



# BOLLETTINO



## ICF Float a Hit at SF Columbus Day Parade

On Sunday, October 12, 2014, the Heritage Committee of the Italian Catholic Federation participated in the San Francisco Columbus Day Parade.

It took two days to set up, but the Heritage Committee under the float leadership of CC Member Denise Antonowicz and Committee Chair Franklyn Lopes, Jr., created a beautiful Italian display that danced and handed out candy along the parade route. The float would not have been a success without the driving skills of CC Life Member Jim Friebe.

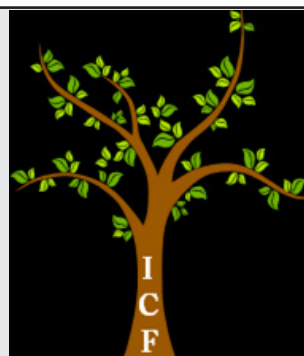
Many helped in the planning and execution of the float including: CC Grand Treasurer Roselynn Jarrett; Maryann Friebe; CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi; CC Member Marco Galeazzi; Michele Antonowicz; Marie Antonowicz; Diane Galeazzi; Russ and Louise Vento; and Joann Maggiora.

If you are interested in having a float for a parade in your area please contact the Heritage Committee.



## Branching Out

by Anne Interrante  
CC Member, Public Relations  
Committee Member



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

Branch 291, Arroyo Grande, California started a Registration Assistance Program to promote parochial Catholic education and encourage the goals and objectives of the ICF among Catholic families in their community.

The program is offered to families who are active participating members of their branch who have children enrolled in a parochial Catholic school which requires an academic year pre-registration fee. Families wishing to take part in this program become involved in fundraising activities of the branch and attend at least five meetings.

The branch has a Spaghetti Dinner three times a year that raises money specifically to support this program.

While the branch is promoting Catholic education in their community, they are

also welcoming in many more families to become involved branch members.

Branch 425, Green Valley, Arizona hosts a Free Italian Dinner once a year and every parishioner is invited to attend. The weekend before the dinner a branch member makes a pulpit announcement at all Masses inviting everyone to dinner compliments of the ICF. They sign up for the dinner at a table outside Mass. The table also displays information boards and flyers that publicize all the great things that ICF has to offer.

At the dinner, branch members are assigned to sit at different tables to make sure all guests feel welcome. All guests are introduced and asked to share a little about themselves.

A short meeting takes place so guests find out more about the branch as well as a presentation about the ICF organization as a whole.

This annual event not only builds great community within their parish, but also gains many new members for their branch.

Look for "Branching Out" on page 3 next month. *The Bollettino* will also be adding a new feature next month called "Seminarian Small Talk," featuring a profile of a current seminarian each month. Let us know what you think!

## Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

**I**t's that time of year again! Our Convention is a pleasant memory of good times spent with friends, and of course, meeting new friends. We have been working very hard on planning our Fall Bishops' Days. I have had the honor to be present in San Diego, Santa Clara, Las Vegas and Los Angeles, while Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., represented me in Fresno, Santa Rosa and Sacramento; and Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Andy Pappani, has represented me in San Bernardino. All three of us have enjoyed spending time with all of you and taking part in your celebrations honoring the Bishops of your Dioceses.



During this same time the Heritage Committee was very busy participating in the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey and the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco. The committee designed and built two wonderful floats representing the I.C.F. The committee is doing a great job of getting the I.C.F. name out to our communities. If your area is having a Festa, contact the Heritage Committee and see if they can help you participate and help make the I.C.F. a household name.

Now that we are into the month of November, I know that our attention is being placed on planning our family gatherings. If you are like my family, we are pulling out Nona's recipes for all to enjoy. If you are looking for a new recipe to try, look at our ICF 2015 Calendar because this year we are sharing our family with your family, and who knows, you may start a new tradition.

From my family to all of you, we hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. And please create memories that you will carry with you for many years to come.

BUON GIORNO DEL RINGRAZIAMENTO!!!!!!!



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**UPCOMING:**

**2014 Bishops' Days:**

- Nov. 2 Las Vegas
- Nov. 9 Los Angeles
- Dec. 7 Reno

**2015 District Installations:**

- Jan. 4 Stockton
- Jan. 10 Santa Clara Valley
- Jan. 11 San Francisco
- Jan. 17 San Bernardino  
San Mateo
- Jan. 18 East Bay
- Jan. 20 Marin
- Jan. 24 Blessed Sacrament
- Jan. 31 Santa Rosa
- Feb. 8 Los Angeles (includes San  
Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley  
and Santa Barbara/Ventura)
- Feb. 8 San Diego
- Feb. 10 Las Vegas
- Feb. 15 Orange
- Feb. 21 Tucson
- Feb. 22 Fresno
- Jan. 31 Joint Installation of Br. 144,  
Arcata and Br. 145, Eureka

**2015 Bishops' Days:**

- Feb. 21 Tucson
- Mar. 7 Orange
- Mar. 28 Stockton
- Apr. 12 San Francisco (San Francisco,  
San Mateo & Marin)
- Oct. 11 Santa Rosa

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send things for the Bollettino  
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# Pope Francis ICF Member?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
ICF Spiritual Director  
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The more I hear and read about Our Holy Father, the more I am impressed by him. He is an amazing person! He so captivates me that sometimes I find it difficult to believe there is such a person. I want to make him a member of the ICF. His life and approach to life are absolutely so much on target that he overwhelms me. He expresses himself as if he were being prompted by Jesus Himself.

I am so thrilled to be alive during the time of Pope Francis. He truly lives as the Vicar of Christ. There is no big show, no earthshaking announcements, no bombastic condemnations. He is the most perfect example of the love that Jesus showed the world.

One day a man asked Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to the man, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

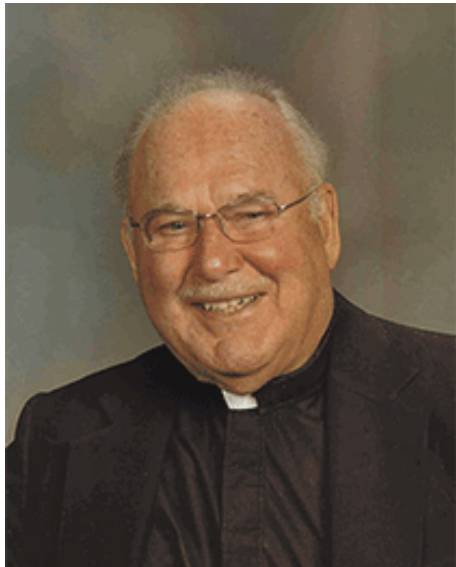


The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Pope Francis lives these commandments to the fullest. His is a ministry of love, acceptance, and forgiveness, to everyone. Yes, to everyone, the good, bad and indifferent.

Would that we could follow the Pope's example in our everyday lives. Yes, we believe what Jesus said and we hope we are following his commandment of love. Sometimes it is hard, though, to love our neighbor. If someone hurt our feelings or offended us in some way, do we have the courage to love that person or do we try to get revenge?

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." There is no one that we love more than we love ourselves. Think about it. We live an "I" life. I am happy, I am sad, I am hungry, I am sick, I am tired, I am hurt, I am, I am, I am. To love someone who offended us is hard. Why? It takes a lot of effort. It is easy to love someone we like. That takes no effort at



all. But to love someone we don't like takes a lot courage, fortitude and commitment to God's law of love. That means we don't gossip about people, of we don't seek revenge, we don't take pleasure in the bad that may happen to a person, we offer forgiveness, we treat all people with equal kindness and compassion.

Got questions? Just look to Pope Francis and the way he lives his life. He is kind, loving, accepting, so inspiring. He would make a great member of the ICF!

## The Perfect Gift -- Membership

Nina Malone  
Committe Chairperson  
CC Life Member

Being part of the Italian Catholic Federation has been a blessing in my life since I was a little girl; too young, at that time, to even officially join the organization. I was only 7 years old when my mother and father became charter members of our branch in 1968, but we knew right from the beginning that we had found an extended family. I'm happy to say that we now have a family membership program that does not discriminate between the old, young or those of us who are somewhere in between. But some of my fondest memories of my childhood revolve around the wonderful times shared with my family and the many friends gained by our active participation in the ICF.

So, as we quickly are coming to the end of another year and look forward with optimism toward 2015, there are so many things to get accomplished; homes to decorate, holiday parties to attend, and lots of shopping to be done... As we struggle to find that "perfect" gift for someone we love or for that friend who has everything, think about what we treasure most as Italians and as Catholics... the answer to this question may be right in front of us; membership in the ICF!

The following is an excerpt from "Christmas Italian style - credit where credit is due" by Robert A. Masullo - Sacramento Bee Staff Writer; Dec. 20, 1987

"Although the U.S. has derived Christmas

traditions from all European countries, it is usually Germany (Christmas trees) and England (Christmas cards and plum pudding) that get the most credit.

Growing up in an Italian-American family, I suspected Italy must have its share of contributions. Start with the celebration itself. The earliest known Christmas did not take place until 336 A.D. - in Rome. Italians were the first to observe Christmas. They set the date. Christ's actual birth is unknown, but Rome's fourth-century Christians chose Dec. 25 to counter pagan holidays, honoring Saturn and Calends, which fell then.

By the middle ages, Christmas had diminished to a minor holiday. But in 1223 Italy revitalized it with the introduction of an artifact that remains popular throughout the Christian world. That year, Francis of Assisi, Italy's patron saint, asked Giovanni Vellita to prepare the first-ever prespio (Nativity set) for the hermitage at Greccio. Soon afterwards, Nativity sets were put up in churches throughout Europe. Some 500 years later two Neapolitans, King Carlo III and Gregorio Maria Rocco (a Dominican friar) extended their use to homes and public places.

The most important Italian tradition is the centering of the holiday around the family; summed in the maxim: "Natale festeggialo coi tuoi/ Capodanno con chi vuoi" ("Christmas you celebrate with your own/New Years with whomever you like"). Like many Italian traditions, this is spiritually rooted. Italians see Christ's birth underscoring the unity of Joseph, Mary and Jesus' family."

**High Five!**

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

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Fresno        | +31 |
| Central Coast | +27 |
| Los Angeles   | +14 |
| Contra Costa  | +13 |
| San Fernando  | +5  |

**Membership Stats as of  
September 30, 2014:**

**10,743**

**Members as of July 1, 2014:**

10,454 = overall gain of 19  
members!

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| New:                  | 171  |
| Reinstated:           | 18   |
| Transfer in/out:      | 3    |
| Deceased:             | -61  |
| Cancelled:            | -105 |
| Non-payment >12 mos.: | -4   |

There are so many other things that play into the traditions of each of our families, whether they are Italian or otherwise. The foods we eat, the music we love to sing and the dance that makes our toes tap all bring us to a warm place of tradition. But we all hold a common thread in the prayers we pray, our love of Jesus Christ and our love for one another. That's what makes the ICF special; we are family. Is there a more perfect gift you could give anyone? Give them the chance to become part of something much bigger than themselves and give them the gift of membership!



# 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.

# Instructions for Obtaining a Daily/ Special Temporary Liquor License

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
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.

# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

David Botta & Carmen Kilcullen  
ICF Past Grand Presidents

- Around 1921, Luigi Providenza came to the Bay Area and began working for an Italian newspaper called "L'Unione" and traveled from Oakland to Bakersfield.
- The idea of starting the Federation came to Luigi as he visited Italian families and noticed that many did not attend Church.
- Luigi met Fr. Albert Bandini, who was Pastor of St. Michael Church in Stockton, and explained his idea of organizing the Federation. Fr. Bandini approved the idea and wrote the Statutes, By-Laws, Rituals, etc.
- On June 15, 1924, the first organizational meeting was held at the Immaculate Conception Church in San Francisco with 12 founding members which became the Central Council.
- In October, 1924, Archbishop Edward J. Hanna gave his approval to the Structure and Statutes of the Federation.
- On November 29, 1924, the Central Council was incorporated with 12 founding members. (Later known as Life Members.)
- On December 7, 1924, Br. #1 in San Francisco was inaugurated with 300 members.
- In March, 1925, the first issue of the Bollettino was printed by Fr. Bandini.
- On June 14, 1925, the first unofficial Convention was held in San Francisco with 5 Branches present. (12 Branches were needed to have an official Convention.)
- On May 29, 1927, the first official Convention was held in San Francisco with 13 Branches present. 12 members were elected to the Central Council plus the 12 Life Members making a total of 24.
- In 1929, the District and Branch Deputy program began.
- In 1941, the first Seminary Burse of \$500 was presented to Archbishop Mitty at the Stockton Convention.
- In 1950, the first Branch in Chicago was inaugurated.

- In 1957, the Federation began to recruit Missionaries to help with the spiritual needs of the members and to open new Branches. (Before this time, Missionaries helped the Federation as volunteers.)
  - The first Branch in Reno was inaugurated.
- In 1959, the Hospitalization Plan and the Apostolate Fund were organized.
  - The Central Council was increased to 15 Elected and 15 Life making a total of 30 members.
- In 1964, the Scholarship Program began with 8 Scholarships being awarded.
  - That year also marked the beginning of the charter flights to Italy.
- In 1970, the first Pope St. John XXIII Award was presented to Dr. Joseph Middleton.
- In 1979, the first Grand President's Award was presented to Laura Bozzini, a charter member of #1 in San Francisco.
- In 1981, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund was approved.
- In 1983, the First National Charity Award in the amount of \$50,000 was presented to Dr. Carol Hyman for the Cooley's Anemia program at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.
- In 1996, the Gifts of Love Program was approved.
  - The first Family of the Year Award was presented to the Garfagnoli Family of Santa Rosa at the Annual Convention..
  - The Organ Donor Awareness Program was organized.
- In 1998, the first Branch in Arizona was inaugurated.
- The Central Council was downsized to 24 – 12 Elected and 12 Life Members.
- In 1999, at the June Central Council meeting, the mandatory retirement age of 75 went into effect for all Life and Elected Members.
  - The first Mother Teresa Award was presented to Fr. Floyd Lotito.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

| DAY   | NAME                    | BR  | CITY               | WINS  |
|-------|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|
| 10/1  | Anna Spencer            | 281 | Bakersfield, CA    | \$30  |
| 10/2  | Eileen McGauran         | 442 | Pleasant Hill, CA  | \$30  |
| 10/3  | Roberta J. Healy        | 214 | Concord, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/4  | Donna Rossi             | 391 | San Jose, CA       | \$30  |
| 10/5  | Micheal Bohannon-Roa    | 237 | Gardena, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/6  | Frank Bermel            | 218 | San Gabriel, CA    | \$30  |
| 10/7  | Branch 163              |     | San Mateo, CA      | \$30  |
| 10/8  | Debbie & Bill Cerney    |     | Antelope, CA       | \$30  |
| 10/9  | John & Annette Carlo    | 210 | Fontana, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/10 | Howard Barber           | 39  | Merced, CA         | \$30  |
| 10/11 | Branch 362              |     | Downey, CA         | \$30  |
| 10/12 | Sergio Castro           |     | San Diego, CA      | \$30  |
| 10/13 | Michael Federico        | 108 | South Pasadena, CA | \$100 |
| 10/14 | Jo-Ann Donivan          | 91  | Oakland, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/15 | Julia L. Mitzel         | 73  | Rocklin, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/16 | Marie Barbagelata       |     | Linden, CA         | \$30  |
| 10/17 | Gene Simonetti          | 432 | Brentwood, CA      | \$30  |
| 10/18 | Marie Mungai            | 227 | Watsonville, CA    | \$30  |
| 10/19 | Jane Gatti              | 352 | Danville, CA       | \$30  |
| 10/20 | Mike & Cat Suehiro      |     | West Covina, CA    | \$30  |
| 10/21 | Ashley Morgenstern      |     | Bayside, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/22 | Nancy Souza             | 48  | Modesto, CA        | \$50  |
| 10/23 | Rose Marie Presti       | 73  | Granite Bay, CA    | \$30  |
| 10/24 | Denise Antonowicz       | 184 | Los Gatos, CA      | \$30  |
| 10/25 | Branch 281              |     | Bakersfield, CA    | \$30  |
| 10/26 | Vincenzo Veneziano      | 111 | Montebello, CA     | \$30  |
| 10/27 | Michele Vasquez         |     | Campbell, CA       | \$30  |
| 10/28 | Patricia Barnes         |     | Lincoln, CA        | \$30  |
| 10/29 | Steve & Carrie Grisenti | 191 | San Jose, CA       | \$30  |
| 10/30 | Joni Van Deelen         | 31  | Fresno, CA         | \$30  |
| 10/31 | Michael Belluomini      | 39  | Merced, CA         | \$50  |

## In Loving Memory

Report Date: 10/20/2014

DAVID G ALVARADO Branch 014  
EMMA FRASSETTI Branch 028  
RICHARD JOHN STURLA Branch 028  
NORMA SCARABELLO Branch 032  
MAURICE LANDRY Branch 033  
VINCE RISO Branch 036  
LEONARD J PAULETTI Branch 039  
BRUNA GUIDOTTI Branch 045  
ANTONIO LEGARIZZI Branch 045  
LOUIS BISETTI Branch 067  
EMILY STEELE Branch 067  
JOSEPHINE LUCIDO Branch 072  
CAROLE J PASQUINI Branch 075  
JOSEPHINE GALLAGHER Branch 102

FLORENCE GRANATA Branch 102  
ANGIE ALBANO Branch 115  
BRUNO D LOMBARDI Branch 127  
VICTORIA GATTONI Branch 218  
NELLO ROSSI Branch 223  
ADRIAN R MOTRONI Branch 227  
ALDO DIODATI Branch 258  
KATHERINE LABOZZETTA Branch 261  
ELISABETTA GIACOBBE Branch 308  
BARBARA L HIOCO Branch 308  
ETHEL BARRETT Branch 382  
MSGR JAMES J LOGAN Branch 417

\*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.

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# Live to Give

## Appreciation For Convention Blood Drive

Jane Dianda  
Committee Chairperson  
Past Grand President

On behalf of the Live to Give Committee, Children's Hospital and The Blood Bank of the Pacific, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all who donated or attempted to donate blood at this year's Annual Convention Blood Drive. Because of your selfless act of donating blood, we ended up with a total of 25 units of blood. Over the past three years, this equates to 76 total units of blood donated. One unit of blood contributes to saving six peoples lives. Therefore, over the past three years, you have helped to save the lives of 456 people. You are amazing, please be as proud of yourselves as I am of you.

If you recall, a Live to Give Blood Donation

Card was included in your goodie bags. If you still have the card, you may use this card to dedicate the blood you donated in honor of someone for a special occasion, or for any reason. Since we have already had the drive, you may forego having a blood bank representative's signature on this card only. This is only for the blood donated at this years' Convention. Just fill out the card and return it. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient and your donation will be published in the Bollettino, just the same as all other donations.

The following letter was received from the Blood Bank of the Pacific and I thought you might like to see how appreciated you all are.

Again, thank you for your contributions to this very important program. God Bless each of you.



**Blood Centers of the Pacific**

*a member of the Blood Systems Family*

September 03, 2014

Laurice Levine  
Italian Catholic Federation Convention  
Northern CA Thalassemia Cntr at CHO  
747 52nd Street  
Oakland, CA 94609

Dear Laurice:

Thank you for coordinating the 8/29/14 blood drive.

The efforts of Italian Catholic Federation Convention have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 25 units were collected at your drive.

One of our goals is to ensure that you and your donors receive excellent customer service every time you host a blood drive. Your feedback is critical in our ability to achieve this goal. Please take a few minutes to go online to complete our Sponsor Survey. To launch the survey, go to [www.bloodcenters.org](http://www.bloodcenters.org), click the "Coordinators' Corner" on the left navigation bar and select "Blood Drive Sponsor Survey." If you would like to share your observations with someone personally, please call our Customer Service line at (800) 864-4835 or email [customerservice@bloodcenters.org](mailto:customerservice@bloodcenters.org). Thank you in advance for your help.

Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.

Sincerely,  
*Robin Taylor*  
Robin Taylor  
Account Rep  
Blood Centers of the Pacific

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## Gifts of Love Donations

### Donations received by October 10, 2014

Branch 227  
Branch 423  
Bob Basuino  
Get well wishes for Harold Fuentes  
Katherine and Roland Codiga  
In memory of Carol Sillaci  
Katherine and Roland Codiga  
In memory of Marie Pirozzoli  
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita  
Get well wishes for Kathy Acquistapace  
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita  
Get well wishes for Harold Fuentes  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
In memory of Nello Rossi  
Officers/Members of Br. 403  
In memory of Patricia Realini  
Katherine and Roland Codiga  
In memory of George Besson, Sr.

Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo  
In memory of Nello Rossi  
Officers/Members of Br. 36  
In memory of Nello Rossi  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Venturelli  
In memory of Bonnie Tempesta  
Officers/Members of Br. 28  
In memory of Jack Sturla  
Officers/Members of Br. 28  
In memory of Marie Pirozzoli  
Officers/Members of Br. 28  
In memory of Carmen Patane  
Yvonne Kuzinich and Daughter  
In memory of Joseph V. Kuzinich  
Mr. and Mrs. Guido Zan  
In memory of Louie Aiello  
John and Donna Rossi  
In memory of Chuck Lucchesi  
Anita St. Denis  
Get well wishes for Nina Malone

# Cooley's Corner

## Guidelines for Toy Donations

Submitted By:  
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS  
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Every year the Thalassemia program at Children's Hospital Oakland has a Christmas party for approximately 200 patients and families (and gifts are also distributed in the hospital and clinics for children who cannot attend the party). Please consider helping us for the holidays by making a donation or running a toy drive.

Due to hospital policy, fire hazard, and the prevention of infectious disease, we ask that all donations be brand new and that you please adhere to the following guidelines:

### Suggested donation items:

- ☐ Infant Toys: mobiles, musical toys, rattles, teethers
- ☐ Books for all ages – hard cover preferred
- ☐ Board Games for all ages: Life, Monopoly, Clue, Sorry, Trouble, Candyland, Chess/Checkers, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Simon, Trivial Pursuit, Jenga, Taboo, Hi Ho Cheerio, Operation, Scrabble
- ☐ Barbies, baby dolls
- ☐ Hand held video games
- ☐ Portable CD and DVD Players
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Gift cards to: Target, I-Tunes, Gap, Old Navy, Forever 21, Barnes and Noble, Movie Theater Passes, Starbucks, Peet's Coffee, Jamba Juice, See's Candies
- ☐ Make up kits and nail polish

- ☐ Jewelry
- ☐ Art supplies including pens, crayons, coloring books, paper, glitter pens, gel pens
- ☐ Art kits/craft sets
- ☐ PlayDoh and modeling clay
- ☐ Toy cars, match box cars
- ☐ Model airplanes
- ☐ Lego sets
- ☐ Action figures
- ☐ Brio Trains

We are doing a Teen Chapter Book and a Scissor (child size) drive for the Painted Turtle Camp – where many of our thalassemia patients go for a week during the summer. They lost their books during the fire and do not have many teen books.

### We are unable to accept the following:

- ☐ Ceramic dolls
- ☐ Clothing of any type
- ☐ Used baby blankets
- ☐ Used toys and games – including board games and puzzles
- ☐ Used books
- ☐ VHS videos

If you would like to make a donation please contact:

Laurice Levine at 510-428-3885 x 5427 or [LLevine@mail.cho.org](mailto:LLevine@mail.cho.org)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!!!

Your donation is tax deductible:

Federal Tax ID Number:

Tax ID: 94-1657474

## Cooley's Anemia Donations

### Donations received by October 10, 2014

Branch 70  
Branch 227  
Branch 432  
Katherine and Roland Codiga  
In memory of Jack Sturla

Barbara Firpo  
Get well wishes for Harold Fuentes  
Officers/Members of Br. 215  
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Once compiled, passages from the Bible were read to all who attended Mass. It was not hidden. There are examples of translations of the Bible. The Venerable Bede was working on a translation when he died. There are not many translations that survived the centuries. As these books had precious stones in their cover and gold leaf, persons wishing to enrich themselves



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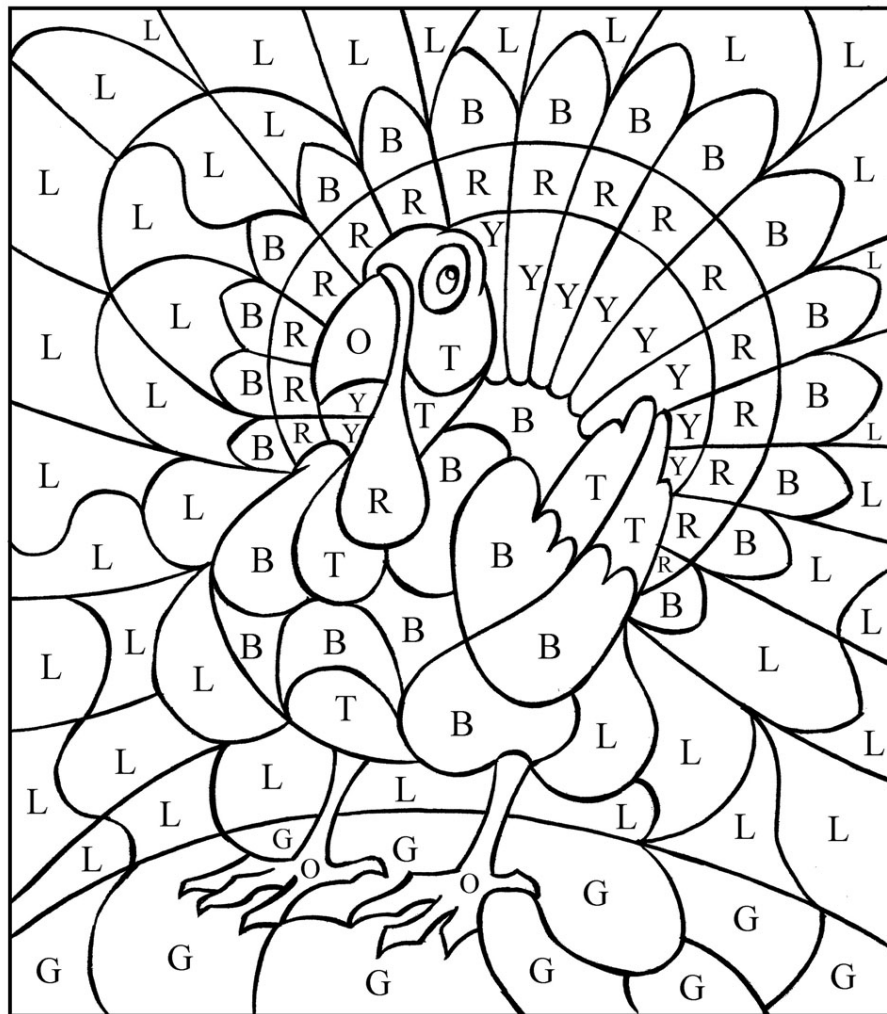
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The author's tone is almost conversational and is very easy to read. He presents each point clearly and with sufficient background that we do not have to be Bible scholars to understand the material. The Henry G. Graham was consecrated an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh in Scotland. What is truly interesting is that he did not have a Catholic upbringing. As a son of a minister in the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, he was trained to be a minister himself and actually became one. As such, he was raised in an environment where the ministers considered "Catholicism to stand for filth and degradation, lying and dishonesty, and look upon it as the sure forerunner of temporal decadence, intellectual stagnation, and spiritual bondage" (pg 117). Despite this upbringing, he took a spiritual and intellectual journey to the Catholic Church. He realized that this journey would cut him off from family and friends. Even with this realization, he knew that he had to make the journey. He was not satisfied with the Presbyterian school of thought, based on the principles developed by John Calvin. The idea that each person can interpret the Bible seemed wrong to him, as he saw the results of this principle. There was never agreement even among his Presbyterian minister's group. He knew that Jesus intended for there to be one truth. His quest led him home to the Catholic Church. The story of his conversion is included in the book and is titled From the Kirk to the Catholic Church.

*Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett  
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# Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

Our Parish continues participation in the Parish Transformation Process with Our Lady of Knock Parish in Calumet City. Through our initial (only 3, so far) weekly meetings held at Our Lady of Knock, we have discovered areas of similarity between our parishes as well as some that may be worthy of emulating by one or both of us. More important, it is a path Back to our Roots and although we've only scratched the surface thus far, it presents intriguing thoughts and opportunities for internalizing and renewal which are beginning to guide us and help us focus on formulating our Mission Narrative. The process continues with weekly sessions to the end of the year after which we, hopefully, develop a plan for growth and renewal of our two parishes. Its exciting and we pray for a successful conclusion for our parishes. Some of our members were invited to witness the ceremony of sealing and binding the dossier which was dispatched to the Vatican Congregation for Causes of Saints regarding the investigation into the life and virtues of the Servant of God, Father Augustus Tolton, celebrated in the presence of His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, OMI Archbishop of Chicago on Monday, September 29, 2014.

On Sunday, October 5, we attended the Benefit for the Cause for Canonization of Father Tolton at The Union League Club in Chicago. We pray for the return to good health of our members: Dr. Michael Koller, Cecilia Kawalski and Leonard Casey. Please pray for our long time member, Elsa Cook, who passed away on September 10.

*God Bless,*

*Jo Merlo*

## Des Plaines

St. Zachary, Br. 441

Our major fundraiser ended on October 5 with the drawing of the winning tickets after the 11:30am Mass. Winner of the two

Chicago Bears Tickets for the October 19th game was A. Bavaro. The \$100 Gift Certificate to Mike Ditka's Restaurant was won by Jean Arredia. The fund raiser was a great success due to the efforts of Chairman, Thom Caravello, and assistance from many members of Branch 441.

The Italian Mass is held on the second Sunday of the month at 5:00p.m. and celebrated by Father Feccia. Many of our members are planning on attending the Annual Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 13 in Chicago. The Spaghetti and Meatball Luncheon will be held on October 19.

*Ciao!*

# Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The spaghetti and meatball take-out dinner was held on September 21 and was a huge success. We had a great turn-out thanks to our super ticket selling team: Ada Cavallero and Camille Overstreet. From all calculations over 300 dinners were taken home and enjoyed by many families. Thanks to everyone who helped. I would like to mention you all by name but thankfully there were just too many. However, I do need to give an extra special thank you to Bill and Elsie Bottorff, Jennifer Valerosi, and Jim Cavallero for



Branch 27 Chef Jeff Bottorff and Gary Cavallero proudly display the meatballs to be served at the spaghetti take-out dinner.

buying the groceries, Chef Jeff Bottorff for managing the meatball crew and to Bob and Patty Spinelli for doing so much to ensure that the kitchen was much cleaner than when we arrived.

The nomination committee has been busy selecting the slate of officers for the elections to be held soon.

Members are busy making plans for those attending the Bishop's Burse on the 12th at St Mary's Church in Sanger.

Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

*Ciao,*

*Kerin Cavallero*

## Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, OLV Br. 32, will honor our deceased members during our annual Hour of Memory Mass, at the 11:30am mass. Afterwards, members and their families will have fellowship at The Shepherd's Inn in Fresno.

We continue to enjoy delightful and delicious meals at our monthly meetings prepared by member, Tom Marschall. A big Thank You to new member, Teresa Weatherly, and Patricia Vivenzi for scrubbing all the pots and pans after our last meeting. Teresa, Patricia, and Tom are fine examples of our extra-ordinary members.

The Fresno District Seminary Burse was hosted by Br. 185 and Br. 70. Many helping hands put this event together.

Our sick and ailing member list continues to grow. We extend our prayers to Virginia De Pasquale, Larry Scott, Evelyn Nieto, Nikki Marschall, Peggy Barbato, Betty Burns, Maria Guglielmino, and Clestria Lett and her husband. Give them a call, they'd love some cheer. Please remember if you are aware of an ailing or sick member, please call Sunshine Lady, Eleanor Andreotti.

Looking ahead, the Christmas Party for Br. 32 members, family, and friends is planned for Sunday, December 9. More information will follow. Be sure to check your mailbox for the notice.

Peace in the world.

## Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

The October Branch 33 meeting was preceded by a delicious pot-luck dinner provided by members. President Charles Linenbrink called the meeting to order and called for Committee and officer reports. Shane Bryan reported solid fund balances in the General, Social and Savings accounts. Bills were presented and paid by unanimous consent. Michael Cerri reported on the Bishop's Burse recently held in Sanger and related



What a great kitchen crew at Branch 27!

that Branch 33 had donated \$220 toward the Burse. Calendar chairmen Claudia Castro announced the arrival of the 2015 ICF calendars and immediately initiated sale. Branch 33 has been the top seller of calendars in the 50 to 100 member category for the past four year and has been so honored at the annual convention. Nominating Committee chairman Barbara Eyherabide reported on nominees for new officers. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the presented slate which will be headed by Maria Steele was unanimously approved by the membership. Michael Cerri, Charles Linenbrink, Judy Jacobs, Barbara Eyherabide, Shane Bryan, Rita Bertolucci, Fernando Teglia, Barbara Crear, and Joseph Passaglia will round out the 2015 Branch 33 leadership team. B.G. Zasoski from Branch 281 will serve as Branch Deputy. In November, members will enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, which will be provided by a local vender.

On the feasts of All Souls and All Saints we will pause to remember our deceased members and others we have loved who have departed this life.

*- Roberta Cerri Teglia*

## Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Glad that the hot summer is over with. We just had our October meeting and nominated our officers for 2015: President, Robyn Piro, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Lori Sutton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Stephanie Lucich, Secretary, Gina Pugliese, Treasurer/Financial Secretary, Janet Pugliese, Orator, Father Frank Piro, Trustees, Anna Marie Bandoni, Loretta Symes, Maryellen Mazzei and Sentinel, Nick Pugliese.

Make a point to attend our November meeting. The chefs are preparing a complete Thanksgiving dinner and the cash prize will be more than \$600.00. We will have a number of raffle prizes. Bring a warm piece of clothing for the homeless. Many of us are blessed with so much, let's share with the less fortunate.

Our Bishop's Day was hosted by the Sanger Branch, #70 on October 12. We were delighted to honor Bishop Armando Ochoa, a wonderful man with an amazing voice. He said that God gave him the voice and he uses it!!! Thanks to the Sanger members for hosting it. Thanks to Robyn Piro and Fred DeRienzo for help them out.

Get your 2015 ICF calendar, just a few left. Carol Salmeri is doing a great job as chairperson of the calendars. There are wonderful recipes in the calendar.

Pray for our sick members.

"It is good and pleasant when God's people live together in Peace" Psalm 133:3

## Sanger

Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

On September 26, Branch 70 had our annual Spaghetti and meatball Dinner Fundraiser.

We had a very good turnout and many compliments to the chefs.

We thank Presidnet Kay Lopez for a job well done, also Josie Lopez, Florance Carrara, Tencacia Rubio and Nancy Kacerak.

Special thanks goes to Bob Merlo, Ralph Wymenga and David Sulenta for cooking the spaghetti and meatballs just right. They were delicious and we couldn't have done the dinner without you.

Our bake table was also very successful. And thank you go out to Elaine Lencioni for the wonderful baked goods she donated, along with Rosemary Wymenga and Josie Lopez's granddaughter, sweet Katlyn, for all their help.

We are now looking forward to Bishop Day on October 12, in Sanger.

*God Bless,*

*Orsolina Casella*

## Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

First of all, we would like to thank Mindy White for her writing skills as our branch's Bollettino editor for the past years.

Secondly, we have many sensational events for the fall! Our annual "A Nite at the Races" event was held October 11 in the church hall. This exciting horse racing event is a favorite of our parish and the biggest fundraising event we host. Members and parishioners came together to share wonderful food, drink, and company, while recreating a night at the track and an overall outstanding event. Our next branch meeting will be held November 13, in which we will enjoy a Thanksgiving-inspired meal followed by some diverting rounds of Turkey bingo. The meeting will be in the parish hall, hosted by our branch's First Vice President, Crystal Watts, and her husband Allen. It's also time for our members to save the date for our annual Christmas Party, December 13. We are lucky enough to receive a visit from Santa during his busiest season, as he distributes gifts to our children. As always, it will be a night filled with festive music, delicious food, family activities, and most importantly, the Christmas Spirit.

*Baci e abbracci,*

*Kristen Watts*

# Los Angeles

Archdiocese District

Los Angeles Region

Italian Heritage Month was celebrated in the Los Angeles City Council lead by Councilman Joe Buscaino of Council District 15 San Pedro. Councilman Buscaino congratulated members of all of the Italian American Groups represented in Council Chambers including the Italian Catholic Federation, Order of the Sons of Italy, National Italian American Foundation, Federated Italo Americans of Southern California, Italian



Italian Heritage Month celebration with Carmelo Sabatella, Best of Italy Erminio Bugliosi and Lou Mages.





Neal DiLeva, LA Councilman Joe Buscaino, Br 115 1st VP Anna DiLeva, Br 380 LA District Deputy Lou Mages and LAADC President Carmelo Sabatella.



The LAADC Board of Directors planning the next General Meeting in November.

American Club of San Pedro, Italian American Museum of Los Angeles, Italian Cultural Center and many other groups also celebrating with him for all that these Italian American groups do and have done to improve the lives of Americans throughout the United States of America. Reminding all that this country was named after a famous Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci.

On November 22, 2014 the Los Angeles Archdiocese District will be holding elections at their General Meeting in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont; hosted by Branch 319. Light Breakfast at 9:00 am followed by General Meeting from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For more information please contact Regional VP William-Mussatto at 909/626-3777.

This month the LAADC wishes all members a very safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving season!

Thank you ICF Members, families and

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

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

*Carmelo Sabatella, President*

*Email: cas1810@aol.com*

### Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 held our third Polenta Dinner for the year on September 22, at Casa Italiano, to help fundraise for the repair of Casa Italiano's roof. The dinner was a great success with over 200 guests. We enjoyed a wonderful selection of Italian appetizers followed by



Members, family and friends of Branch 67 enjoyed a delicious polenta dinner.

### Save The Dates:

- November 9, 2014 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House at Saint Francis Xavier Church at 3801 Scott Road in Burbank from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Burbank Chapter. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- November 9, 2014 - Annual LAADC Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Luncheon at Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo. Contact Pat Mages for tickets at email: pat.lou.mages@gmail.com, or call (805) 428-4623.

- November 16, 2014 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Meeting 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Chapel Library. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- November 22, 2014 - ICF LAADC General Meeting at Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont. Meeting hosted by Branch 319 Claremont. Call Regional VP William Mussatto at 909/626-3777 for more information.

- December 7, 2014 - Annual Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

polenta, sausage, pasta and salad. The night included dancing to live music. A warm and heartfelt thank you, to all who attended and supported the event. We will have our 4th Polenta Dinner on November 17. This will be the last dinner for the 2014 year.

All our polenta dinners benefit the ICF charities and St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church. St. Peter's serves the many homeless and needy persons of the area. If you're in Los Angeles for the holidays please consider joining us on November 17.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Pat Mages*

### South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Thank you President Michele Silveri and Branch 108 Staff for making the ICF Booth on October 11th and 12th a success again this year. All Sausage Sandwiches, Pasta and Cannoli's were sold out by end of day Sunday!

Save The Dates:

- November 2, 2014 - Branch 108 Bocce, Lunch Social and General Meeting at HF Parish Hall from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Call for more information.

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

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

*Carmelo Sabatella, Past President*

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



Branch 108 booth at the Holy Family Festival.



Members of Branch 108 preparing food for the booth at the Holy Family Festival.

### Montecello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Welcome back from the Annual ICF Convention. Lots of information to move the Italian Catholic Federation forward.

ICF Branch 111 members celebrated Columbus Day with a dinner meeting. It was a well attended meeting and congratulations to the members who were nominated and took leadership positions.

Happy birthday to all our October birthdays September birthdays Elizabeth DeLorenzo, David Melendrez, Rose Licari, Giuseppina Sorce, Esperanza Chavez, & Leonardo A. Salomone and out October birthdays to Lina Canzonieri, Crocetta Salomone, Jeannine Vieni, and Gus Contreras. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

This year our annual Bishop Banquet and Chaplain Recognition Mass & Luncheon will be held at St. John Seminary in Camarillo on Sunday, November 9. Mass will be held at the St. John Seminary Chapel at 10:30am. The luncheon and program will follow the mass and will be held in the Seminary Dining Hall. It would be a great honor



Branch 111 celebrated the September Birthdays of (L to R) David Melendrez, Leonardo A Salomone, and Esperanza Chavez.





Branch 108 booth at the Holy Family Festival.

to have as many members attend.  
Save the date: Branch 111's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6 and the Mother Cabrini Mass and Pilgrimage will be held on Sunday, December 7.

This month's I leave you with a quote from Don Bosco- "Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved... you must love yourselves and make your children feel that you love them." Always Believe.

*Thank you and God Bless,  
Giuseppe Veneziano*

### San Pedro

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

Happy November to all ICF members. Please plan on attending our next general meeting on November 20 at 7:30pm.  
On November 30 our branch will be hosting a day trip to Viejas Casino. Cost is \$20.00 and all proceeds will be donated to American Cancer Society's San Pedro Relay for Life. Please call Anita Trujillo to reserve a space. (310) 832-7186

Bishop's Day Banquet will be held on November 9. Mass will be celebrated at St. John Seminary in Camarillo at 10:00am. Cost is \$25.00 which will include lunch. Come and meet our seminary Student Ian Hagan. Please call Neal DiLeva for transportation information and to reserve a seat. (310) 433-1044

Our member's Christmas party will be held on Dec. 6 at 6pm. Members are free, non-members \$10.00 Please call Nancy Donato for reservations. (310) 833-2584

Our Pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini in Burbank will be held on December 7. Bus will be leaving from Boys and Girls Club at 11am. Luncheon to follow. Cost is \$15.00 per person. For reservations please call Mary Cigliano (310) 832-0608

Save the Dates

Jan. 26-28 -- Las Vegas Trip: 3 days 2 night stay at the Golden Nugget. Price is \$135.00 per person double occupancy; \$185.00 single occupancy.

March 7 -- 2015 Crab Dinner dance

Please keep our sick and homebound members in your prayers. Our deepest sympathy to President Neal Dileva and family on the

loss of his sister Filomena Manzella in Italy. Happy Thanksgiving to all our members.  
*Anita Gioiello Trujillo  
Treasurer, Branch 115*

### Temple City

#### St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members!  
Our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will take place on November 16 at St. Luke's in the hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. with a short meeting and dinner at 2:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person which is donated to St. Vincent de Paul. And, don't forget to bring canned goods (no glass) for the St. Luke Pantry.

Our Christmas Party will take place on December 14 in the hall at 1:00pm. There will be a short meeting beginning at 1:30pm and dinner at 2:00pm. The menu will be antipasto salad; ham; pasta and meatballs; mashed potatoes and gravy; vegetables; rolls; apple pie and ice cream. The cost will be: Members: \$13.00, Guests - \$15.00 and children 11 & up - \$13.00, 4 to 10 \$6.00, and 0 to 3 - free. We will again be giving gifts to "Friends of Foster Children." Bring unwrapped toys, games or gift cards and no name tags or ages on packages.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Anne Dandrea, Roberta Nangelo, Josephine Basile, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Pat Buccola, Joanne Miller, Herminia Saez, and Ann Promising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy November Birthday to: Connie Frat-tarelli, Mary Lou Lemoine, and Merillee Taylor.

"...November is a thankful time, for every heart is blessed as we celebrate the harvest when Nature's at her best. The dignity of human labor is proudly on display as people come together in prayer Thanksgiving Day. As we pause to count our blessings, we feel God's presence there, for November's a thankful time we consecrate with prayer."

(Clay Harrison)

*God Bless,*

*Jo Anne Disney*



Branch 115 recent trip to San Diego with a stop on Coronado Island.



Branch 115, San Pedro celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Branch 1954-2014.



Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino presented Branch president Neal Di Leva a certificate for outstanding work as a member of the branch for the past 35 years.





Celebrating "Hallowine" with the adults and children of Branch 380.

### La Cañada Flintridge

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

Our branch got off to a good start after a very productive October Board of Directors meeting. The board covered lots of ground and decided on three great programs for the balance of the year, approved payments to several charities, and discussed plans for a unique St. Joseph Day celebration in March.

Our October general meeting featured Anne Interrante, the newest elected member of the ICF Central Council who visited us to talk about how she successfully conducted a drive at her branch in Thousand Oaks (380) where she encouraged and built a very substantial youth organization. Anne did a presentation on ways our branch can accomplish the same objective.

At our September meeting Al and Diane Restivo, branch convention delegates, reported on the ICF Convention with a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights of the meeting where LA District candidate Anne Interrante received the highest number of votes.

The St. Bede Parish Ministry Faire was a huge success for our branch. New members are Sherry Smith, Rosie Betanzos and the Keith and Theresa Rosette Family. Welcome to you all!

Our November 18 program will feature Laurice Levine, who is currently the Thalassemia (also called Cooley's Anemia) Outreach Coordinator at Children's Hospital Research Center in Oakland. Laurice has been collaborating with ICF since 1999 raising awareness of thalassemia. Laurice will tell members about her life journey as a thalassemia patient and survivor and what needs to be done to eliminate this scourge. We will also conduct our annual election of officers.

Mark your calendars, as our Pot Luck Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, Decem-

ber 16 in the St. John XIII Room of the Parish Center.

*Tanti cari auguri e benedizione,*

*Al Restivo, President*

### Long Beach

#### St. Cornelius, Br. 440

Well, what a convention! Delegates Connie and Rose had a very enjoyable time.

Pictured visiting with John Steinbeck is Branch 440 Long Beach President Stephanie Hardy and her two sons along with delegates from Branch 380, youth officers, Marisa and Ryan Interrante. Their mother Anne is a newly elected Central Council Member. Congrats Anne! Also pictured is our Branch President, Connie. It was a beautiful day and the company was even better.

We just celebrated our 45th annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance, Oct. 18. Proceeds fund our annual scholarships and thanksgiving baskets. We appreciate all our parish friends and supporters!

November 9 our Los Angeles District will hold its annual BISHOP'S DAY and Chaplains Recognition Luncheon at the St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA. There will be over 65 Seminarians in attendance as well.

Next on our agenda is our Christmas Mass and Dinner celebration, December 14. We take this opportunity to thank our many supporters. Without their support our little branch could not continue the charitable work of the ICF.

Wishing all a very safe Halloween and remember to pray for all the departed souls.

*Respectfully,*

*Micheal Roa*



Pictured visiting with John Steinbeck is Branch 440 Long Beach President Stephanie Hardy and her two sons along with delegates from Branch 380, youth officers, Marisa and Ryan Interrante.

### San Gabriel Valley

#### Diamond Bar

#### St. Denis, Br. 317

11/09 - Los Angeles District Bishops Banquet

11/14 - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/ General Meeting

11/16 - Late Night Catechism - La Mirada

11/17 - Board Meeting

11/29 & 11/30 - Breakfast with Santa

We thank Toni, Terry and Laura for chairing the October dinner/ meeting on October 10.

Toni is a wonderful cook and prepared a delicious Oktoberfest themed dinner. Along with Toni, Terry and Laura are to be thanked for their generosity and dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation.

The Los Angeles District Bishops Banquet will be held on November 9 at St John's Seminary in Camarillo. A 10:30am Mass will precede the luncheon for \$25 a person. A bus will be available for \$17 a person.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/ General Meeting will be on November 14. It will be chaired by Julia, Josefina and Eliseo who will be preparing the turkeys. The members will prepare the side dishes and desserts. We have much to be thankful for. Out St Denis Branch 317 is truly blessed as we continue our charitable gifts.

Please see Roxanne if you wish to attend the Late Night Catechism at the LA Mirada theatre on November 16. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Breakfast with Santa will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at St Denis.

*God Bless,*

*Roxanne Perry*

### Arcadia

#### Holy Angels, Br. 218

The New Year is upon us and it has been off to a great start.

On September 28, we hosted a Communion

Sunday and it was a great success, thanks to our branch members and especially to Frank and Karen Berardi for preparing the food. There were over 50 members who were there from We had 50 members show up from the following Branches. Thank you to all who came and volunteered.

Branch 118, Montebello

Branch 115, San Pedro

Branch 218, Arcadia

Branch 317, Diamond Bar

Branch 319, Claremont

Branch 326, Temple City

At our October meeting the following new member were installed, Emily and Clarie Curley, Joseph and Amanda DiMichina, Raquel Gallardo, Dorothy Ingetti, Maria and

Nicholas Luchetta, Mary Martinez, Linda Sherman, Kathy Steiner and Judy Tofoya.

At this meeting nominations were held for new board members.

We will be having our annual Holiday Boutique on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at

this event we will hold a sausage and meatball sale. All branches are welcome to attend.

*God Bless,*

*Kerri DiMichina*

*Heritage Chair*

### Santa Barbara/ Ventura

#### Thousand Oaks

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

Our branch had a wonderful October meeting at St. Paschal Baylon Church. We celebrated October with our annual "hallowine" dinner. The children dressed up in Halloween costumes and carved pumpkin and our adult members brought a bottle of wine to share.

We had our board elections and are happy to report many new members participation on our board for next year. We also welcome a large number of children and young adults to our Youth Officer Program.

Our branch is looking forward to the Bishops Day Celebration and dinner that will be held at St. John's Seminary on November 9 2014. For information and tickets please contact Pat Mages.

Our new board members for next year will be as follows:

President Bill Metz

1st Vice President Remo Iezza

Co-2nd Vice presidents Vince Mosca, Sonja Oliver

Financial Secretary Lou Mages

Treasurer Gene Spinelli

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We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

Corresponding Secretary

# Monterey

Santa Cruz

Holy Cross, Br. 21

Autumn is upon us and we are all enjoying the afterglow of summer, and Branch 21 is enjoying the afterglow of our ICF 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party last month. It was such a success and we continue to send out thank yous to the many volunteers who helped including Peggy and Eugene Tartaglino, Diana Petrolino, Ida Tarantino, Elaina and Mike Shanks, Amanda Danner, and Kathleen and Keith Frost. Now we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the ICF Memorial Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, November 2. A general meeting will follow the breakfast and at that time we will elect the new officers for year 2015.

On December 5, Branch 21 will host its annual Christmas Dinner. There will be good food, good music, and dancing! Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance, so bring the kiddies. Make your reservations by contacting Norma Wilson or Roseann Costabile.

Our next meeting will be on November 4 at Holy Cross Hall. Come and join in on the fun. It's a chance to catch up with friends, play Pedro, eat yummy food, and help make some decisions about our Branch. It is very low key and informal so we hope to see you there.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

A big thank you to all who helped staff the Pizza Booth at the Sacred Heart Festival September 23. Helpers included Julie Richards, Linda Hoffman, Gia Usery, Rita Domi-

ny, Marilyn Portschy and Thelma Frontani.

Bishop's Day is on Sunday, October 26 at St Joseph Church in Capitola. Please consider attending if you can.

A big welcome to our new member, Louis Toooh. We look forward to working with you.

There was little change in our officers for 2014-2015. All incumbents are returning with the exception that Don Stoffey is now First Vice President.

The polenta luncheon is our major fundraiser of the year. We can use your help on preparation day November 11 or to serve on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2014. Bring a pot luck item and join us at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 270 Rianda Circle.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Nello Rossi who passed away recently. Nello was a very early member and staunch supporter of the ICF.

Equally sad and closer to home, we send sincere condolences to the family of Genevieve Vonnegut who passed away Saturday, October 4. Genevieve was a long time, active member of our branch who helped in our activities whenever she could, and who was with us in spirit when she could no longer help. She passed away peacefully at 102 years of age. God Bless her.

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

The Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival was a huge success, thanks to all the volunteers who make it run smoothly and keep the Italian heritage and traditions alive and well.

The secret volunteer honoree for October was Annie Ferrante, her family was there to see her honored, of course she did not know that until her "this is your life" was revealed. She received a dozen beautiful long stemmed red roses, a gift certificate, and lots of praise!

President Liz Grammatico was also presented beautiful roses from Br. 36, we are so proud of her, she is an amazing woman and a very special lady.

We welcomed Central Council members Jim and Mary Ann Friebe (Jim is our deputy), Jim and Janice Jones, and Dante Galeazzi, we enjoy them and appreciate all the support they give us.

Our deepest sympathy to Adrian DiGirolamo on the sudden death of her beloved Angelo, he was one of a kind, always smiling and for years produced and directed stage plays at his Wharf Theatre. I will miss seeing him at Mass.

Save The Date:

ADULT Christmas Dinner Dance will be Saturday, December 6, 6:00pm, US Express Band, \$30.00 p/p, you will need to send your check in with your reservations and people at your table.

CHILDREN'S Christmas party will be Sunday, December 14, 1:00pm, Santa Claus will arrive with presents, plenty of food, surprises, and FUN!

You will receive fliers on both parties to be filled out and sent back.

"Faith is not about everything turning out okay, faith is about being okay no matter how things turn out." --

E-mail from Linda Rose Nuovo

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, count your blessings, I am blessed when I wake up each morning.

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy Thanksgiving! Wow can you believe it's almost time for turkey and pumpkin pie.

We had our annual Potluck/Election/Initiation last month. The 2015 Board Officers will be listed in the December Bollettino.

At the September meeting it was decided to have pizza, salad and dessert at our meeting on November 13 at La Scuola at 6:30pm. We will be planning our Christmas Party for December 4.

Upcoming Events:

November 13 -- Pizza Party and Meeting (La Scuola)

November 15 -- Cursillo Bingo Fundraiser (Our Lady of Refuge Parish Hall)

December 4 -- Our Branch Christmas Party (La Scuola)

March 1 -- 2015 Our Branch Fundraiser (La Scuola)

I would like to thank Ashley Stefani for volunteering to be the Chairperson for our March 1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser. I am sure that our three new members Kevin, Zach and Nathan are ready to help in any way they can (that's what cousins do - right guys).

Our next I.C.F. Mass will be on November 9 at the 10:00am Mass.

It was with sadness that we heard of the passing of Nello Rossi. I remember Marie Tonus telling me that Nello loved to sing. Maybe if we listen carefully we can hear him sing with the angels.

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of Nello and all those we hold dear.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

The recent enchilada take-out and baked goods sale was a big success. We would like to thank everyone who helped to support this main fundraiser for our Branch, even members from other branches. Even though we have a small membership, the members worked tirelessly to make this event happen. The net proceeds will be used for the Diocesan Seminarians and Parish Ministries.

Some of the Members will be attending Bishop's Day in Capitola on October 25.

Our prayers are always with all the Members and their loved ones who are sick.

God Bless!

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary



Branch 291 members, Jens & Sonia Wagner, recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations to the Wagners!

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Thanks to all who made Bishop's Day on Sunday, October 26 such a success.. Bishop Richard Garcia presided over the 11:00am mass, assisted by our Chaplain, Father Paul McDonell. Bishop Garcia was presented gifts by Grand President Robert Basuino, District President Julie Richards, and our branch President, Franklyn Lopes. A very special thank you to Dan Casagrande and Gary Podesto for the sumptuous meal that was served in the church hall after the mass.

In an Italian version of Oktoberfest, Heidi Ambiel and her crew prepared Polish sausage and sauerkraut at our monthly branch meeting.

Happy Birthday to Lena Mungai, who will turn 95 this month, and to Frank Locatelli, whose 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday was in October.

New officers will be elected at our November meeting.

It was our pleasure to once again serve luncheon after the Anointing Mass on Oct. 23.

Get well wishes go to Rachel Cooke who is recovering from back surgery.

Mark your calendars for December 13, the date for our annual Christmas party.

We wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. May God look protect those who are traveling over the long weekend.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

After two successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers in Sept. and Oct., our last dinner this year will be held on November 15 at St. Patrick's Church Hall from 4pm-7pm. All net proceeds go towards our St. Patrick Preschool, Elementary and Junior High School Registration Assistance Program.

Branch members, Jens & Sonia Wagner, recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations to the Wagners, and we wish them many more years of happiness together!

Our Branch recently participated in Ministry Sunday at St. Patrick's Church and we had several individuals and families inquire about joining the I.C.F. We look forward to having these potential new members as guests at an upcoming dinner meeting so they can enjoy our fellowship and learn more about our Branch activities.

Please continue to keep in prayer Sr. Carol Carter, Annette Grimaud, Dianne Clees, Stevie Hall, Jean & Emil Minicucci, Joe Slavin, Lorraine Spargo, Joanna Van Blaricom, So-

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nia & Jens Wagner, Delfina Zarate, Mary Ann Zogata and all members of ICF and their families who may be experiencing pain or heartache. Also keep in prayer the family of Patty Fish, a St. Patrick School teacher who recently passed away, and all the students and faculty at the school as they continue to work through this terrible loss.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*

### Paso Robles

#### St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Cookies came in all sizes and shapes from members for our September meeting. President Irma Zanini, in spite of an Achilles's heel injury, persevered, and we had a productive and enjoyable evening.

New member Hertha Burmann was introduced, Karen Kudjia offered a beautiful opening prayer, followed by the flag salute led by her husband David.

Congratulations to our Branch President Irma who came back from the convention with two award certificates. One was for Outstanding Achievement for branches from 1-50 members, and another Certificate of Recognition for overall increase of membership for branches with up to 35 members.

It's that time again, and plans are in the works for our semi-annual Pasta Feed on November 8. Vice President David tells us that proceeds from this will be used to purchase chairs for our hall. It seems a large number of them were put out to be recycled, and their replacement will be our objective.

This week a committee convened to compile a list of potential candidates for branch officers for 2015. Names will be submitted to members for consideration and voting at our October meeting.

Pray for our armed forces members who are involved in the Middle East conflict. May God help them to succeed and safely return home.

*Theresa Sollazzo,*

*Correspondence Secretary*

## Oakland

### East Bay

#### District Council

Let me begin with a Mea Culpa to all the busy bakers who provided those wonderful cookies for dessert on Sunday night at the convention. There were so many cookies, and they were so good, that Fran LaTorre was able to bag some up for people to take home with them on Monday. Nobody went home hungry!

Since then we were able to relax and enjoy ourselves at the district picnic hosted by Al and Deanna DeNurra. It was a beautiful day, with lots of good food and fun. There were two things missing, our Chaplain, Fr. Zak, who was home recovering; and Nello Rossi, who passed away earlier that week. Our prayers are with you, Fr. Zak, for a speedy recovery and thank you for sending Fr. Duda to say our Mass. And our prayers are with the Rossi family as we all mourn the loss of Nello.

Upcoming is election of district officers. Please think about running for office if you have never done so before or running for re-election if you are currently in office.

In the meantime let's also think about the good God has done for us and all that we have to be thankful for as we approach

Thanksgiving. For starters, we have not only our birth families, but also our ICF families, who are there to support us through not only the good times, but also the bad times. We also have our faith in God and our religion to help us along the way. Love one another.

*Happy Thanksgiving to all.*

*Pat Grasso, District Secretary*

### Alameda

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

We were saddened to learn of the death of Genevieve Gustin in Reno, Nevada. Genevieve moved from the East Bay several years ago but, as her obituary noted, had maintained her dues-paying membership in Branch 10. Mass in her memory will be said at Saint Philip Neri Church in Alameda on December 18 at 8:30am. We are also praying for the recovery from surgery of members Judy Maritzen, Betty O'Neill and Sharon Brunetti, who also serves as trustee.

Our next function is the celebration of Saint Frances Cabrini Day on Thursday, November 13. Mass will be offered at 7:00pm in Saint Philip Neri Church and will be followed by dessert in adjacent Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Attendees are being asked to bring their specialties, baked or otherwise, for the shared dessert. There is no charge for this event.

We will then open the Christmas season by hosting the annual Christmas party on Friday evening, December 5. The fun begins at 6:00pm in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Children under 12, who are the focus of the event, are free. Admission is \$5.00 for Branch 10 members and \$10.00 for other adults. It is preferred but not required that each adult be accompanied by at least one child. Santa Claus will make his visit, and gifts will be presented to all of the young people. For information, including the to-be-decided menu, and reservations, contact JoAnn Dorn, (510) 710-6959.

We welcomed a sellout crowd of 99 happy eaters, including representatives of other branches, to the annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday evening, October 4, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. With the hall's kitchen undergoing major renovation, chefs Ben Ratto and Rick Caulo cooked on a small camp stove situated on a small landing outside the hall. Our guests raved about the ravioli, which came from Lucca's in San Francisco, and a tasty, multi-ingredient and plentiful green salad. A bonus was a single-item \$300.00 raffle in which one very grateful guest took home a beautiful quilt sewn by member Jane Hageman and donated to the branch as a fund-raiser.

We hope that you can join us for our November and December events. But if you cannot come, do not worry--we have already reserved Monsignor O'Brien Hall for our 2015 social calendar.

*John Zugnoni*

### Oakland

#### Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. Election of officers for the year 2015 was not completed at the previous meeting. It will be completed at the next meeting. Change of day and time of meeting was discussed. Change is pending. November is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed away. May the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. May God fill our hearts with happy memories of those who have gone before us.

Upcoming:

November: Monthly meeting pending

November 27: Thanksgiving Day



Ed Rocca from Branch 285, Livermore, giving a presentation on our Italian Heritage at a meeting.

December: No meeting- Christmas Party in planning stage.

Happy Birthday to Angela Rainero and Clemence Zanata.

Thought: Unless we are happy with who we are, We'll never be happy with what we have.

*Ciao,*

*M.A. Francis, L. Francis*

### Oakland

#### St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. Thank you to all our active members.

We have raffle calendars for sale (\$25). These make great Christmas gifts along with helping the branch.

Save the Date:

November 16 – International Dinner at St. Lawrence O'Toole

December 14 – Annual Thalassemia Christmas party

January 18 – Installation of new officers. Mass is at 3:00 pm followed by dinner. Details to follow.

Hope to see you at our next monthly meeting.

*Sincerely,*

*Donna Santich*

### Oakland

#### St. Theresa, Br. 223

Congratulations... To Nicole Ratto, who was the recipient of the 1<sup>st</sup> year I.C.F. Scholarship which our branch donated, has received a \$500 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Scholarship from the ICF. Nicole keeps us notified of her studies at Gonzaga University. Sempre Avanti! Nicole. Well Done.

In the December article we will give you more information about our Ravioli Sale, which will take place in December.

Our next monthly meeting will be November 6, at which we will continue our nomination and election of Officers for 2015. There will be several openings, namely President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, and Recording Secretary. We have been an I.C.F. Branch since 1967 and hope we will continue to be one.

He Will Be Missed... Our past President of I.C.F. Br. 223, Sentinel at Br. 223, Life Member Emeritus of the ICF Central Council, Nello Rossi, passed away on September 14. Our most sincere condolences go to his son, Leonard, daughter-in-law Karen, and granddaughter Janet. May he rest in peace.

The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest.

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Yoli Moglia*

### Livermore

#### St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated Friday, November 21, 6:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pleasanton. Our newest branch member, Fr. Leonard Marujo, will be officiating. Please remember to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones to place on the table at Mass. This is a lovely and very meaningful evening. So, if you haven't participated before, please join us. Carolyn Cardinalli is hosting the dinner of Thanksgiving following. Call her at 846-0440 to see what you can bring.

We thank our Heritage chairpersons, Philomena Buonsante and Ed Rocca, for the time and effort they have given this year to further our knowledge of Italy and her culture. Ed has presented fun trivia questions and has scheduled interesting presentations by other members, too. Philomena spearheads the Nativity Display which will be all day, December 7, in the chapel at St. Elizabeth Seton. Judy Bates, Elaine Meier and Judy Wellbeloved are co-chairs of the event.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Fr. Augustine Koilparampil, who was a past Chaplain for our branch. A donation is being given in his memory.

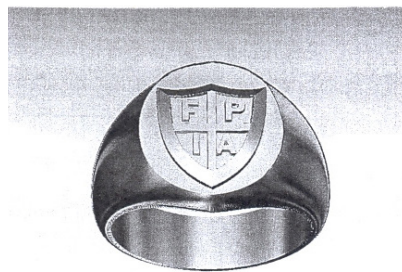
Carolyn and John Cardinalli became grandparents again on September 23, when daughter, Angie, and husband, Joe, welcomed Sean Andrew Ring into the world. Congratulations!

November birthdays are: Carl Farrington and Eleanor (Ellie) Sahlin. May you both have many more happy, healthy years!

Branch 285, Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 3, at Castlewood Country Club. We all had such a great time last year; so, save the date!

*Ciao,*

*Mary Merucci*



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Members from Branch 14 Crockett enjoying the Halloween Season.

## Castro Valley

### Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well even with all the hard work you all did for the convention, it seems like no one has slowed down. The cookie queens, Stella Taddei and Juanita Madrid, have kept on baking, and supplied the coffee booth, at the OLG festival, with great biscotti. Let that be a reminder to all, our bake sale is scheduled for Sunday Nov. 16, after all the Masses. Just think, you can get a head start on your Thanksgiving sweets!

We held election of officers at our Oct. meeting and would like to welcome some new people on board. The results are: Pres., Karen Rossi; 1st VP, Melody Klever; 2nd VP, Margaret Spranza; Treas., Roz Crudo; Fin. Sec., Al Prioretti; Sec., Pat Grasso; Trustees, Julie Graham, Mike Miraglia and Betty Paterson; Sentinel, Stella Taddei and Orator, Dorothy Cassani. Thank you to all the out going officers for your years of service. A special thank you to our Heritage chairperson, Nina Balassone, for her presentations that helped our branch receive an award this year.

Get well wishes go out to Holly Raineri, Betty Paterson and Toni Condeff. Hope you can all rejoin us soon.

Let us all be thankful for all the Blessings that God has bestowed on us this past year, and on our families and friends.

Wishing you all a bountiful Thanksgiving with many blessings,

*Pat Grasso, Sec.*

## Contra Costa

### District Council

The Night of Recollection was held on Sept. 12. District Chaplin Father Larry Young gave a spiritual talk. Dinner was catered by Boston Market. We thank the Danville branch for hosting. The bar, dinner, talk and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We also thank Joe Flores for donating the centerpieces which we got to keep.

The District Communion Breakfast was held on Oct. 19. Mass was celebrated at St. Rose Church. Breakfast followed in the parish hall. We thank the Crockett branch for hosting. They did all the cooking and breakfast was only \$5.00.

We had our last district meeting on Oct. 23. Elections of 2015 officers was held. I will give that list in next months entry.

We have a change of date for the District Christmas party. New date is Thurs. Dec. 11. This fun filled event will take place at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord. No host cocktails 6:30pm. No-host dinner 7pm. We will have a door prize. No advance payment needed. Headcount is needed. RSVP to your branch and Presidents RSVP by Dec. 9. by emailing jandp1976@aol.com. We can order

off the menu. Average dinner is \$12.00. Kids meals \$6.00.

Remember the dearly departed on all souls day.

*Happy Thanksgiving,*

*Patty Jarrett*

## Martinez

### San Martino, Br. 13

Thank you to those who donated blood at the recent drive at St. Catherine of Siena Parish for the Contra Costa District; to those who completed the Diocesan Safe Environment for Children Project training and LiveScan fingerprinting; and, to those who contributed to making our annual Polenta Dinner a success.

Branch 13's final meeting of the year is the November 21 year-end Thanksgiving Feast! Members, family, and friends are welcome to join us for a traditional turkey dinner and bring your favorite side dish. RSVP to 925-229-2665. It is a wonderful time. There is no meeting in December. Mark your 2015 ICF\* calendars now for our nine Branch 13 meetings which will be on Fridays: January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, August 28, September 25, October 23, and November 20. Our two annual branch fundraisers are "Family Night Out" on Saturday, April 25, 2015 and Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2015. \*ICF Calendars are now available for purchase for \$25 each with 365 chances to win. To get yours, see Mary Lynn Rogers who volunteered as chairperson. You are all wished God's richest blessings for a bountiful Thanksgiving and Advent season.

*Ciao for now,*

*Mary*

## Crockett

### San Carlo, Br. 14

It's here! The holiday season! For our ICF Branch, that means fun times ahead. Our November 11 gathering begins with mass at 5:30 (please try to attend), a full course, awesome turkey dinner at 6:30 (\$8.00), and our regular meeting at 7:30, where there will be a Thanksgiving raffle. And, listen to this! If you bring a new toy for our toy drive, you not only will make a child happy, you will receive a free adult beverage. Tell me that isn't a win/win situation! Because we know how generous our ICF members are, we are also asking you to please bring canned goods for our food drive, for those less fortunate.

And there's more. On November 21, it's the St. Rose Casino Night, always a very fun event, where you have an opportunity to help our church and an opportunity to win fantastic prizes! This is a church fundraiser that is definitely not to be missed!

Thanksgiving is a splendid day of the year, the one day that is set aside to gather with loved ones to give thanks, together, for our abundant blessings. My hope is that each day we remember to personally give thanks for God's loving care. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

*Ciao,*

*Diane Bottini Thomas*

## Pittsburg

### San Domenico, Br. 72

By the time you get this the over night bus trip to the Italian festival in Reno will have passed. I will give a report next month.

On Oct. 19 we had our branch meeting, elections, raffle and Halloween party. We also said the Rosary for our branch and personal intentions.

We also attended the District Communion breakfast on that same morning. We thank the Crockett branch for hosting. Mass was followed by a full breakfast.

Upcoming:

Sunday, Nov. 16- Branch Anniversary party/meeting and raffle at 2pm

Thurs., Dec 11- District Christmas party at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord. Social at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm. RSVP by Dec. 9 by calling 925-228-0810

Sunday, Dec. 14- Branch Christmas party potluck and meeting at 2pm.

( We might have a change in date for this) You will be sent a notice by US mail of any change and with all details)

I will list all of the officers for 2015 in next months report. I will also give details for the Contra Costa District Installation of Officers.

We gave the ICF Federation farewell salute to member Josephine Lucido in October. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for our sick members.

I would like to thank Helen for sending in the monthly reports for several years. I will send them in until a new volunteer comes forward. Helen holds three offices in Br. 72. We thank her!

*Sempre Avanti,*

*Patty Jarrett*

## Richmond

### St. Raymond, Br. 154

We hosted our highly popular and very successful Polenta dinner on October 18, 2014 at St. Jerome's Hall in El Cerrito. As usual the dinner was a sold out affair. Thank you to the Gino and Gloria Martinucci Family, Walter Costa, Toni Reeder and all who contributed their time and talents for another tasty event. It was great to see so many friends attend. Funds were also generated from a raffle that was held during the polenta dinner. Our polenta fundraiser helps to generate the income we need to award five first year and one second year scholarships.

November 10 meeting is our Mass for deceased members, a dinner of soup and salad to precede the meeting. Also to be discussed is the nomination of new officers.

November 19, Nomination of district officers at St. Isadore's in Danville, 7:30pm.

December 8, is the Annual Polenta Dinner meeting: FREE FOR MEMEBERS ONLY- Guests \$10.00. Reserve with Tony Reeder 236-9560 by Dec. 4, meeting to follow.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

*Lorraine Acuña*

## Concord

### St. Agnes, St. Francis of Assisi, Queen of All Saints and St. Bonaventure, Br. 214

Autumn brought in an eventful meeting. President Roberta Healy and our branch welcomed Patty Jarrett our Newly Appointed Deputy. Patty Installed two new members: Janine Judge and Veronica Peery. Special Thanks go to Toni Rosellini our prior deputy, for his many years of serving our Branch. Our New Named Branch "Todos Santos" had a "Pasta Sauce Cook-off": Our competitors: Ron Artale, Veronica Peery, Franca Schepis and Roberta Healy made quite a challenge in a pick of choices as to whose sauce was the best. Veronica was Our Winner!!

We Thank our three judges: Joseph Tonda (a neighbor of Roberta's), Frank Ascagnino and Sandra Debrechy (both long time members). Our members enjoyed a pasta feed thereafter of the featured sauces.

Oct. 15 -- St Agnes church housed the Precious "Our Lady of Fatima" for a day of adoration. Oct 16 her display was at St. Bonaventure's Church. We were very Blessed for her Presence.

Charities: Children's Hospital was given \$250; and the Blue Star Moms were given \$100 for Our Troops and \$100 for the Veterans from proceeds of our Fundraisers: Our May Tea and Viano Wine Tasting event. Thank You, Thank You.

October also has our "Bakeless Cake Sale"; donations greatly appreciated, please contact Angie Monson; (925) 7984637.

Our Oct meeting will be a potluck. we will recognize two new members: Joanne Lee & Marlene McCann.

We are very happy for our growth to Branch 214.

Members we are going to set-up membership drives at all our Branch 214 churches: we look forward to your participation. Details to come soon.

ICF Calendars are for sale \$25 remember members, you can win on any day in the 365 of the year. contact President Roberta for your order.

Everyone: Mark your calendars for January 17, 2015. The Installation of the CC District is being hosted by our Branch. More info to follow soon. We look forward to many members from all branches to attend.

Our newsletter person Barbara Faircloth is on vacation in Italy - we wish her and family a Wonderful Trip.

We ask God's Blessings on our elderly, sick and our military.

*Ciao,*

*Christina, Correspondence Secty.*

## Danville

### St. Isidore, Br. 352

This article is being written on October 6 for the November issue and it predates our October activities.

By the time you read this article we'll have nominated the officers for the coming year. I will let you know who they are in the December issue.

Our November dinner meeting will be on November 17, please plan to attend this meeting and meet the 2015 Officers. I'm sure they would like to meet you.

Our Christmas Dinner will be on December 15. I'll have more details in the December Bollettino. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Branch President in 2014. I





have served as President earlier on for three years, making for a total of four years.

I’ve enjoyed writing the Bollettino articles for the Branch. The December article will be my last one.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

In closing, it’s not what you say that really matters, it’s what you do.

*Joe Flores*

**Brentwood**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432**

Another year winding down, the Christmas Season is upon us and by now all the branches and districts have held their elections for the coming year.

There are a lot of positive changes that have started to take place with the Federa-



Members from Branch 352 attending the Branch 442 Oct. 4 1st anniversary/fall fundraising dinner.

tion as a whole to enable us to continue to grow and flourish.

We are hopeful for this coming year and pray it will mean more new branches being developed and less branches having to close.

Branch 432 held its 5th Annual Festa d’Italia Car Show and Pasta Dinner, and it was truly a smashing success. We were totally sold out on the dinners, had more cars signed up than ever, and did a great job on the raffles and of course, the beverage bar as well.

So many people had a hand at making this event a reality and a success.

Our President, Gene Simonetti, Frank Stagnetto, Ed Camera, soliciting and getting the car show portion of the Festa to become a reality and Anita Camera, and her crew in charge of the raffles, auction and table decorations .The Hoffners, Bob and Pat and their cousin Annette “ The Chef of the day”, in the kitchen ,Marilyn Simonetti, and her crew for car registration, Phyllis Lilly and The Servers” Don Lilly always with a helping hand doing what needs to be done, Bill Goldsby and family ran the bar and last but not least our youngest members and volunteers for the



Branch 442 Pleasant Hill members work together to execute their first Columbus Day fundraiser as they celebrate their 1st Anniversary.

day Sophia Lilly and Aiden Thomas. Also, How can I forget Madelyn our greeter and money changer there are more people whose names are not mentioned here who put in their time and energy as well, so a Big Shout Out goes to them THANKS, We appreciate all of you!!!

Next month I will introduce you to our new board for 2015 and perhaps a new writer for the Bollettino, like I said, time for new blood.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!

*Ciao,*

*Phyllis Lilly*

**Pleasant Hill**

**Christ the King, Br. 442**

Our branch celebrated its first anniversary on Oct. 4 with a fundraising dinner in the parish gym. The event was a great success, with 200 people enjoying the meal of antipasti, salad, pasta, rotisserie pork, potatoes, sauteed vegetables, dessert and coffee, accompanied by a raffle and entertainment. Proceeds benefited the ICF’s charitable programs. Thanks to all who organized and participated in this successful event.

The branch enjoyed a Thanksgiving-style potluck at its November branch meeting, and plans are under way for the Dec. 7 branch meeting from 2:30 to 5pm in the parish hall. Look for further details via evite and email.

Please also mark your calendar for future branch meetings on Jan. 4, Feb. 8 and March 1. Questions or comments, email us at icf-pleasanthill@aol.com

*Ciao!*

**Reno**

**Reno**

**St. Albert, Br. 135**

On a cloudy, but pleasant Sunday afternoon on September 21, 28 members of Branch 135 enjoyed a terrific outdoor picnic luncheon at Idelewild Park in Reno. Ron Frediani did a great job of barbecuing the hamburgers and hot dogs to perfection. The members added to the picnic by bringing some wonderful salads and desserts. Tickets were distributed to members to sell for our upcoming Polenta Dinner to be held Saturday, November 8.

Our first regular meeting of the fall season was held on Sunday, October 5 at St. Albert’s Hall at 6:00pm. 38 members and guests enjoyed a dinner of Pork roast, pasta with meat sauce and vegetables prepared and served by Bob and Suzanne Capurro, Frank and Lydia Brunelli, and Mel Sullivan. Apple pie or Pumpkin pie finished off the meal. Many thanks for the delicious food.

The Polenta Dinner committee asked members to please contribute gifts for the raffle.

The following business was voted on by the members. It was voted to give \$1,500.00 to Bishop Calvo for the Seminary Burse, \$300.00 for the weekly TV Mass Ministry, a gift of \$500.00 to St. Albert’s Church in appreciation for being allowed to use the facilities for our regular monthly meetings, and a monetary Christmas gift to our Chaplain, Father Mike Mahone.

Vonnie Ramos gave a Heritage report on Pio Padre, St. Francis of Assisi, and that October is the Month of the most Holy Rosary.

The next meeting is Sunday, November 2.

*Ciao.*

*Charlyne Pacini*

# Sacramento

**Sacramento**

**St. Mary, Br. 45**

HELLO from Branch 45!

Mark your calendar for the CHICKEN and POLENTA Dinner scheduled for Sunday, November 16; cost is \$12.00 for members and \$16.00 for non-members and guests. We have lost many long time members in 2014 and are planning to honor all of them at this last dinner for the year. Join us to say goodbye and show them our respect for the many years that they gave to Branch 45. Make your reservation by calling Janine, 916-400-3283; please call by November 11. Meeting time is 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. All members are invited to attend the meeting; we will elect officers and your input is definitely welcome.

Blessings and best wishes to our members Sandy Legarizzi Schettini, Janine Orsi, James De Vito, Matteo Genna who are celebrating birthdays in the month of November. Buon Compleanno!

Branch 45’s last event of the year will be the annual Branch Christmas Party, December 14. Watch for time and place!

Coming up – District Meeting and Christmas Luncheon, December 7 (no destination yet) and in January, Installation of Officers on the 24th at St. Clare in Roseville.

*Ciao and Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Roseville**

**San Vito, Br. 73**

At the meeting 15 September, Branch 73 honored our St. Rose School scholarship recipients, Dominic Wall and Rachel Kostecki. They, their family members, and branch members present enjoyed a light repast, and the writing on the cake wished Dominic and Rachel much success at their respective schools.

After the 8 November polenta/chicken dinner, Branch 73’s last big event will be the Christmas party on Sunday, 14 December. As in the other years, it will be a pot luck with the branch furnishing ham and dessert. The raffle will benefit Cooley’s Anemia. More information will be forthcoming in a mailer.

In the October Bollettino, mention was made of a member who turned ninety that month. But another member who reached tat milestone the same month was omitted, Violet Carter (per favor, Violet perdonni del mio abaglio). Violet was also President of the branch a decade ago. She attends all branch events and often helps with the setup for them. A cento anni, Violet.

Buon compleanno a tante belle cose a tutti I soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di novembre.

*Robert Delpippo*

**Auburn**

**St. Joseph, Br. 342**

Thank you to everyone who was a part of our recent Bishop’s Day celebration. It was a wonderful celebration of ICF and great to share the day with our new Auxiliary Bishop Cotta.

Please make sure you have your tickets to our November 8th Dinner Dance, Una Festa Roma. Chef Aaron will be preparing a delicious dinner of chicken piccata, pasta, and salad. There will be dancing and a cake auction, as well as a raffle and silent auction. Don’t miss out on the fun! Please call Mary-Ann Mikles at (530)759-8466 or Dolores





On a recent trip to Italy, Members from Branch 419, Helen and Bill Pierson's youngest granddaughter, had a once-in-a-lifetime moment with Pope Francis.

Aleccia at (530) 823-9125 for tickets.

Our annual Christmas party will be on December 7 and the Polenta Dinner will be on January 17, 2015. Please save the dates. More details to follow.

*Pam Andersen*

*Bollettino Contributor*

## Sacramento

### Holy Spirit, Br. 419

It has been a while since I sent you any news from Branch 419!

A picture is worth a thousand words, but I will give you just a few. One of our youngest members, Elena Louise Whaley, met the pope this summer!

*Ciao,*

*Becky Farina*

## Sutter Creek

### St. Katharine Drexel, Br. 428

Branch 428 had its annual Ravioli Dinner at the local Italian Picnic Grounds. The attendance was very good and a great meal was had by all. The main table of baskets donated by all the members was great hit. The Gold Country evening was perfect and our local parish youth group did a outstanding job, service was great. Plenty of great ravioli's, good wine and a beautiful evening made for the perfect Italian Festival.



Branch 438 - Michael and Maureen Farrelly, September dinner meeting.

## Roseville

### St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

This past month brought a few changes to Branch 438. First Vice President, Joe Fisher, stepped up to take over as President for David Brill who recently resigned. We thank David for serving as our First Vice President for two and a half years and as our President since January 2014. We all wish him the very best! We will also be there to support Joe over the next few months, as he assumes the responsibilities of President during the busy fall and holiday seasons.

A big thank you to Al and Janet Smith! They once again cooked a wonderful pasta dinner for our September 19 branch meeting. Thank you also to the servers, Michael and Maureen Farrelly, and to John and Barbie Morrill who worked behind the scenes so that everyone could enjoy the evening.

Many members hopped on the Reno bound chartered bus early in the morning on Saturday, October 11 to attend the annual Italian Festival there. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed the many things to see and do at the Festival and our time together!

New branch officers will be elected at our October 17 meeting. There is always a great turn out for this important meeting. We are so blessed to have many talented people in our branch who are willing to give their time and talent to the ICF!

Pasta! Pasta! Pasta! On November 8 Branch 438 will host a parish wide pasta dinner! And guess who is cooking? Natalie Malone!!! We just know that this will be a wonderful evening! Great food and fellowship! It will certainly be a successful fundraiser. Michael and Sandra Fuentes will chair this dinner.

Please continue to pray for those members of Branch 438 who are ill at this time, especially Theresa Brill and John Rizza. We were so pleased to see Alice O'Boyle at our September meeting and hope to see Ricco Ches soon also!

We wish you a wonderful fall season and many blessings!

# San Bernardino

## Fontana

### St. Joseph, Br. 210

We had a mix up last Month with the Social hall so our September meeting was cancelled. Unfortunately we were going to have nominations for officers and do last minute planning for our Bishops Luncheon. We had a great time at our luncheon. Our Bishop, the Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, personally accepted our Seminary Burses and Spiritual Bouquets. Central Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Andrew Pappani, and his wife Sid came down from Gilroy to present the Luigi Providenza Burse and we presented the ones from our District and the Fontana and Redlands Branches. Our District Chaplain, Reverend Jerome Ochetti, as well as Central Council Members Pat Mages and Anne Interrante, and Lou Mages, were also in attendance. Thank you for taking the time in helping to make our luncheon a success. We had about 25 members in all who attended. Everyone enjoyed themselves and stayed and visited about two hours after our guests left.

We plan on holding our traditional Thanksgiving meal at the November Meeting. The Branch will provide the Turkeys and Angie will assign what sides the members should bring. We will have election of officers so be sure to attend.

There will also be a District meeting on November 23. If anyone wants to run for a



Marilyn Anderson, Sandi Baracco, Lynda Cook and Allba Arsio from Branch 428.



Tickets by, Connie Pagura and Rosie Valerga.



The Branch 428 Basket/Raffle table.

District office, let Jack know, and attend that meeting. We will hold elections at that meeting.

Happy Turkey Day, and best wishes to those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversary's.

Mark your Calendars for January 17, at 11 o'clock Mass for Installation of Officers. It will be hosted by Branch 210 at St. Joseph's Church in Fontana.

*Ciao,*

*Jack Grisafe*

## Redlands

### Sacred Heart, Br. 217

Well, it seems that this year came and went so fast! We are approaching Halloween. Before we know it, Christmas will soon be here.

Branch 217 began a pasta and sauce donation program, "Donare la Paste" earlier this year, and the response from the parish has been amazing. The collection of pasta and sauce is taken up the last weekend of the month and two of our generous members, Trish Thompson and Diana Hill, pick up the items and transport them to two charities - A.J.'s Kitchen and the Boys and Girls Club of Redlands - where hot Italian meals are prepared for the children and those of modest means in our quaint little city of Redlands.

This past summer, we engaged the services of a painter to refinish and repaint the picnic tables used by the children of Sacred Heart Academy (the school for our parish). The school staff is very grateful, and the children have enjoyed the newly-finished tables.

We had a wonderful turn out for our annual Bishop's luncheon held at Napoli's Italian Restaurant in Loma Linda on October 8th. Bishop Gerald Barnes was presented with spiritual bouquets from our branch as well as branch 210; the bishop received a combined \$2,000 burse which will be utilized to support the education and formation of our 43 seminarians. Bishop Barnes explained

that this year, we accepted 5 new seminarians into the program. Most seminarians enter the seminary without having yet earned their Bachelor's Degree, so the diocese pays for their undergraduate degrees before they can earn a Master's in Theology. The cost of educating one seminarian per year is about \$35,000, and we have 43 men currently in the seminary.

We are looking forward to our second annual St. Joseph's Day Gala set for March 19, 2015.

# San Diego

## District Council

On Sunday, August 3, 2014, the San Diego District I.C.F. held its annual district picnic and bocce tournament at Allied Gardens Park in San Diego. Father Bill Stevenson presided at the 9:00 a.m. open air mass. Sacristan Juan Orosco also participated. The bocce tournament followed the mass. Everyone was concerned because it had rained the previous day. However, the grass was relatively dry during the tournament. The winners in the tournament were: 1st place, Frank Navetta and Tony Anthony from Branch 261, St. Therese; 2nd place, Jim Cardinale Hill and Pietro Vela from Branch 230 Our Lady of the Rosary; 3rd place, Sam Caeti and Phillip Tarantino from Branch 416 Santa Sophia. Chairman of the event was C.C. Emeritus, Forrest Price who was assisted by Richard Barker, San Diego District President. Our thanks go to Prudence Price who typed and made photocopies of all the documents for the mass and tournament. Others who assisted were Bob Tallarida who helped set up the bocce courts, Chris Murphy who provided the outdoor P.A. system, Therese Cutrie who handled the raffle and District Treasurer, Sherry Thurston who handled the finances. We also thank all the many district families who joined us for food and good fellowship under the park oak trees.

*Forrest Price*





(Top) San Diego District Bocce ball winners from left to right: Richard Barker, District President; 3rd place Sam Caeti and Phillip Tarantino, 2nd place Jim Cardinale-Hill and Pietro Vela, 1st place Frank Navetta and Tony Anthony, Forrest Price Tournament Chairman.

(Right) 1st place winners Frank Navetta and Tony Anthony, St. Therese Branch 261

(Middle) Bocce player of old John Stassi age 96 from St Rose of Lima branch 229

(Right) Future bocce players Jameson Cassidy age 2 of Our Lady of the Rosary and Catherine Alesi age 3 from Santa Sophia

## Chula Vista

### St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

The San Diego District Bishop's Day was held on October 12, 2014 at St. Rose of Lima in memory of the late Bishop Cirilo Flores. A delicious catered lunch was served. It was a very nice event.

The next Branch event is the Meatball/Sausage/Cannoli Sale scheduled for November 9, 2014.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Branch Christmas Party scheduled for December 13, 2014 from noon until 2:00pm at Mangia Italiano. The cost is \$20 per person. Please plan on joining us!

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

I wish all of you a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

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

*Ciao!*

*Karen Judson*

*Recording & Corresponding Secretary*

## San Diego

### St. Therese, Br. 261

The Branch acknowledges our Charter Members: Ann & AJ Ruta, Rose & Vic Tallarida and Hilda Mercante.

Last week we attended Kitty Labozzetta's funeral. She died at 91 after a long illness. Kitty and her husband Bill were avid ICF members and Catholics. They had collection envelopes for three San Diego parishes. Their efforts in promoting our Charity programs are memorable.

The repair of the Social Center drain lines was ramrodded by Bill. A new line was installed in the center – to a grease container – and then out to the street. When our pastor asked that we install wainscoting in the So-

cial Center Bill placed a team together and actually installed a few sections so the pastor could select the color. Since we had no knowledge of how the floor laminate would survive we contacted the Canadian laminate manufacturer. They approved the plan.

Bill & Kitty are no doubt planning a "heavenly cook book." The promoted two printings of an ICF cookbook. Tante Grazie Bill and Kitty for your gifts to our community.

Our members enjoyed a Parish Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 5 instead of our monthly meeting.

Forrest Price is coordinating the Presidents' Committee to determine the 2015 slate of officers.

The Branch hosted a meatball/sausage sale. Also meatballs and sauce were sold on September 28.

Our Bishop's Day will be a memorial for Bishop Cirillo who recently died from cancer. He was in his 60's. A seminary burse is being collected.

*Vic Tallarida*

# San Francisco

## San Francisco

### Maria S S Imacolata, Br. 1

Please note the following events:

Nov. 23 - Branch Mass ICC 10:30am

Dec. 3 - Christmas Party and Raffle - 6:30pm. Members, free, guests \$10:00. Hosts = The Officers Reservations: Pres. Vic Arnaudo = (650) = 755-1369

Congratulations to the 2015 Officers : President - Vic Arnaudo 1st Vice - Paul Biagi 2nd Vice - Anna Doyle Recording Secretary - Pat Arnaudo Financial - Mary Zadrra Treasurer - Toni Morsello - Orator - Ollie De Micheli Trustees - Margaret Sapienza , Olga Basso, David Boragno Sentinal - Joe Allen

Since there will be no meetings in January and February, the dues for 2015 will be col-



Branch 261 -- Pamela Tallarida and Forrest Price at Officers Meeting.

lected in November and December.

The dues for 2015 will be \$38.40 - or - \$63.40 for members with hospitalization. Checks should be made payable to ICF Branch 1. Any questions - call Mary Zadra. (650) 997-4764.

Congratulations to Joe and Judith Matranga on the birth of their third grandchild - it's a boy!

Also, pray for all the deceased members of Branch 1 during the month of November.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Ciao!*

*Toni Morsello*

## San Francisco

### St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

November 21, we have a trip going to the Hilmar Cheese Factory. We will enjoy a hosted lunch buffet--tri-tip, salmon, etc. Our next stop is at Duarte Farms to enjoy their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. Their green houses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias. After the tour, all of us will be going home with a 6.5" Poinsettia to enjoy in our home. If interested call Florence at 415-468-1764.

We want to wish all our members and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

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

Please remember these dates:

Officer's Meeting: 11/3/14

Meet: 11/24/14

Mass: 11/23/14

*Ciao:*

*Eva Perata, President*

## San Francisco

### Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Members,

Branch 290's November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20. A Mass for our deceased members will be celebrated at 12:00 noon, followed by lunch and the meeting.

Kindly remember to bring a bag of groceries for the poor and a Christmas present for a needy child, when you come to the November meeting. What a wonderful way to thank God for our blessings by sharing with those less fortunate than we.

Thank you to all our members and guests who helped make the October Champagne Bingo luncheon such a marvelous success. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

There will no meeting in December, however, we will enjoy our annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 13, at the Basque Center.

Finally, please continue to pray for Rena Fazzini, as she continues to recuperate from knee surgery. Pray, also, for all our members who are not feeling well.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

*Ciao,*

*Jeannette*

## San Francisco

### St. Cecilia, Br. 365

I can't believe that it's almost Columbus Day. We are still having such lovely summer weather that we are getting spoiled for the soon to be here winter.

Our Christmas party will be at Harding Park on Wednesday, December 3, at 12 Noon. The cost per person is \$20.00, which includes tax and tip. Please get your check to Florence O'Malley, 520 Vicente, San Francisco, CA 94116. You can select your meal at the luncheon. We are looking forward to a great time and hope you all can be there.

A few months ago I wrote that we were getting two new members and their two boys. However, things did not work out for them and they will not be able to join us at this time. Please do your best to encourage friends or neighbors to join our branch. They do not have to be Italian. The only requirement is that either husband or wife must be



Blast from the past -- Branch 261 -- photos from 1971.





a practicing Catholic. We really need more members.

Pray for our sick members, Isabel and Leo Juarez, a wonderful couple that Joe and I have known for years.

Our next meeting will be on September 12, at 7pm. Raffle. Plan branch calendar for 2015.

*God Bless and stay well,*

*Ann Basuino*

## San Mateo

### District Council

Congratulations to the District Council for the great 84th Annual ICF Convention! Thought you would like to know the by-law proposed changes passed, and the Mission statement was amended to include the words Italian American Heritage. The winning ticket was sold by Branch 327, St. Charles, San Carlos.

Mark your Calendars:

Friday, November 7, Chaplain's Night at San Mateo Elks Club, 223 West 20th Avenue. Hosted by Branch 6, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City. 6:00pm, no-host cocktails; 7:00pm, dinner. Price: \$35/person. Entree choices: Sliced Cross Rib Roast, Petrale Sole with lemon butter sauce, Chicken Marsala. Reservation deadline: October 30. Chaplain Bios due by October 27. Checks should be made payable to ICF San Mateo District and sent to: Barbara Firpo, 1518 Bay Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 650-323-0189.

Saturday, January 17, 2015, San Mateo District Installation. Hosted by Branch 403, St. Dunstan's, Millbrae. Lunch to follow at the Terrace Cafe, El Rancho Motel, El Camino Real, Millbrae. Price: \$36/person. Reservations to Dan Capadanno, 325 San Jose Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers: Harold Fuentes, Father Frank Murray, Tom Pollicita and Al Teglia.

*Happy Thanksgiving! God Bless!*

*Anne O'Brien*

### South San Francisco

#### Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

A big thank you to Jim Eli and all his helpers, for preparing a wonderful pot roast dinner for our October meeting. The dessert was great too!

Don't miss our November 5 Business Meeting! We will have a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. In lieu of bring non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Food Drive this year, your Branch will be making a donation on behalf of our members.

Our Christmas Party will be held at our December 3 meeting. I would also like to remind you about "A Very Special Toy Box". "A Very Special Toy Box" is a non-profit organization that buys new toys (that are handled in a special way) and is given to children with cancer going through all the related treatments. We will have a donation box at our Christmas Party for your tax-deductible donation. If you are able to donate, checks should be made payable to, "A Very Special Toy".

So, until next time...a thought to ponder... "Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all we have, but thanksgiving is a way of life that if implemented could improve the quality of life not only for you and me, but for others. Do you live in a thanks giving way?"

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

*Sempre Avanti,*

*Laurie Masetti*

### Colma

#### San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Big Thank You to Kathy Trevizo and her crew for the delicious Chicken Cordon Blue dinner.

Everyone was brought up to date on the happenings at the National Convention and is looking forward to the next one. Our delegates did an excellent job of representing the Branch.

The Garage Sales are really doing well and thanks to all who worked to make them successful. Please keep cleaning out those garages and closets.

Holy Angels Church Centennial dinner was well attended and everyone enjoyed the dinner, dancing and remembering how the parish came to be.

If you know of any member who is ill or by themselves remember them in your prayers or send a card or give them a call.

Put these dates on your calendars:

Friday, November 7: C h a p l a i n ' s Night at San Mateo Elks Club. Sponsored by Branch 6, there will be Mass and dinner following. Contact Kathy Trevizo (650)993-8336 for reservations and information.

Monday, November 10: Ravioli Dinner and regular meeting. Make reservations with Cheryl Simon at (650) 755-0878.

Monday, December 8: Annual Branch 19 Christmas Party at Sharp's Park. Contact Kathy Trevizo (650) 993-8336 for reservations.

*N. Thurman*

### San Mateo

#### St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Our president Harold Fuentes sends his thanks for all the get-well wishes, prayers, cards and calls. He much appreciated them. Will report on our October meeting next month, since at this writing, it has not yet occurred. Election of Officers and Convention reports will be done then. Will also report on the Graton Casino Trip and our Anniversary Dinner.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, November 7, 2014 – Chaplains' Night at the San Mateo Elks Club will be hosted by Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City.

Saturday, January 17, 2015 – Installation of Officers for 2015 will be hosted by Branch 403, St. Dunstan's, Millbrae. Lunch will follow at the Terrace Cafe, El Rancho Motel, El Camino Real, Millbrae. Price \$36. More information later.

The 2015 calendars are for sale for \$25. This is a great fundraiser as our branch keeps \$5

for each calendar sold. Calendar theme is "Celebrating Holidays and Traditions". They make great Christmas gifts. Virginia Fuentes will be selling them at the meetings or call her at 592-3545.

Remember in your prayers Father Frank Murray, Harold Fuentes, Deedee Casetta and Jo Ann Bianchi.

*Happy Thanksgiving! Peace and Love!*

*Anne O'Brien*

### Burlingame

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

We held our elections at our "make your own sandwich night" meeting and our new officers are: President, Norm Bennett, 1st V.P.: Dorene Campanile, 2nd V.P.: Brenda Wemiz, Secretary: Mary Ann Camacho, Corresponding Secretary: Roz Emery, Treasurer: Bea Tomasello, Orator:Sandra Bennett, Sentinel: Maria Camicia and Trustees: Donna Cervelli, Lori Clyne and Darlene Wigler. Congratulations to all and we look forward to a successful fun filled year! Thanks to the many earth angels who helped with the dinner: Jean Watterson, Anita Cecena, Bob Bacich, Jerry Emery, Maria Camicia . Mary Ann Camacho, John Davi, daughter Linda and fiancé Richard.

Our November 13 meeting will be our "In and Out Burger" night with salad and dessert. Reservations must be in by November 7th as we can't have any walk-ins due to the menu. Contact: Dorene Campanile 650-344-7870, 1620 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, Ca.94010.

November 7 will be a celebration of our Chaplains at the San Mateo Elks Club. Please advise our President, Norm Bennett if your plan on attending. 650-697-4279.

Please remember to pray for any sick members or others who are going through difficult times and especially Carol Norcia who is recovering from major surgery.

*God Bless,*

*Rosalind C. Emery*

### South San Francisco

#### St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our catered Chinese dinner at our October 14 dinner meeting was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jackie Smith, Renee Mintun, Glorinda Dobleman, and Roberta for sponsoring the dinner.

Election of officers was held (I will have the slate of officers on my next report).

The I.C.F. calendars were available for sale. If you were not present at the meeting, you can obtain a calendar by calling Judy Crosetti (589-8377). Remember, we keep \$5.00 for each calendar we sell!

Please remember in your prayers: Norma

Flores and Harold Fuentes who are recovering from recent surgeries. It was good to see Harold back at our meeting. Barbara Gabriel is also recovering from knee surgery a few weeks ago. She was at our dinner meeting and is doing well. Hope John Cannon is doing well also. We miss you, John! (And Fran!)

Some sad news: Mary Harmon, who was a member until she moved away to Redding, then Los Angeles area, passed away on October 10. Mary was an active member, always there to help in any way she could. She would have been 89 years old this month. Please keep her and her family In your prayers.

REMINDER: Mark your calendar for our Branch Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Basque Cultural Center in So. San Francisco on Sunday, December 7. Flyers will be given out at our November meeting with all the information.

See you on November 11 at our next dinner meeting.

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### Menlo Park

#### St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thank you to all who attended the Branch Memorial Mass for Mary Riviello!

Thanks to all who joined us to celebrate "our Special Dinner" honoring all of our 90 plus members! Florence and Guido Budelli, Bernice D'Arcy, Albino Geneviro, Mary Henriques, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Maryanne Robbiano, and Rina Stefani. Unable to attend... Sarah Balocco, Rita Chaput and Lee Savasta (John Giovanzana's Sister).

Thursday, November 6 - Branch Member Mass in memory of Father Clement Davenport - 5:30pm at Nativity - Please try to attend!

Thursday, November 6 - 6:30pm - Soup Dinner - Bring your own Bowls and Spoon - followed by meeting - Remember to bring non-perishable canned goods, cash, or check for St. Vincent de Paul.

Thursday, November 7 - District Chaplain's Night - Call Cecilia at 650-743-0233.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Cory*

### Millbrae

#### St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our 1st. V.P. Dan Capodanno represented our Branch at the recent Convention in Oakland. He was very impressed with the activities and gave a report of the events at our last meeting.

Our parish's Fall Festival was the weekend of October 17, 18 & 19, and our Branch prepared and sold root beer floats on Saturday; we try to be very supportive and involved in our parish activities.



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Our annual fundraiser Polenta Dinner, prepared by our president Lorrie Kalos-Gunn was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Nomination of officers for 2015 is as follows: President-Lorrie Kalos-Gunn; 1st. V. President-Dan Capodanno; 2nd. V. P. Paul Larsen; Treasurer-Eunice Danli; Recording Secretary-Lois Agresti; Corresponding Secretary-Rose Marie Morando; Orator-Roy Fry; Trustees-Kay Lucio, Helen Habeeb and Jack Gardner; Sentinel-Ann Gardner.

Upcoming events:

November 4 - Monthly Dinner Meeting

November 7 - Chaplin’s Night

January 17 - District Installation hosted by our Branch-Mass 10:30 at St. Dunstan followed by lunch at the Terrace Cafe in Millbrae.

*Happy Thanksgiving,*

*Rose Marie Morando*

*Corresponding Secretary*

**Marin**

**Larkspur**

**St. James, Br. 161**

On Saturday, December 6 we will have our annual Christmas Party at St. Patrick’s. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will make a visit to the children and give them goodies. We will also have a basket raffle. Please mark your calendars now and keep that date open. The flyer will be coming out soon with all the information.

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

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

*See you next month,*

*Ciao,*

*Anna Biggio*

**San Jose  
Santa Clara Valley**

**District Council**

Congratulations to our newly elect council officers;

President -- Denise Antonowicz\*

1st VP -- Rodger Santos

2<sup>nd</sup> VP -- Ric Shimshock

Recording Sec. -- Emily Corral

Treasurer -- Bill Greco (w/Mike Rossi)

Orator -- Pat Cordich

Trustees -- Eva Stern, Todd MacDonald, Steve Lencioni

Sentinel -- Jo Bertaccini

Past Pres. -- John Gillio

\*Denise had a trifecta, her family was awarded “Family of the Year at convention, and was also elected to the Central Council.

A training session for the district is planned for Saturday, Nov 15 at Santa Teresa Church.

Denise Antonowicz reported that the float entered in the Columbus Day Parade was a Hugh success. The highlight was the playing of the “Chicken Dance” tune as they paraded the route and receiving enthusiastic responses from the crowd.

Thanks to President Noreen Gillio and Branch 368 for hosting Bishop’s day.

We presented Bishop McGrath a generous monetary burse and a Spiritual Bouquet. In addition, we were lunched with several seminarians.

Key dates: St. Frances Cabrini day – Sunday, Nov 9

Christmas in the Park Tree Decoration - Wednesday, Nov. 26

SCV District Christmas Party - Tuesday, Dec. 9

Next District Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 11

Keep Monsignor Milani in your prayers.

*Mike Nunziata*

**San Jose**

**Holy Cross, Br. 4**

Congratulations to all Officers elected to the Central Council! We know we can all look to you for guidance and answers!

Nov 5 Fundraiser- All proceeds to go to Holy Cross Church. This is the one function of the year dedicated to our Church. Get your group together for a delicious Polenta and Sausage dinner. Donation- \$20.00.

Nov 9- St. Frances Pilgrimage at Holy Cross Church. Rosary at 12:45 p.m, Mass at 1 pm. Reception to follow in Scalabrini Hall.

Nov 16- Branch 4 Quarterly Mass and Communion. Holy Cross Church, 8:30 Mass. Please try to attend, as this Mass is for our Deceased Members.

December 3- Branch Christmas Party- More on this later.

Remember to bring New, unwrapped toys for the Children’s Hospital.

We also need Baby clothes for the Diocese Layette Program.

2015 Calendars are here! Call or see Ann Fitzgerald for yours! \$25.00

To All of our sick members, our prayers go out to you for a speedy recovery.

May your days be filled with God’s Blessings always.

*Ann Fitzgerald*

**Santa Clara**

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

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will again be provided by the Larry Marsalli Family, on November 27, 2014 in the Parish Hall. Volunteers will be needed. Call Larry Marsalli.

Remember to bring new baby items for the Layette to the November Meeting. Monetary donations for the diaper fund are gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to – Diocese of San Jose/Layette Fund.

The beautiful ICF calendar for 2015, gives you an opportunity to try some great Italian recipes and to win money. A donation of \$25, helps ICF, and your branch.

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 5:00pm, is our Br. 5, Christmas Turkey Dinner. (\$10.00 - Adult; Children Ages 6-12 - \$5.00; Children 5 and under - free. More information in the Monthly Agenda. Please bring non-perishable items as contributions to the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Clare’s.

During the month of November, please remember to say “Thank You” to someone who does something nice for you. Also volunteer to help when needed. Say “Thanks” with a smile.

*Happy Thanksgiving!!!*

*Marlene J. Rotolo*

**Gilroy**

**Santa Maria Ausilatrice, Br. 28**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Scholarship breakfast will be held on November 9. Our shopping spree winners will



Branch 191’s 2014 Frank Guidace Winners.

be drawn at this breakfast.

Our traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 17 with the board cooking the turkey and all the trimmings. This is the board’s way of saying Thank you for all you do during the year.

Remember this is the month we bring non-perishable groceries for St. Joseph’s family center. And if you didn’t bring any toys at our October meeting for the children’s Christmas party at Children’s Hospital in Oakland, you can bring them along at this meeting. We need unwrapped new toys or clean stuffed toys for young children, or gift certificates (or cash) for the older patients. The committee will buy the appropriate gifts with the cash.

Our December dinner Christmas party will be on December 15. You are reminded if you bring young children to please include a gift for them because Santa will be there to give them out. And he and Mrs. Clause will be happy to pose for any pictures as well. Thank you Santa and Mrs. Clause. There will be no business meeting, just good cheer and fun.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Carmen Patane and Jack Sturla who recently passed.

*Ciao,*

*Anna Barberi*

**Los Gatos**

**St. Mary, Br. 184**

Our Branch Election was held and the officers for the 2015 year are as follows: President Denise Antonowicz; 1st. V. Pres. Julie Klem-Brusco; 2nd. V. Pres. Marie Antonowicz; Recording Secretary Marie Yurosko; Financial Secty. Michelle Antonowicz; Treasurer Donna Pfaff; Corresponding Secty. Lucy Amico; Orator Barbara White; Trustees Joe Yurosko, Rose Arnaudo and Norma Buonaccorsi; Sentinel Carrie Iwamoto. Officers will be installed on Jan. 10, 2015 at Santa Teresa Church.

A big THANK YOU to Marie and Joe Yurosko, Dave Romeri and their crew of cooks and servers at the St. Mary’s Country Fair Spaghetti Dinner. We appreciate the hours after the dinner to pack everything away!

The annual St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage will be held at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, Nov. 9. They will gather for the Rosary at 2:30pm and Mass, in Italian, will follow at 1pm. Refreshments will be served in the Hall.

The committee is working on our 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance/Auction, taking place Oct. 25, which date is also the 91st Birthday of Marie Antonowicz! Sounds like a great time in the making.

Don’t miss the Los Gatos Christmas Parade on December 6. Our branch will have an entry which will include our “little chicken” Marie A ! Contact Denise at 356 2543 if you would like to help with the float, or to walk alongside passing out mints!

Please continue to pray for our members and their families.

Wishing you all a Peaceful Thanksgiving Day!

*Lucy Amico*

**Los Altos**

**St. Nicholas, Br. 186**

Our thanks to David Botta, Andy Pappani, Mike Rossi, Jerry Delfino, Dante Galazzi for coming to our October meeting. We all appreciate your concern for our Branch. The December article will have all the particulars relating to Branch 186.

Reminder: December 7 is our annual Mass at 10:45am, St. Nicholas Church with brunch to follow. The Cabana can only accommodate 40 so call Bee Tapella to make your reservations.

Dick and Vi D’Olivia have moved to Santa Rosa. They have always been available to help wherever it was needed in the Branch. We will miss them and wish them well in their new home.

Happy 32nd Wedding Anniversary to Kathy and Lee Lera. Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays in November, Rosemary Donati, Ivana Panontin, Anna Paoli, Barbara, Warren and Janis Petree, Tina Rossini.

We will not have the Minestrone Soup night at our November meeting. We will have hors d’oeuvres at 6:30pm in the School Center.

There are two ways of being rich, one is to have all you want, the other is to be satisfied with what you have.”

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Elaine*

**San Jose**

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

September 13 was our annual Frank Guidace Bocce Tournament. There were twelve teams that participated. Jo Bertaccini who chaired the event did a great job of organizing the day’s event. She had many helpers who were instrumental in making it a successful day. The winning team was the M&M’s whose members were Macella Ridi, Mike Cordoni, Mike Ingolia and Mike DeAnda. Everyone had a wonderful time.

One of our younger members Brianna Citrigno traveled to the Junior Olympic training



camp in Colorado in October. Brianna is hoping to win a spot on the Junior Olympic shooting team.

Our new board members will be meeting in December to go over the calendar for 2015. In addition to discussing the yearly events they will be discussing our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Denise Antonowicz and Aldine Grisenti who are heading this special event are planning a very special gala.

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 6. Members, their families and friends will gather in the SFC hall about 3pm. The children will have the opportunity to do a Christmas craft before Santa arrives. Each child will be given a gift and have the chance to talk with Santa. The afternoon will end with pizza, dessert and the singing of Christmas Carols.

*Happy Thanksgiving,*  
*Rosemary Janis*

**San Jose**

**Santa Teresa, Br. 368**

We are very happy to report that we broke ground for our new parish hall on September 6. Many thanks to Joan Delfino, who alone planned our September 10 summer picnic of sandwiches and salads in the church, where we now hold our meetings.

Ed Wendler in his spiritual reflection told the story of Bethany Hamilton, whose foundation of faith in Christ brought her back to surfing after she lost an arm to a shark off Hawaii in 2003, when she was 13.

Our delegates to the 84th Annual Convention of the ICF, Rose Novak and Noreen Gillio, enthusiastically reported on their experiences there, attending workshops, meeting other delegates, discussing the strategic plan and the mission statement, finding new friends and greeting old ones, and just having fun. The delegation from our Santa Clara Valley District, which has 11 branches, was one of the largest at the convention.

We are planning for Bishop's Day for the Santa Clara Valley District here at Santa Teresa on October 19. Bishop McGrath will be celebrating Mass and will be presented with both a spiritual bouquet and a bishop's burse, which will be used for the seminarians.

Dates to remember are December 9, the District Christmas party, and December 10, our branch Christmas party.

*Ciao,*  
*Judy Zahn*



The ladies of Branch 368 at the Layette Party.

**San Jose**

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

New officers were elected at Branch #391's October meeting. Please give our officers a warm welcome as they lead and grow our branch through the 2015 year: President- Russ Vento; Vice President- Denise Vento; Second Vice President- Doug Shank; Secretary- Louise Vento; Financial Secretary- Tina Rossi; Treasure- Steve Lencioni; Orator- Mary Kay Tocci; Trustees- Janice Nannini, Susan Busco, and Donna Rossi; and Sentinel- Linda Ochinerio.

Marcie Rossi's Heritage Report was spiritual, as it focused on her time in Jerusalem, which brought her a renewed sense of faith and passion for Catholicism. We are glad everyone is back, safe and sound. Also, Marcie and John Lencioni preformed an interesting skit about faith in God, in a reenactment of a conversation between a young Albert Einstein and his professor.

Thank you to our Kitchen Crew- Mary Lipari, John Rossi, and Diana and Al Vallorz for preparing the delicious penne with meat sauce and meatballs dinner. It's impossible to go home hungry!

Remember to contact Leslie Plaque- our Sunshine Committee Chair- if you know anyone who is ill and needs some cheering-up!

We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving, spent in the company of those you love.

*Baci,*  
*Bianca Vallorz*

**Morgan Hill**

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

Greetings from Morgan Hill. Last month at our monthly dinner meeting we all enjoyed a deliciou, wonderful pork dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Rich and Joan Delamagiore. Thank you from all of us.

Please put these dates on your calendar:

Nov. 1 -- Fundraiser dinner

Nov. 20 -- Thanksgiving dinner meeting

Dec. 18 -- Christmas dinner meeting

Remember to keep Jerry Carravelli in your prayers; Joe Tacci, son of Jahanna Tacci; and our condolences to Fran Scalzo in the passing of her husband Dan Scalzo.

*Peace and God's Blessing,*  
*Donna Basilin*



**Sunnyvale**

**Resurrection, Br. 408**

Our Annual Bake Sale to raise funds for our Scholarships and our Rez School Serivce Awards was held over Columbus Day Weekend. MaryJo DiMuccio and her Team hosted another successful Fundraiser. There were many goodies and treats donated for the Bake Sale. Thanks to all our donos and benefactors!

Bishop's Day at Branch 368 Santa Teresa was well attended and Fr. George, Msgr Milani and Bishop McGrath were all in attendance.

Have you received an email from our Branch Publicist Jackie Anderson yet? Jackie has collected many of your email addresses. This aids in distributing our Branch information. If you have not provided her with your email address yet, plesase consider doing so, and adding your name to her list.

Thank you to all of new Br 408 Officers – Remember Installation of 2015 Officers this year will be at Branch 391 in January 2015.

Our upcoming Events include the Saint Francis Cabrini District Pilgrimage to be held at Br. 4 on November 9th starting with a rosary at 12:30pm, the Districty Officer Training Session to held at Br. 368 on November 15 starting at 8am, the the Br. 408 Christmas Potluck on Monday Dec. 1 at 6pm, and the last Br. 408 Blood Drive of the Year on Dec. 7.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Edith Novak, Carolyn O'Connor, John Parker's wife Barbara, Susie Quaglia, and Aldo Lucaratti.



Branch 52 had a successful Golf Tournament in October. (Top) The Norgrove family takes first place in the tournament. (Left) Past Branch President Richard Passalacqua plays in the tournament. (Right) Teri Roller hard at work in the kitchen.

**Santa Rosa**

**Napa**

**San Giuseppe, Br. 12**

Our Branch was involved in the St. Apollinaris Ministry Fair the end of September. About 40 tables were set up for all church organizations, being held after all six Masses on Saturday/Sunday. It will be a good way for us to find new members. We look forward to having a Membership Drive at St. Thomas Aquinas the first week-end of November. These Drives will be centered in families joining rather than just dad and mom!

Our October dinner/meeting was a Pot Luck. We are back to meeting in St. John's Hall were it is not so noisy.

Members on the mend: Ann Molinari, Dorothy Jensen, Margaret Boitano. Continued prayers for: Margherit Ratto, Earl Geske, Rita DeZorzi, Marla Watras, Richard Zantell

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Ciao,*  
*Juliann*

**Santa Rosa**

**Santa Rosa, Br. 18**

We held nominations and elections at our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting; all incumbents will remain for 2015; President-Lynn Stornetta Green, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Martha Rusake, Secretary-Marie Canale, Financial Officer-Doreen O'Rourke, Orator-Martha Rusake, Trustee-Butch Bondi, Trustee-Jerry Shotts, Sentinel-Carmella Hanson, Branch Deputy-Louise Vicino. We are so very appreciative of the long-time support of Past Branch



Deputy-Eleanor Berto. Our sympathy and prayers on the passing of her dear husband, David. Please remember all sick and deceased members in your prayers, Lou Vicino is recovering from illness. Join us, November 22, Festa D’Autunno polenta & stew dinner dance, Scottish Rite Center, Santa Rosa. Live dance music, “Showcase”, new dance floor, all cash raffle, all tickets pre-sold. Reservations-Doreen O’Rourke, 707/525-0295, tickets at \$20.00.

Congratulations, Butch Bondi on the arrival of his newest grandson, auguri a tutti, good luck to all.

*Happy Harvest!*

*Marie Canale*

**Healdsburg**

**St. Francesco di Sales, Br. 52**

Our first annual Golf tournament on Oct. 12 was a huge success. Thank you very much to John Torres for organizing the event. Thank you to everyone who played golf, came to dinner, donated prizes and worked to make the day a lot of fun and successful.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 1: Polenta Dinner. Bar: 5:45pm. Dinner: 6:30pm.

Nov. 4: Regular Meeting in the Rectory. 7 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

December: Christmas Party. More details in the branch newsletter. A special guest from the North Pole will be at the party!

Pres. Nancy has sign up sheets for members to assist with our Nativity Sales in December. Please contact Nancy, if you can assist with these endeavors. The Nativity Set will be raffled at the Christmas Eve Mass.

We are saddened at the passing of two members, John Cuneo and Gail LoSchiavo. Our condolences to Paula, John’s wife, and Frances and Larry Gaddini, Gail’s parents. Please remember John and Gail and their families in your prayers.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Lauren Kilcullen*

**Cloverdale**

**L’Annunciata, Br. 75**


Our Branch President was thrilled to be sent as a delegate to the 2014, Labor Day, Convention in Oakland and to bring back an Award Certificate for a 212.5% increase in membership in the category of branches beginning with 35 or fewer members!

Equally thrilling was witnessing and being a part of the process that changed our By-Laws to reflect how inclusive we are of all cultures, not just Italians. Fearing it would not pass (voters holding up red cards,) she was elated to see the overwhelming majority passing it (voters holding up green cards en masse) following an impassioned debate on the issue.

Learning to play Pedro, the official ICF card game, came in third. She has plans to teach the branch to play it at the October 16 ICF meeting in conjunction with our Harvest Theme featuring Pumpkin or Squash Soup, hot buttered bread and Pumpkin Cheesecake. One of our Religious Ed. coordinators will be in to request our services to do the “Cake Walk” for her November 1 El Dia de Muerte celebration to raise funds for our youth program. We must, of course, approve a slate of officers for the upcoming year and hear from committee heads for our 3 major fund raisers coming up in 2015.

Sadly, we said goodbye to one of our members, Carol Pasquini, who died in early September after a very short struggle with can-

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cer. She was lovely and we will miss her so much. Carole had only been a member for a couple of months and, unknown to us until after her death, Carole had a special connection to the ICF through the hard work and dedication of her mother, Rose Vasconi, a long-standing member of the ICF when she was alive.

Special thanks to Bob Aquistapace and his wife, Kathy, for bringing their vast knowledge of the ICF to our branch, to Branch Deputy, Carmen Kilcullen, for quietly encouraging us along the way, to Mary Louise DeGeorge who handles our finances in such a knowledgeable way and to Sal and Ceal Casciaro for always doing whatever it takes to make sure our meetings and dinners run smoothly. For such a small branch we have amazing people who jump in when asked or spark a great idea that we can run with. Last month our newest members, Roger and Lori Schandel, hosted our Deli Night and refused to be reimbursed for their grand and beautiful spread. Teresa Derosier is chairing our Citrus Fair Spaghetti/Chicken Dinner, and Kristine Caturegli took on the 4th of July Ice-Cream fundraiser. Where do we get these people?!

I think a nice goal for our next convention in Las Vegas would be to end up somewhere in the 36-60 Member Division....oh wait! We’re already there....Smile

*Patsy Buchignani*

**Sonoma**

**St. Sebastian, Br. 103**

Our Branch President, Tom Wurst, reluctantly resigned because of his move to the East Bay. Margo Kosta has graciously agreed to take over as president until elections that will be held in January.

Several of our officers attended Bishop’s Day at St. Eugene’s Cathedral and all agreed it was a most inspiring and enjoyable event honoring our bishop, Robert Vasa.

Members decided to donate canned goods to St. Francis Solano Church’s St. Vincent de

Paul Conference for distribution to needy families in Sonoma Valley.

Our chef, Diane Klauber continues to “wow” us with her delicious meals. For dinner reservations, call Lila at (707) 996-3448.

*Saluti,*

*Marie-Therese Denning*

**Petaluma**

**St. Vincent, Br. 127**

Greetings from Petaluma!

I can’t believe how fast this year has gone by. Now we have the excitement of the Giants winning all the games and the Forty-niners playing. This is a great time of the year. Thanksgiving is soon upon us and before long Christmas will be here.

We did not have a meeting in October so we will be having our elections at the November 10 meeting. Remember to bring canned goods for the Needy.

Thanks to Lucy Spingola and Sharon Hromek for chairing the District Meeting. I’m sure everyone who attended enjoyed the meeting and the meal prepared for them. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Remember to keep December 13 open for our Quarterly Communion Mass at St. Vincent’s Church 5pm with our Christmas Party following the Mass. This year we are going to the Boulevard Café. Reservations can be made to Kathleen Walker 763-7354. There will be more details at our November meeting.

My husband Louis Vicino has been very ill these past months, so thanks to all who sent cards and said prayers for him. Frank Cresci still needs all our prayers. Was glad to hear that he attended the Madonna della Luna Festival in San Francisco. Get well wishes to our First Lady Judi Fomasi.

I still miss Bruno Lombardi with that smiling face. He always worked so hard for the Branch.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Happy

Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to those celebrating this month.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with lots of love and happiness in your household and with your families.

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

*Ciao,*

*Louise Vicino*

**Santa Rosa**

**St. Eugene, Br. 198**

Dear Brothers and Sisters

With the election of officers for 2015 we look forward to the completion of our 49th year in the ICF and the start of our 50th year. Branch 198 has had a great history as a branch helping our Parish. And as a supportive branch for the Santa Rosa District; Hosting Bishops’ Days, Installations, Days of Recollection, and many regular District meetings. Providing leadership for the entire ICF with a Grand President from 1978-1981 (Bob Acquistapace).

As the year nears its end we should each look to our family and our fellow parishioner’s to see if any of them would like to join us for the coming year. They will probably only join us if you ask them to do so. ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN OUR BRANCH!!!

Upcoming events for the next two months include:

Nov. 3---Soup Night --Parish Life Ctr. 6:30pm

Nov. 9---ICF Mass--- 9:00am

Dec 1 ---Branch Christmas Party---Becker Ctr. 6:00pm. Bring unwrapped toy.

Dec 14--ICF Mass--7:30 am

Please remember our members who have special medical needs.

Pray for them at home, at Mass, and we will pray for them at our meetings.



Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Lorraine Castelli

### Sebastopol

#### St. Michael, Br. 209

The month of October was a busy one for us!! As usual, however, we began with a delicious October/Halloween Potluck. Thanks to all who attended. Thanks, also, to our hosts Pete & Candy Peters and their helpers.

On October 11, the 5pm Mass featured the "Anointing of the Sick." St. Sebastian's organizations hosted a "finger food" reception following the Mass. Also, earlier in the day, Fr. Gerry had enlisted the help of a group of high school students from Hayward to clean the Parish grounds. Breakfast was served to the students by members of the YLI; ICF prepared a Lasagne dinner for the students later in the day.

This year's Bishop's Day was held on October 19 at St. Eugene's in Santa Rosa. This is the time of year when the Santa Rosa District ICF Branches present a monetary gift to the Bishop to help defray costs for the Seminar-ians.

Our first Chicken & Polenta Dinner was held on October 25. We again had a sell-out crowd. All of our members work hard to make this event a success and we express thanks to everyone for their loyalty.

Please remember to purchase your 2015 ICF Calendar. The cost is \$25; the Branch retains \$5 for each calendar sold. This is an easy way to make a little extra money for our Branch

and your support would be appreciated.

#### Upcoming:

November 4 -- Board Meeting

November 11 -- Regular Meeting

December 6 -- 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

## Stockton

### Modesto

#### St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Central Council members Dante Galeazzi and Marco Galeazzi attended our meeting.

The Stockton District Installation will be Sunday January 4, 2015 at old church at 709 J Street. Mass will be at 1:00 pm with the installation and luncheon to follow.

Menu will be Chicken Cacciatore, Polenta, Green Salad, Mixed Vegetables and bread and Dessert. Mark the date on your calendar.

Thanks to our members who did all the baking we had a good bake sale. By 10:00 mass we were sold out. Also thanks to the members who helped with the sale. We had to constantly move the tables to keep out of the sun.

Branch 48 will be hosting The Bishop's Burse for Stockton District Saturday March 28, 2015 starting with mass at 12:00 noon at the new church at 1416 Maze Blvd. A social hour and dinner will follow mass at the community center next door. Please save the

date. Bring your family and friends.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday October 5, 2014 8:00am and Sunday November 9, 2014 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:

Nov 9 – District meeting Br. 139 Manteca

Nov 12 – Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets Modesto

Dec 10 – Meeting and Christmas Potluck

Cecelia McGhee

### Tracy

#### St. Bernard, Br. 390

ICF Branch 390, together with Young Men's Institute, held our annual Polenta Dinner November 1st at the Holy Family Center in Tracy. Attendees were treated to homemade polenta, chicken cacciatore, salad, dessert and wine. Everyone who bought a ticket was entered in the drawings for over 100 door prizes and it was a very exciting event for members, their families and other parishioners and Tracyites.

Plans are underway for a very traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the end of November monthly meeting. We are very, very excited to have a special treat for the month of December: Mr. and Mrs. Claus have agreed to pay us a visit and bring surprises for all the children attending the festivities.

ICF members are already in the planning stages of next year's Gala, the major fund-

raiser for our church. Preliminary meetings have been held to decide next year's theme, decor and, of course, menu. ICF members volunteer their time and energy to make this event the success it is every year.

We are very sad to announce the deaths of two of our members recently, Franklin Cole at age 87, and Albert J. Emhoff at age 100. On June 9th of this year we celebrated Albert's 100th birthday with a mention in the Bollettino along with his photo. Our sincere condolences go out to both their families. Both were charter members of ICF Branch 390 and served in many capacities in both the city of Tracy and St. Bernard's Church. They will be missed.

Ciao and stay well.

## Tucson

### Green Valley

#### Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

With our September pizza party Branch 425 returned from its summer recess. A membership drive is planned for October. The nominating committee is soliciting candidates for office with emphasis on youth...a challenge in a senior community. A discussion on the benefits of Branch 425 joining with Tucson Branche 433, Sts. Peter & Paul and Branch 434, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, resulted in the matter being placed on the October agenda for a vote. The membership enjoyed a recitation of the highlights of our OLV youth groups trip to Rome.

Barbara Barton

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