the inscriptions, "A Cent' Anni" and "Alla Vostra Salute". The honorees were toasted with a slightly edited version of Sophia Loren's well-known thoughts on aging. "There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. You have learned to tap this source, and you have truly defeated age". It was an honor for all of us to celebrate the lives of these amazing members.

We are pleased that we were able to fund a first year scholarship through Central Council, as well as offering two "in-house" scholarships for qualifying students attending a Catholic high school in the fall.

We are looking forward to new projects and activities for the second half of the year.



Branch 4 joined with PhilAm group and had a lovely crowning ceremony for our Blessed Mother. New member Raquel Acosta led the musical procession and crowned Mother Mary.

San Jose Santa Clara Valley

District Council

First VP Bob Bausino presided over the district meeting. Branch 391 host Mike Rossi welcomed all branch delegates and introduced co-hosts. Bob nimbly went through the agenda. Highlights of the branch reports included Jim Jones reporting that St. Frances Cabrini is housing 16 homeless women as part of the Jubilee of Mercy. Mike Nunziata added that a "Safe Park" is being provided at Santa Teresa serving meals for about 20 homeless. Mike also added that John Gillio will be speaking at all masses at Santa Teresa about membership. Branch 435 reported they held a successful St. Joseph's dinner where the middle school students provided a fresh fruit/veggie takeout.

Eileen Fritsch said that April 14 was "Organ Donor Day". She underscored the importance of getting a large pool of donors due to the stringent qualification requirements. Less than One percent of donors are accepted. Emily Corral said the Scholarship Committee is reviewing applicants and winners will be posted soon. Please call Nina Malone (916-759-3607) about your branch membership efforts. Elaine Osorio told of Gifts of Love success by providing means for disabled child since birth able to go home. Mike Rossi reported successful progress with branch at Transfiguration Church.

Fr. George said that the "Safe Park" may be extended and 16 other parishes have committed to the corporal works of mercy. Please keep Leonard Zasoski and Russ Vento in your prayers

Next Meeting: June 13 St. Catherine's Branch 435, Morgan Hill

Mike Nunziata

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

Congratulations to Maria and Bill Greco on the birth of a new grandson. A gift from God!

Have you paid your dues? If not, Please do so at the next meeting or mail them to Bill Greco at his home address. If you don't have it, call me.

July 6- Bocce Picnic at Bakesto Park. Come at 4-5 P.M.. Bring your chairs.

Our Delegate to Convention is President Anna Gonzalez.

You have your convention raffle tickets. Remember the branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold. It really helps our Branch out.

Happy Father's day to all of our Dad's.

To all our sick members, we wish you a speedy recovery. Our prayers are with you.

It is with a heavy heart I report the loss of Josephine Francisconi. She passed away on May 9th. Josephine was a long standing member of our branch, and supported the branch and all of our functions until her health failed. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Many thanks to all who helped make our April pancake breakfast fundraiser, a success.

Let's do it again soon, and make it even more successful.

Please put July 10th on your calendars for our Branch 5 Chicken BBQ. Come and enjoy participating in the raffle, Cherry Bells, cake booth, etc. We will need several volunteers, along with raffle prizes and baked goods. Also enter August 7th on the calendar for the SCVD BBQ. More information will be available at the Dinner/Meeting and on various agenda announcements. Please come to both events to help our Branch and the District.

Because of the BBQ, no monthly meeting of Br. 5, will be held in July.

"Convention Raffle Tickets" Send in your money and stubs, to be come a WINNER!!!

Upcoming Dinner/Meeting – June 23, 2016. Menu: St.Louis Spare Ribs, with potato

salad. Call Bea Cunha for reservations. Watch for agenda flier in the mail.

Happy Father's Day to all dads. Thanks for all that you do for your family, and the ICF.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice Br. 28

Happy June and Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and Nonnos.

June 20, Dinner meeting Cullen Hall 6 PM. Barbeque Tri tip dinner.

July Family Picnic: date and place to be determined.

Our congratulations go out to our newest branch #445, at the Church of the Transfiguration on Jarvis Ave. in San Jose. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining our branch, please invite them to one of our dinners.

Please get your convention tickets back to Frank Segreto as soon as possible. We keep half of the funds from each book for our convention expenses.

See you at our next meeting:

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

With a heavy heart we say goodbye to longtime branch member Tony Ferrara, who died May 5. He and his wife MaryJane were of great help with our dinners. He will be missed.

Remember our membership drive here at St. Mary's on June 26. It falls on the anniversary of the ICF. If each of you could bring in just one member, how great would that be!

Save the date for our branch Mass, BBQ and Bocce. It will be Sunday July 17 at St. Frances Cabrini Courts. Its always a lovely way to pray and play and of course MANGIA! with our officers and members.

August will be a busy month. On August 7, the District will host the Annual Mass and BBQ Chicken Dinner, at St. Clare's Church in Santa

Clara. They will also have raffles and desserts! The cost is only \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 10 and under. If interested, contact Denise Antonowicz at 356 2543 as soon as possible. Our Deputy, Maria Greco, said "we are the Italian CATHOLIC Federation, and we need to attend these special Masses, and get back to religious matters."

Our own Father Rick Rodoni is reaching a milestone in his career, the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. There will be a Mass on Sunday, May 22, at 11:15 A.M. in his honor. Congratulations Fr. Rick - Tanti Auguri!

In closing we wish the best to all Fathers, and encouragement to all the young graduates. God Bless our members and God Bless the United States of America.

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

This has been a busy month for the Branch. We held our Spring Fund Raiser and did quite well. Our Parish housed 15 homeless women at the Parish Center for a month and many of our members volunteered to cook wonderful morning and evening meals, prepare lunches, wash clothes, and transport them to and from Warming Centers at local churches during the day. I and everyone involved were apprehensive at first, but we soon got over that and now we plan to do it again next year. It was a one month program that many of the Catholic and Christian Churches took part in. It is hopeful that many more Churches will get involved in the homeless program in the future.

This month our branch will choose the delegates for Convention. It is my hope that some of our newer members accept being nominated to represent our branch. We have many excellent members that will gain great insight on what the ICF is all about.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Elaine! Thank you for the delicious enchiladas! Elaine Osorio prepared enchiladas for our members at our May 11 meeting, and wonderful they were! Our thanks also go to Jackie Morton for calling us all to round-out the menu. Good job, ladies!

Our special thanks also go to Mary Ridi and Anne Cordoni for chairing the committee that put on our pasta and meatball dinner on Friday, May 13. Contrary to popular culture, it was a lucky day; Joan Delfino's famous sauce was, once again, fantastic, and the evening was filled with only good luck. Thank you, Mary, Joan, and all who helped.

We have elected our delegates to Convention and have also happily installed several new members of our branch. Our parish is no longer participating in the Safe Park program, but we are looking for help with the Guardian Angels project, which takes meals to someone in the parish who needs help. We are praying for Anne Cordoni, Bobbie Gallegos, and Joe Dyer's wife, all of whom are having health issues.

Finally, Mike Nunziata has exposed our branch to a lovely book, Dear Pope Francis, in which the pope answers letters from children from all over the world. The book was edited by Antonio Spadaro, S.J., and Tom Mcgrath, and published by Loyola Press. It is a thought-provoking work that both adults and children can enjoy.

Blessings,

Judy

San Jose,

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

At the May meeting, members enjoyed a dinner of wonderful enchiladas with rice and beans to

celebrate the upcoming Cinco de Mayo holiday. Many thanks to Jessie Romero and the "Holy Rollers" for preparing and serving the dinner.

President Mike Rossi led the meeting and Louise Vento gave the heritage report. Susan Busco updated the members on the recent Wine Down fundraiser, that featured a collection of fantastic wines from Guglielmo, Fortino, Cannonball, and Perrucci, with an attendance of over 75 individuals; and led to multiple new members. Special thanks to Susan and John Busco, Rachel and Bob Gorini, Steve and Cathleen Lencioni, Marcie Rossi, Doug Schenck, and Cathy De Maria for hosting the fundraiser. Sal Lipari is currently reviewing scholarship applications, with winners being invited to the June 7 meeting. The branch was involved with St. Martin's annual Celebration of Life on April 9th, many thanks to all ICF members who helped. The branch selected four delegates to attend the 2016 convention in Fresno. See Louise for convention raffle tickets.

Mark your calendars for Branch #391 30th Anniversary dinner on Tuesday August 2nd at Three Flames Restaurant. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Un abbraccio,

Michael Amato

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Branch 408 – Sunnyvale - just completed a very Successful Blood Drive. We were glad to be able host this Event with the Stanford Blood Bank once again and welcomed 37 donors. Thank you for your support

The District Mass will be combined and held at the SCVD District Picnic on Sunday August 7th @ 10:30 AM this year at St. Clare's. We hope in the future to be able to schedule our Outdoor June District Mass at Our Lady of Peace.

Congratulations to our 1st Year Scholarship Winner this year. We will have Cake and an Awards Ceremony at our Meeting on Monday the 23rd of May @ 7PM in the Alcoves.

We wish all of our Fathers a very Happy Fathers Day !

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Donna DeFrancisi, Paul Blefari, Edith Novak, Al's wife Syd, Betty DeVillie, Carolyn O'Connor, John Parker's wife Barbara, and MaryJo DiMuccio.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D' Alessandria, Br. 435

Our Fund Raiser in April was a big success. We all enjoyed an assortment of appetizers, delicious pasta with sauce, sausage, salad and dessert. The sauce was made by Alex Gallego, son of our President Giulia Gallego. George Guglielmo and his crew cooked the sausage and helped in many ways.

We also has a wonderful raffle with many great prizes. They were all donated by our members.

A Hospitality Mass was on April 17th.

Our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday May 17th.

We send our condolences to the family of Rick Chiala who passed away suddenly.

He was loved by us all.

God's blessing to all.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our Branch has been saddened by the loss of three



March dinner dance for ICF St Rose, Branch 18 Santa Rosa. The dance crew included L-R Butch, John, Doreen, Victor, Flo, Connie, and Roz.

members in the past four weeks. Past President and very faithful Branch member Richard Zanetell passed away the end of April after a long health battle. Then the first week in May our 50+ year member Elizabeth "Betty" Odella passed away suddenly, and finally Michael A. McLaughlin passed away May 4th. He had been in poor health for a while. The ICF Funeral ritual was performed at each Service. May they rest in peace.

Due to a lack of reservations our 89th Branch Anniversary dinner was cancelled. We will plan for our 90th in May, 2017. May 5th we will be responsible for Hospitality Sunday at St. Apollinaris Church. It is a good time for us to "get the word out" about our Branch.

Ciao,

Juliann

Santa Rosa

St. Rose, Br. 18

In Honore of Mothers Day we send our annual donation of infant clothing and new mother needed items to local care facilities. We receive uplifting thank yous for our efforts. Thank you all who bought tickets for our May 8th Mothers Day Dinner Dance, Scottish Rite Center, \$20.00 for Randy Apel's delicious baked ham and potato dinner and lilting dance music by "Show Case". Fresh carnations were given to all lady guests. It's not too early to plan for our October Prime Rib Dinner, \$20.00, no dancing, more information to come. Last years prime rib dinner was a great success, so don't miss out!

We are pleased that our valued member, Jerry Shotts is feeling better. There will be a pilgrimage to Washington D.C., October 8-12th, sponsored by ICF Branch 12 Napa ICF and Knights of Columbus. Brother Paul McCarthy and Marie Canale have details. We are proud to announce that our hard-working Butch Bondi, a first-time ICF convention delegate will represent us this year at the National ICF Labor Day weekend convention,

Fresno. He will share interesting and worthwhile information on his return.

Ciao,

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

San Francisco di Sales, Br. 52

Our Mother's Day Dinner meeting was another fun evening. Thank you to our chefs Teri Rolleri and Harry Wetzel and their volunteers for cooking the delicious dinner. We honored mothers over 80-years-old, and our high school and college scholarship winners. We also took the annual branch photo for the ICF Convention Souvenir Book. Photos of our scholarship winners will be in the next Bollettino. Upcoming Events:

June 14th, Father's Day Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we'll be in the courtyard adjoining the small hall. Seating is limited! Call Mary Madden - 707-431-0438, or Barbara Sereni - 707-395-0367 for reservations. October 9th, Golf Tournament - please save the date. Details to follow. October 23rd & 24th, a Reno Fun Trip! We're planning an overnight bus trip to Reno, staying at the El Dorado Resort Casino. We can accommodate 40 guests, "first come, first served." Call Susie Garcia, 707-433-2424, for details.

Happy Father's Day!

Marie Butler for Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L'Annunciata, Br. 75

We're looking forward to Saturday's Annual Spring Card Party and Luncheon at which we will entertain all sorts of card and board games. Lunch will be a variety of salads, sandwiches and desserts. A real bargain at only \$10 makes it affordable to all. Branch members are donating prizes for the



Branch 103 Bingo Party Ticket Takers Lila Boragno and Jo Grant. Bingo party ticket takers.



Branch 103 Bingo players: Maureen Dutil, Jo Grant, Doris Borg.

raffle and center pieces for game winners!

The following week features a post Mother's Day Dinner/Meeting hosted by the men. Can't wait to see what they come up with for us!

Please pray for Mary Louise DeGeorge who is battling cancer. She has a long way to go but is exhibiting a great attitude and is determined to conquer this disease!

We'd like to welcome new branch members, Fred and Donna Passalacqua!!!

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Before our branch's vacation in July and August, the members will host the winners of our scholarships and their families at our next dinner meeting. One of the scholarships will be in the name of our beloved deceased pastor and branch chaplain, Father Mike Kelly. The new parish office building is also being named for Fr. Mike.

The members are also busy planning the annual branch picnic, usually at a local winery or park in Sonoma. More details to follow.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016. For dinner reservations, call Lila at (707) 996-3448. Menu will be a surprise!

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Hope you all had a great Mother's Day! Next important day is Father's Day, which will be coming up soon. The year is flying by so fast, where has it all gone so far? Do all you can now, enjoy life, smell the coffee. Show your family how much you love them. Give a lonely person a hug and let them know someone cares about them. It'll make you feel good about yourself.

Our pizza/dinner meeting went well. The pizza was delicious, but the company was even better.

Scholarships will be presented to four students at the Chicken/cacciatore dinner They are:

In Memory of Sam Di Girolamo - presented to Wesley Albini, El Molino High School, Forestville

In Memory of Dante Lombardi - presented to Jessica Barredo, Casa Grande High School, Petaluma



Champagne feast at Branch 103.

In Memory of Estelle Moretti - presented to Kailee Silacci, Petaluma High School, Petaluma

In Memory of Louis Vicino - presented to Amanda Charles, Petaluma High School, Petaluma.

June 12th - Quarterly Communion/Mass for Living and Deceased to be held at St. Vincent's Church 10:30 A.M. with a lunch brunch following the Mass at the Boulevard Cafe. Make your reservations with Kathleen- 763-7354.

THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN JUNE!

MaryAnn Ciabattari handed out convention raffle tickets to members at the meeting and will mail the rest out to our members. Try to send your tickets and donation in as soon as possible and remember DO NOT REMOVE THE STAPLES OFF THE STUBS.

Our condolences to Josephine Lavio and her family and to Giacco in their loss of Leo Lavio. He was a beautiful man who gave us so many wonderful polenta/stew dinners. He has given many many hours of his time to many organizations. Our condolences too, to the Cresci Family who lost their son Joey.

Happy Fathers Day, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Pray for the homeless and for our servicemen and women.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

The Special Anniversary Dinner of Branch 145 was well attended by our Branch. The food was delicious and the program was great. Thank you for the invitation.

The Special Mass for Deceased Members was opened by Fr. Bala before the regular May Branch Meeting. Josetta Matteri read and acknowledged the list of the departed members.

Prior to the May monthly meeting a potluck dinner was held. Lots of good food prepared us for business. Discussion included car pooling to support or bocce ball team for May and later in August. Revamping our 2017 calendar of activities was proposed. Special thanks to Dorothy Ekland for her donation of an Italian Flag to our Branch.

The biscotti sale was successful. Thank you to all that participated in baking and working. Proceeds were forwarded to the St. Mary's Anniversary Fund.

May Birthdays recognition went to Joan Dal Porto, Barbara Vanni, Sabrina De Lashmutt, Tony La Banca and Claire Monge.



Br. 52 President Nancy Seppi with our scholarship winners from St. John's School and from High School.

The dedication of Fr. Eric Freed's bench was done in May. The bench will overlook Humboldt Bay near the Newman Center.

Summer is just around the corner.

Larry De Peel

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

President Joe Bonino called our April 12th meeting order at 7:15. After opening prayer and flag salute Joe gave us our financial report. We then voted on the bills for the month to be paid. We also sent a donation to Catholic Charities. Joe also reported that all of our dues have been received. Thank you to all.

We have decided to have a biscotti sale again on May 15th for a fund raiser. This is a good time for all of our bakers to make their favorite biscotti.

Our anniversary dinner on April 23rd was very fun. Everyone had a great time enjoying the meal, drinking wine, and just visiting. Dinner included roasted chicken, stir fry rice, and broccoli. Then came the delicious cheese cake. Thank you so much to all who helped prepare food, set up and cleanup.

Joe had also arranged for a guest speaker from Humboldt State. She also brought some members of the Newman Club with her. They were able to learn about what we are about and what we do for the community and maybe consider joining our lodge.

Our May meeting will be a pizza potluck with the introduction of the Jerry Colivas scholarship winner.

We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear sister Anita. She was an original member of the St. Ambrose Lodge. Anita was always there to help, and provided us with so much of her delicious cooking. Please pray for Anita, her husband Giabbo, and their son Steven.



Catrina Smullin and Adam Cutler celebrate receiving the St. Eugene's and Colivas Scholarships with Gerry Colivas at the Branch 145 Pizza Potluck in May.

Peace, strength, and faith to you all.

Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Our April fund-raising Prime Rib and Pasta Dinner was so successful that we had to stop selling tickets.. We raised more than projected in our budget. Our May Mothers and Scholarship Dinner was also a hit. We awarded eight college scholarships with six of the recipients and their families in attendance. We thank Randy Apel, with the help of Bill and Linda Pisenti and new members, Scott and Joanne Voelker, for the chicken and scallop potatoes dinner. On Monday, On June 6 is our Fathers Day Potluck. Dinner meeting.

Gene Zingarelli

President



Gene Zingarelli, Bob Aquistapace, Branch 198 Scholarship Winners, Carmen Kitcullen.

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

Tonight we were pleased to have our 2016 Scholarship Winners and their families as our dinner guests. What a pleasure it was to see such a fine group of young students as our scholarship recipients. Members and guests enjoyed a dinner of Lasagne, salad and garlic bread. Dessert featured decorated cakes in honor of our student guests. Another cake was decorated in honor of the Mothers who celebrated Mother's Day last Sunday. Names of scholarship winners will be included in next month's article.

The meeting was short this evening due to the celebrations. We were pleased to have Bill Cole back with us after suffering a severe automobile accident. Lona Bertoli announced that she had a nice visit with Red & Cecelia Lapera. They are getting along well and hope to be able to attend our forthcoming 50th Anniversary in December. They are Charter Members.

Upcoming:

June 7 -- Board Meeting

June 14 -- Regular Meeting/ Father's Day Dinner

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

District Council

WE'RE GOING TO A BALLGAME!

SATURDAY, July 16, 7:10 P.M. 2nd Annual ICF Stockton District Ports Baseball Night at Banner Island. If you haven't seen Jackson Rancheria's Fireworks display at Banner Island, this is your opportunity. It's also Princess/Superhero Night. Wear your crown or cape! Tickets are \$11 each. Call Karen Rosson (209) 465-8074 for your tickets.

Happy Father's Day! Happy Graduations! Congratulations to Ronald Manango, Ordained to the Priesthood in the Stockton Diocese! Congratulations to Bishop Stephen E. Blaire on the 50th anniversary of Priesthood and 25th anniversary as a Bishop!

Karen Rosson

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Thanks to Central Council member Vince Piro and our branch deputy Frank Re who is also president of branch 139 in Manteca for helping us with our membership drive. We have two families that are joining our branch and two other possibilities. We will be doing more recruiting at our bake sale.

We have our convention raffle tickets to sell. I know some of our members can't attend the meeting but if you give me a call (209)524-7866) I will send you a book. We get to keep five dollars

from each book we sell.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, June 5, 2016 and July 10, 2016 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our bank night winner was Nancy Souza. Our refreshments for the June 8, 2016 meeting will be furnished by Mary Jennings.

Coming up:

June 8 - 7:00 pm Meeting - In the hall at 7th and K Streets, Modesto

July - No meeting

Aug. - No meeting

Aug 21 - District Picnic 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Escalon Park

Sep 2-5 Convention - Fresno

Sep 14 - 7:00 pm Meeting - In the hall at 7th and K Streets, Modesto

Cecelia McGhee

Modesto

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi was welcomed back as a guest at our latest Branch meeting. It is always good to have Dante around.

Tony and Ida Queirolo received well-deserved thanks for all their work on our annual "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner. Nearly 190 persons were served this year, the most ever. Once again, it was enjoyed by all who attended and the proceeds generated went into our scholarship fund. We continue to award scholarships to college and high school students, along with funds in support of our parish school.

We're all looking forward to our annual Branch 139 picnic on June 5 at the home of Dino and Sharon Cunial. After a bocce tournament, barbecued steak with all the trimmings will be served.

Our branch was involved in our parish's farewell dinner for our pastor, Father Pat Walker. After nine years at St. Anthony's, he has been assigned to a parish in Turlock. We wish him all the best with our prayers.

Branch 139's Italian Sandwich Booth at the Festa Italiana had a successful run at Lodi last month. Thanks go to Anna Mello and Lori Pellegrino-Jackson for their work and organization.

Ciao,

Mariano

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Italian Heritage Night had lots of winners! Woo hoo! First, Sandi Corallo, who has been a member since 1990, won the "First Annual Sugo Contest" and believe me the six contestants brought their "A game" when it came to this event. Over 100 judges tasted the samples and it was hard to choose the winner!

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Then, we drew the winners of the annual Scholarship Fundraiser and the \$1,000 winner was Marilyn Tuso, who along with her husband Chuck, has been a member since 1986! Second prize of the Spa basket worth over \$400 went to Joey Schlemmer, and third prize went to Julie Fornasero. We also were entertained by a surprise guest performer, Mr. Don Garibaldi, who played the accordion with gusto for our listening pleasure. What a treat that was!

Hard to believe but we are granting the many wishes of our members and serving lasagne at the June 23 dinner meeting! Come one come all! As a matter of fact, the wonderful family of six of our District President Robert Pachinger traveled all the way from Angels Camp to attend our Italian Heritage Night's dinner meeting and they had a swell time!

Our condolences to the wife and all the family members of Guy Masciotra who passed away recently. He was a past Central Council Member as well as a Field Director. He was also very instrumental in starting our Tracy Branch 390 with the help of Msgr. Ivo Rocha and charter member Paula Re. Guy was always very kind and professional in his dedication to ICF.

*Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton

Church of the Presentation, Br. 395

Branch 395 has many activities in the works! At our April 14, meeting our Pastor, Msgr. Lawrence McGovern was presented with a check for \$4,000 from our very successful annual Polenta Dinner proceeds. These funds will go towards projects and programs at our church. Branch 395 will be hosting the quarterly Stockton District meeting on May 15. May 21 is the Priestly Ordination of our Seminarian Ronald Manango, 10:00 am at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. We are also busy working on our booth for the Festa Italiana to be held May 22, 2016. At our May 12 meeting it was Pizza and Beer night! We have a fun activity scheduled for the summer. It is the second annual ICF Night at the Ports Minor League Baseball Team. It will be held Saturday, July 16 and it is Princess/Super Hero Night with Fireworks! The kids and grandkids will love it, so contact Karen Rosson for your tickets.

Upcoming Events:

June 5 – Quarterly Communion 8:45 am mass

July 16 – Night at the Ports

August – District Picnic (TBA)

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Josephine Weber, President, Branch 395

Tucson

Tucson

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

The Easter Cookie Sale found the tables barren with one mass to go! Our St. Joseph Table Dinner was the most successful to date. 100% of the ticket sales was donated to Community Food Bank. There was a good turnout for our corporate communion... followed by a group breakfast. On May 1st thirty-one of our members carpooled to the Holy Trinity Benedictine Monastery at St. David for mass and dinner with the Abbott. Tomorrow's meeting is a potluck picnic in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita mountain range behind Green Valley...we'll be at 4000 ft. while the valley is experiencing its first 100 degree day. The picnic will mark the suspension of formal branch activities until September. This was our most successful year in terms of fund raising and membership growth. Our ICF family gives thanks to God for the many blessings we have received.

Barbara Barton

St. Bernard's Branch 390 Heritage Night



Music by Don Garibaldi



Sugo Contest Judging



Sugo Contest Winner Sandi Corallo



Spaghetti & Meatballs



Marilyn and Chuck Tuso Grand Scholarship Winners



Appetizers

Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 435

The officers met on April 10 to plan the rest of the year. The focus this year will be on increasing our membership. We are planning on hosting a Meet and Greet ICF Social with refreshments in September.

Our fundraising this year will consist of bake sales. These are also great opportunities to provide information about the rich heritage of ICF.

*Ciao,
Mary Casey*



The Branch 395 Polenta Dinner Committee presenting a check for \$4,000 to Pastor Msgr. Lawrence McGovern for proceeds from the dinner. From left to right are: Mary Fry, Becky Vergano, Bob Zaroni, Msgr. Lawrence McGovern, Lori Arena and Marilyn Ramacher.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

October 8 – 12, 2016 to Washington DC with ICF Br. 12's Chaplain Brother Paul, Napa and Knights of Columbus

Price of \$1500 per person, based on double occupancy includes round trip airfare and hotel accommodations for 4 nights.

Highlights of the pilgrimage will be daily Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and St. Augustine's Catholic Church and other churches. You will also visit the many memorials in Washington DC. A tour of the US Capitol and the National Archives will round out the tour.

For more information, call Proximo Travel at 1-855-842-8001 or visit their website at www.proximotravel.com and look for "Brother Paul's Trip to Washington DC."

Fresno District to Hold Annual Bocce Ball Tournament

Family Fun! Good Food! Prizes!

The Fresno District of the ICF is hosting a Backyard Bocce Ball tournament on May 14th, 2016. All are welcome to attend and participate, children and seniors, beginners and experienced players, and families and friends.

As many of you know, Bocce is a sport closely related to lawn bowling with a common ancestry from ancient games played in the Roman Empire. Developed into its present form in Italy, it is played around Europe and around the world. People of all ages play the game and find it is a great way to spend a relaxing morning or afternoon.

The Fresno District tournament will be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School (Fresno) and registration fees include a lunch and prizes for the winners. The registration fee is only \$80 per team of four. (Non-players are welcome and can purchase lunch for only \$10/adult and \$5/child.) Registration opens at 8:45 AM with the first games beginning around 9:00 AM.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun filled day.

All proceeds go to support the events and charities of the ICF Fresno District.

For more information and registration forms, contact Allen Watts 661-363-3803 by May 11th, 2016.

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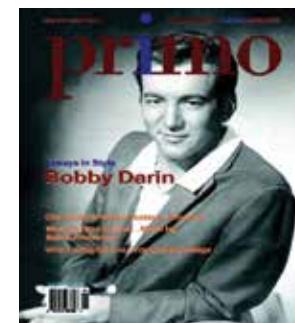
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Intention to Run for Central Council

Roselynn Jarrett
Convention Director

Application Process

1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office by August 1st in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a branch delegate to the convention.

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by July 1st.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1st. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food and beverage items may not be distributed during "Meet the Candidates."
3. As voted upon at the February 2016 Central Council Meeting, there will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the hotel's quiet time policy. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

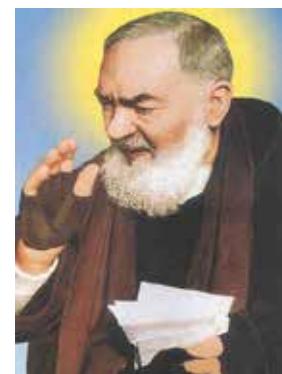
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3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

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16. Convert a room or basement to a living facility for an aging parent, relative or caregiver.
17. Set up transportation arrangements for when you are no longer comfortable driving.
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19. Delay collecting Social Security benefit until payments are maximized.
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