



BOLLETTINO



Celebrate, 90th Anniversary Gala

Dante Galeazzi

Central Council Life Member

Our co-founders of the Federation, Father Albert R. Bandini and Sir Luigi Providenza would be extremely proud that the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary. The highlight of the day will be a Mass in the 21st Century with the new Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone from the San Francisco Archdiocese.

The celebration will begin with an Italian Mass on June 22, 2014 at Immaculate Conception Chapel in San Francisco, the home of Branch 1. The Mass will be at 10:30am, followed by a catered meal at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. The Central Council and Gala Committee have diligently worked to create a festive celebration that recognizes the ICF's apostolic and charitable works during the past 90 years.

Branch 1, Immaculate Conception Chapel, is where many of the Federation activities and traditions began. The Chapel is quaint, picturesque, and enchanting with its lovely altar and beautiful stained-glass windows. One of the stained-glass windows was donated by the ICF, and there is an ICF dedication brass plaque in the Chapel's entrance. Combine this with the colorful and decorative baroque tiles adorning the Chapel's doors and you will find that the setting is the perfect spot for such an auspicious occasion. Father Guglielmo Lauriola, pastor at the Chapel is so elated that the Federation has selected his "house of prayer" to celebrate Mass on this 90th Anniversary. Father Guglielmo said, "this



Immaculate Conception Chapel, San Francisco.

is the heart of the Federation," as he refers to his Chapel and, "a very historical and holy place for the ICF."

Once at the Basque Cultural Center, there will be three entree choices: delicious prime rib, fantastic rack of lamb and tasty salmon with a champagne sauce. The price of your entree will \$50.00 per person if purchased by June 9, 2014; \$60 if purchased between June 10-20, which will be the last day. There is a special "GALA DEAL" if purchased before May 30, 2014, the price of TEN (10) entrees will be \$450.00 (one check only). Sign-up by your Branch or District and the lists are available with your Presidents. Be sure to sign-up early because we will be limited to only 300 seats and a sell-out is expected before June 9, 2014.

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Please join us for ICF's 90th Anniversary Gala in Los Angeles. The celebration will be held in three locations: Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The following information is for the Los Angeles Gala on June 29, 2014. We know you can't attend all the celebrations (although you're welcome to do so if you wish) but hope you can attend the one most convenient for you. I'll be the 'resource' person for the Los Angeles Gala. I will have information regarding the actual event as well as information about transportation especially the train service, Metro Link and shuttle from Union Station. Let's make the 90th Anniversary a celebration to remember. All proceeds will benefit the Providenza Fund for the seminarians.

Date: June 29, 2014, Sunday

Time: 11:00 am Italian Mass; 12:30 pm Luncheon Celebration

Location: St. Peter's Italian Church & Casa Italiano

1039 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA (next to Chinatown)

Luncheon Celebration includes: Buffet of antipasto; fresh spring salad; spaghetti & meatballs; pasta with shrimp; chicken in cream sauce; & roasted fresh vegetables;



Immaculate Conception Chapel, San Francisco.

Italian Cannoli (ricotta cream) Cake; Two bottles of wine on each table; & Live Music.

*Full Service No-Host Bar will also be available

Cost: \$40 per person; \$15:10 years & under;

Sponsorship \$420, Includes: reserved table for 8 with recognition at the Gala, table &

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The celebratory season for the Italian Catholic Federation will begin in Chicago at the 90th Anniversary Gala - Chicago Event - on Sunday, June 8, 2014. It will be a "Black Tie Optional Event" and will start with Mass at 3:00pm at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church - 8033 W. Addison Street - Chicago, IL 60634, (773) 625-1118. The Dinner Dance will follow at Pescatore Palace - 3400 N. River Road, Franklin Park, IL 60131, (847) 678-0895. Cocktails - 4:00pm, Dinner - 5:30pm, and dancing after dinner until 11:00pm. The meal will be a sit down dinner with appetizers. The menu will include: focaccia, bruschetta, Panzerottini, antipasto, pennette with marinara sauce, risotto primavera, salad, breast of chicken portafoglio stuffed with prosciutto and Italian mozzarella, sautéed potatoes - Vesuvio style, Italian gelato, cookies, wine, coffee, tea and soda. The evening's entertainment will be provided by DJ Michael Favia. The price per person is \$45.00. A raffle for gift baskets will also be part of the evening's entertainment.

For questions, please contact Teresa Helfand, CC Ways and Means Committee Member, at (773) 763-0507. For reservations, please send in the attached form to Italian Catholic Federation - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 2, 2014.

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

May is the month of Mothers. I was surprised to learn it was founded by Anna Jarvis. She began an intense campaign to honor her mother, who died in 1905. From Anna's early childhood she heard her mother say she wished that someone would establish a day memorializing all mothers, living and dead. One incident that motivated Anna was an incident that occurred during a class prayer after her mother's lesson on "Mothers of the Bible." She closed her lesson with a prayer stating, "I hope that someone sometime will find a memorial Mothers Day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of her life. She is entitled to it."



Anna celebrated the first Mothers Day with some friends by reviewing the accomplishments of their mothers. On the second anniversary of her mother's death, Mothers Day was celebrated in her church. Due to the success of the event, a Mothers Day committee was then established to map out plans for future celebrations. Mothers Day caught on more rapidly than anyone expected. Within 3 years 45 states, Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico were observing the day.

We set aside this month to also honor our Blessed Mother with our May Crowning and other devotions. She is a role model to all women with her love and devotion to her son. It was this type of devotion that Anna wanted to honor all mothers. Our Mothers have done so much for each of us, even if we do not like to admit it. Mothers devote their lives to their children and they have passed that tradition down from generation to generation. I love to sit back and watch how my beautiful daughters and daughter-in-law are so devoted to my grandchildren. Be it with daily life, or spending time with baseball, soccer, dance, all the things that help build the kids' character. I have to thank the girls' mothers for imparting their love and wisdom and teaching them about life, and how positively they influence their kids and how to be a great mother.

When I visit our branches I see how this love and care is carried over by wonderful women. Caring for our members whether it is with simple refreshments or a member that is ill and needs special help. The nurturing love of a mother always shines through. This all goes back to the example of our Blessed Mother set for all of us. We need to take the time this month to go back to the wonderful women who influenced our lives and thank them for all they have done and do to enrich our own lives. It does not necessarily need to be your mother or a verbal thank you but a sincere gesture to an elderly neighbor, club member or friend. Pay it forward and do something that she may not be able to do or enjoy or have someone to recognize them for

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UPCOMING:

2014 Bishops' Days:

- May 4 Chicago
- Oct. 5 Las Vegas
- Oct. 12 Fresno
- San Diego
- Oct. 19 San Jose
- (Santa Clara Valley)
- Santa Rosa
- Oct. 26 Blessed Sacrament
- Monterey (Central Coast)

High Five!

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

Contra Costa	+59
Central Coast	+14
Santa Rosa	+11
Orange	+9
Tucson	+1



**Membership Stats as of
March 31, 2014:**

10,515

Members as of July 1, 2013:
10,878 = 363 member loss

New:	882
Reinstated:	8
Transfer in/out:	30
Deceased:	176
Cancelled:	489
Non-payment >12 mos.:	-188

Membership Retention

Forrest Price Central Council Member Emeritus Membership Committee Member

All of the functions and activities of the Federation, its districts and branches have an impact on membership. And conversely, membership has a bearing on the ability of the Federation to sustain itself and fulfill its mission to aid the Catholic Church in saving souls and to aid our fellow man. At the branch level, membership is crucial to enable the branch to grow and play its role in the overall mission of the Federation.

Generally, most of the previous articles in the Bollettino from the Membership Committee: have been devoted to the extremely important subject of methods of attracting and recruiting new members. However, this present article is devoted to the very broad topic of membership retention. And, of course, the ultimate and ideal goal of membership retention should be efforts to retain members for life.

Whether or not a member becomes a life-long member certainly depends a great deal upon his or her rapport with fellow branch members including the officers, the inner satisfaction of being part of a group that serves the Lord and that achieves goals and objectives in a pleasant, enjoyable manner and harmonious atmosphere. Therefore, the conduct of all members and especially the branch officers towards others is paramount. Here are some thoughts on the subject:

Membership Committee 1. The ideal is for every branch to have a Membership Committee composed of more than one or two members including a chairperson. 2. The chairperson of the committee should be asked to attend the officers' meetings by the branch president and to report on progress. 3. The branch president should call on the Membership Chairperson to report his or her progress at every general meeting. 4. Members of the Membership Committee should continue to be mentors to new members for a substantial period of time in order to introduce them to others, explain proceedings, answer their questions and make them feel that they are part of a dynamic and welcoming organization. 5. The membership committee should also encourage the new member to promptly become involved in the branch activities. 6. Within a year the new members should

be encouraged to at least accept one of the lower ranking offices, and, 7. Thereafter, the new member should be encouraged to accept higher offices if he or she has the ability and is willing to do so.

The Role of Officers: The President sets the tone for meetings. The President should enjoy presiding at meetings. The President should have a written outline of the meeting agenda but know the agenda well enough so that he or she would rarely have to refer to it. The President should certainly welcome members with some light remarks and then follow the prescribed format for conducting the meeting as set forth by the Central Council. The meeting should be pleasant. The President should be well-versed in "Robert's Rules of order and always after a motion and a second, ask if there is any discussion on the motion, instead of simply calling for ayes and nays. The President should allow ample discussion on serious matters and should be courteous and fair to all. The President should be prepared to handle amendments to the motion and "calls for the question" and the voting on motions. The wise President will also thank Committee Chairpersons for their reports and praise excellent work. Also, the successful President will make the necessary telephone calls, e-mails and letters that are part of the job in between meetings and also make those contacts that are a necessary part of meeting preparation.

The Other Officers: The other officers in the branch also have an important role to play in the functioning of the branch. Although the performance of the 2nd vice president, the secretary and the treasurer are of key importance, all of the officers including trustees should competently fulfill their duties. Secretaries need to present their minutes in a pleasant and audible voice and present the events of the previous meeting in a concise manner. Treasurers should also present their reports in an audible voice and in an organized manner. A pure recitation of a hodgepodge of numbers frustrates listeners.

Also, the ideal general meeting would be followed by a meal and thereafter be followed by a speaker or entertainment. Along with the various reports made during the meeting, a heritage report would be nice. Also, at the close of a meeting, it is an excellent idea to recognize birthdays and

anniversaries with a cupcake and a candle and in the case of anniversaries ask how many years.

Role of the Membership: The burden of having a successful branch does not fall on the shoulders of officers alone. All members of a branch should do their part in volunteering to serve on committees, help with special events and help create a pleasant atmosphere at all events including meetings. On the positive side, members should treat one another with politeness, courtesy and respect and especially make new members or prospective new members feel welcome.

A few negative items that members should avoid come to mind: 1. members should avoid having exclusive dining groups that exclude other members especially new members, 2. in the formal discussions taking place during meetings, a member should discuss his or her feelings on a subject without becoming angry or extremely emotional. Members should follow the "Golden Rule" in their dealings with one another.

Special Events: A branch would be wise to have some special events in addition to the district and CC events. Honoring your branch chaplain, or outgoing presidents or long-time members or having a heritage night or Christmas Party are all worthy endeavors.

Participation in District and Central Council Events and Programs: A branch which truly wishes to retain members should support its district, the district special events and central council programs. The vibrant branch should also adopt projects to aid the parish and worthwhile charities. However, programs of this nature should not be substituted for district and central council programs but should be in addition to those programs.

As stated earlier the purpose of this article is to describe how the conduct of branch members and especially branch officers play a major role in the success of the branch and its ability to retain members, hopefully for life. Preparation, friendly laughter and excellent camaraderie are the order of the day.

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their contribution to someone's life. A simple, small gesture goes a long way to make someone's day and put a smile on their face.

Needless to say that in Italy the "mamma" is an institution like in no other country. So it is no surprise we celebrate the mother figure, maternity and social influence of Mothers. This is what ICF is all about, being there for someone as the Blessed Mother was there for Saint Joseph and our Lord. May God bless you all and all our mothers this May and for always.

Buona Festa della Mamma!!!

Monetary Donation Reminder

Roselynn Jarrett Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

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

Additionally, when making donations to multiple programs, please write a separate check for each donation as there is an individual account for each fund.

Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.

These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

Children’s Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2013 and ends in August 2014. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

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

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Picnics and outings.
- Family conferences
- Patient retreat

Last year, the ICF donated \$1,800 and this year the ICF wants to continue the program whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members

to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation in whatever amount you are able to give towards this very worthwhile program.



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

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

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report on or before July 15, 2014.

Thank you.
James Acitelli

HERITAGE
AROUND THE ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee Member

Announcing our new Heritage Chairperson for the Heritage Committee -- Franklyn Lopes, Jr. He has replaced Nancy Corsi. The Heritage Committee thanks Nancy for all her years as Chairperson. Thank you Nancy for great Convention workshops and for organizing the San Francisco Columbus Day Parade and the float. Thank you for all you have done in the past to promote and keep Heritage alive. Heritage should be an important part of all meetings. Lets keep it alive. Here are some up coming dates to mark on your calendar of events.

- June 22 -- 90th Anniversary of the ICF-San Francisco
- June 23 -- San Francisco Giants Italian Day
- August 2 -- San Jose Giants Italian Day
- August 23-25 -- Italian American Heritage Festival in San Jose
- Sept. 13-14 -- Santa Rosalia Festival, Monterey

- Sept. 27-28 -- San Gennaro Festival, Los Angeles
- October 12 -- Columbus Day Parade, San Francisco

Our Heritage Committee consists of the following members:
Chairperson Franklyn Lopes, Jr., James Friebel, Vincent Piro, Marco Galeazzi, Russ Vento, Louise Vento, and Nello Rossi.

Happy Mother's Day
Mother is the name given to a female parent. Your grandmother or mother may have referred to the land of their birth as the mother-land and the language they spoke as the mother tongue. The title mother of mankind is given to Eve, the ancestor of all people. Roman Catholic and other Christian use the title Mother of God for the Virgin Mary. A women in charge of a Catholic School or Convent is referred to as Mother superior. In Roman times Mitholical Gods were worshiped as Mother Gods. Mother is the sorce of life without a mother there would be no life. President Woodrow Wilson made Mother Day a national holiday on May 9, 1914. Happy Mother's Day.

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1	Gennifer Bohannon	237	Gardena, CA	\$30
4/2	Arlene Linnenbrink	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/3	Elise Marsalli	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
4/4	Betty & Bill Burnett		Crockett, CA	\$30
4/5	Orsolina Casella	70	Sanger, CA	\$30
4/6	Branch 163		San Mateo, CA	\$30
4/7	Barbara & Xavier Irias		Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
4/8	Martin Murphy		Merced, CA	\$30
4/9	Patricia Look	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
4/10	Josephine Bavaro		Hanover Park, IL	\$30
4/11	Valente, Marini, Perata & Co.		San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/12	Diana Plescia	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
4/13	Mike De Larco	220	Elmwood Park, IL	\$30
4/14	Jo Macaluso	14	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
4/15	Julie Guerrero	28	Gilroy, CA	\$40
4/16	Lila Vezzolo	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
4/17	Dick Manfre	26	Hollister, CA	\$40
4/18	Pat Grasso	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$50
4/19	Branch 115		San Pedro, CA	\$50
4/20	Gene Vannetti	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$100
4/21	Ann M. Molinari	12	Napa, CA	\$30
4/22	Bert Gallagher	102	Glendale, CA	\$30
4/23	The Andreozzi's		Chino Valley, AZ	\$30
4/24	Dan Gualco	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
4/25	Diana Bacigalupi	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/26	Susan Grilione	308	Clovis, CA	\$30
4/27	Joseph Figone	50	Mill Valley, CA	\$30
4/28	Carmen Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
4/29	Mary Gatti		Danville, CA	\$30
4/30	Mary Zadra	1	Daly City, CA	\$30

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Being a Servant for Christ

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate Chairman

As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we don’t realize how fortunate we are to be in the position to be a servant for Christ.
Our faith tells us to be a good servant. We must be willing to give to others in need by looking after the less fortunate. Our Holy Father tells us to make ourselves available to the needy, the poor, the sick, the handicapped, the children, the seniors, the hungry and the homeless. By doing these acts of charity, God will be happy and pleased with us. The charitable things that we do will never be forgotten by God. By doing what pleases God, He will reward us at the end of the rainbow.
Our Branches and Districts have many functions and fundraisers to help with these issues; but no matter how much good we do, we can always do better. Contemplation and prayer are wonderful, but it is our actions from these contemplations and prayers that are so necessary! Our Holy

Father tells us that it is not material things that matter in life, but the good that we do with those material things. We also know that life is fleeting, and what good we do on earth will be rewarded in Heaven. So think, what can you can do, and do it! No matter how small the deed is, God still loves you and blesses you.
When you submit your Apostolic reports prior to Convention, please feel free to include your ideas for these prayerful functions and include how you raised money to donate to our many charities as well as those within your local parishes. Let us spread the word and help each other become better Christians.
With humble and sincere prayers to all our members who continue to live our Faith and spread the word of God’s love, we thank you for your continued support in all your endeavors.
We wish you a rainbow!!
I want to thank my committee: Lisa Crudo, Vincent Piccola and Michael Cannady for their assistance.

Gifts of Love D o n a t i o n s	
Donations received by April 10, 2014	
Branch 12	Guido and Emma Zan
Branch 144	In memory of Hank Van Brenk
Pat and Lou Mages	Mr. and Mrs. Roland Codiga
In memory of Guadalupe R. Garcia	In memory of Bernice Kiser
Bob and Elaine Osorio	Mara Millis
Get well wishes for Joe Yurosko	In memory of Ted Lee
Pauline Ciraulo	Donald and Mary Merucci
In memory of Robert Sprugasci	In memory of Lana Shaffer
Howard and Betty Lou Barber	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In memory of Pearl Franchi	In honor of the 50 th wedding anniversary of Bob and Bea Tomasello

Gifts of Love Gratitude

Committee Grants First Awards of the Year

Pat Mages
Gifts of Love Chairperson

The Gifts of Love Committee held its second meeting on March 22, 2014 in Long Beach, on Naples Island, no less. This was the first time the meeting incorporated teleconferencing with a secondary location in Northern California. Both locations reviewed the applications and then ‘met’ via the telephone. Thus, those wanting to be involved from the Oakland area were able to participate without having to travel too far or incur additional expenses. The participants from the Los Angeles area included members from both the Orange and the new Los Angeles Archdiocese District. There were a total of 15 participants; 10 at the Long Beach location and 5 from the Oakland area. Eight of the participants from Long Beach were first time judges and they accepted their duties with enthusiasm, sensitivity and practicality. They are now looking in their branch, church, family and community for possible applicants.

The Committee granted eight awards out of a total of 12 requests. An additional five submissions were disqualified due to requests for educational scholarships. We

were able to award a total of \$10,950.00 to the recipients. Once again your donations made it possible to provide laptop computers and software; camp for special needs children; a hoist for another special needs child; assistance with medical bills; school supplies (books); and to a group of special needs students, ‘Angels On Stage’. The awards, even if given to one individual, have a ‘ripple’ effect. The awards not only help to improve the grantee’s quality of life but, the lives of those around them.

There will be two more Committee meetings before September, with one in Oakland and another ‘to be determined.’ Contact me if you want to become a ‘judge,’ to help those who need you. I guarantee, you will leave the meeting feeling blessed.

The Gifts of Love application can be found on the ICF website. Why not download a copy and share it with someone who may need it.

I can be reached at:
pat.lou.mages@gmail.com or (805) 428-4623. Thank you for your generous donations to some very special individuals/groups.

Instructions for Obtaining a Daily/ Special Temporary Liquor License

Franklyn Lopes
Central Council Grand Trustee

You must fill out an ABC-221 form for any event that your branch holds that will include the sale of alcohol.

Form ABC-221 must be submitted to the local ABC District Office which has jurisdiction over the event location.

The form needs to be received, at your branch, within 10 days of the event.

Police Department approval may be required if your branch is hosting a large number of people, a casino night is held,

or it's the first time an event is being held at the location.

If conducting the event on church property, you must obtain the signature of the business manager of the church, or whoever else may be in charge.

If conducting a raffle in which wine or liquor will be included in a basket or other gift item, a \$100.00 Special Temporary License will be needed. This special license can be found in Section C on the ABC-221 form.

For any other questions you may have, please contact Franklyn Lopes at (831) 464-7570.

ATTENTION:

BRANCH AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

BRANCH AND DISTRICT FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990 EZ or 990

STATE FORM 199-N & FORM 199

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Branches and Districts.

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

All Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2014. Failure to do so for 3 consecutive years will result in the loss of tax-exempt status.

We sent the Branch and District Financial Secretaries a packet of materials to try and help with this process in January. Please work together to make sure that the appropriate form is filed if you have not already done so.

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2013. 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 have problems filing the forms, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You,
Roselynn Jarrett, Grand Treasurer

For Mothers

“She is my first, great love. She was a wonderful, rare woman - you do not know; as strong, and steadfast, and generous as the sun. She could be as swift as a white whiplash, and as kind and gentle as warm rain, and as steadfast as the irreducible earth beneath us.”

-- D. H. Lawrence

Blood Drive at Children's Hospital Oakland to Celebrate World Thalassemia Day

Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland is the home to one of the seven Centers of Specialty for Thalassemia and we have hundreds of patients who depend on blood to survive. A person with thalassemia requires approximately 35-50 units of blood, every year, to survive. Along with replenishing the blood supply, blood drives are also a means to raise awareness of thalassemia in the community. Please join us for our Annual Blood Drive in honor of International Thalassemia Day.

When: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 -- 9am-2pm
Where: Children's Hospital Oakland.
Blood Mobile will be parked
in front of the Outpatient Center Atrium
744 Fifty Second St.
Oakland, CA. 94609

Cooley's Corner

Tips on Using the Internet as a Resource for Health Information

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach
Coordinator
Children's Hospital & Research
Center at Oakland

If you are going to utilize the Internet as a resource for health information, it is vital to use trustworthy websites. While there is a wealth of helpful information online, there is also an abundance of misinformation. When it comes to your own health-care concerns, it is important to talk to your doctor before following online medical advice. Consider bringing information that you find online to your medical visit so you can discuss any questions you may have with your medical provider.

Below are some guidelines to finding trustworthy health information:

- The website gives contact information for the person or organization that is responsible for the site.
- The website provides information only—nothing is being advertised or sold.
- If the website asks for your personal information, it details what it will/will not do with this information.
- The health information is based on results from medical research backed up by references and has been approved by medical experts.
- The website gives the source of the health information.
- Information is up to date, legitimate, unbiased, and objective.
- When multiple websites contain similar information, it is more likely to be

accurate.

Recommended websites:

www.medlineplus.gov

This website is run by the National Library of Medicine and offers a medical encyclopedia containing detailed information on medical conditions, prescription drugs and herbal remedies, and access to publications and article summaries via Medline.

www.cdc.gov

This website is run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and offers information on health conditions, information and advice for people traveling to other countries, and public health concerns.

www.healthfinder.gov

This website is run by the Department of Health and Human Services and offers health tips, information on diseases and medical conditions, and links to assist people in finding health-care providers.

www.ajrq.gov

This website is run by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and offers consumer guides to help people understand and choose high-quality health care, tips on optimizing your medical care visits, and information on patient safety.

(Reference: Children's Handprints, p. 24 Winter 2012
– www.childrenshospitaloakland.org)

Live to Give

Donating Blood in Honor of Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia)

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
Live to Give Committee

People with beta-thalassemia major (Cooley's anemia) each require approximately 36 units of blood per year to survive, as they are unable to produce working red blood cells. There are approximately 45 thalassemia patients at Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) who require blood transfusions every three weeks. This means that blood transfused into the thalassemia population at CHO alone totals approximately 1,620 units of blood a year.

Many members of the Italian Catholic Federation have asked if blood can be donated specifically for thalassemia patients. Due to high costs and administrative issues at the blood banks, this is not feasible. In spite of this, the importance of donating blood cannot be emphasized enough. Blood is not only vital to the survival of people with thalassemia, but to countless others, as well.

Consider the following blood facts:

- Every two seconds in the United States, a person (or 6 million people each year) will have an accident, a heart or kidney transplant, a major surgery, or cancer treatments or suffer from an injury and will need blood.

- Over 20 percent of all blood used in Northern California has to be imported from outside the state because of insufficient community collections.
- On any given day, more than 40,000 units of red blood cells are needed.
- Ninety-five percent of the community will use a blood product in their lifetime; however, only 5 percent of the population actually donates blood.
- A single trauma victim can use 100 units of blood in a few hours; in a single day, a patient needing a liver transplant can require 200 units of blood products.
- Adult males have 12 pints of blood and females have 10 pints of blood.
- A person can donate one unit of blood every 56 days.
- After donating blood, the body's liquid volume is restored within 24 hours, and red cells are replaced within three to four weeks.

You can help by donating blood or planning a blood drive in honor of thalassemia. If you or your branch are interested, please contact:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885, ext. 5427
LLevine@mail.cho.org

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

If your Branch or District would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:
Laurice Levine,
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or
email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

*Don't miss the blood drive
at this year's Convention.
More details to come.*

La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth Family May Crowning

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett

Grand Treasurer

A May crowning is a special way to honor The Blessed Mother during the Month of May. This can be done in your branch or at home, especially with your family on Mother's Day.

Directions

Decorate an outside altar (weather permitting, otherwise inside) where you have placed a statue of Mary. Make a crown of flowers that will fit the statue. Let the smallest child carry the crown and give everyone else a flower to be placed in a vase on the altar. The flower is a symbol of love for our heavenly Mother. You can line up in a procession and sing a Marian hymn ("Bring Flowers of the Fairest" is a suggestion) as you process to the altar. After the crowning you can recite the rosary. Complete the crowning with a meal and family friendly activities.

Jesus brought His Mother to heaven. He crowned her as the Queen of Heaven, of all the saints, and of all the Church. She loves and cares for everyone as she loved and cared for Jesus. Jesus listens to her prayers as He listened to her as a child.



90th Anniversary

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San Francisco

The Federation Family continues to achieve the same goals as the founders, "to encourage and promote faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works..... in our communities." In the last 10 years approximately 160 Branches, Districts and the Central Council in four states within the Federation Family have donated over \$1,000,000 to provide Seminary Scholarships. The Central Council, presented the first \$500 in 1941 to Archbishop John J. Mitty at the Stockton Convention. This is the fifth year that the Gala's proceeds will benefit the Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund which is greatly needed to show our devotion to the Seminarians.

Invitations are being mailed to the Bishops in Northern California. The Gala Committee wants you to extend an invite to your Branch Chaplain, District Chaplain, Vocation Director, and yes, your Seminarians who will become your new Branch or District Chaplains. Other special guests who are planning to attend will be the Providenza Grandchildren as well as their great-great grandchildren. Remember this is a time for our ICF Family to celebrate, to honor our accomplishments, and break bread with our Holy Pastors of the Federation.

Sponsors or Donors for the Gala who wish to donate to the Seminarians' Scholarship

Los Angeles

listed on sponsor board; & publication in the Bollettino. (Few larger tables available for \$500 & up, depending on size)

RSVP; Friday, June 20, 2014; Late reservations: \$45.

Other Important Items: 1. Seating Requests: send reservations together & list the guests' names on the reservation; 2. Parking is limited, may want to carpool, bus or rail/metro link system. Union Station is about 4 blocks from church & the Red Line is in Chinatown (2 blks). Can accommodate some shuttle from train station, with advance notice.

Contact & Questions regarding the Los Angeles Gala please call Pat Mages: 805-428-4623; &/or email: pat.lou.mages@gmail.com

Send Reservations to ICF Office:

Italian Catholic Federation

Los Angeles 90th Gala (Important to designate the location)

8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 101

Oakland, CA 94621

Fund should contact your Branch or District Presidents and/or Dante Galeazzi, for the list and more detailed information

Dante Galeazzi

Life Member – co-chair Gala

209-815-8825 dantegaleazzinpc@aol.com

Gala Photo

Attention all those members who will be attending the 90th Anniversary Gala Celebration and Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on June 22. We would love to take a group picture of all members in attendance in front of the church following Mass. Please, after Mass, go out to the front of the church and we will try to get everyone organized and photographed as quickly and painlessly as possible.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help coordinate this effort, please contact me at lcrudo5@aol.com.

Thank you all for your commitment to the ICF.

Lisa Crudo, Chairperson, Ways and Means

I would like to give a shout out to all members and delegates who will be attending the Convention this year in Oakland. Because we will be celebrating 90 years of accomplishments and looking forward into the future, I would like it to involve some of our younger members in our Friday Night Opening Ceremonies. If you have children between 5 and 18 who may like to participate, please contact Lisa Crudo at lcrudo5@aol.com.



Italian Catholic Federation Fourteenth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT


DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014

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: \$135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 18th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 18, 2014

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 (\$135 per player plus \$35 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 18th deadline.

Remember: \$150 per player after July 18th.

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


 ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive, # 110, Oakland, CA 94621 • 888-423-1924 • FAX: (510) 633-9758 • Web Site: icf.org • E-mail: info@icf.org

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 Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

2014 Convention in Oakland, California

 Friday, August 29, 2014 to
Monday, September 1, 2014

Honoring The Past As We Envision Our Future

HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

 Marriott Oakland City Center Phone: (510) 451-4000 /
Reservations: (800) 228-9290

 1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607 -- Visit the link to hotel
reservations www.marriott.com on our website for ease in reserving
your room for the Convention.

 ► **Room Rate:** \$119.00 Single Occupancy plus 14% (subject
to change) tax. \$119.00 Double Occupancy plus 14%
(subject to change) tax

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

 ► **Complimentary Self Parking**

 ► **Transportation to/from Oakland Airport:**

 Oakland Int'l Airport is approximately 10 miles southwest
from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services)
and rental car information, please visit www.oaklandairport.com

 ► **Transportation to/from San Francisco:** San Francisco Int'l
Airport is approximately 20 miles west from the hotel. For public
transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information,
please visit www.flysfo.com.

**Reservation Deadline is Monday, August 08, 2014. After this
date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based
on availability. To avoid lost reservations and reservation errors,
we will no longer provide reservation forms. You must call the
hotel or go to their website to make your reservations.**

AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL

Here are a few:

 Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522 www.alaskaair.com

 Southwest Airlines: 1-800-435-9792 www.southwest.com

 Delta Airlines: 1-800-221-1212 www.delta.com

 US Airways: 1-800-428-4322 www.usairways.com

 Jet Blue Airlines: 1-800-538-2583 www.jetblue.com

 *American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300 www.aa.com

 United Airlines: 1-800-864-8331 www.united.com fly into SFO

Railroad Service *AMTRAK***** Our Amtrak Convention Fare
Code is X95R-987. It will give a 10% discount off the best available
fare to Oakland, CA between August 25, 2014 and September 4, 2014.
The reservation number is 1-800-872-7245 or call your local travel
agent. The Amtrak station is approx. 1 mile from the hotel. Jack
London Square - 245 Second Street - Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 238-
4322. *****Please note: This code is valid for reservations made by
phone only. It is not valid for reservations made online. There
is no shuttle service but there is taxi service (curb side) and city bus
service (Free B) - the bus stop is within walking distance (about 1
block). Visit www.meetdowntownoak.com for bus info and schedules.**

**PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR
DELEGATES!**

If you have any questions, please call the I.C.F. Office toll-free at
1-888-423-1924

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
84TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
PEDRO TOURNAMENT
MARRIOTT OAKLAND CITY CENTER - OAKLAND



ENTRY FEE: \$15.00
INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
DEADLINE: AUGUST 15TH

PRIZES

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 29TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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

PEDRO ENTRY FORM

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

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 15TH



The East Bay District welcomes you to
the Thursday Night Dinner
August 28, 2014



Put on your favorite team jersey
and celebrate with us!



Menu

Salad, cold cuts, rolls,
Roasted chicken, roasted
potatoes, carrots,
dessert wine and coffee

6:00 pm No Host Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner

Raffle

Fratellanza Club

1140 66th street

Oakland, CA 94608



Adults: \$45.00

Children 5 - 12 \$10.00



A bus departing at 500 pm will be provided for convention hotel guests
Let's kick off our 2014 convention with a great time together!



Name _____ Branch # _____

Your phone contact # _____

Number attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Will you be riding the bus to the dinner? Yes ___ No ___

Please make check payable to
ICF East Bay District.

mail with form to Rosalind Crudo

5228 Tyler Ct, Castro Valley, CA 94546

any questions, please call Rosalind Crudo (510) 537-6657 or Pat Pasquinelli (510) 917-4505

Italian Catholic Federation
Cruise 2015



on board the beautiful Golden Princess

Sailing: Fri. 5/22/2015 - Mon 6/1/2015

Ports of call: San Francisco, Tracy Arm, Haines,
Juneau, Ketchikan, Victoria, San Francisco



A deposit of \$250 per person or \$500 per cabin
will hold your cabin

These low rates cannot be guaranteed

after August 1, 2014

Final payment due March 15, 2015

Interior cabins start at \$1,444 per person

double occupancy

Ocean view Cabins start at \$1,794 per person

Balcony cabins start at \$2,394.00 per person

Suite \$2,794.00 per person

prices include port charges and taxes

The Golden Princess is one of the most innovative cruise ships sailing today. With it's glass elevators, tasteful decor and central location, the lobby boasts a convenient reception desk, comfy chairs for listening to live music and an inviting bar perfectly suited for people-watching. Enjoy a slice of Italy in Sabatini's Trattoria, the perfect place to enjoy a classic Italian meal. Get a taste of Santa Fe at The Painted Desert, the first southwestern style restaurant at sea. It features everything from Margaritas to tacos for you to enjoy.

Contact: Julie Graham

Julie@CruisePlannersCA.com 925-829-7245

<http://www.grahamgetaways.com/rw/cruise/3627>



Due to a lack of response, the 4 day ICF cruise to Southern California and Mexico planned for September 2014, has been cancelled. I am, however, pleased to announce that this is not discouraging me from trying again. Please mark your calendars for a wonderful 10 day cruise aboard the Golden Princess to Alaska.

Dates: Fri. 5/22/2015- Mon. 6/1/2015 Ports of call: San Francisco, Tracy Arm, Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, Victoria, San Francisco. Please watch for information in future issues of the Bollettino. It's a great way for the ICF to make money while you're having fun.

Thank you all for your continued support.
Lisa Crudo, Chairperson, Ways and Means

Happy Mother's Day

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
PRESENTS
Dinner Dance
Featuring
IN FULL SWING BAND
"Come swing your socks off"
Sunday, August 31, 2014
Oakland Marriott

- ❖ Dinner: 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Dancing: 8:00 - 11:00 P.M.
- ❖ Price: \$55.00 (Children pricing upon request)
- ❖ Convention Raffle Drawing: 9:00 P.M.

Reserved Seating according to
Date of Receipt of Paid Reservations



Name _____ Branch # _____
Total Reservations _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____
Phone # _____

Mail Reservations to I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive,
Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Reservation Deadline: August 15, 2014

Tickets for Delegates and Guests will be included in the
President's packet at Registration.

ICF Annual Convention Bocce Tournament

WHEN: Friday, August 29, 2014

WHERE: Oakland Marriott

TIME: Registration 10:00 A.M.

COST: \$18.00

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



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

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

Reservations must be in the I.C.F. Office by
August 15, 2014 - no later.

Number of Players _____

1. _____ Branch # _____
2. _____ Branch # _____
3. _____ Branch # _____
4. _____ Branch # _____

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

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
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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.

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 04/17/2014		BARBARA J AIROLDI	Branch 227
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Cooley’s Anemia Donations

<i>Donations received by April 10, 2014</i>	
Branch 144	Louie and Pat Cordich
Branch 391	Get well wishes for Ben Imprescia
John and Terry Giannetto	Anna Barberi
Judy Oliveria	In memory of Bill Vogel
Mr. Charles P. Gullo, Jr.	John and Kris Kaiser
In memory of Joseph Kuzinich	In honor of the 100 th birthday of Ann Centoni
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In memory of Albert Filice	In memory of Lee Scarper
Officers/Members of Br. 28	Roger and Kathy Santos
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Louie and Pat Cordich	
In memory of Bill Vogel	

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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In memory of Carolina A. Barilani

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Get well wishes for Joseph Donato

Evelyn Taravella

In memory of Steve Taravella

East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults

Attention 21-35 year olds. There is a new group within the Oakland Diocese called the East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults. The group holds various spiritual and social activities at churches and venues around the diocese. Activities enjoyed so far: Dinner and movie night, Eucharistic Adoration, Bowling, Walk for Life and listening to guest speakers at various churches. ICF members who are between 21-35 are welcome to take part in these activities. For more information, please contact Rose Jarrett (925) 957-0269.

ICF Annual Convention Pedro Lessons



WHEN: Friday, August 29, 2014

WHERE: Oakland Marriott

TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COST: FREE!!

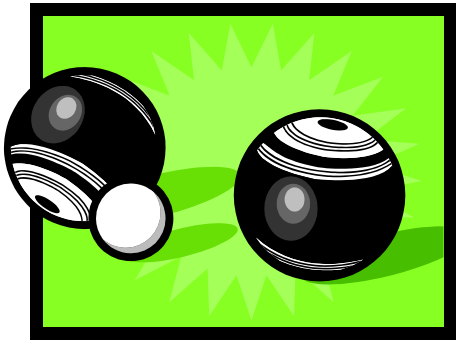
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WHAT SOME SAY IS OUR "OFFICIAL" CARD GAME.**

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN

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SEE WHAT PEDRO IS ALL ABOUT!!!

Fresno District Bocce Tournament



The 5th annual Fresno District bocce 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.

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Pictured is Caterina from Branch 358 and her Grandson Joseph at St. Vincent Church.

Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

Not to dwell on Chicago's recent extreme cold and snow; however, a "brain freeze" occurred and we failed to acknowledge a wonderful communication received from Rev. Tom Cima (195's former Chaplain - 18 years) at the start of 2014 in which he brought us up to date on recent health challenges he faced (and now overcome by the Grace of God) along with his thoughts on the election of Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires to become Pope Francis. Copies were made for our monthly meeting.

Branch 195 had small Bazaar fundraiser for St. Victor Ministry Fair (one parishioner called it a Flea Market). Our March Meeting included biographies of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. April meeting include biographies of St. John Baptist de la Salle and St. Stanislaus. 195 plans the year include a Day of Recollection at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana and another at St. John the Evangelist Christ Path of Passion in St. John, Indiana. Much is happening at St. Victor and we'll address some of this next month. For now please pray for the speedy recovery of Gino Ruggeri, Cathy Bolda and (good looking) Leonard Longawa. A Blessed Easter to all.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

May, the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. "Sorrowful and Immaculate heart of Mary pray for us who have recourse to thee"

A happy and blessed Mother's day to all the Mothers.

Congratulations to our new 2014 branch officers, Pres. Dr. James Izzo, Vice-Pres. Teresa Cairo, 2nd Vice Pres. Vickie DeGrazia, Sec. Leonora Gillette, Treasurer Cathy Neri, Coresp. Secr. Caterina Renzi -Comisky, Orator Gene Gillette, Trustees Cathleen Pope, Pauline Nicolette, Janet Tremelli, Branch Deputy George Nicoletti.

Upcoming Events:

May 20, 2014 - Branch monthly meeting

May 22, 2014 - District Meeting 730pm

June 8, 2014 - St. Vincent Ferrer Picnic

June 8, 2014 - 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Italian Catholic Federation, details will follow at a later date.

Our Patron Saints for the month of May: St. Dominic Savio, St. George VII, St. Philip, St. James, St. Stanislaus.

Let us pray with our patron Saints, for peace in the world.

A reflection from the Salesian Missions:

We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast and our trust fixed on God.

Please keep our sick members and their family in your daily prayers.

Ciao,

Caterina Renzi - Comisky

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

Spring has arrived in the Windy City with temperature topping 50°F with a mixture of sun and rain!

Although we started our spiritual preparation for Easter through prayer, reconciliation and reflection, we diverted a bit to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Once again Branch 392 hosted a bountiful St. Joseph's Day Table and Bake Sale at St. Francis Borgia after the 5:00pm and 7:30pm Masses, as we received generous donations from local restaurants, pizzerias, bakeries, grocery stores, and so many individuals. Our table was adorned with tasty salads, vegetables, a variety of pasta dishes, eggplant parmigiana, sausage and peppers, chicken with potatoes, cheeses, cold cuts, crispy breads, 'focacce' and pizza, fruit, and mouth-watering sweets. The traditional "pasta con le sarde", "cardoni fritti", "frittate" and "zeppole di San Giuseppe" were a big hit. Over 400 individuals (made up of ICF members, friends, and parishioners)



gathered in the Fr. Stokes Center to enjoy an exquisite menu of diverse dishes, a warm, welcoming atmosphere, and share in amusing conversations.

Thanks to a hardworking committee the St. Joseph's Day celebration was a huge success. All proceeds from the event went to St. Francis Borgia Parish for maintenance and repairs. Our Pastor, Rev. Richard Milek, was delighted with the large turnout, which significantly exceeded previous years. Fr. Richard joined us after both Masses, greeting and thanking everyone personally. He expressed his appreciation for the continued generosity received. We applaud the committee for the enjoyable evening!

Aurora Pensa

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Our branch welcomes two new members:

Paulette Anaclerio West and Vito Palella. We hope you will enjoy being members of our branch.

We are celebrating our 20th. anniversary as a branch this year, and have many new events planned for this season. Welcome!

After a horrific winter here in the Chicago area, we will have our first meeting of the year on May 16, at St. Peter parish hall, at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing all members. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

2014 is also the 90th. Anniversary of the



Branch 439 celebrated St. Joseph's Day in March with a special blessing and lots of yummy food and breads.

I.C.F. The Chicago District will be part of the celebration and will have a Dinner Dance on June 8, at Pescatore Palace. More information will be sent.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful moms!

May God bless you all.

Ciao,

Rita

Chicago

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439

On March 19, ICF Branch 439 hosted a St. Joseph Day mass and table at Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish. The mass honoring St. Joseph was celebrated by Father Augusto Feccia who led the congregation in bilingual prayer. After the mass, the feast began with a procession from the church to the Hayes Center Hall, where Fr. Feccia blessed the table. Over 200 members and non-members attended the event and enjoyed a bountiful and meatless Italian buffet with the items having been donated by various restaurants and bakeries in the area. Donations received from the event will benefit the parish and local charities. An upcoming event for Branch 439 includes a visit to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana on April 14 by over 30 of its members. In addition, the Holy Rosary will be prayed every Monday during the month of May to honor Mary.

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

YMI and ICF merged on the night of March 13 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The feast included all the traditional Irish fare: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and bread. I want to thank Ric Contreras (YMI Chair) and all of our other friends at YMI who did the cooking. ICF provided the yummy desserts; most of them were decorated with green to honor the day! Thanks, too, to ICF March Chairman, Jim Barsotti and committee members: Gloria Massetti, Fred Massetti and Jim Massetti. An extra big thank you goes to committee members Cecilia Massetti and Diane Massetti for the FANTASTIC decorations. You gals did a great job! It was a lively time with Irish music and much laughter. The April meeting held on April 8th was a real treat as Chairman Chef Jeff Bottorff made his special "Bolito Misto". Ev-



Branch 392 members celebrating St. Joseph's Day.



Cheryl Brannen and Linda Sanchez of Branch 31 at the Polenta 2014 Dinner.

everyone enjoyed the delicious meal. Thanks, Jeff, for all your hard work. Thanks are also in order for the rest of the April Committee: Cari Beveridge, Jan Petrucci, Mary Sue Ferretti, and Bina Boitano. However, Mary Sue and Bina were unable to attend the dinner after being in a car accident. Ladies, many prayers are being said for a speedy recovery. Plans are underway for a take-out dinner in June. Please continue to pray for our sick and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Los Banos

Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Our Christmas party was held on December 3 in the warehouse of the "Post" family. It was a fun evening with many members and new members in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the exchange of gifts that followed a delicious dinner.

Tickets for our annual fun-raiser dinner were distributed.

At our January meeting we all enjoyed a delicious soup prepared by the Caropreso's. Member Cynthia Riso was reported to be very ill and in the hospital. We prayed for her. Polenta dinner committees reported and plans were made.

In February we were happy to hear that Cynthia Riso was home and improving. Our dinner on February 22 was well attended both in take-out and in sit-down. The raffle baskets were a big success and everyone enjoyed the evening. Kudo's to all who worked so hard to make this a success.

Congratulations to Sarah and Jarrett Sagoguspe on the birth of their daughter, Gwynyth Grey. Congratulations to grandparent's Rick and Terri Post, Alan and Tandra Sagoguspe and great-grandmother Mary Ann Post.

Condolences to the "Orlando" family in the deaths of three siblings within eight days.

Our branch will participate in the parish St. Joseph's celebration on March 23.

March 30, will be communion Sunday, followed by breakfast.

Let us open our hearts to our Lord during this Lenten season.

Ciao,

Germaine Orlando

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Branch 32 worked diligently on their Italian Dinner on April 26. A round of applause for Chairperson, Patricia Vivenzi who tirelessly devoted much time and talent for a well executed success. May God Bless all our

dinner workers. It could not have been done without you.

A free Lenten Meal was prepared and served by a group of hardworking devoted members: Patricia Vivenzi, Evelyn Nieto, Elaine Lencioni, Maria Guglielmino, Natalie and Jim Clark. Thank you team!

We are so looking forward to the Fresno District Bocce Tournament on May 10. Several teams from Br. 32 are participating.

Natalie and Jim Clark are coordinating our annual Mother's Day/Father's Day Dinner Meeting. Chicken, pilaf, green salad, rolls and dessert are on the menu for \$10. Reservations and prepayment are a must. Call Natalie.

June is Br. 32's turn at hosting Hospitality after Sunday masses. Evelyn Nieto is the chairperson, but needs everyone's help and cooperation. Give her a call.

Prayers are requested for Olga Sulenta and George "Giorgio" Pisching. May they find better health soon. Pray for the sanctification of priests.

Sanger

Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

Greeting from Sanger Branch 70, hoping you all had a wonderful Easter!

Our meeting in March was very well attended. We want to thank Teresa Rodgers for the delicious corn beef and cabbage that was prepared for all the members.

We recited the rosary for our dearly departed relatives and members, and thank Father John Bruno, our chaplain, for leading the prayer.

We were happy to see our deputy, Fred DeRenzo, and his wife Terry, attend our meeting. He is doing very well after his hip surgery and we wish him continued health.

We will be donating four scholarships to Sanger High School students in May. This is a very difficult decision for us as there are so many deserving students to choose from. We wish them all good luck.

In June, we will be having our spaghetti and meatball fundraiser dinner, and encourage you to purchase tickets and enjoy this amazing dinner.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Br. 250

February 23 was the Fresno District Installation of Officers with mass and a luncheon at St. Joachim in Madera. The Madera Branch hosted the very beautiful event. The luncheon was superb! And the parish opened up



Cindy Perkovich and Michelle Basso of Branch 417.



Vito Grieco, Cathy Klinge and Fran Parisi of Branch 417.

their wonderful book store just for us.

Frank Pimentel, cook extraordinaire, celebrated his birthday by cooking our February dinner which was pasta, polenta and sausage. He had some help from LeAnne and Angelo Lavagnino.

Congratulations to Dolores and LeRoy Guaglianone. They have a new baby granddaughter, Lilliwyn Juliette Vincent, was born Friday, February 7 weighing in at 8 lbs 2oz.

Vincent Rodriguez (with the help of his mom, Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez) wrote and performed a blues song with his elementary school 1st graders. He'll have to perform for us at the next meeting.

Isabel Ronzano decided to spend a few days in Arizona in April before it began to get too warm there.

Nancy Shanafelt is all excited. She will be off to see the canonization of Pope John Paul II and John XXIII this month.

We were happy to have Indie Cantu as a special guest at our February meeting. She is a member of the OLPH parish.

Birthday greetings to Al Daddino (5/30) who was our first president (1970).

Memorial Day is the time to get our children and grandchildren out to the parades and memorial services. Our children need to know what our service men sacrificed to give them the freedom that they enjoy today. God bless our servicemen and their families.

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Br. 281

Spring has arrived, enjoy it while you can, summer can be long and hot. Our annual Palm Sunday Pasta and Meatball Dinner was another great event. Thanks to Leonard Zasoski and Walter Scott for chairing the event and to all the members who worked or attended. The dinner is not only authentic and delicious but the parish always looks forward to it. We get quite the crowd for dinner and fellowship.

Our annual Parish Spring BBQ was held on



Jeannette Johnson, Pat Duncan, and Linda Scambray of Branch 417.



Sara Gerakaris of Branch 417.

the school campus. Our branch serves adult beverages and Walter Scott does a wonderful job getting volunteers.

Our branch is not only about work, we have some fun events coming up and we always look forward to them. Our annual ICF-OLPH Bocce Tournament will be held on May 24. Contact Allen Watts to get your team together for the annual Tournament. This is an awesome day of fun, competition, great luncheon, get your team registered as soon as possible!

Long time, very active members George and Terri Carson's son passed away recently. Our condolences, prayers and love extend to the whole family at this most difficult time.

Continued Blessings of the Easter Season, Mindy

Fresno

St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308

On Wednesday, March 12, our members enjoyed a delicious corn beef and tasty cabbage. Pres. Antoinette Pecora thanked Ed Girado and Angelo Pecora who did the cooking for the corn beef and cabbage dinner. President Antoinette also introduced special guests Grand 1st Vice-President, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pappani, Carol Rice, and John Mulligan, who became our newest member.

Mr. Pappani told all of us there of the upcoming 90th Anniversary Gala on June 22 in the Bay Area. The Grand Vice-President invited the members to try to attend one of the three ICF 90th Anniversary Galas in Los Angeles, Chicago or the Bay Area. He suggested chartering a bus to take those interested, like his branch and other branches are doing.

Pat Faragia reported to the members present that the cookbook is coming along nicely, she has received over 100 recipes and has presold 70 cookbooks already.

If you wish to order a copy contact Antoinette at (559)-431-9536.

We are in the process of getting Bocce Players for our Annual Bocce Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, May 10 at San Joaquin Memorial High School.

Please pray for Jack Gambero, who is in intensive care; Sharon Toste, who broke her wrist and then broke her ankle; Pray also for Mary Ann Miller who will have surgery and



Members of the LA District attended the installation of officers for the newly created LA Archdiocese District Council.

for Elisabetta Giacobbe, who had a massive stroke and is in a coma. Pray also for their caregivers.

Birthday wishes go out to Matthew Pardun (April 3), Sebastian Fortunato (April 4), Lynne Loyd (April 19), Angela Wong (April 20), Tim Solipasso (April 21) Cameron Newsome (April 22), Janine Pardun (April 23), Paul Soligian (April 23), Marilyn Renna (April 27), and Josie Stamm (April 30).

Happy Mother's Day,
Maria E. Juarez~Garcia

Fresno

Holy Spirit, Br. 417

Br. 417 served their last Lenten meal before Easter. We started this event and fundraiser eight years ago. Our branch averaged over 25 members for each dinner who helped with the cooking, serving and cleaning up. These meals would not be possible without the members' hard work. Thanks especially to Vito, Fred and Gerry.

Thank you Branch 417 members.

Our members are now relaxing and are pleased that our fund raising efforts are appreciated.

Br. 417 charity committee will be forming to distribute the proceeds of our fund raisers. The group will make final decisions in May. Any members who wish to be on the committee, should contact Fred.

Br. 417 did a great job with the Easter egg hunt thanks to the hard work again, of Fred and Gerry. It has proven to be a favorite event for our parish families.

April 30, our branch again welcomed the new RCIA members to our Holy Spirit Catholic family with a dinner. This has always been a wonderful uplifting parish activity sponsored by Br. 417 and we are proud to be part of it.

We are recruiting for the May Bocce tournament which takes place on May 10. We hope to have good teams and look forward to this event.

We are wishing happy birthday to our members who celebrated their birthdays in April. Fred Derienzo, Pam Lamonica, Msgr. James Logan, and Jeannette Johnson.

Ciao,
Pat Duncan



Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the LA Archdiocese District Council.

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367

Our Installation of Officers took place on ry-one a Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua!

Ciao for now,
Jackie Donato

Los Angeles

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District Council

Congratulations to the officers of the newly elected 2014 ICF/LAADC Board! Thank you President Tony Faranella and Branch 326 staff for hosting the first Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council Lunch and General Meeting on March 29th in the Parish Hall of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Arcadia. Thank you also to 1st Grand VP Leonard Zazoski for facilitating the New District Election Process. The Officers for the 2014 LAADC are: District President Carmelo Sabatella (Br 108), Regional VP Los Angeles Al

Restivo (Br 374), Regional VP San Gabriel William Mussatto (Br 319) , Regional VP Santa Barbara/Ventura Pat Mages (Br 380), Regional VP San Fernando Valley, Open, Corresponding/Recording Secretary Theresa Shaw (Br 108), Financial Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Dolci (Br 118), Regional Trustees: Franco Salamone (LA Br 111), Marie Assman (SG Br 319), Greg Corricello (SB/V Br 380), Open (SFV), Orator Ann Fusano (Br 317) and Sentinal Steven Drobeck (Br 362), CC District Deputies: Theresa Shaw (LA Br 108), Lou Mages (SB/V Br 380) and Angelina Irossi-Armenio (SG Br 218).

On April 13, the Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House was hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region. ICF Cabrini Chapel Officer Dottie La Macchia (Br 102) was assisted by Cabrini Chapel President Carmelo Sabatella (Br 108). Several visitors to the Open House included a former Villa Cabrini Academy Alumna Anna Jackson and her family, ICF Branch 118 President Carmelita Aquilar, and members Emma Aquino and Kathryn Dembinski, and local resident Susan Tudisco who came to the Chapel and Library to pray to Mother Cabrini for her mother's speedy recovery from a recident medical incident. Susan visited the



Members of the LA District at the installation of officers.



Members of the LA District were joined by Central Council Member Pat Mages, her husband Lou, and Grand 1st Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. and his wife BG.



Members of the LA District at the installation of officers.

Chapel Library to pick up souvenirs to bring back to her mother in New York.

The next Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Open House is scheduled for June 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm and will be hosted by the ICF LAADC (San Gabriel Region). The ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Board meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm to 3:00pm following the Open House. Members welcome. For more information call 626 372-7812.

The District Board encourages all Branches to support each others' events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm's way.

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

Congratulations to Branch 67 President, Nick M. D'Egidio, and his committee for the success of the March 2014 Polenta Dinner and Dance held on March 24, 2014 at the Casa Italiana. Chef D'Egidio and Company again delighted the attendees with his fabulous hors d'oeuvres, salad, polenta, pasta with sausage and dessert! The music provided by the Sicilian Band was so inviting that everybody was on the dance floor! We even signed up new members!

Our sincere condolences to First Vice-President Oscar Garcia for the loss of his mother, Mrs. Guadalupe Garcia, on February

19, 2014. Our thoughts and prayers are with Oscar and his family.

**South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108**

At the April 6 Branch General Meeting, members enjoyed playing Bocce before the Lunch Social and Branch Meeting where John Maggiore and Joseph Novella were recognized for winning the Branch Bocce Practice Tournament. Members also celebrated the birthdays of Tad Shaw and Past Branch President Ines Sabatella.

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

Save The Dates:

- May 5, 2014 - Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at Jake's Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. The Branch General Meeting will be held in the back area of Jake's from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Families welcome.



Members of Branch 108 making cannoli.



Branch 111 celebrated the March Birthdays of Getina Sergi and Margaret Valdez-Gallardo.



Branch 111 members Crocetta Salomone, Fr. Francisco and Branch President Franco Salomone.

- May 31, 2014 - LAADC Lunch from 12:00pm to 1:00pm followed by General Meeting from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Holy Family Parish Hall.

- June 8, 2014 - Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Open House hosted by the LAADC San Gabriel Region. Come visit and learn about the Patroness of the Italian Catholic Federation & America's first American Saint. ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee. Meeting will follow from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- June 29, 2014 - ICF 90th Anniversary Gala in Casa Italiana at St Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

Branch 108 captions
On March 8th and 9th, ICF Branch 108 worked with members of many Holy Family Church ministries to bring the Saint Joseph Table to Holy Family once again. On March 2nd, ICF Branch 108 held its annual Lunch and General Meeting in the Heritage Room at the San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. President Michele Silveri thanked staff for organizing the lunch Meeting, reviewed upcoming Branch events and celebrated the Birthday(s) of member(s) Paula Fratino and guest Ricky Avila and Wedding Anniversaries of Tad and Theresa Shaw and Richard and Pat Avila.

On February 22nd, the ICF Branch 108 "11th annual Wine Tasting Event" was held in the Parish Hall. This was the first time local amateur & professional wine growers, wine makers, wine club members, importers and suppliers from the San Gabriel Valley were invited to join this event where they presented their areas of expertise to members and parishioners.

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Happy May to everyone in ICF-Land. Happy Mother's day month to all the moms and moms-to-be. May your motherhood be a very joyous and wonderful experience!

Congratulations to Luisa Sorce, Dante



Branch 111 members Carmelo DiVincenzo and Salvatore & Giuseppina Sorce.



Branch 111 members Rosemary Brougher, Estera Veneziano, and Margaret Valdez-Gallardo.

Terramani, Frances Canzonieri, Henry Herrera, Rosemarie Melendrez, and Nancy Dolci who celebrated their birthdays in April. We wish everyone a Happy Birthday! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Welcome our new member Gus Contreras who joined our branch last month.

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships, support our clergy and Seminarians, and of course allow us to contribute to the Cooley's Anemia charity.

This month's I leave you with a quote from Warrior - "Every man's heart one day beats its final beat, his lungs breathe their final breath and if what that man did in his life makes the blood pulse through the body of others and makes them believe deeper in something larger than life, then his essence, his spirit will be immortalized." Always Believe.

Thank you and God Bless,

Giuseppe Veneziano

San Pedro

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

On May 4 we honored Madonna Del Arco at our 6:30pm Italian Mass. Many of our members have a devotion to the Madonna and it was a very beautiful mass.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers. God Bless them!



Members of Branch 115 attending the Crab Dinner-Dance.



Branch 115 Crab Dinner-Dance was a great success serving 400 people. An enjoyable evening with good food, music and fun. The dinner has been an annual tradition for the past 28 years.



La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The branch most recently awarded two students with Distinguished Student Service Awards. This new program was initiated by the branch to recognize young students at the elementary school and in the Religious Education Program for outstanding service to the church, the school and/or the La Cañada Flintridge community.

Each student received a check for \$100 and a framed Certificate of Achievement signed by the branch president Al Restivo and the Scholarship Chairman Mark Mannarelli.

Students Nick Sercel and Andrew Nettles received awards. Eight-grade student Andrew Nettles worked many hours helping at Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena. Nick Sercel, a seventh grader, excelled in his work as a mentor for the Cub Scouts. The program will be continued in 2014 with additional awards made in January 2015.

Italian classes conducted by our own Professor Nancy Lieggi Ammirato, was very successful with 28 participants completing the program. A second series of classes began on April 26.

Our St. Joseph Table success was notable with proceeds significantly higher than previous years. Much of the success was attributable to the leadership and hard work of Maria De Salguera who put her special touch to the event this year.

We finally got to hear from Sandra Richardson at our April meeting as she recounted memories of her years of living under the Nazis in Genoa as a teenager. Sandra also told us all about what it was like to live in Genoa and presented a film about the city.

Our May program will feature Father Tony Marti, OFM Cap., president of St. Francis High School. He will present a special informative program. Our June 17 meeting will see us awarding scholarships to a worthy high school graduate and will be a fun meeting where members will tell stories about vacation destinations in Italy they have experienced. Mark your calendars for our Home Mass and



Branch 218 Junior ICF!!



Branch 218's St. Joseph's Table.



Maria and Amanda of Branch 218, were wiped out after a long weekend.

We invite and welcome all our ICF members to our Pot luck meeting on May 15 at 6pm. (not May 22 as reported in April bollettino) In addition to delicious food, we will meet and congratulate our scholarship winners and their families. Please call Carmela Gioiello (310) 8320953 to let her know what you will be bringing.

On May 17th and 18th please join us at San Pedro High School for Relay for Life an American Cancer Society Fundraiser. Our branch is supporting 2 teams Angels Watching Over Us and Gioiello Jewels. Please call Anita Trujillo for more information (310) 8327186.

Please join us for our next general meeting on June 19 at 730pm.

Save the Date

June 29th Celebration for the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation. Mass at 11:00am at St. Peter's Italian Church in Los Angeles. A buffet luncheon will follow at 12:00 pm at Casa Italia. Price is \$40.00 per person. We will have limited transportation. If interested in attending please call Neal DiLeva (310) 8339444

July 9 -- Pala Casino Day trip Please call Pauline Iacono for reservation (310) 832 0563

July 10 -- General meeting moved to 2nd Thursday of the month.

July 17 -- Volunteers needs for meatball making for fiesta please call Pauline Iacono if you can help 310 832 0563

July 18,19 and 20th -- Mary Star of the Sea Fiesta If interested in working a shift please call Pauline (310) 8320563

August 16th 60th -- Anniversary of Branch 115 San Pedro Top of the Market Please call Neal for reservations (310) 433 1044

Please pray for deceased members, those who are sick, and those in need.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo

Treasurer Branch 115

BBQ on August 17 at the home of former State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino and his wife Ellen, long time ICF members.

Possa il nostro Padre celeste rafforzare la vostra fede e continuare ad aiutarvi a fornire a chi è meno fortunato di noi.

Al Restivo,

President

San Gabriel Region

Arcadia

Holy Angeles, Br. 218

On March 15-16 we celebrated our 42nd annual St Joseph's table. Once again it was a great success and our members did another outstanding job. We would like to say a special thanks to Jo Anne Howell for chairing the even again this year and to John Curley, Matt Luchetta and Frank Bermel for doing all the cooking. The pasta was delicious and this year we decided to sell our sauce and we could not jar it fast enough before it was gone. This year Kraig Keeler sewed costumes for our young members and they

dressed up as the Holy Family as Father Michael blessed our table.

On March 29, Holy Angels Church hosted the First ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese meeting. Thank you to all members in the Los Angeles area who attended.

We also want to thank all the members who attended the special Mass for Father Blaze's father. It was very inspiring to see everyone in their red shirts in support of our Chaplain.

Upcoming Events

From April 26th through May 1 Holy Angels Church will be hosting Our Parish Mission "Are You Still Listening?" Frs. Richard & Robert Gielow will preach at all masses within this period.

Branch 218 will provide refreshments for one of the receptions and information about our organization.

On May 4 we will be having our annual Mother's Day Luncheon. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

God Bless

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Branch 317 President Roxanne Perry honored Elizabeth Fan for her dedication to the ICF goals.



At the January General meeting Branch 317 President Roxanne Perry honored Clarisa Campos for her dedication to the ICF. Roxanne gave her a beautiful Vera Wang necklace with the letter C.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

May 09 – St. Denis ICF Branch 317 Mother's Day Dinner/ General Meeting

May 11 – Happy Mother's Day

May 19 – Board Meeting

Our Mother's Day Dinner will be hosted by Bea Yary and her committee.

Mary Schmidt plans to decorate the tables and the dinner menu will be very special. Let's have a great attendance and celebrate Mother's Day.

Congratulations to Toni Werley and Laura Giello for an outstanding effort on the pre-sale of the Holy Cannoli's and the distribution on April 6 for the biggest fundraiser of the year.

The branch members really pitched in, in every way, their enthusiasm and presence in the donations and preparation is appreciated. Thank you everyone.

The Board Meeting on May 19 will be hosted by Rosie and Ralph Esposito at their home. Thank you both.

Please mark your calendar for June 29 for the 90th Gala ICF anniversary mass and luncheon at St. Peter's Italian Church in Los Angeles and lunch to follow at Casa Italiano for \$40 per person. This will be amazing

Attention: Roxanne has tickets to see Gloria Estefan at the Hollywood Bowl for \$30 per person, which includes the bus and the seats. If you are interested let me know.

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry, President

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

May is the month to remember all of the special mothers that have touched our lives and all of our veterans who fought and died for our country.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 28, 2014 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu will be chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and dessert.

There will be a turnaround to Pala on Sunday, June 1. The bus will leave from the parking lot at St. Luke's at 10:00am and will return around 6:00pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person, and \$5.00 will be returned in slot play. For reservations or questions, please contact Eleanor Cueneo.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on June 8. This is a fundraising event and we need everyone's help. Come and show your support.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Anne Dandrea, Roberta Nangelo, Andy Bonura, and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members, especially Rose Costa. Please continue to pray for George Zavala.

Happy May Birthday to: Dan Arrighi, Josephine Basile, Sally Farinella, Marie Hadaway, and Herminia Saez

Happy Anniversary to: John and Rose Marie Perfetto (62 years)

"Each day brings forth new miracles of sun and sea and sky. Another bird bursts from his shell and spreads his wings to fly. New growth,



Members of Branch 21 took a tour of the Outpatient Center at Children's Hospital Oakland. Seen here are (l-r) Peter Sammarco, Serafina Sammarco standing with three UC Berkeley students, Norma Wilson, Patty Morelli, Madeline Crews, Fran Slebir, Roseann Costabile, Rosa Radicchi, Dr. Don Slebir, and Outreach Coordinator Laurice Levine.

new life is everywhere. Each bright day will unfold fresh opportunities for all...and worth their weight in gold. The Master gazes down on us as He brings forth the dawn and blesses each and every one with courage to go on." (Marian Ford Park)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Region

Burbank

St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Thank you for supporting our pizza party.

May 10-Regular meeting in Cabrini Hall at noon remember too; Be at peace with each other remember too love one another

Our quarterly communion and breakfast was enjoyed by all. Another great pizza party, thank you for supporting us.

May 10-Regular meeting in Cabrini Hall at noon.

Remember to-love one another and be at peace with each other.

Ciao,

Joy

Santa Barbara/ Ventura Region

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our Brach had a nice April meeting with an Easter ham dinner catered by a local restaurant. Our members also participated in a short dance lesson taught by the Arthur Murray Dance School. We enjoyed learning some steps for the Fox Trot and Rumba!

Earlier in the month our Youth Officers participated in a night our at Laser Tag Extreme. A good time was had by all who came out of the fun and the food.

Our branch is excited to learn of all the money we were able to raise in our St. Joseph Celebration in March. Through al of our members hard work we will be able to give to our charities throughout the year and pay for our expenses for our meetings. Thank you members!!

Some of our members were able to attend a live transmission of the Opera "La Boheme" at a local theater. This was a fun event we hope to have more members participate in the next time it is available.

We look forward to seeing all our members in May at our next meeting.

Ciao!

Jean Fontana Bridges

Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Once again, Branch 21 had a very busy and productive month. Our St. Joseph's Day luncheon on March 23 was a great success. The food, the raffle baskets, and the baked goods were amazing. Much of the afternoon's fare was donated and included Gilda's Restaurant, Hoffman's Restaurant, Zoccoli's Deli, The Shaffers of Agnus Dei, Don Guidici, Marie Locatelli, Rosa Radicchi, the Knights of Columbus, the Santa Cruz Marconi Club, Pacific Garden Chapel, and Kathleen Frost. We thank you all for your generosity. We would also like to thank Erin Wong and the Holy Cross Youth Group who's serving and clean-up helped keep the afternoon elegantly beautiful.

Henry Miller once wrote: "In travel, one's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." And on April 8th, some of Branch 21 members traveled to Oakland to visit the Children's Hospital. And, indeed, we all left with a new way of seeing what Cooley's Anemia-Thalassemia is and how it is being diagnosed and treated. Our wonderful tour guide, Laurice Levine, took us through the different hospital departments that minister to this disease. Did you know that in year 2013, ICF donations nationwide topped over \$1,000,000? We members at Branch 21, in one way or another have contributed to this grand total. After the tour, our group drove over the beautiful new Bay Bridge to Treasure Island for lunch at the Job Corps facility restaurant. The lunch, prepared by aspiring chefs, was delicious. Thank you, Roseann Costabile, for setting up a most magical day.

Up-coming events include the ICF Mother's Day Dinner Dance on Friday, May 9th and also the ICF 90th Anniversary Celebration on June 22. Please contact Roseann Costabile, Norma Wilson, or Rosa Radicchi for information.

We hope to see you at our general meetings which are always fun. Come help us plan the next big affair or simply come to relax and have a laugh or two.

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary



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Members of Branch 36 helped to make the annual Lenten Fish Frys a huge success!

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

The Joint Sacred Heart/Madonna del Sasso Lenten Dinners were a great success. A number of our members helped in making it so. Both churches will benefit equally from the net profits.

President Julie Richards presided over her first district meeting as president and did a wonderful job. Among the issues discussed was a proposal to include members' family recipes used for holidays and special events in the next calendar. We all have wonderful family recipes, so if you would like to share yours, watch for this proposal in the Bollettino. Watch also for information on the June 22nd Gala 90th Celebration in San Francisco. It promises to be an unforgettable event. Branch 1 was established June 15, 1924, but Branch 25 wasn't too far behind, being established on March 23, 1930.

The ICF is looking for ways to improve, and is asking our help. If you have any suggestions, please go online at icf.org to fill out a survey form. Your contribution is important, so please take some time to respond.

Raffle tickets are still available; contact a branch officer or, better yet, come to our next

meeting to obtain them. We meet at noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The KofC Hall, 270 Rianda Circle, Salinas. To date we have sold 25 raffle tickets. Thanks to Gia Ussery for all her help in increasing sales.

Dates to Remember:

May 31, 2014 - District Meeting at Sacred Heart, Hollister.

August 3, 2014 - District Picnic at the J&M Ranch.

Hope you had a wonderful Easter Season.

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

Hollister

Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Well we had a wonderful potluck for our April meeting. Thank you to Nick and Betty Ferrero for donating three cute Easter raffle prizes. Our branch will be having their first fundraiser for the year which will be held on May 3rd, 2014. We will be putting on a Spaghetti Feed. Our branch will be putting on the next Central Coast District meeting which will be held on May 31st, 2014. Both events will be held at

our Sacred Heart Church Hall.

Sincerely,

Cheri Huntley

ICF Branch 26, Secretary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

May 11 - Happy Mother's Day, have a great day, you deserve it!

Our Lenten Dinners are over and they were fantastic, great food and a full house every Friday, we really appreciate our loyal supporters who come every week - year after year.

We could never do our dinners without our dedicated volunteers, they show up every week, they know what to do and get it done so beautifully. Also, a huge thank you to those who brought delicious desserts, we have many dessert donations from people who are not members, they just enjoy being part of a great evening.

June is a quiet month, our dinner meeting on June 5.

July 10 is when we honor our 85 and older paid up members with their free annual birthday party, we look forward to this party each year to honor our "jewels", the ones who kept our branch going through the years, guests are welcome, price and menu will be in June's Bollettino.

Our deepest sympathy to past president Vince Ruccello on the loss of his wife, Yvonne.

Long time member Vince Riso passed away today (4/9/14), Vince has been an active member of Br. 36 for many years and was a constant volunteer, he will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Ann and family.

Also, we send our prayers out to Ida Lomazzi who is ill, Ida is an active member of her branch and has been an officer for the District Council for years.

Raffle Tickets - You have received your Convention Raffle Tickets in the mail, please mail the stubs with your name, phone number, and a check back to me, our branch gets to keep \$10.00 of each book sold and you have a chance to win a great prize of money. We depend on this money for our scholarships and charity work, so please buy your book of tickets.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, The safest place to be is in someone's prayers, And, the best place to be is in God's hands.

If you do not believe in miracles perhaps you have forgotten you are one.

(I love my E-mails)

Peace be with you,

Betty Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy Mother's Day!

With the success of our annual fundraiser, our members are making plans for next year, (thank you Lord for giving us these younger members that have so much energy). It was so good to see Life Member Emeritus Jim Jones and his wife Janice enjoying the fundraiser. Jim had a big smile on his face as he was leaving with a large box of veggies that he had won in the raffle. I hope they will be back next year.

Pat Stefani and I attended the District Meeting in Paso Robles on March 30. Branches 291 (Arroyo Grande) and 354 (Paso Robles) hosted the meeting. Both Branches are truly a warm and welcoming group. The meeting

was informative and our District President, Julie Richards, did a great job. David Zanini and his kitchen crew made the best spaghetti and meat balls. It was so good to see Father Roberto—he looks great. Pat and I didn't win any of the raffle prizes but we did have an enjoyable day.

On April 27 Our Lady of Refuge Church had a Multicultural Mass celebrating the canonization of both Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Our branch members served refreshments after the 2:00pm mass.

To our members who live out of the area, Gina Candiloro, Bruna Del Chiaro, Virginia Frassetto and Thelma Sbarra, we hope you had a joyous Easter and wish you good health and a Happy Mother's Day.

Lord, thank you for the beautiful gift of our Mothers, especially for our Blessed Mother Mary.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

Our Branch had a short meeting on April 11 after the Soup and Salad Supper at Church. We hope to see everyone at our next regular meeting on May 8 at 5:30pm.

There will be Masses for Living and Deceased Members at 8:00am on May 9 and June 13. All Members are asked to continue praying for the Members and their families who are ill.

Happy Easter!

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Fish Fry dinners were a huge success. A great big thank you to Coordinator Ellen Pauly and all the volunteers who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up. We're grateful to all those who attended, as the proceeds from the dinners support our charitable giving throughout the year.

Welcome to the following new members: Sherry Doubleday, Patrick and Kathleen Smith, Maria Loiacono, Gerald and Janice Sheverell, and Victoria and Howard Major. Several of these folks joined as a result of attending our Fish Frys.

We are delighted to have Father Paul McDonell as our new Chaplain. He is from the Oblates of St. Joseph in Santa Cruz and has been in California for one year, having come from Scranton, Pennsylvania. Father McDonell, who is Italian on his mother's side, spent five years in Rome. His warmth and wit made him an instant hit at our April meeting.

Our branch will host a luncheon following the Anointing Mass on May 22. The mass is arranged by St. Joseph's Ministry to the Elderly. The Three-in-One Ministry is a group of parishioners who meet monthly to make rosary beads for foreign missions. Our branch recently donated \$250 to assist them in their work. These are just two of the ways Branch 227 supports St. Joseph's various ministries.

Get well wishes go out to Loretta Reaves, Gene Pauly and Ida Lomazzi.

"A mother's love is one of God's greatest gifts." Happy Mother's Day.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 is proud to announce that our 5 Lenten Fish Fries were a HUGE success!

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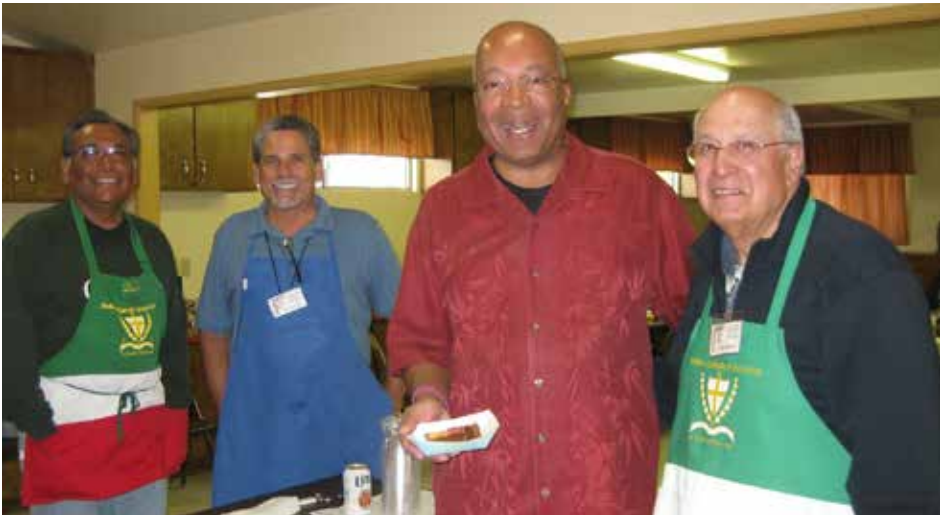
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Father Ken Brown enjoyed dining at the Branch 291 Fish Fries each week. Pictured here is Father Ken (3rd from left) with ICF members Dave Sanchez, Matt Aguiar and Dan Jimenez.



Branch 291 celebrated St. Joseph's Day at our March meeting with a beautiful St. Joseph's Table. All food was donated to St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

As our President, Pete Gallagher, stated, "I want to thank each and every one of our ICF Family members who contributed their time, effort and hard work. Each aspect of the comprehensive fish fry activities were very successful."

At our March meeting we celebrated St. Joseph's Day with a beautiful table filled with non-perishable food generously donated by our members. All the food collected was given to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program. Kathleen Sullivan and her helpers did a great job decorating and presenting our beautiful St. Joseph's Table!

Our St. Patrick School Registration Assistance Program continues to be a success! We recently sent checks to St. Patrick School to apply toward the registration fees for 14 students who qualified for registration assistance. The money raised for this program is generated from our 3 spaghetti dinners we hold each fall.

Please continue to keep in prayer Sr. Carol Carter, Joe Franco, Stevie Hall, Floralee Harris, Jan Hilton, Trish Jimenez, Jean & Emil Minicucci, Marjorie & James Rodarte, Joe Slavin, Sonia & Jens Wagner and all other ICF members who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Happy Mother's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary



Branch 291 member, Father Alphonse (aka: Fr. Mario), entertained the crowds each week with his Fish Fry getup! His fish hat was a big hit!

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Our first meeting of the Lenten season was opened by President Irma Zanini. Discussions were on the upcoming

scholarship awards, attendance at the Arroyo Grande Friday Fish and Chips dinner during Lent, and plans for the district meeting to be held March 30, in our parish hall, co-hosted with the Arroyo Grande Branch 291. Members showed off their culinary skills with offerings of wonderful salads, clam chowder, minestrone, and cioppino. New members introduced Jon Ryder.

Upon arrival at the District meeting, delegates, branch members and officers were treated to a selection of pastries and tea or coffee by the Arroyo Grande Branch members. Branch officers and council members were introduced by Sara Jane Moroso, Julie Richards, resident of Branch 25, Madonna Del Sasso presiding. Jim Frieble of the Hollister Branch is planning their district meeting on May 31.

Dante Galliazzzi encouraged us to make plans to attend the ICF's 90th anniversary gala in San Francisco on June 22. Julie Richards Branch 25 will again host their district meeting August 3, at their Chualar Ranch. Franklyn Lopes informed us that their Capitola Branch will host Bishop's Day on October 26. Busy times ahead so mark your calendars. Dinner followed with V.P. and chef David Zanini and crew serving spaghetti & meatballs, salad, with cake furnished by Arroyo Grande Branch.

We have nothing but praise and thanks to their members for assistance. Basket raffle, 50-50 drawing and bar to made it a successful day.

Theresa Sollazzo

Correspondence Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

It is a busy time here in the district, we had two guests at our last regular meeting to remind us of their need of our assistance to make upcoming events successful. The first major event is the 90th anniversary Gala on June 22nd in San Francisco. Dante Galeazzi and Leonard Rossi of the Central Council and Lisa Crudo, chairperson of the ways and means committee of the Central Council were there sharing with us the events planned for that day and different ways of making donations

if you cannot attend. Proceeds from the Gala will be placed in the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund. Please contact you branch presidents to make reservations/donations.

Also present at this same meeting was Steve Fuentes from the Central Council to bring us up to speed on the Convention in Oakland, Labor Day weekend. Help is needed from all branches with the Thursday night dinner, and donating and selling souvenirs during the convention. It's hard work, but many hands will make it easier.

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms!

Pat Grasso, District Sec.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Della Grande, Br. 10

Branch 10 acknowledges the large number of parishioners and visitors who attended its Friday Fish-Fry's. The Fish-Fry's were provided on each Friday of Lent through April 11 following Stations of the Cross in Saint Philip Neri Church. Margaret Mariani, JoAnn Dorn and Gina Foster served as cooks, while the Mark Peterson family operated the soda and wine bar.

We also thank the attendees at the Irish Social on Saturday, March 15 and the Saint Joseph's Day Table on March 19. The Irish Social featured the annual performance by young dancers from the McBride School of Irish Dance located--appropriately--in the East Bay city of Dublin. About 20 guests contributed goodies for the dessert buffet at the Saint Joseph's Day Table. The dinner followed a special late-afternoon Mass in Saint Philip Neri Church. All proceeds from the Saint Joseph's Day Table benefitted Food for the Poor. Branch 10 member Mike Marcheschi chaired the event.

Branch 10 also anticipated another large group for its annual Polenta Dinner. The festivities were held on Saturday evening, April 26, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, Alameda. New member Ben Ratto prepared the dinner.

The month of May brings us the Branch 10 anniversary dinner on Saturday evening, May 17, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for young people 12 and under. For information and reservations, you can contact Branch 10 president Dave Rose by phone (510) 522-6004 or e-mail buncle@earthlink.net. You can

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also contact first vice-president Gina Foster by phone (510) 995-8141 or e-mail gfooster@csdo.org. The evening will include live music. Chef Ben Ratto's menu was not determined as of the due date for this article but should be known by the due date for reservations, Monday, May 12.

In June we will award a total of four Catholic high school scholarships to graduates of the Catholic elementary schools in Alameda, Saint Joseph and Saint Philip Neri. We also contribute to the Central Council's two college scholarships.

On June 22 we will be joining in the ICF's 90th anniversary gala, which starts with 10:30am, Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in San Francisco and concludes with an afternoon meal at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. We are looking forward to the Labor Day weekend ICF convention in neighboring Oakland. On Friday, August 29 Branch 10 members will assist with a morning tour of Christ the Light (Oakland Diocese) Cathedral and afternoon Bingo in the Marriott Hotel.

Finally, we salute the men's basketball team of Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School of Alameda, the Division V state champions. The coach is Don Lippi, who has now led SJND to three state championships in his 11 years at the school.

Oakland

St Theresa, Br. 223

Sorry... hope you didn't miss our Br. 223 Bake Sale on the weekend of May 3rd and 4th, at St. Theresa's Church, 30 Mandalay Rd., after the masses. If you missed it, we will have another Sale in the Fall. Thanks for all our great bakers (both women and men), the sellers and buyers.

Our Br. 223 superb Chicken Cacciatore

and Polenta Dinner on April 5 was a grand and joyful success. Our thanks to all who attended and worked on making the dinner a success, especially our chef Peter Nuti and his assistant Diane Splendorio. Thanks to all the young people who served. Thanks to Reverend Anthony Herrera, Parochial Vicar, who worked in the Kitchen; Reverend Robert McCann, our Pastor and Chaplain, who announced the winners of prizes, and Mark Gaul, who was in charge of the Bar. Thanks to Holly Raineri, who took reservations. Special thanks to Chairpersons Cecile Cuttitta, Carla Gaul, Mary Anne Giuntoli, and Marlene McShane.

On May 31 at the 5pm Mass at St Theresa Church in Oakland, a Mass will be held for deceased longtime member Angelena "Dolly" Fiamengo, requested by Br. 223.

Last but not least... many thanks for the wonderful Lenten soup day on March 26 by President Nancy Carriere, Yoli Moglia, Marlene McShane, Cecile Cuttitta, Maureen Barbieri, and Father Tony Herrera.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers (the month of Mary)

Congratulations to this year's graduates!

Yoli Moglia

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our March meeting was very special with a delicious, meatless potluck. A large amount of food for those less fortunate graced the beautiful St. Joseph's Day table, organized by Kathy Elm. Dante Galeazzi, from Central Council, joined us with information about the ICF's 90th Anniversary celebrations.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 16th at St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton. Hopefully, the recipients of our two, first year scholarships



Congratulations to Branch 14, Crockett new members. Hugh & Mary Duckworth, Sara & Susan Rexroat, Greg & Delaney Urban, Anne Marie, David and Terilyn Rorke. Welcome to ICF.

will be able to join us. Chuck Meier, who has made many trips to Italy, will do a heritage presentation of "Rome Off The Bus."

Our condolences go out to members, Pat Mueller and Shirle Viada, whose sister, Lana Shaffer, passed away in March.

Congratulations to members, Carolyn and John Cardinalli, celebrating their 40th Anniversary with a trip to Paris and a Mediterranean cruise! And, Happy Birthday to our members celebrating another year in May: Judy Bates, Jannell Bartolo, Marco Del Viscio, Betty LoVoi, Chuck Meier, and Eleanor Simi!

It is very uplifting to see so many of our members involved in the preparations for our annual Primavera Dinner/Dance, May 3. It is always a festive and fun evening for this charity fundraiser. Bravissimi!

We have celebrated the glorious Resurrection of Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His peace and love continue in our hearts all year, bringing the joy of His light to all we encounter.

Ciao!

Mary Merucci

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Branch 72 members in front of Pittsburg's sculpture in honor of the Italian fisherman.



Members of Branch 442 serving a meatloaf dinner to homeless families who stayed at our parish for 2 weeks.



Graton casino. Once again, we thank bus trip chairperson Joann for all of her hard work.

Joann is working on an overnight bus trip to Reno. It will take place on Columbus Day weekend. We will stay at the Nugget hotel and will be able to enjoy the great Italian festival held that weekend.

Convention raffle tickets are available. Each ticket is only \$2.00. A book of twelve is \$20.00. The branch makes a profit of \$10.00 for each book sold.

You should have received your tickets in the mail.

If you would like to join fellow ICF members at the Oakland A's Italian heritage ball game on Aug 1 call Roselynn at 957-0269 for details.

Upcoming

No branch meeting in May.

May crowning in honor of the Blessed Mother to be announced.

Sunday, June 8 – Branch meeting at 2pm. Theme: Member Appreciation Pot Luck.

Sunday, June 22 – ICF 90th Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco. Details TBA.

Thursday, June 26 – District meeting at 7:30pm in Danville.

Sunday, June 29 – 5th Sunday Mass Good Shepherd 12 PM.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Sempre Avanti,

Helen Politakes

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The March meeting opened with a fabulous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner prepared by Walter Costa and Toni Reeder. If you missed the meeting, you missed an excellent meal!

March 22, 2014 was the Polenta Fundraising dinner, held in the St. Jerome parish hall. Thank you to the Martinucci Family, Walter Costa and Toni Reeder for another tasty and successful event. This fundraiser helps to generate the income we need to award five first year and one second year scholarships.

The bus trip to Cache Creek, March 31, was great fun with a near full bus. There were several big winners who vow to join the next bus trip in July. Thanks to Joe Meneghelli for being our travel coordinator. Next bus trip is July 28, 2014.

It is time to start thinking about the upcoming convention. Delegates will be elected at the next meeting. The annual convention is August 29-Sept 1, 2014. This year the convention will be held in Oakland. The room rate is \$119.00 plus 14% tax, on the plus side, parking is free!

May 12 meeting will be held at 6:00pm starting with mass and dinner to follow at 6:30 with a Mother's and Father's day potluck. Bingo will follow a short meeting.

Lorraine Acuña

Danville

St. Isidore, Br. 352

Our April 24 dinner meeting was a lot of fun, we had our fill of pizza, and the price was right – it was free. This is one way to show our appreciation to the members for belonging to the branch.

Thank you to all who attended our Saturday, May 3 Festa Primavera Fundraiser, also to those workers who helped to make it a success.

Ministry day at Saint Isidore's was held on Sunday, May 4. Participation at this event gave the parishioners an opportunity to get acquainted with the ICF in general and with our branch in particular. Many thanks to those members who participated.

Hope you all had a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

The Strategic Planning retreat planned by the Central Council will take place on May 17 and 18. I will report on it in the June article.

We miss you if you have not been attending our meetings and would ask you to come and join us, we all lead very busy lives, but it's always nice to get together with friends.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our dear member Anna Brownell who passed away recently, may she rest in peace.

In closing I would like to quote the Venerable Fulton Sheen: "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host"

Joseph

Orange

Huntington Beach St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

On March 16, Branch 379 held its annual St. Joseph's Table in the St. Bonaventure

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Once again we had a good turnout for our Chicken Marsala dinner prepared by Mike Miraglia. Good food, good friends, good fun!

Here's hoping that everyone had a great time at our 35th Anniversary dinner dance and that you were also lucky with the raffles. Let's hear it for the hard working folks who cooked (Lisa), cleaned, worked on raffle baskets and set up for us. Thanks so much!

Now we can concentrate on which 8th grader will be awarded our 2nd high school scholarship. This is not an easy decision, so a few prayers would be helpful.

Hope there are some old, Italian, family recipes out there that you can share with us for the 2015 calendar; and there is still time to have your birthday, anniversary or whatever date is special included also.

Remember to make reservations for the 90th Anniversary Gala and support the seminarian scholarship fund. If you cannot attend, donations are accepted.

Happy Mothers Day to all mothers and mothers-to-be in this month that we honor our Blessed Mother Mary.

Contra Costa

District Council

The Contra Costa District welcomes all branches to meet at the Italian Heritage Night at the A's game. The event will take place Friday night, August 1st at 6:30. They have fantastic fireworks! \$30:00 per person Contact Roselynn Jarrett at angels8199@aol.com This price includes the game,entree, souvenir, and fireworks.

Another historical and memorable day will be the 90th anniversary celebration for the ICF held in San Francisco on June 22. Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception where Branch 1 is located. Which is where ICF started 90 years ago. A reception will follow.

The Central Council Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 17th and 18th 2014 at the Grosvenor Hotel in South San Francisco.

With the celebration of the Risen Savior, the beginning of Spring, and fresh new beginnings, I can also celebrate what I like most about myself, for unless we are happy with who we are, we'll never be happy with what we have.

I look forward to seeing you at the District

Meeting Thursday, June 26 at 7:30pm at Danville.

Peace--Joann

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

At our March St. Joseph's Table, a reverent, adoring Pauline Cardoza cradled the Baby Jesus while St. Joseph (Carl Heller) called us cold-hearted when requests for shelter were denied. Really, Carl? Thanks to Cliff Paar for leading us in singing Table of Promise as "The Holy Family" walked in procession around the hall. Our St. Joseph's Table was beautifully and appropriately decorated, and the food was delicious and plentiful.

A hearty greeting to our newest members: Bill Radcliffe of Pinole and Robert and Roberta Schriver of Crockett; Sisters Sara and Susan Rexroat (actual sisters, not nuns) of Benicia; David, Annemarie, Terilyn and Devin Rorke, also from Benicia; Hugh, Mary, Sean, Megan and Katherine Duckworth of Pinole; Gregory, Raquel, Delaney and Sophia Urban of Vallejo. Welcome, Friends!

Prayers and get well wishes for Dave Alvarado, Gail McConlogue, Marcy Morales, Robert Pallotta, Virginia Pastori and Frank Townsend.

Delegates to the ICF Convention are Dee Carone, Lois Contestable, Carol Lawson and Vonda Lesti. Of course David Botta and Donna Hoffman will also be in attendance. All great people representing a great branch.

Hope to see everyone at 5:30 Mass, prior to our May 13th meeting. Enchiladas, with an Italian touch, will be prepared by Chef Botta. Dinner is free, in celebration of both Mother's and Father's Days. Don't forget our Bingo and Hot Dog Night on Friday, May 16, 6:00. This is always a fun, bargain night, with hot dogs and bingo only \$10.

Happy Mother's Day wishes to all women whose kindness and love brightens the lives of others. May this special day be filled with many blessings.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

After our April meeting members enjoyed a no host luncheon at the New Mecca restaurant in Pittsburg.

I am pleased to announce the branch made a profit of 4331.00 on the bus trip to the



(Above) Branch 379 members at the blessing of St. Joseph's Table by Father Dick Kennedy.

(Left) Branch 379 St. Joseph's Table



Church Hall. Associate Pastor Father Dick Kennedy blessed the table of biscotti, pies, Easter breads and cookies. Italian sausage sandwiches with peppers and onions were sold, as well as meatball sandwiches, and homemade cannoli, with the sandwiches selling out! The event was very successful, generating proceeds for local non profits and new members as well.

Submitted by Karen Paz, Branch President



Branch 423's St. Joseph's Table.



Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

We had much success at our St. Joseph Table the weekend of March 15 and 16. Bishop Kevin Vann blessed our St. Joseph Table. Many parishoners attended the festivities. We sold homemade baked goods, savory edibles, cupcakes, sausage and meatball sandwiches, and freshly made cannolis. The addition of new items helped contribute to our success.

Our monthly heritage report by Cris Gianantonio was about the Festa Della Donna



Branch 438's 2014 officers. Top Row (L to R): John Rizza, Orator; Joe Fisher, 1st Vice President; Paula Scarpelli, Past President; Al Smith, Trustee; Yvonne Perry, Sentinel; Frank Ducato, co-Financial Secretary; Angela Sullivan, 2nd Vice President; Michael and Maureen Farrelly, co-Recording Secretary.

Bottom Row (L to R): Michael Fuentes, co-Treasurer; Linda Gross, Trustee; David Brill, President; Judy Del Grande, co-Recording Secretary; Pat Brown, Trustee. Not pictured: Sandra Fuentes, co-Treasurer.

(Bottom)

Branch 438's St. Joseph Table, Yvonne Perry, Chairperson.



in Italy, where men bring flowers to their ladies. She also talked about the feast day of St. Giuseppe, also known as Father's Day in Italy. Children in Italy give presents to their fathers on this feast day.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 16.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

On a warm Sunday evening of April 13 over 26 members and guests enjoyed a baked chicken, with pasta and meat sauce dinner prepared and served by Nolan & Nancy Cantrell, Charlyne Pacini, and Vonnice Ramos. Many thanks for the delicious food and dedicated service.

We lift up continued prayers to our Lord for His great healing power for Father Mike Mahone, who is undergoing heart surgery on Holy Thursday; and for Eugenia Hovland's grandson, who is still in the hospital recovering. We pray to our Lord to deliver these folks from whatever physical imparities they may have.

Meeting items included the following: a) Members voted to have Virginia and Piero's names be placed on the memorial page of this year's Convention Book; b) Members voted for the branch to pay \$1.00 each to list all current members in this year's Convention Book; c) It was voted to buy a colored ½ page ad in this year's Convention Book; and,

d) It was voted to have our Polenta Dinner in November on a Saturday when our UNR football is not scheduled to play.

Also, thanks to Vonnice Ramos, who gave a Heritage report on San Marco (St Mark) the patron saint of Venice, whose feast day is April 25. It is celebrated in Venice with much Pageantry. St. Mark was a disciple of Jesus and is credited with writing the Gospel of Mark.

Our next meeting is Sunday, May 18th. We ask the Lord's blessing on all our members and their families.

Submitted by,

Tony DiGuglielmo

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

May greetings from St. Mary's Branch 45.

Hope you all were able to enjoy the Ice Cream Social at Burr's Fountain on May 1 and also the Chicken and Polenta on May 4. We appreciate your support.

In June, Branch 45 will be hosting the second Sunday social, June 8, after the morning Masses at St. Mary's. Mingle with your friends and enjoy breakfast sweets and beverages.

It's not too early to be thinking about making summer plans; especially when it's for a spectacular Branch 45 event. Join us on Sunday, JULY 13, as we host Monte Carlo



Officers and members of Orange County District enjoyed lunch at the Olive Pit Restaurant after Installation of new officers held at St. Bonaventure Church in Huntington Beach on February 15.



games and a pasta dinner. Beginning at 4:30pm, the Casino will feature a variety of games (blackjack, texas hold'em, bingo, bunco and roulette) for the gambler in you; it's followed by a delicious dinner of two types of pasta, salad, bread and dessert. The cost is \$20.00 for the FUN and the FOOD. Please make your reservation by calling Bruna, 916-515-9380 or Janine, 916-714-6967.

At a glance at future plans, on September 14 we return to our chicken and Polenta menu. Meeting at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm.

Buon Compleanno to members John Waldron, Jacqueline Orosbush, Fern James, Tina Tallman and Ottavio Luchini, our May birthday celebrants.

Happy Mother's Day

Ciao

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

Branch 73 did not meet in March because the date (the 18th) coincided with the parish mission. The branch will meet in April on the 15th. At that time what has been the branch's practice since 2010, offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will be attending a Catholic high school, will be discussed. Those present will also be informed of the financial aspects of the 22 February polenta/chicken dinner. The May meeting will be in the Convent at 7:00 on the 20th.

Inviemo tante auguri de buona salute molta felicità a tutte le madri della Sezione 73 nell'occasione della loro giornata special, l' 11 Maggio. Buon compleanno e tante cose a tutti i soci della sezione nati nel mese di Maggio.

To conclude, we extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Terri Terrio, William Keller, and any other members who have recently been ill.

Robert Delpippo

North Highlands

St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

On Saturday, April 5, our general meeting was held in the Parent Center. At the conclusion of the meeting, members attended Mass together followed by an enjoyable dinner at Brookfields Restaurant.

Our sincere condolences to Maria, Melissa, and Debra Keller on the passing of husband and father, William (Bill) Keller. Bill was



(left) Paul Emerick, Synthia Emerick and Baby Lorenzo Emerick or Branch 217. Sir Bruno Serato, was a guest speaker at Branch 217, on March 19, 2014. An outpouring of donated pasta and spaghetti sauce at Gala Dinner.

a long time Branch 236 ICF member, past officer and past President, as well as, Branch Deputy, he will be truly be missed by all. Please keep the Keller's in your prayers. Please continue to pray for all of our sick members, families and friends.

The ICF Strategic Plan Survey completion deadline was April 23. The online survey will be used to layout the framework for desires and goals of the organization.

An ICF 90th Anniversary Gala celebration Mass will be held on June 22 at the Immaculate Conception Chapel in San Francisco, followed by a catered meal at the Basque Cultural Center. More information to follow.

Happy Birthday to Fran Foglia-Teglia (May 7), Gene Bertolucci (May 16), and Tina Flanders (May 26).

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, in the Parent Center. A Cinco de Mayo themed lunch will be served.

God Bless,

Margie Burke

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Please mark your calendars for our annual branch picnic! This fun event will be held at Regional Park on Dry Creek Road in Auburn on May 18. The day will begin at 11am with an outdoor mass. Hamburgers, hot, dogs, and veggie burgers will be prepared by Chefs Gary and Joe. Members will be asked to provide a dessert, salad, or side dish. We will play games after we eat. More information will be e-mailed to all members.

Our annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on June 1 at St. Teresas. At this time, we will honor a member who has provided outstanding service to our branch. If you wish to nominate someone, please contact Barbara O'Rourke. Members will be asked to provide a potluck item and the branch will provide pasta. More information to follow.

Bollettino Contributor

Pam Andersen

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Greetings! Members of Branch 438 have been busy this Lenten season. Our March 21 branch meeting was very special. Prior to the



The new St. Joseph's statue that was in the Church during Mass before the St. Joseph Table event was processed from the Church to the hall where the St. Joseph's Table was.

The St. Joseph's Table event held at St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista, CA., Branch 229.



Stations of the Cross in our beautiful church, many members gathered together for a simple soup meal with other St. Clare parishioners. Entering the meeting room, branch members were immediately drawn to a beautiful St. Joseph's Table. Planned and prepared by Yvonne Perry, the St. Joseph Table was filled with many wonderful breads and cookies and, of course, the table was dignified, solemn and yet festive! Rev. Martin Ramat joined our group for the blessing of The St. Joseph Table. Proceeds were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

At the Branch meeting Karen and Roger Salstrom treated members and guests to a special slide show presentation of their pilgrimage to Italy last summer. Karen provided us with many historical and interesting facts on various places that she learned during their visit.

St. Clare parishioners enjoyed our Lenten Fish Dinner held in Morris Center on April 11. ICF members prepared and served this special dinner just prior to the Stations of the Cross that Friday evening. Also, take-out orders were available, so many enjoyed their dinners at home. The traditional menu included breaded baked fish fillets, seasoned home fries, hush puppies and Waldorf coleslaw. Desserts were available by donation. We thank Joe Fisher and Michael Fuentes who chaired this successful event. Proceeds were donated to the Diocese of Sacramento Lenten Charities.

Please pray for Branch 438 members who are ill, especially Theresa Brill. We thank you and send our blessings.

San Bernardino

Redlands

Sacred Heart, Br. 217

We began 2014 installing our new Parochial Administrator, Fr. Oscar Reynoso with a beautiful Mass and reception. Branch 217 hosted the annual Installation of Officers for the San Bernardino District on January 18th with a catered reception. The installation was conducted by the Central Council Grand President, Robert Basuino and the Central Council Grand Treasurer, Roslynne Jarrett, was our Marshal. Our Emcee was Jack Grisafe, the San Bernardino ICF District President. We also welcomed our new 2014 Branch President, John Guerin and were overjoyed with the birth of our newest member, Lorenzo Emerick, born February 8th to Paul and Synthia Emerick (photo).

On St. Joseph's Day (March 19th), Branch 217 hosted a formal sit-down Italian dinner to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the ICF and as a kick-off of our new program entitled, "Donare la Pasta" (pasta donation) in which our branch collects packages of dry pasta and jars of spaghetti sauce and donates them on a monthly basis to two local non-profit organizations, A.J.'s Kitchen and the Boys and Girls Club of Redlands. Both organizations have programs in place in which they feed the hungry children of Redlands. Central Council Grand President, Robert Basuino, gave a brief presentation as did Jack Grisafe, the San Bernardino District President. Our Emcee was our own Vice-President, Jean White.

Most importantly, we were honored to have



A closer photo of the Br. 229 St. Joseph held at St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista, CA.

as our guest speaker the renown chef at the White House of Anaheim, Sir Bruno Serato (photo), who is also the founder of Catarina’s Club, which feeds some 1,000 motel children every day. Many will recall Bruno from his presentation at the 2013 Convention in Cathedral City. His presentation at our Gala Dinner moved many to tears. We sold over 200 tickets! Our dinner guests were asked to bring a package of pasta or jar of sauce to the event – the donation tables were overflowing with spaghetti and sauce and the event was an overwhelming success! (Photo)

We are planning a casino trip to San Manuel in May and looking forward to a relaxing summer!

Barbara A. Keough, Attorney

Fontana
St. Joseph, Br. 210

I was absent from this month’s meeting, but was told the Lamb and Ham was excellent. Mauro our, President, said he received a questioner form Central Council for member input for the upcoming workshop in San Francisco. I hope he got some good suggestions. I am planning on attending as a representative of our District. We hope to learn some new ideas for increasing membership, and to see old friends.

I was told the LaMons, Diane and Chuck, will be staying as members of our Branch. They were going to move in with their daughter in Yorba Linda which is too far to travel. They instead opted to rent in Corona. Glad you made that choice Chuck. We would miss you as our Orator. You always do a good job!

Due to a conflict of scheduling and Mother’s Day on our regular scheduled meeting time, there will be no meeting in May. Our next meeting will be the second Sunday of June as usual.

Start looking up some of your favorite recipes for next year’s ICF Calendar. Everyone enjoys the shared recipes from various families.

A Happy Mother’s Day to all our mothers and grandmothers, and a Happy Father’s Day to the men.

Best wishes to the birthday celebrants this month.

God Bless! Ciao!

Jack Grisafe



Branch 230 Breakfast Cooks egg it up for Scholarship Fundraiser.

San Diego
Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

Happy May! Hope you are all enjoying the Springtime!

Please mark your calendars for the following planned upcoming events: an Italian cooking class for sometime in May, A Night in Napoli (pasta dinner/dance) sometime in July, and Branch 229 is bringing back the infamous chicken barbecue in October!

We are still in need of new members!! If you know of anyone, invite them to a meeting and encourage them to become a part of our extended family!

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, the unemployed, and for those in need. When you see a man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military!

Ciao!

Karen Judson

Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Diego
Our Lady of the San Diego, Br. 230

Cari Amici,

Alleluia! He is risen! May the joy and love of Easter live forever in your heart. Buona Pasqua! Branch 230 held it’s annual Pancake Breakfast for Scholarships on Sunday, April 6. Thanks to Mary Lou Terramagra and Theresa Cutri for all their hard work in preparing for the event. Thanks also to our set up crew, Jack Battaglia, Kiki, Fernando, Warren Bozzo, Rosie Dyson, and Joe and Marcia Buompensiero. Thanks to our cooks and dining room workers including Carolann Pollan, Rosalie Tarantino, Maya Colorado, Julie Bolton, Del and Maria Centanni, our Branch Deputy Jody Balestrieri, and our Branch President Sherry Thurston. Thanks also to Maria Tollefson, Pietro Vella and Amanda and James and Jamison Cassidy and Ben Fieck. Thanks to the support of Our Lady of the Rosary we did well at the fundraising event.

Our next General Meeting will be Friday, May 16 at 6:30pm. We should be approving the donation of monies raised at the annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser to Our Lady of the Rosary and we have scheduled an initiation ritual fot new members. Please save the date of Sunday, July 20 for our Branch Picnic at Spanish Landing Park.

Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and for our service men and women.

Pace di Cristo,

Richard Barker

San Francisco
Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Hope all had an enjoyed Easter.

Please note the following events:

May 25 - Branch Mass 10:30am, ICC

June 4 - Monthly meeting 7:00pm. Host: Anna Doyle

June 22 Save the date! ICF 90th Anniversary Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel. Time: 10:30am. Luncheon at Basque Cultural Center. Details TBA.

Happy Mothers Day to all Branch 1 Mothers!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Here I am already writing our May article for the Bollettino! Why is the year flying by so fast? The older we get the faster time passes. When I was a kid, time never passed, it felt like an eternally to get to my birthday. Now it’s always my birthday...what gives!

Our branch #38 will be having our monthly meeting in two days, April 12. We are just starting our “No Bake Sale” fundraiser. All the money we raise will be used for the annual ICF Scholarship Program. We hope that 100% of our members will participate and be as generous as they can. In 2013 we had two deserving young women recipients who truly impressed us at our meetings: Kimberly Verzano and Madeline Lopez. A lot of our members have/had/or will have children, grandchildren, relatives, or friend’s children in college and we know how expense and important that education will be. Please do your best to support the Scholarship Program. By the way, Kimberly and Madeline, keep in touch with us and let us know what’s happening in your college life.

At this April meeting we will be celebrating Easter, the start of the Giants baseball season, and a very special birthday to: Norma Tealdi who will be 98 years young on

April 20, Easter Sunday. We all wish you a very Happy Birthday, dear friend! We pray for your continued good health.

Since our meeting is covering a lot of different occasions, our hard worker Dora Verrachi will be decorating the PC for all the above occasions. The luncheon menu, however, will be strictly Baseball food...hot dogs, potato salad, Peanuts, Cracker Jacks, plus more.

Maybe we’ll sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” too!

I want to take this opportunity to wish “La Mama, la Nonna, e la Zia” a wonderful and happy Mother’s Day. May God watch over and give good health to all dear Mothers who have work so hard at raising and caring for their beloved families.

Last, but certainly not least, welcome back to the ICF Br #38 “ROSE AZZOLINO”. We’re sooo happy to have you with us again!!

May 10 meeting: 10:30 am Board of Directors meeting in the PC, 11:30 am Regular Monthly meeting in the PC.

Ciao!

Ci Vediamo il 10 di maggio!

Mara Amato

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Hope all our members and their families had a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

Please mark your calendars: Sunday, April 27 is Archbishop’s Day. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am at the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi. The address is 610 Vallejo Street, S. F. The Banquet will be held at the S. F. Italian Athletic Cub at 1:00pm. The price is \$ 40:00. Reservations must be in by the deadline of April 18.

On Friday, May 16, we are planning to go to Filoli,s Garden, with a visit to Half Moon Bay.

The Gardens should be beautiful. If interested, please call Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those who have a special day coming up. We wish a very Happy Mother’s Day to all those celebrating Mother’s Day.

Remember these dates:

May 5: Officer’s Meeting

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May 19: Meeting. (N. B.--change in date)
 May 25: Mass
 Ciao.
 Eva Perata, President

**San Francisco
 Corpus Christi, Br. 290**

Dear Members,
 Our May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, preceded by a pot luck dinner. Please join us and bring a favorite food to share with Club members. Jo Wallace will inform members by phone of the time the meeting will be held.
 Remember that our next Champagne-Bingo luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 14. Price of the luncheon is \$25. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939 or Joyce Nuti (415) 586-7879 for reservations. Hope to see you there for an afternoon of fun, food and Bingo.
 Please continue to pray for all members who are not feeling well.
 Happy Mother's Day to all Branch 290 Moms!
 Ciao,
 Jeannette

**San Francisco
 St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

Hope that everyone had a Blessed Easter.
 By the time you read this, we will have had our garage sale. I'll post the results in next month's report.
 A very warm welcome to our new members, Joy and Chris Kosak and their 2 boys.
 The ICF 90th anniversary gala will be held on June 22, 2014, at Immaculate Conception Church. Mass will be at 10:30. Lunch will be at the Basque Cultural Center in So. San Francisco. The cost is \$50 and reservations must be in by June 9. After that date, the cost is \$60. Tables of ten, if purchased by May 30, will \$450. (one check). If you have any questions or wish to make reservations, please call Joe (564-7254) or George (566-8333) Please call as soon as possible.
 Please keep Isabelle Juarez in your thoughts

and prayers. Pray that she will get better quickly.
 God Bless,
 Ann Basuino

**San Mateo
 District Council**

Greetings! Welcome to Spring. Hope it brings warmer weather and May flowers. Many thanks to Branch 7 All Souls, South San Francisco and Father Angel De Heredia for a very special Lenten Night of Recollection followed with delicious refreshments.
 A Reminder:
 Thursday, April 24 -- Next District meeting.
 Sunday, April 27 -- Bishop's Day, 11:00am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, San Francisco. Luncheon to follow at San Francisco Athletic Club. Hosted by the San Francisco District. Will report on this event next month since at this writing it has not taken place. Joining us for lunch will be our Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. Hope to see many of you there. Note: Bus pick up for this event will be 9:30am at St. Mark's, 325 Marine View Ave., Belmont and 2nd pick up will be at Duggans, 500 Westlake, Daly City (park in lower parking lot).
 Calendar of events for 2014: 2nd District Communion, Branch 6. Date to be announced later.
 Chaplain's Night, Branch 6 -- November 7.
 Christmas Holiday Party -- Branch 163.
 ICF 90th Gala -- Sunday, June 22
 Remember in our thoughts and prayers, Father Frank Murray, Rose Marie Sickle, Tom Pollicita, Al Teglia.
 Happy Mother's Day! God Bless All!
 Anne O'Brien

**South San Francisco
 Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

At our dinner meeting on April 2, we all enjoyed a wonderful ham dinner. A big thank you to the cooks, Jeanette Assereto, Jim Eli and all their helpers. Your efforts are always appreciated.

The May dinner meeting will be on the 7th and will be chaired by Gayle Mangini. Gayle will do a wonderful Mexican meal to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo". The meal is always outstanding and we all appreciate the fact that she "steps up to the plate" every year to do this for us.

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 25 and will be our 89th anniversary. We will send out more information on this event as time draws near.
 Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 6. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization.

We would like to extend a warm welcome our new members: Marcie Maffei, Alan Levine and Robyn Risso
 So, until next time, a little thought to ponder... "Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect".
 Have a great summer!
 Sempre Avanti
 Laurie Masetti

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

Along with April showers and some beautiful days, we have an abundance of activities going on this month.
 Mass and brunch was held on 4-6 with Branch 403 Millbrae Brunch was at the Terrace Café.
 4-10-14 Branch Sandwich Supper and meeting. Thank you to Lucy Witherspoon for chairing the supper.
 4-26 Our Spring Fling Fundraiser at OLA Hall 6:00pm Cocktails/Dinner: Pasta and Meatballs 7pm. Reservations: Ctc:Sandra Bennett by 4-22 650-697-4279
 4-27 Bishop's Day S.F. St. Francis of Assisi Chapel with lunch to follow at Italian Athletic Club. Bus availability if not already full. Ctc Barbara Firpo 650-323-0189 \$8
 Hope to see many members enjoying these events.
 Please keep all sick members in your prayers.

God Bless,
 Rosalind C. Emery

**South San Francisco
 St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Our April 8 dinner meeting was hosted by Judy Crosetti and Jackie Smith, who donated the delicious lasagna from Di Napoli Restaurant. Garlic bread and desserts were provided by Barbara Gabriel, Donna DeVoe, and Roberta. Thanks to all who made the dinner

so special, including the Easter table decorations and candy favors! Great job, ladies.
 We all enjoyed our Anniversary Luncheon at the Terrace Café on April 27. Sorry we had to miss S.F. District's Bishop's Day.

This year in lieu of our annual Champagne Bingo in June, we are trying something new and different as our fundraiser. On Saturday afternoon, August 2, we will host a "Magic Show" starring Patrick Martin, an outstanding and talented magician who has performed all over the world. We are in the planning stages now, but flyers with details will be out soon. Hopefully, since this is our only fundraiser, we will get support from our Parish and the other branches.

Convention raffle tickets have been distributed to all members. Remember, we retain \$10 in our branch for each book sold.
 As always, please remember in your prayers our members who are unable to attend our meetings. Give them a call or send a card. Call Jackie Smith (our Sunshine Lady) at 650/992-3505 if you know of any member who is ill or in need of "cheering up".

Our next meeting is on May 13 and will be hosted by Linda Marcelli and Bob Eserini. See you then!
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**Millbrae
 St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

April 6 - At our Branch Communion and Brunch we were joined by our neighboring Branch 173 from Burlingame. Following Mass at St. Dunstan we enjoyed breakfast at the Terrace Cafe in Millbrae.
 April 27 - Bishops Day at St. Francis Assisi Chapel in San Francisco.
 May 25 - Our annual fundraiser spaghetti and meatball dinner to be held in the Parish Center. No host cocktails at 4:00pm, dinner at 5:00PM. Dinner includes antipasto, salad, spaghetti & meatballs, bread, wine, dessert and coffee or tea for \$25 per person. Send reservations and seating arrangements with check payable to ICF #403 by May 20, 2014 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030.

**Marin
 Larkspur
 St. James, Br. 161**

On April 27 six members from our Branch attended Bishop's Day in San Francisco. Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Shrine followed by lunch at the Athletic club.
 On May we will start the evening off with Mass at 6:30pm followed by a mini spuntino in the hall. That evening we will honor scholarship recipients, special members and new members. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

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On March 22, 2014 more than 80 members of the Santa Clara Valley District gathered at St. Claire's Parish for a Lenten Day of Recollection led by Father George Aranha. They broke into small groups and discussed the Year of Grace and What do we celebrate; How do we celebrate (rituals, memories, services, celebrations) and Why do we celebrate. They came together for song and prayer and passed around a Crucifix and candles and used these for meditation. They finally broke into small groups to discuss the Life of Grace specifically sharing what they know about the first year of Pope Francis and how it has influenced their life of faith and spirituality. Lunch was served and then the day was ended with all attending a beautiful Mass.



Upcoming Events:

June 1 – Dinner at Le Chalet Basque

July – Mass at St. Vincent with brunch to follow

Our condolences to Catherine Cecci's family who recently passed away.

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

We wish all the mothers, living or deceased, a very Happy Mother's Day.

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

President Greg Erigero called the April meeting to order. It was wonderful to see Marilyn Hunter there. She has been absent from our dinner meetings for over a year due to health issues. Congratulations to our own Angie McDuffie who recently was honored by the California Parks and Recreation Society District 1. She received the "Volunteerism in Action" award for her work at the Senior

Center in Novato. Please keep Lisa Steiner, Mary Marinello, and Fedora Taormina in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send them cards please contact Pat at red7839@aol.com for their addresses. Bishops' Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church in San Francisco on April 27 at 11:00. Several of our members will be traveling to Italy this summer to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. Tecla & Dino Salvestrin will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Italy with family and friends. They will be renewing their vows at Covolo Church in Crespano del Grappa and host a reception at Ristorante-Trattoria Vettorel in Giavera. Lucille Erigeo will be celebrating her 80th birthday in Italy with her son Greg, daughter-in-law Dana and granddaughter Gina. Jo Baker and Holly Lemos will be informing Our Lady of Loretto parishioners of the benefits of joining ICF at the Parish Ministries information day on May 18. Pedro anyone? Dave Paganini is going to organize a Pedro Club for Branch 332 members. Lessons will begin in May. Come by around 5:00 to play or learn how to play. Thank you to Rick Jones for the beautiful mandolin music and Dave Garbarino for the lively accordion music.

San Jose

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

Our President Anna Gonzalez cooked a delicious Polenta dinner for our April Meeting. Way to go girl!

By the time you receive this article, you should have the 2014 Calendar with the functions of the year. As you go months you will notice TBD. This means you will be notified by the phone committee as to

what will be served. We all like the dinner meetings, however we need volunteers to do some cooking. The dinner does not need to be extravagant. Past is always accepted and in the summer it can be as simple as cold cuts and hot dogs. So hopefully someone will step forward to help out.

You should now have your Convention Raffle tickets. Remember, for each book sold the Branch keeps \$10.00.

May 7- We have the Crowning of the Blessed Mother. After the crowning we will have refreshments in the hall, and a brief meeting to nominate and elect delegates for Convention in Oakland.

June fundraiser, Baby Back Ribs. This is always a great BBQ, and dinner. Donation \$30.00. Children 6-12 years \$15.00. Open to the public.

Our prayers are with our sick members. Sympathy goes out to the family of Armando Maggi. May his soul and all the soul of the departed rest in Peace.

"A real friend is like an Angel who warms you by his or her presence and remembers you in his or her prayers"

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms!

Blessings,

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

The president for the month of May will be Reann Dixon. Thanks to Joe Martinez for being president in April.

May 22, 2014 -- Dinner/Meeting, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm meeting. Menu: sirloin tips over noodles, with all the trimmings. Cost: \$8.00. Please bring your own plates and silverware. Dinner reservations may be made no later than Sunday, May 18, 2014.

The Membership Drive is ongoing. The drive for April is re-scheduled for the end of May. more information in the newsletter and at the meeting. Volunteers will be needed at the Masses, at St. Clare's.

Dates to Remember:

June 22, 2014 -- The 90th Anniversary of the founding of the ICF

June 29, 2014 -- District Mass, 11am at Our Lady of Peace, Santa Clara, outside by the statue of the Blessed Mother.

July 15, 2014 -- ICF Br. 5 BBQ - Important Fundraiser. Volunteers needed.

A tremendous thank you to Fr. Aranha, for a truly inspirational and enjoyable time spent at the Day of Recollection, March 22, at St. Clare's, sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley District Council.

May you have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Hope everyone had a very happy and holy Easter. We had a very successful Scholarship breakfast, and I must on behalf of Roger our president thank everyone for their help in the kitchen and serving the meal. We had great help from a certain seventh grader from St. Mary School who worked all by himself to earn community service hours and was he terrific. Thank you Frankie! And on behalf of Joe Fortino thank you to all who donated to our successful bake sale. We were fortunate to again be able to hold a bake sale and it was Joe who helped our branch to hold one again.

Our next dinner meeting will be on May 19 in Cullen Hall at 6pm.

June meeting will be on June 16, in Cullen Hall at pm.

Our Mark Santos memorial motorcycle run will be on May 31 at Roger and Kathy Santos residence.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Ken Kiser on the passing of his mom and our dear member Bernice.

Pray for our sick and homebound members.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

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The Guests of Wonderland at the Branch 184 Mad Hatter's Ball.



The Famous Chicken (Marie Stalteri Antonowicz) made an appearance in Wonderland and lead the Chicken Dance at the Branch 184 Mad Hatter's Ball.

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

The Mad Hatter's Ball was very special. Didn't you love some of those hats? And the table decorations were so clever, the committee worked hard to make each one unique. President Denise Antonowicz thanks all who helped, and those who attended, for making this event such a success. There were many guests from other branches. How nice to get their support. We do the same, and it brings the branches closer. We need to save some of this enthusiasm for our 50th Anniversary, which will take place October 25, 2014. Stay tuned for more information.

Recently out of the hospital were Joe Yurosko and Ron Meyers. Hope both continue to improve.

Thank you Janet Mannina for stepping up to be our Sunshine Chairman. Long time member Jan Hoy moved to Aptos last year and had to give up this position.

Please plan to attend the beautiful outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church on June 29. The setting is serene, the music heavenly and the Homily always moving.

I hope your Easter Season was Blessed. Please keep our members in your prayers. Special Blessings for all Mothers, Aunts, Grandmothers and Godmothers.

Ciao for now,

Lucy Amico

Los Altos

St. Nicholas, Br. 186

Attention to all members of Branch 186. You will soon be receiving some information in the mail that affects all of us. It is important that you read it thoroughly. June 5 will be a very special meeting to discuss the future of the Branch.

The May meeting was a fun one with all enjoying the enchilada's and Bob's margarita's. So good!

June 29 will be the District Mass 11am at Our Lady of Peace Statue in Santa Clara. For those who would like to attend the lunch at Michel's after Mass, the branch will subsidize \$10.00 of the cost. Call Elaine 650-493-5520 for reservations and more information as to the entrees available.

We have some members who are in need of your prayers. Lena Fontana, Rita Fraguglia, Babe Fraguglia, Chuck Tapella and Joan Freitas. The first three are charter members of the Branch.

Convention raffle books have been mailed out. Get your check and stubs to Bernadette. The branch gets to keep \$10.00 of the \$20.00 cost.

Happy Birthday to Ralph DelPrete, Nino Barbieri, Steve Bianchi, Pat Felice, Rita Fraguglia, Ron Gile and Anne Marcus.

June 5 - Meeting 6:30pm Ice Cream Social School Center

June 18 - Deceased remembrance Mass 8am



Marie Stalteri Antonowicz as the Mad Hatter and Welcomed all to Wonderland at the Branch 184 Mad Hatter's Ball.

St. Nicholas Church.

No Meeting In July

"A mother is the hand that reaches out to help, the smile that comes with each success, the eyes that see us as we are and the heart that wants our happiness."

Happy Mothers Day.

Elaine

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

The April meeting was held after our parish's weekly Lenten soup night. Our Branch prepared Minestrone soup for parish members and guests. The soup was delicious, causing several people to return for seconds. After dinner, members met in Kelly Hall for the monthly meeting. As a way of honoring St. Joseph, a table was set up with a statue of St. Joseph. Members brought flowers and desserts to place on the table. The participation was tremendous; we are likely to continue having the St. Joseph's table at next year's April meeting.

Members welcomed Ed Bertaccini, son of Jo Bertaccini, who was initiated into the Branch at the April meeting. We are looking forward to seeing Ed along with his wife Jennifer, who became a member in March, at our upcoming events.

With the weather warming, Liz Donaldson is organizing members to spruce up the Bocce court for our Thursday evening pot lucks and Bocce playing. This season the courts will be open on the first and third Thursday of the month. This year there will only be a pot luck dinner without any barbeque. Please bring your own drinks since only coffee will be served. Weather permitting, the courts should be ready to open on May 1.

Roz Castello volunteered to distribute convention raffle tickets to members. She is encouraging all to purchase at least one book of tickets and to sell another to family and friends.

Please remember to pray for our sick members during their time of need.

God bless & Happy Mother's Day to all moms!

Rosemary Janis

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our April meeting started off with moist meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, salad, and cookies. Thank you Diana and Al Vallorz, Jeff Prolo, Mary Lipari, and John Rossi for preparing dinner for our April meeting and preparing extra meatloaf for St. Martin's Celebration of Life luncheon. ICF helped at the Celebration of Life event, which was lead by Leslie Plaque and was a wonderful experience for those living in convalescent homes.

Louise Vento's Heritage Report focused on discrimination in the Bay Area before the civil rights movement. Also, in honor of St. Martin's 100th anniversary, Louise is collecting memorable photographs taken throughout the years at St. Martin's.

We will be holding elections for this year's convention delegates, so think about whom you would like to represent Branch 391. Thank you Susan Busco for being our first email point person. If you check your email regularly, please give your email address to Linda Pfahl for meeting reminders.

Reminders: (1) If you haven't yet paid your membership dues, contact Tina Rossi or Marcie Rossi. (2) If a telephone committee member leaves you a voice message, make sure that you return the call. We need an accurate headcount for our dinner meetings.

Upcoming events: May 18 International Heritage Day and Ravioli Dinner at St. Martin.

Ciao,

Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

The 2014 PASTA Dinner raised \$1248 to support the Funding of the Resurrection School Science Camp and an additional \$75 to support our Seminararians. We had a good turnout and plenty of delicious food.

Thanks to our Chefs Mike Kunz, Brenda Robbins, Fred Petralia and John Parker and all of our volunteers who helped with this event.

Our Spring ICF/Parish Blood Drive hosted over 44 Donors and we have now doubled our donations to the local Blood bank. Our next blood Drive will be on Sunday, June 1. Please pray for donors.



Branch 408 Pasta Dinner proceeds go to the 5th grade. Seen here are Bob Ong, Mary Jo Dimuccio, and Pierce W.

Our next District Event will be the Our Lady of Peace Outdoor Mass on June 22 at 11am held under the statue of Our Blessed Lady in Santa Clara. This is a beautiful Mass with Fr. George Arahna Presding. Luncheon will follow at Michael’s at Shoreline.

Violetta Daniles has obtained a very interesting DVD telling the Story of St. Jospheh of Cupertino. We hope to organize a Pizza and Movie night in the Double Alcoves after a 5pm Saturday vigil Mass – stay tuned for more information on this.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for a Special Intention, Larry Quaglia and Aldo Lucaratti.

Have a good month!

Morgan Hill

**Santa Caterina D’Allesandria,
Br. 435**

In March our branch enjoyed a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings that was prepared by Jim Friebe and crew.

We also honored St. Joseph by decorating a beautiful St. Joseph table. Our membership baked many, delicious desserts that we all enjoyed tremendously.



The St. Joseph table from Branch 435 at its St Patricks Day dinner. During the Heritage portion of St Patricks Day dinner we were treated with numerous delicious desserts baked by our membership.

asked to share their family traditions for Easter.

We are already talking about the Napa Fair that will be held in July this year. Members serving must attend a meeting held by the ABC Board to be certified.

Our May Dinner will be Ham and potluck.

Ciao,
Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa

St. Rose, Br. 18

We honor Mother’s Day by supporting Sonoma County Life Pregnancy Services and by donations of new infants and childrens clothing. We still collect used eyeglasses for the Lions and Lenscrafters “Gift of Sight” program which provides eyewear for the needy.

We are planning for our August 16 Dinner Dance to be held at the Scottish Rite Center. It promises to be yet another night of very good food, good company and a fine live dance band. Last but not least, an all cash raffle. Much effort and hard work goes into these fund-raisers. The income from such events help us fund our ICF Scholarship program, donations to Cooley’s Anemia research, Catholic Charities, Yountville Veterans Home’s Pathway House and Handicapables. Be on the lookout for new members, we always welcome them with open arms.

As we approach Holy Week, let us remember all in need of our prayers and good thoughts.

Buona Pasque a tutti!
Marie Canale

Healdsburg

St. Francis di Sales, Br. 52

In April, Br. 52 had another successful Polenta Dinner, the last one for the season. Our next Polenta Dinner will be in November. We also had a successful Pancake Breakfast on April 13. It’s a lot of fun to attend Mass and then get together for breakfast with fellow branch members and parishioners.

Upcoming Events:

May 6: Branch meeting in the Rectory. 7:00pm. All members are welcome to attend.

May 9: Mother’s Day Dinner. Price: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. Call Dee 433-5454 or Carol 433-2007 for your tickets.



June 3: Branch meeting in the Rectory. 7:00pm. All members are welcome to attend.

June 22: Parish BBQ. The member newsletter will have more details.

October 12: 1st Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner. Golfers (and non-golfers) mark the date. More details in the upcoming months.

Happy Mother’s Day!
Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L’Annunciata, Br. 75

The special highlight of our March meeting was Heritige Night with a demonstration from our eldest member, Louis Guglielmino (92) on how to make Limoncello and Arancello. His wife, Patch, brought her specialty, a thin, crisp, Italian cookie to go with it. Stuffed mushrooms and St. Paddy’s day cookies were also part of the venue. What a wonderful way to end a meeting!

Carmen Kilcullen and Robert Aquistapace are determined to get us up to speed on “The ICF Way” and we’re doing our best to grow in knowledge and spirit.

Our next meeting has been moved to the 2nd Thursday in April and features a Lenten Soup Night. Bon Appetite!

Patsy Buchignani

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

At our April meeting, we spent some of the money we earned in Feb. and March. We sent \$ 400 to Central Council for Scholarships, \$500 to Coolie’s Anemia, and \$300 to Gifts of Love. We also gave \$300 to Arcata House, and set aside \$500 for a Scholarship to St. Bernard’s High.

Coming attractions: Mass for the Deceased, with a dinner meeting on 5/7 at 6pm, Biscotti Sale 5/17-18, June meeting 6/4 at 7pm, Mother’s=Father’s Day Progressive Dinner 6/22 starting 2:30pm.

Happy Birthday Jacqueline Aseltine. Please pray for our ill: Fr. Ron, Iona Ross, Lucille Fraga, Charlene and Lorlys Dean. Please also remember Lynn Novarro in the loss of her son Anthony.

In May, we honor our Mothers and our Veterans. Mary lost her Son for the benefit of all mankind. In a slightly different way, many other mothers have given up their sons for the benefit of our Country and all



Maureen Magniaco-Dutil and her publicity board for Branch 103.

mankind. We are so thankful for the love and the sacrifices of our Mothers. We also pray for many Blessings on our Veterans who laid down their lives to keep us free to worship (each in his own way). Thank you to ALL of our veterans. Thank you Mary, Mother of God and us all.

Ciao

Linda

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Our branch looks forward to the announcement of our 3 scholarship winners for this year. It is anticipated that each scholarship will be given in memory or in honor of 3 of our members.

Trustee Maureen Magniaco-Dutil is displaying her fantastic ICF information board, which is designed to attract new members.

The May menu is scheduled to be antipasti, ravioli, and dessert, with red and white wines, but remember our chefs are artists and have the right to change their minds. For reservations, call Lila, 996-3448.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

The months are just flying by. Our weather is constantly changing, but isn't it great to have the warmth of the rain and the beautiful sunshine that follows. I love this time of the year. Watching the leaves coming out on the maple trees and watching our gardens grow. Hopefully, I hope that our Branch will grow with new members this year.

Supporting our President Bruno is very important as we cannot succeed if he doesn't have your support. And honestly we have a great group of members, so attend the meetings and all the events if you can.

Our last dinner, St. Joseph's Table, was a huge success. We want to thank the Cresci and Orlando families for the wonderful dinner and celebration we had. They have been chairing this dinner for many years and a lot of love and hard work goes into it. We also want to thank all who helped in any way to make it a success. The food was outstanding and the people who attended had a great time.

Our next dinner is the Chicken Cacciatore Dinner to be held on Saturday, May 24 in St. James Church Hall at 6:15pm - Those who have attended in the past know what a great dinner this is. Plan to attend. Cost: Adults \$16 Children under 12 yrs. of age \$5. Reservations: Louise 769-7389 or Spence 763-9082.



Rev. Michael Kelly, Chaplain, Branch 103.

Best wishes for a quick recovery go to Frank Cresci, who has suffered a stroke and who is in the hospital in San Rafael. We ask that you keep him in your prayers. Our condolences to Susan O'Connor on the loss of her mother and to Tony Orlando, on the loss of his son.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

May 12 - Pizza/Bingo Nite. Room 9 at 6:00pm - Cost \$5 for pizza and bring money for Bingo.

May/June - Bakeless Bake sale fundraiser - Send in your donation.

May/June - ICF convention raffle tickets

Sun., June 8 - Quarterly Communion Mass for Living and Deceased. St. Vincent's Church 10:30am with breakfast/lunch to follow. More info later.

Happy Mothers Day! Mothers are the loves of our lives, let us remember them on this special day.

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

Ciao

Louise Vicino

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our March meeting was called to order by President Joe Bonino. After opening prayer and flag salute Marian read the minutes of the January meeting; approved as read.

We then discussed our "March Madness" fund raiser for the St. Bernard scholarship fund. Joe suggested that a variety of gift baskets to be raffled also and to bring them to the next meeting.

Next on our agenda was to talk about the July 4th fireworks sales. Because of the increase in our overhead, we are wondering if it is worth the effort to have it again. Last year we were not able to give as much to the St. Bernard church and school as well as Sacred Heart church and our lodge. We will continue to discuss ways to decrease the overhead in order to increase our profits.

Our anniversary dinner was held at the Samoa Cookhouse. The turnout was fair, but those who attended enjoyed the food and visiting with each other. It was nice to see members of Arcata branch; thank you for attending.

Joe also gave a presentation of the history of the Newman Center, and stressed how important their presence is. Joe said that there is a very strong group at Humboldt State

University.

A big thank you to Lora Canzonieri for putting together a beautiful basket for the raffle at the dinner.

Please continue to pray for all our members and their families, especially for Nancy Brunner and her family for the passing of her grandson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Our next meeting will be May 11. This will be a pizza potluck, along with the presentation of our scholarship award winner. We hope to see you there.

Much peace and good health to you all.

Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers & Sisters

With the Easter celebration behind us we look forward to our late Spring and early Summer events.

Our branch gave 8 first year scholarships and we enjoyed having the recipients and their families at our May dinner meeting. We are also giving a 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship this year.

The Federation as a whole, is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan for the future of the ICF. The meetings of representatives will be on May 17 and 18. Please read the Bollettino for the outcomes from these meetings. The results could affect all of us.

Future events for us include:

May 6---8:00am Mass for ICF

June 2--- Fathers Day potluck in the Parish Life Center 6:30pm.

June 15---7:30 am Mass for ICF

Please keep these members in our prayers: RoseAnne Sikes, Dolores Neil, Frank Castelli, Vic Torchio Sr. and Joe Saludes.

Happy Mothers Day!

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

Our April meeting began with a Seder Meal and accompanying program explaining the meaning of the meal. We would like to express thanks to Jackie & Dante Corsetti who put a great deal of effort into this presentation. Many thanks, also, to Tia & Bud Polley, Roy & Leona Spadoni and Mike Falvey, who had also prepared and participated in the meal presentation. We were all extremely impressed.

District President Dante Corsetti had the pleasure of initiating two new members – Kathy Campbell and Billy Gregori. We welcome them to Branch 209.

At the April 27 District Meeting hosted by Healdsburg Branch 52, members welcomed our new District Chaplain, Rev. Fergal McGuinness, of St. Peter's Parish in Cloverdale.

By the time you read this, our Annual Fish Fry will be history. It was a complete sell-out with a waiting list. Thanks to those Branches whose attendance is and was appreciated!

On May 24 an "Anointing of the Sick Mass" will be held at St. Sebastian's 5 p.m. Mass with a reception to follow. We will be helping with the reception.

Upcoming:

May 6 -- Board Meeting

13 Regular Meeting/Mother's Day/Scholarship Dinner

18 Bocce Tournament

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Stockton

District Council

Bishop's Day was a huge success under the direction of Br 139 Past President Anna Mello. Bishop Stephen Blaire presided Saturday, March 29th at a beautiful celebration of mass at St. Anthony's Parish. Concelebrating was Reverend Pat Walker, Pastor of St. Anthony's and Reverend Dante Dammay, Parochial Vicar, with the Stockton District's Chaplain, Carl Welsbacher, acolyte. The Knights of Columbus was present for a spectacular entrance and dismissal. Music was provided by Emelie Diaz and Tom Rogers. Following mass guests enjoyed appetizers and a delicious meal prepared by Tony and Ida Queirolo and served by St. Anthony's Junior High students. Marco Galeazzi was Master of Ceremonies and Sister Wanda Billion, Director of Seminarians and Deacon Formation, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the diocese's ten seminarians. Bishop Blaire was presented with two spiritual bouquets. Jillian Ramirez, kindergartener, presented a special spiritual bouquet containing each student's name from St. Anthony school. In addition to the spiritual bouquets, a substantial burse was presented for the education of the seminarians. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of all five branches, this year's burse exceeded all preceding years. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work.

Save The Date:

June 22 – 90th Anniversary Gala Celebration San Francisco.

"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." — Abraham Lincoln

Happy Mother's Day!

Karen Rosson

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Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very nice turn out for our St. Joseph’s Table Celebration. We visited with friends and shared some very delicious food. As always we had some great fun with our raffle. You never know what will be in gift since most are wrapped so that you can’t see what is in them. The proceeds from the raffle are given to St. Vincent De Paul.

A couple of our members attended the polenta dinner at Br. 395 in Stockton and had a very enjoyable evening.

The Bishop’s Burse in Manteca was beautiful done. It was a very nice mass, it was great to see the children who help serve the dinner and the food was great.

Dante Galeazzi attended our April meeting with his grandson. He gave us some helpful information on upcoming events.

We start the month of May with the district meeting at Br. 395 in Stockton. At our May 14 meeting we will have a Mother’s Day potluck. Come join us and bring your family and friends.

Our bake sale will be May the 17 – 18 and will need our members help with the baking and the sale.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Nancy Souza and her family in the loss of her Father.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday May 4, 2014 and Sunday June 1, 2014 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:

May 4 -- 1:30pm, District Meeting, Br. 395, Stockton

May 14 -- 6:00pm, Mother’s Day potluck and meeting

May 17 / 18 -- Bake Sale

Cecelia McGhee

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Saturday, May 17 is the date of our 11th St. Bernard’s Gala, which is always our parish’s big fund-raiser for the New Church Site Building drive and the highlight of the year. The theme chosen this year is “The Vatican.” A large contingency of ICF members volunteer and lend their many talents, their time and energy in making this a very successful and elegant night, cooking and baking the food, decorating, promoting the event and donating auction items. Tickets and information are available by calling our parish office 209-835-4560.

Our branch is contributing to both the live and silent auction again this year, and all the many foodies at the event will be bidding for these fabulous items: Live auction prize is an elegant gourmet dinner for 10, prepared and served to them by ICF members. Silent auction prize is a “Dinner-To-Go” for a party of 10 - the winner will take home an array of platters and fun kitchen accessories and a spectacular authentic Italian dinner will be prepared and delivered by our members on the night of their choice.

April’s monthly dinner meeting celebrated “Heritage Night” and arrangements made by charter member Rita Baretta included a darling parade of children, which started off the festivities, and featured soccer uniform-clad players from our parish. Italian heritage memories were then shared through photos, slide shows, movies and a video. Medals were then presented to honor special members. This was followed by a delicious dinner of ravioli, Italian baked chicken, veggies, salad and bread. Members also provided both the appetizers and desserts.

Branch 390 members are making plans to attend the ICF’s 90th Anniversary Gala on June 22 in San Francisco.

Ciao,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Church of the Presentation, Br. 395

The Bishop’s Burse for the Stockton District was held March 29 at St. Anthony’s Church in Manteca. Branch 395 was honored to present Bishop Stephen E. Blaire with a check for \$2,500 for the education of our seminarians. Due to the hard work of our members, we have had a successful fund-raising year. Upcoming events:

May 4 the Stockton District meeting will be hosted by Branch 395 in Guadalupe Hall at 1:30pm.

May 8 - Branch meeting at 6:00pm in St. Joseph’s Meeting Room. Scholarships will be presented to the chosen recipients and a we will be having a pot luck dinner.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Josephine Weber, President

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

Our St. Patrick’s Day Corn beef Sandwiches were a hit! We served over 100 sandwiches and had no leftovers or waste. There were a few people who liked the sandwiches, but would have preferred the corn beef and cabbage meal.

Everyone enjoyed the event, especially our cooks and servers.

Easter is upon us, and we wish everyone of you a beautiful Easter blessing.

Now, it is time to look ahead to our BBQ Dinner in June. The event will be on June 28th, and there will be BBQ steak, home-cooked beans, a vegetable, salad, bread, and a delicious dessert. A ticket is \$20 for an adult and children 12 and under are free. We will be serving hot dogs or hamburgers for the 12 and under crowd. The bar will be no-host and we will have a DJ playing country music favorites. Hope you will come and join us.

This year in August, Branch 413 will celebrate its 20th Anniversary! Time slips by quickly.

May God bless us all with safety in our travels and our daily tasks.

Ciao,

Annette Pachinger for

Robert Pachinger, Correspondence Secretary

Tucson

Green Valley

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

At our March meeting our hearts were touched by our Pastoral Associates’ recitation of the conditions and needs in an orphanage operated by an order of nuns in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico...just 40 miles from our comfortable, secure existence. We had previously donated \$1,000 to support the orphanage...but upon learning of the magnitude of current needs our hearts and wallets were opened to an impromptu “pass the hat” collection...the ICF at work.

Our St. Joseph’s Table meatless dinner was a modest success. All proceeds went to the Food Bank. We need to market the event more effectively. On March 30, a group of 23 carpooled 60 miles to attend mass at the Benedictine Monastery near St. David, AZ. This annual activity offers the opportunity to walk the grounds, meditate, socialize and play games, plump the collection basket and have a delicious afternoon meal with the Abbot.

Branch Member Bill Dale escorted 90 year old WWII veteran Mike Hill on an Honor Flight to Washington DC. Mike served in the Marines from 1942 – 45 in the Pacific. A salute to Mike and Bill for their service. Our April cookie sale of more than 360 dozen homemade cookies, highlighted by biscotti and pizzelles, was a sell-out... more funds for charitable works.

We look forward to our May picnic in Madera Canyon... the last organized activity before we take our summer break.

Barbara Barton

BOOK REVIEW
Robert Pachinger
Branch 413

A Father Who Keeps His Promises:
God’s Covenant Love In Scripture

By

Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

Servant Books, 293 pages

I am sure that many of us who have attempted to read the Bible have not successfully completed reading it in its entirety. Some may have read a few books in the Bible without fully understanding what is written in the pages. A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God’s Covenant Love In Scripture is a road map to help place the stories in the Bible in perspective. As St. Augustine stated, “The New Testament is concealed in the old and the Old Testament is revealed in the New.” Dr. Hahn’s book teaches us how to understand the language and stories in the Old Testament that culminate with Christ.

Dr. Hahn begins by explaining certain concepts. The key to understanding the Old Testament is to keep in mind that the inspired words that we read are all about salvation history. God loves us and wants

us to love Him. Therefore, He saves us over and over again. The other concept that is introduced is the concept of the covenant. Covenant is not a term that is used generally in our vocabulary. It is found in contract language and is sometimes applied synonymously as a contract. In biblical terms, a covenant is much more than a contract. A covenant involves God and the willingness to be punished by Him if we break the covenant. A covenant also means an exchange of persons. In other words, persons who enter into a covenant became family. Following this concept, understand that God is our father not simply a judge (2 Cor 6:16 – 18). God’s laws and judgments should be seen as fatherly love and wisdom. The Jews, throughout biblical times, and the early church fathers understood the meaning of a covenant. The traditions were fresh in their minds and hearts to the point that no explanation was needed to understand the stories. However, time has erased the old traditions. What was understood and therefore needed no explanation now is not understood. Without the deeper understanding of what is transpiring in the biblical narrative, the words are rendered to interesting stories. As Dr. Hahn explains, we must try to understand what the ancient inspired writers are trying to tell us. We should not try to throw a modern voice into the narrative. We miss the point if left to our own interpretation.

The Bible begins with the Creation. We all know the story. Right? Take a closer look with salvation history and covenant in mind. On day one, God created light and separated it from the dark. This is how earthly time was created. On the second day, God separated the sky and seas. This is how space was formed. On the third day, God created land and vegetation, this is how life began. Now we have time, space, and life, which can be called realms. We also have the essentials for human life, light, water, and food. The realms need rulers. On day four, God made the sun, moon, and stars to rule over the day and night (time realm). On day five, God made the fish and birds to fill skies and seas (spatial realm). On day six, God created animals and man to rule the biotic realm. What God created on the first three days matches perfectly with the creation on the next three days. This parallel construction was understood in Moses’ day. Our understanding of the seventh day is that God rested; as if God really needed rest. More importantly, He also blessed and hallowed the seventh day (Gn 2:2-3). He made this day the sign of the covenant. This is why we were commanded to remember and keep it.

As time goes on in the Bible, God expands the breadth of His covenant. The first covenant was made with Adam in form of a marital bond under the sign of the Sabbath. The second covenant was made with Noah and his household under the sign of the rainbow. The third covenant was made

with Abram with the sign of circumcision. God’s family was now enlarged to tribal proportions. The fourth covenant was made with Moses signified by the Passover. God’s family was now the nation of Israel. The fifth covenant was made with David, under the everlasting throne of the Son of David and elevated Israel to a kingdom. The sixth covenant was made by Jesus Christ with the Eucharist as the sign of the New Covenant. God’s family was universal (Katholikos in Greek) otherwise known as the Catholic Church.

A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God’s Covenant Love In Scripture is profound. It does not introduce new concepts, as the Catholic Church has always known this (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part One, Section One, Chapter Two). The liturgy of the Mass always includes a reading of the Old Testament that points to the New Testament. However, for those of us who wish to delve into the Bible in greater depth, Dr. Hahn’s book helps us to truly hear God’s message in the inspired scripture.

Robert Pachinger is a guest columnist
from Branch 413, St. Patrick’s, Angel’s
Camp

Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of year has come again to consider running for Central Council. This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members.

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

- 1) Central Council Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
- 2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by August 1st. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.
- 3) Present Central Council Members attend the Convention as Delegates-At-Large.
- 4) The deadline for Candidate Photo and Statement of Purpose to appear in the Bollettino is also August 1st.

Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

Hospitalization Committee Candidates

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

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

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

- 1) Hospitalization Committee Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
- 2) Candidates for election to the Hospitalization Committee must declare their candidacy by August 1st. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.

Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

Branch 191, St. Francis Cabrini

Better late than never. These photos were received just under the wire for publication. They didn't make it into their section, but did find a home right here.



Ed Bertaccini was initiated into Branch 191 at the March meeting. Mike Nunziata and Jim Jones did the initiation; Jo Bertaccini, Ed's mother and Jennifer Bertaccini, Ed's wife were there to congratulate him.



Branch 191 served their famous Minestrone soup to St. Frances Cabrini parishioners and guests at the Lenten weekly soup night.



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Branch 191's St. Joseph's dessert table.

A Moment to Remember a Friend and former Brother of ICF

The LAADC and I would like to take a moment and celebrate the life of former ICF Member Ronald K. Ferrara (12-16-41 to 4-9-2014) past President of Branch 67 at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Los Angeles who passed to his eternal reward on April 9, 2014 and was buried on April 16, 2014.

"Ron was a Father, Husband, Veteran, Entertainer, and Elected Business Manager who grew up in El Sereno graduating from Wilson High School. As a professional actor/musician he shared the stage with acts such as Little Richard and The Standells. Ron served in the Navy on the USS Kitty Hawk, is a UCLA Alumni and loved his family, music, travel, food, event planning and the LA Clippers as a season ticket holder. He held positions in management with Local 19 IBEW, DWP and SEIU. Post retirement he held positions including President of the Italian Catholic Federation and AMVETS Irwindale post. Ron was also involved with several charitable organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Wounded Warriors and US Veterans. He leaves behind his wife Deanna and sons Nicholas and Vincent." See ... <http://ourhope.cityof-hope.org/fundraise?fcid=312365>

As friends and fellow ICF members, we wish Ron's family our deepest condolences and will keep Ron and his family in



our prayers. Ron, thank you for your hard work and perseverance, you are an inspiration to all of us.

Sincerely, your brother in Christ,
Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA / President
Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council
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Time to Plan For the 2014 Convention in Oakland

The 2014 Annual ICF Convention will be held Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center, in Oakland, California.

The theme for this year's Convention is: "Honoring The Past As We Envision Our Future".

Reservations can be made at the Marriott Oakland City Center by calling (800) 228-9290. The hotel is located at 1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607. Visit the link to hotel reservations www.marriott.com on the ICF website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

The room rate is \$119.00 Single Occupancy plus 14% (subject to change) tax. \$119.00 Double Occupancy plus 14% (subject to change) tax. Please use the group name "Italian Catholic Federation" or Convention Code "ICFICFA" when booking your reservation.

With your reservation you receive complimentary self parking and transportation to/from Oakland Airport.

Reservations must be made by August 8, 2014. After that the rate will not be honored, nor will there be a guarantee of rooms.

For transportation, the Oakland Int'l Airport is approximately 10 miles southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.oaklandairport.com

Transportation to/from San Francisco: San Francisco Int'l Airport is approximately 20 miles west from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.flysfo.com.



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