



BOLLETTINO



2012 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

1st Prize, \$2,500 + \$250 Seller's Prize

Josephine M. Lopez, Br. 70, Sanger, CA

2nd Prize, \$1,500 + \$150 Seller's Prize

Mrs. Barbara Ebel, Br. 6, Redwood City, CA

3rd Prize, \$1,500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Rita DeZorzi, Br. 12, Napa, CA

4th Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Lucy Sanchez, Br. 14, Crockett, CA

5th Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Dr. and Mrs. John Demman, Br. 387, Fullerton, CA

6th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Ezio Sansoni, Br. 39, Merced, CA

7th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Patricia Vivenzi, Br. 32, Fresno, CA

Special Drawing for Branches that sold more tickets than last year: 2 prizes of \$250 each.

Branch 52, Healdsburg, CA — \$250

Branch 428, Sutter Creek, CA — \$250

Congratulations Lisa Crudo!

Congratulations to the Italian Catholic Federation's newest Central Council member, Lisa Crudo, from Branch 343 in Castro Valley! A Central Council member profile on Lisa will be in the next issue of the *Bollettino*.



ICF is Full of Big Winners as Members Leave the Biggest Little City in the World



Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the Italian Catholic Federation! Starting at the top row, (l-r) Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi, Sergeant-at-Arms Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Trustee Roselynn Jarrett, Grand Trustee Nancy Corsi, Grand Trustee Vince Piro. Second Row: Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi, Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino, Grand President Jane Dianda, Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Grand 2nd Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., and Grand Treasurer George Bacigalupi.

Known as "The Biggest Little City in the World!", Reno, Nevada was home to the Italian Catholic Federation this past Labor Day weekend. Some were tempted by the flashing lights and alluring sound of the slot machines, and some came away with a profit, but all who came to the 82nd Annual

Convention came away feeling like winners. The air and vibe throughout the Convention was filled with joy and appreciation for each other and the works of the ICF.

Celebrating 88 years, the one branch in Reno, Nevada — St. Albert, Branch 135 — along with Convention Director Steven

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Mother Teresa award recipients Sister Maureen Delaney, SNJM and Father Robert Moran.



Grand President Jane Dianda with the Young Adult Leadership award recipient Rosemary Cook.



Grand President Jane Dianda with Grand President award recipient Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz.



Grand President Jane Dianda with Pope John XXIII award recipient Laurice Levine and her husband Matt.

Grand President's Monthly Message

(As is Bollettino tradition, the October issue features the acceptance speech of the newly installed Grand President.)



Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, members of the clergy, officers and members of the Central Council, delegates, family and friends -- it has been a privilege to serve you this past year as grand president. I am very grateful for the warm hospitality and the many friendships gained as I visited several districts throughout the ICF. The success of our programs is due to the energy and spirit of charity which all of you bring to the ICF and what makes the fruit of our labors so satisfying.

As always, I must thank the officers and members of Branch 91 and the East Bay District for your support this past year—especially this weekend. I remain honored and grateful to be a member of this incredible group of people. Thank you.

I sincerely wish to thank the officers and members of Reno Branch 135 and Convention Director Steven Fuentes for their many efforts in making this convention a true success.

For those of you who are not aware of this, our Spiritual Director, Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, attends every monthly executive committee meeting and our Central Council meetings. He tells us it's purely for his enjoyment and sees the meetings as a great source of entertainment. This may be true; however, he participates in our discussions and provides very valuable suggestions. He also seems to know just the right time to share a bit of spiritual guidance as well. It has been a great comfort to me having Monsignor by my side this past year. Thank you, Monsignor.

Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino and Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi — the two of you have gone above and beyond what any president could hope for. Your patience and support this past year has truly been a blessing and I thank you wholeheartedly.

I must impress upon the members of the ICF just how fortunate we are to have Central Council members who are so dedicated to the ICF as we do. This past year they were faced with many challenges, however, each of them rose to the occasion and has far exceeded what was expected of them. I thank you all and extend my congratulations to each of you.

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ICF Convention in Reno: All Came Home Winners

Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
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There were many high points at the Convention. The opening ceremony exemplified the theme IN GIVING WE RECEIVE. Each ICF District presented a phrase from the prayer of St. Francis as a symbol of giving and receiving.

Bishop Pepe of Las Vegas and the diocesan directors and branch chaplains celebrated the Memorial Mass for all the deceased members of the ICF on Saturday morning. Bishop Pepe, the main concelebrant and a faithful friend of the ICF, attended the whole Convention.

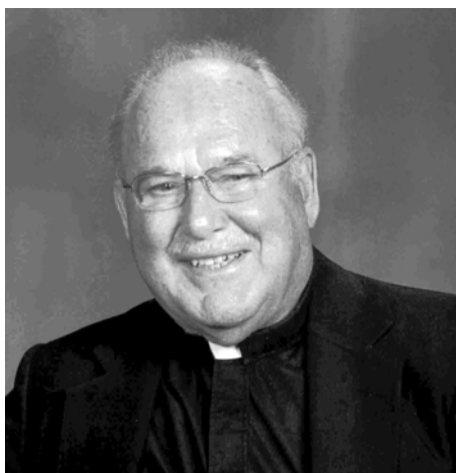
The banquet on Saturday was enjoyable,

both in speeches and in food with plenty of camaraderie. The workshops were timely and successful thanks to the presenters. Special thanks to Father Christopher Bennett who gave the spiritual workshop. He was excellent and inspired all who attended by his talk.

Those who received awards impressed of us by their lives and talks. It is wonderful to be a part of the ICF outreach to the poor, the needy, and the sick.

The Mass on Sunday, celebrated by Bishops Calvo, Blaire, Pepe, all the diocesan chaplains and branch chaplains who were present.

The Convention in Reno was a perfect venue. The service at the Grand Sierra Resort was excellent and the mood among the



delegates was positive and lively. There seems to be a new exciting spirit among those present. The Convention committee, headed by Steve Fuentes did a superb job preparing and seeing to it that all events went smoothly.

Yes, IN GIVING WE DID RECEIVE. All who attended the Convention were winners whether they gambled or not.

How to Use Your Membership Display Kit

by Roselynn Jarrett
Membership Chair

At the Convention each branch received a starter kit to create an informational display to promote membership. The goal is for each branch to have their own display available for membership drives, events and fundraisers. Many branches already have an existing display, for those creating for the first time, here are few easy steps to follow:

- * Purchase a foam board at any office supply or craft store.
- * Use glue, two-sided tape or glue dots (available in the scrapbook aisle) to secure information to the board.
- * If desired, add branch photos to give your display a personal touch.
- * Include the branch membership chairperson's name, phone number and email to the contact information page.

Branches are welcome to change colors, fonts, layout and text. For an editable version of the enclosed information, please email Membership Chairperson, Roselynn Jarrett, at Angels8199@aol.com.

Examples:



UPCOMING:

2012 Bishops' Days:

- Oct. 3 San Bernardino
- Oct. 6 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 20 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 21 Fresno
- Blessed Sacrament
- Oct. 27 Monterey (Central Coast)
- Oct. 28 Las Vegas
- Nov. 18 Los Angeles
- San Diego
- Dec. 2 Reno

Membership Stats as of July 2012 -- 11,212

New:	91
Reinstated:	6
Transfer in/out:	1
Deceased:	41
Non-payment:	6
Cancellations:	106

Attention Membership Chairpersons!
There are currently 584 members who are past due with their 2012 membership. Please follow-up with these members immediately to encourage retention. Thank you!

High Five!

Top Five Districts/Areas with Increased Membership:

Central Coast	+12
Contra Costa	+12
Blessed Sacrament	+6
East Bay	+5
Chicago	+3

The following districts
also have increased membership:
Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Gabriel.

Heritage Around the ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

Did you know the Heritage Committee had a very busy summer? We were involved in many events to promote Heritage and the ICF. In July we had a booth at the Italian Night at the San Jose Giants sponsored by Branch 391 and the Santa Clara Valley District. In August Central Council members manned an information booth at the Sacramento Italian Cultural Society. The Italian American Family Festa was in San Jose and we had an information booth sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley District and Branch 391. We hope to get some new members. The Heritage committee presented a work shop on Heritage at the Convention in Reno. We passed out a CD of interviews

of David Botta, Carmen Kilcullen and Robert Acquistapace. I gave a presentation on how if you turn or add to the Italian Flag it becomes the flag of other nations. We also had a Heritage booth in the lobby and sold books. In September we had two events going on at the same time. Central Council members participated in the parade at the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey and the Santa Clara Valley District participated at the Italian Harvest Festival in Morgan Hill. I had a Heritage booth for two days with displays and information on the ICF. The San Diego District will participate at the Little Italy Association event in San Diego on October 14. I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend these many ICF related events. Please let the Heritage Committee know if you are holding an event where the ICF can be a participant.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,
We are very proud grandparents of Ashley N. Rose, who graduated May 2012 from San Diego State University where she was a 4-year scholar athlete. Ashley attended Catholic school from preschool through 12th grade. She received a softball scholarship, therefore, she did not apply for an ICF scholarship. Ashley is now attending



Fresno State University working towards her Masters Degree in Psychology.
We are members of San Domenico, Branch 72, as well as Ashley, her two sisters and cousin under the family plan.
*Sempre Avanti,
Horace and Janelyn "Jane" Russo*

Scholarship Focus

Kyra Boselli

Emerson College Boston, Massachusetts

A recipient of a 2012 ICF Scholarship, Kyra chose Emerson College because it is considered one of the top film schools in the world. Kyra is majoring in Film Production because of her great love for cinema. She writes, "I've always been drawn to film, since I was literally old enough to hold a video camera steady. I have fond memories of documenting everything as a kid. We have enough piles of tapes to prove it! Everything about film production, from the early stages of writing the script to the later stages of filming and editing is extremely gratifying. I love watching my vision translate on screen."
Kyra is excited about her move from the small town of Saint Helena to big city of Boston. She also is looking forward to her classes in film. Emerson is unique in that it provides freshmen with the chance to get behind the camera and start producing al-

most immediately.
Kyra is extremely proud of and grateful for her ICF scholarship: "Being a first generation college student with limited financial support, the ICF scholarship made an education at a prestigious four year university that didn't seem possible for me actually attainable. I can't thank the ICF enough for having faith in my abilities and providing the support I needed to pursue a college education."
Kyra also writes, "My Italian heritage is something I've always been extremely proud of because of the immense faith, support and sense of belonging found within the Italian community. I have learned to carry these same values with me throughout my life, which has helped me in every aspect of my life."
To donate to the ICF scholarship fund or to learn more about the scholarship program, please visit <http://www.icf.org/scholarships.html> or contact the ICF office.

BENVENUTI MEMBRI NUOVI

New Members		KRISTIN G MARSALEK	Branch 291
Report Date: 09/14/2012		LUCY M MARSALEK	Branch 291
		MARY C MARSALEK	Branch 291
LINDA E BENEDETTI	Branch 007	JESSICA MC NEILL	Branch 291
CHRIS RAMOS	Branch 007	KATIE K MC NEILL	Branch 291
CONCETTA A SHACKLETON	Branch 007	PATRICK B MC NEILL	Branch 291
PATRICIA L TRIMBLE	Branch 010	SAMANTHA MC NEILL	Branch 291
CARLA L CONTESTABLE	Branch 014	PATRICIA A OSUCH	Branch 291
HEIDI A HERMAN	Branch 014	THOMAS A SCIORTINO	Branch 291
SAMANTHA M HOULE	Branch 014	DELFINA ZARATE	Branch 291
KATHY HOULE	Branch 014	ANDREA EUBANKS	Branch 352
VERONICA A JIMENEZ	Branch 014	JOHN EUBANKS	Branch 352
ELIZABETH A YEO	Branch 036	DAVID KUDIJA	Branch 354
MICHELE BELLAGIO	Branch 052	KAREN KUDIJA	Branch 354
GIANCARLO VARANINI	Branch 052	LAURA KUDIJA	Branch 354
ANITA M CRISPI	Branch 085	MATTHEW KUDIJA	Branch 354
TINA ROTUNDO	Branch 108	REBECCA KUDIJA	Branch 354
JACQUELINE ASELTINE	Branch 144	MARY R JOYCE	Branch 387
MICHELLE ANTONOWICZ	Branch 184	DENISE LOW	Branch 387
FRANK DE ROSE	Branch 215	RONALD LOW	Branch 387
JOSEPH W DE ROSE	Branch 215	ANTONIO AMATO	Branch 391
NANCY DE ROSE	Branch 215	MARIA CRISTINA AMATO	Branch 391
WILLIAM J DE ROSE	Branch 215	ARMAND S BARCELOS	Branch 391
CATHERINE M STAIB	Branch 215	CAROL M BARCELOS	Branch 391
FRAN MOTRONI	Branch 227	JOHN A GALAN	Branch 391
MICHAEL A AMATO	Branch 281	RACHEL C GALAN	Branch 391
BEN J MARSALEK	Branch 291	ANNA A WEISS	Branch 392
ELI G MARSALEK	Branch 291	LINDA C REDE	Branch 423
JACK P MARSALEK	Branch 291	GLORIA R SUBOCZ	Branch 435

Happy Halloween!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
9/1	Branch 185		Fresno, CA	\$30
9/2	Branch 5		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
9/3	Louie DeRosa		Gardena, CA	\$100
9/4	Angela Pena		Rancho Cordova, CA	\$30
9/5	Marlys Burke		Gardena, CA	\$30
9/6	Arcangelo Roppo	418	Wood Dale, IL	\$30
9/7	Diane Howard		Gilroy, CA	\$30
9/8	Barbara & Steve Lombardi	161	Mill Valley, CA	\$50
9/9	James Kelly		Gardena, CA	\$50
9/10	Thelma Graves	332	Novato, CA	\$30
9/11	Tambra Sagouspe		Los Banos, CA	\$30
9/12	Gerri Goin	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
9/13	Jim Dooley	14	Fairfield, CA	\$30
9/14	Marlene A. Filice	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
9/15	Mrs. Gloria Ghirarduzzi	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
9/16	Tilly Spagnolo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/17	Chana Portillo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/18	Antonio Rosellini	352	Danville, CA	\$30
9/19	Marlene A. Filice	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
9/20	Crystal Watts	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/21	Mary Tanferani	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
9/22	Chana Portillo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/23	Joseph J. Gianquinto	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/24	David Kelly		Gardena, CA	\$30
9/25	Paula Reynolds		Gilroy, CA	\$30
9/26	Teresa Borba		Modesto, CA	\$30
9/27	Fr. Guglielmo Lauriola	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
9/28	Catherine Biggio	161	Mill Valley, CA	\$30
9/29	Stella Canoles		Oakland, CA	\$30
9/30	Norma Steffen	7	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30

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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Luigi Romani	Luciana and Giuliano Tuccori
Patti Beall Kelii	Officers/Members of Br. 327
John De Micheli	Officers/Members of Br. 1
Ida Montalbano	Officers/Members of Br. 308
Jennie Filice	Louie and Pat Cordich
Ronald Hovland	Charlyne Pacini
Jennie J. Schmerbauch	Officers/Members of Br. 229
Josephine Gallo	Officers/Members of Br. 191
Robert Barsi	Leonard, Karen and Janet Rossi
Tosca Orlandi	Faustina Picchi
Robert Barsi	Nello and Cookie Rossi
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Officers/Members of Central Council
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Larry and Elise Marsalli
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Officers/Members of Br. 392
Giuseppe Orlandi	Faustina Picchi
Cathy Nicholson	Forrest and Prudence Price
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Jim and Bette Acitelli
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Della and Gino Spinelli
Mario Promani	Nello and Cookie Rossi
Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	Dave and Patricia Mueller
GET WELL WISHES:	
Richard Albanese	Forrest and Prudence Price
Mrs. Bea Bianco	Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane
Sick Members of Br. 173	Officers/Members of Br. 173
George Mazza	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Joe Ravenis	Forrest and Prudence Price
Maria Della Santina	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Mr. Frank Basuino	Leonard and Karen Rossi
Mrs. Holly Raineri	Leonard and Karen Rossi
Mrs. Bea Bianco	Leonard and Karen Rossi
Maria Della Santina	Romolo and Lorraine Iavarone

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg - in memory of The Kilcullen, Solari and Rosasco Families.
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by the Officers/Members of Br. 20 - San Francisco as a Closing Donation from the Branch.

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

In Loving Memory

Members names received to the ICF office by September 14, 2012		RALPH J DEL SARTO	Branch 161
JOHN A DE MICHELI		CATERINA FERRANTE	Branch 215
HENRY J TRIGLIA	Branch 001	MANNY CARRASCO	Branch 227
JENNIE FILICE	Branch 014	JENNIE J SCHMERBAUCH	Branch 229
MARY PIROZZOLI	Branch 028	ELIZABETH Y HUERTA	Branch 250
JOHN D LOCOCO	Branch 028	PATTI BEALL-KELII	Branch 327
GILDABETTA	Branch 036	JANET M OTTOBONI	Branch 351
EVELYN CALEGARI	Branch 038	DEACON ROBERT SASSETTI	Branch 358
CARMEL J MATTERA	Branch 038	RAMON BADILLA	Branch 408
MARIAN R MISRACK	Branch 038	MADELINE M GUGLIELMO	Branch 435
DOLORES V SPELLMAN	Branch 050		
ANTONIO ALOSI	Branch 091		
ADAM RIGOLI	Branch 108		

— Live to Give —

Convention Blood Drive a Huge WIN!

by Laurice Levine
MA, CCLS

One of Jane Dianda's first goals as ICF grand president was to revive the blood drive and organ donor awareness committee. Thus, the "Live to Give" Committee was named. This year, it was obvious that Jane's decision was a wise one as the "Live to Give" Committee put on its first blood drive at the ICF Convention and it turned out to be a tremendous success.

At the helm of the "Live to Give" Committee is CC Life Member Nina Malone. Working with Nina are Life Member Emeritus and Past Grand President Al Teglia, newly elected Central Council member Lisa Crudo, and Laurice Levine from the thalassemia outreach program at Children's Hospital Oakland. The crew was excited to get the blood drive going and hopeful that people would respond.

The ICF always steps up to the plate, and such was the case again with the blood drive. United Blood Services (UBS) was able to collect 26 viable units of blood from 21 generous donors. Blood is always in higher demand around holiday weekends such as Labor Day, so UBS was very grateful for the lifesavers who donated blood. Because each unit can be broken down into platelets, red blood cells, and plasma, three patients can benefit from one single donation.

Red blood cells, which carry oxygen throughout the body and give us energy, are often used for patients who require surgery, have an organ transplant, have kidney disease, or have a blood disorder such as Cooley's anemia/thalassemia or sickle cell disease.

Platelets are the part of the blood that helps with clotting. Patients with leukemia or who are undergoing a bone marrow transplant (BMT—the only known cure for Cooley's anemia/thalassemia) need platelets, as their bodies do not make enough to control bleeding.

Plasma and its derivatives are used for the



treatment of hemophilia, shock, or diseases such as hepatitis.

One person; one unit of blood; three lives saved! Thank you to all of the ICF members who saved a life at convention!

For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, contact:
Blood Centers of the Pacific
www.bloodcenters.org
American Red Cross
www.redcrossblood.org

For more information on the "Live to Give" Committee, please contact Nina Malone at ninamalone0436@comcast.net.

Welcome **Jim Acitelli**, Central Council Member, to the "Live to Give" Committee – We are honored that you are joining us!



Cooley's Corner

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Dear Madame Grand President Jane Dianda, ICF Central Council, ICF Staff, ICF Members, and Friends:

On behalf of Dr. Vichinsky, the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Staff at Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO), and most especially the patients and families we care for, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude for your recent contribution of \$65,000 that you presented to us on Sunday, September 2, at the convention. This contribution went above and beyond—and then Nettie presented us with an additional \$10,000 from the Kemp Trust that put us over the moon.

The total contribution of \$75,000 is what keeps the thalassemia outreach program running, especially during these times of ever-increasing economic challenge. ICF funds support medical research, which improves the quality of patients' lives, as well as their longevity; community education and outreach; comprehensive care for patients whose parents cannot afford their care otherwise; patient sponsorships and assistance to travel to our center for a consultation; and psychosocial programs and events for patients and families, such as our Christmas party. We are also planning a first-ever "Psychosocial Wellness in Thalassemia" conference to be held on October 6, 2012, at the hospital (for more information or if you would like to attend this event, please contact Laurice Levine). Your tireless hard work, immense generosity, and endless support make these endeavors possible. There are not enough words to express our gratitude to the ICF.

As always, we felt so welcomed by all of you at the 82nd Annual Convention in Reno, Nevada. It is always such fun seeing all of our friends and meeting new ones. Matt

always loves attending with me, and my mother was mesmerized, as this was her first convention. She is still talking about it as a highlight. I appreciate your kindness and hospitality to all of us.

And this was an exceptional year for me being nominated and honored with the Pope John Paul XXIII Award. The cocktail party and banquet were just beautiful and made me feel so special. Bestowing me with this honor was humbling, life-changing, and so meaningful—I will cherish this award always and hold the memories deep in my soul. Thank you to everyone who made this award possible, and thank you to the ICF from the bottom of my heart.

We feel a deep sense of gratitude for once again being adopted us as your national charity, and we hope that you will continue to utilize our services by inviting us to your branches or districts for a meeting or an event so that we may provide education and updates on thalassemia and our program. We would also like to invite you for a tour of the hospital—this can be given to one person or a group of many. And finally, please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 12–2pm for our annual Christmas party which will take place "Under the Sea" at the hospital. Please contact Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach, at 510-428-3885, x 5427, or LLevine@mail.cho.org if you are interested in any of the above.

Once again, thank you for your generosity, kindness, friendship, love, and support. I love you all with my whole heart.

Sincerely,
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
Thalassemia Patient

Apostolate Charity Update

Thank you to the following branches that sent in donations for activities at Oakland Children's Hospital for their Cooley's Anemia patients. With these additional donations we collected a final total of \$1,725.00 for 2012 and have sent the additional donations to Children's Hospital.

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

Dear President Jane Dianda, ICF Central Council, Patty Smith, ICF Members and Staff:

On behalf of Dr. Vichinsky, the thalassemia staff, and most especially the children and families in our care, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for once again awarding us with a \$1,525 grant for our summer programs.

In August we sent several children and teens to the Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org) in Lake Hughes, California, outside of Los Angeles. It is one of Paul Newman's camps for children with rare diseases. I was honored to be able to volunteer as a camp counselor during blood disorders week, which included thalassemia, so I had the joy of witnessing the wonders of camp, which is truly a life-changing experience for our kids. Archery, horseback riding, science, theater,

Branch 102 - in memory of Tony Galante
Branch 403

Again, we hope that more districts, branches and individuals will be able to participate next year so that the hospital can continue these beneficial activities.

The Apostolate Charity Committee

arts and crafts, swimming, boating and fishing, high ropes course, and silly Olympics were a few of the many highlights. Kids develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem in the camp environment that I have yet to see elsewhere and are able to build peer relationships with others who are going through the same challenges. While camp is free of charge transportation is not, so because of your generosity our kids were able to enjoy this enriching experience. The value of camp is priceless – thank you for making it possible.

The ICF touches the lives of thousands of people with thalassemia and truly makes a positive difference in this world. Thank you for your continued love and support.

Sincerely,
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Dear Ms. Dianda:

We are grateful for the many years of support from the Italian Catholic Federation that has enabled us to establish the Children's Comprehensive Thalassemia Center as one of the premier centers in the nation for the study and treatment of thalassemia. Your partnership ensures our ability to provide patients with the best care available today as we work to discover more effective strategies to prevent, control and cure thalassemia.

We are also humbled by the honor you bestowed on one of our most passionate, dedicated and kind colleagues, Laurice Levine. She has made it her life's work to

help Children's Hospital achieve its goal of eventually eliminating thalassemia as a major health concern. The Pope John Paul XXIII award means so much both to her and to our hospital.

I look forward to seeing you all when Oakland hosts your national meeting in two years. In the meantime, thank you again for all you do to help us treat our thalassemia patients and our efforts to pioneer a cure.

Sincerely,
Bertram Lubin, MD
President & CEO
Children's Hospital & Research Center
Oakland

Cooley's Anemia Convention Donations

Branch 4	Branch 285
Branch 5	Branch 290
Branch 7	Branch 291
Branch 12	Branch 308
Branch 27	Branch 326
Branch 28	Branch 367
Branch 33	Branch 379
Branch 48	Branch 380
Branch 70	Branch 390
Branch 102	Branch 392
Branch 102 - In memory of Tony Galante	Branch 393
Branch 103	Branch 395
Branch 127	Branch 413
Branch 139	Branch 418
Branch 169	Branch 425
Branch 173	Branch 433
Branch 184	Branch 439
Branch 195	Maria and Alfredo Abate
Branch 210	Rosalind Crudo - In memory of Dr. Mark Crudo and Stephen Crudo
Branch 218	Gail and Edward Rocca - In honor of Laurice Levine
Branch 229	Roger and Kathy Santos
Branch 266	
Branch 281	Grand Total: \$17,925

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BOOK REVIEW
VINCE PIRO

ALSO ONLINE AT ICF.ORG

The Land Beyond: Italian Mi- grants in the Westward Movement
Edited by Gloria Ricci Lothrop
Patrons of Italian Culture, 2007.
328 pp.

One of the joys of attending the ICF annual convention is to see what books Louise and Russ Vento have added to their collection at the heritage display. I have picked up many titles over the years on the recommendation of Louise and Russ. This year I purchased *The Land Beyond: Italian Migrants in the Westward Movement* edited by Gloria Ricci Lothrop. The book is a collection of interesting essays about Italian migrants in the western United States. The book covers a wide range of topics and subjects, but the essays share the premise that the experiences of Italian migrants in the west were in someways significantly different from the experiences of the Italian immigrants on the east coast. The various essays also elaborate on the contributions of Italians to the westward movement of the United States, illustrating that they were instrumental in the “settling” of the west.

Andrew F. Rolle’s fine introduction establishes the main idea that inspires many of the later essays in the collection. He states



that “My years in Genoa, and growing up among immigrant neighbors out West, led me to believe that its foreigners had experienced a different way of life from those immigrants who remained in America’s largest urban centers [especially on the east coast].” The Italian migrants out west, according to Rolle, prospered in ways that their east coast brothers and sisters did not. He writes that “Tradition-free, [the west] offered the immigrant opportunities not found in the mills and factories of large eastern cities.” He also notes that the contributions to the west were important and great. He mentions A. P. Giannini and the Bank of Italy, the Mondavis and Martinis and their contributions as vintners, and Di Giorgio Corporation as “one of the largest produce-distributing firms in the world.”

Sister M. Lilliana Owens contributes an essay on Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. Mother Cabrini and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart established the Queen of Heaven Mother Cabrini Memorial School in Denver. As is well known, Mother Cabrini was sent by Pope Leo XIII to the United States to provide Italian immigrants with religious instruction in their own lan-

guage since many “were in danger of losing their faith in God.” Mother Cabrini faced an uphill struggle, but by the time of her death at age sixty-seven, she “had founded in Europe and the two Americas sixty-seven houses - one for each year of her life. These included convents, schools, hospitals and orphanages.” In the west, Mother Cabrini and her Sisters worked to serve the poor Italians of Denver, especially the windows and orphans of the mining camps. While Mother Cabrini did not spend a majority of her time in Denver, she was instrumental in establishing a two-story house and school in the city. She spend the summer of 1905 in Denver and Colorado, however, and worked for the next several years to purchase the property necessary for her Sisters to complete their missionary work among the Italian migrants. According to Sister Owens, one of Mother Cabrini’s goals for Denver was to establish a “large brick structure” large enough to serve the needs of the students of the area. Unfortunately, there were several delays due to World War I, and she died before the building could be complete. The building was finally erected and “stands in her memory, a monument of her achievements, a remembrance of her holiness.”

Charles Speroni in his essay “California Fishermen’s Festivals” describes the various fishermen festivals in San Francisco, Monterey, San Pedro, and Point Loma, all areas with high concentrations of Italian fishermen. He notes that the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey has been going on since 1934. (On a side note, the local ICF branches are involved with this festival.) Sperono notes that “Although at Monterey,

there are fishermen of many nationalities, it is the large and religious Sicilian group that is responsible for this colorful festival.” Santa Rosalia has always been special to Sicilians because she intervened and saved the city of Palermo from a horrible plague. In Monterey, after a morning mass, the fishermen and townspeople carry a statue of the saint from the church to the wharf. At the wharf, there is a blessing of the fleet followed by a full festival. The fishermen of San Pedro have their own festivities. According to Speroni, the first festival in San Pedro was held in 1938 “when, to celebrate a good season, the fishermen decorated their boats with flags and bunting, and took their families for a cruise.” Since then this festival has grown to one of the largest in the nation.

Many more fine essays fill this anthology and will enlighten and entertain any reader interested in the history of Italians in the West.

The Land Beyond is divided into five separate sections: The Pioneers, The Missionaries, The Settlers, The Laborers, Italians Who Made a Difference. Essays range over a wide variety of subjects, such as Reno’s Little Italy, Early Italian American Major Leaguers, The Neapolitan Jesuits, and Forestiere’s Underground Gardens, and Simon Rodia’s Watts Towers. The essays are full of historical facts, interesting stories, and colorful descriptions of Italians in the West.

The Land Beyond can be purchased from the ICF by contacting Russ and Louise Vento at 408-356-1656.

La Celebrazione di Gioventù --
The Celebration of Youth
Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th is St. Francis of Assisi’s feast day. Of course, this day provides inherent fun for children with the Blessing of the Animals (and stuffed animals!), which is done in some homes and at many churches. Because traditions, legends and inspiration regarding St. Francis is so prolific, it is also a day that offers an array of other ways to celebrate.

Arts and Crafts

1. Make a Zoo: Among other things, St. Francis is the patron saint of zoos and animals. Using your favorite media – paint, playdough and accessories, wire or simply a box of recyclable odds and ends – have children create their own animals. Then, recite the Prayer of St. Francis for Animals and Pets:

Good St. Francis, you loved all of God’s creatures.
To you they were your brothers and sisters.
Help us to follow your example
of treating every living thing with kindness.
St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals,
watch over my pet
and keep my companion safe and healthy.
Amen.

2. Popsicle Stick Puppets: After sharing some stories about St. Francis and animals such as birds, wolves, fish, rabbits and monkeys, set out popsicle sticks, glue, scissors, paper, markers or crayons and any other bits and pieces of art supplies you might have handy, such as cloths craps, feathers, brown paper bags, googly eyes and yarn. Have children craft puppets to retell the stories. (Some of the stories can be found at American Catholic.)
- Indoors**
3. Make and Eat Honey-Almond Cakes: Although St. Francis ate an austere diet, he is said to have indulged with Lady Jacoba’s Honey-Almond Cakes. Make a batch together. You may also want to make a batch to serve right away, since there is a “wait time” with these cookies that might be too long, unless you are planning a full day’s events. (One recipe version can be found at ChowHound.)
4. St. Francis Symbols Hunt: Draw sketches of the symbols of St. Francis (birds and animals, bag of gold and rich raiment at his feet, winged crucifix with five rays, stigmata, crown of thorns, lighted lamp, fiery chariot, birds, deer, fish, skull, wolf and fire), use clip art to make them, or, better still, have children draw their own representations of them. Then, hide these around the house. Have children try to find them.



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Grand President Speech

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The ICF has two employees, Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith. Both of which have been with the ICF for over 10 years and survived five different grand presidents. Every two years they face a new personality, new work ethics, and sometimes new procedures. This has not hampered their capabilities at all; rather, like a fine bottle of wine, they only get better. We are very fortunate to have such capable, willing and courteous employees as the two of them.

Now, I take great pride in introducing to you, my wonderful parents — Sir Robert and Theresa Dianda. I thank you for making the ICF, not just a part of my life, but a way of life and instilling in me the deep passion I have for this great organization. I am blessed to have you as my parents.

Attaining new members and retaining our current members remains a vital role towards ensuring the future of the ICF. Creative ideas and enthusiasm are what Roselynn Jarrett has brought us as chairperson of the Membership Committee. Therefore, I have asked Roselynn to continue as chairperson of the Membership committee, and to our benefit she has agreed.

I have appointed Vince Piro as chairperson of the Public Relations Committee. Vince and his committee, which includes editor of the *Bollettino*, Michelle Feldman, will continue to improve upon the ICF website, icf.org and the *Bollettino*. As all of you have deadlines for the *Bollettino*, so does

the grand president.

I wish to thank Michelle Feldman for her patience with me this past year, for so casually correcting my grammar, and for her honesty when reviewing my articles.

The Scholarship Committee will be chaired by Deborah Rodondi. Deborah and her committee will continue to promote this program throughout the districts of the ICF. I encourage all members to keep up your participation and donations towards this program. Remember, the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

I have appointed Leonard Zasoski as chairperson of the Task Force Committee. I have asked Leonard and his committee to continue working towards the creation and implementation of a detailed strategic plan to ensure the future of the Federation. Every two years the ICF has a new president, new officers and new chairpersons. To ensure the efficiency of our programs and procedures, I have also charged the task force committee with creating standard operating procedures.

Our Parliamentarian, Mr. Leonard Rossi, will chair the By-Laws & Rituals Committee. Leonard and his committee will continue to lend us their expertise in performing detailed reviews of our by-laws, rituals and the Central Council statutes.

I have asked Jim Acitelli to remain as chairperson of the Apostolate/Charity Committee. Jim has been working on new and interesting ideas on ways to promote our ICF programs. Along with his committee, I ask all of you to please participate and continue to support all of our ICF charities.



Our Grand Treasurer, George Bacigalupi, will chair the Finance Committee. The finance committee, which includes the chairperson of the Hospitalization Committee, Pat Mages, meets on a quarterly basis to review all funds of the ICF. With the combination of George's financial expertise and the level of commitment by Pat to the members of the hospitalization plan -- I can assure you — that all funds and in-



vestments of the ICF remain secure.

Steven Fuentes will continue to chair the Convention Director's Committee. Once again, I would like to thank and commend Steven and his committee for all their efforts in making this Convention a success. Thank you, Steve.

The Gifts of Love Committee, chaired by Andy Pappani, continues to promote the financial support of developmentally disabled individuals and groups. Last year I asked Andy and his committee to continue to develop the deaf program, which aids deaf individuals in receiving their sacraments. Andy and his committee have done just that and this program is now going strong in the Santa Clara Valley District as well as the Chicago District.

Last year I asked Nina Malone to chair, what is now called the Live to Give Committee. The intent of this committee was to further serve the needs of Cooley's patients. As was evident this weekend, Nina, with the help of committee members, Laurice Levine, Lisa Crudo and Al Teglia, have successfully implemented an ICF blood bank.

Unfortunately, as we all know, the age of our members continues to increase, so I have also charged the live to give committee with the task of investigating the possibilities of broadening the ICF blood bank to include ICF members who may be in need of blood. I ask all of you to please support this most important program,

Grand 1st Vice President, and chair of the Deputy Program, Bob Basuino presented

a workshop on the importance of districts and deputies. Although a little competition within a district can be a great way to increase donations, please be open and willing to aid your neighboring branches who are faced with declining membership or other various issues. Please remember your district and branch deputies serve as direct links to the Central Council. Please do not let your branches struggle and do not hesitate to contact Bob at the first sign of trouble. The sooner we are aware of a problem, the sooner we can help.

Two new branches were opened this past year. Our Field Director, Mr. Lou Mages, has been in contact with several bishops and priests and there are more possibilities of new branches opening in the near future. I have asked Lou to continue his expansion efforts and to also investigate areas where ICF branches have existed in the past. Please feel free to contact Lou with any possible leads you may have.

My sister Donna always seems to come up with an answer when I'm struggling to find the right words, so I would like to share the following joke she told me while I was writing this speech

A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. You grew up in a different world, actually almost a primitive one, the student said loud enough for others to hear. The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed... and many more. After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. You're right son, we didn't have those things when we were young... so we invented them, now he said, what are you doing for the next generation.

In order to sustain the livelihood of this amazing organization, we must keep our faith and find the passion that enabled those before us to make the federation what it has become today.

Now is the time in which we all must work together — take action — and stand up and take responsibility for the wonderful gift that has been given to us — that of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Thank you.

12th Annual Central Council Golf Tournament and Banquet

Leonard Rossi
Grand Parliamentarian

The twelfth annual Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament sponsored by the Central Council took place on Friday, July 27, 2012. It was a GREAT success. 59 golfers attacked the challenging Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey. The weather was gorgeous and the golf was exciting. 1st Low Gross score of 59 was posted by the team of Mark Lewandowski, Todd Barney, Mel Montanio and Raymond Townsend. The 1st low net score of 54 was posted by the team of Joe Dianda, Will Gragg, Wally Giudici and Joe Lazar. The 2nd low net score of 57 was posted by the team of Dick Roza, Jim Kuhns, Ralph Miller and Leonard Rossi. The Closest to the hole honors for the women went to Linda Aliberti. The closest to the hole for the men went to Dave Macias. The longest drive award went to big hitter Michael Hurlbut.

The day began with a beautiful breakfast buffet for all the golfers. Following the golf match, all of the contestants and many guests attended the post tournament banquet that was held at San Carlos Hall in Monterey. A delicious dinner, cooked by chef extraordinaire Eddie Leonard, featured Castroville Artichoke, Ravioli with Meat Sauce, “Neopolitan” Steak with mushrooms, roasted fingerling potatoes, French string beans almadine and flan with caramel sauce. Prior to the dinner, those in attendance enjoyed a vast array of hors d’oeuvres which included: deep fried panko coated jumbo prawns, assorted grilled sausages, chicken wings “alla cacciatore” style, calamari salad, clams bordelaise, and assorted domestic and imported cheeses and olives.

A big thank you goes to the officers and members of Branch 36 Monterey, who worked so very hard in serving the banquet. Special thanks are extended to the President of Branch 36, Liz Grammatico for all her expertise.

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The Hole-In-One Sponsor was Grand Treasurer George Bacigalupi.

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In honor of Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz -	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
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Get well wishes for Jackie Smith
Deborah Rodondi
Get well wishes for Frances Teglia

Scholarship Convention Donations

Scholarship Convention Donations - 2nd - 4th Year
Manny La Torre
Grand Total: \$100.00

Items Lost and Found at Convention in Reno

(3) Items were found in the Reno Ballroom on Monday, September 3, after the Monday Morning Prayer Service that was held at 9:00am and have been returned to the ICF Office.
1. An EXILIM 9.1 Mega Pixels Digital Camera EX-Z85 in a black leather case with EXILIM printed on the front flap.
2. A pair of wrap-around sunglasses with a black frame labeled XOXO Polarized.
3. A pair of blue thin framed reading glasses with narrow - ½ size - lenses.
If any of these items belong to you or you have information on the person they might belong to, please call the ICF Office at 1-888-423-1924.
Thank you.



Happy Halloween!

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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Committee Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Chairperson
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Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of Reno, Nevada for their 82nd Annual Convention on August 31 to September 3, 2012 adopt the following Communications and Resolutions:

COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMUNICATION TO POPE BENEDICT XVI

Renewal of our pledge of loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We pledge our prayers for His continued good health and that God will grant Him many more years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REVEREND RANDOLPH R. CALVO, BISHOP OF RENO

We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for his continued service to the people of the Reno Diocese. We are grateful for his participation in this year's convention, representing the Diocese of Reno.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REV. ARMANDO X. OCHOA, BISHOP OF FRESNO

The Federation congratulates the Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa on his succession as the Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno on February 1, 2012. We look forward to many years of his spiritual guidance and friendship and we pledge our loyalty to him.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REV. GEORGE H. NIEDERAUER, ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO

The Federation wishes to acknowledge the Most Reverend George H. Niederauer for his years of service as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Northern California, Salt Lake City and Honolulu. As Archbishop of San Francisco, the city of our Founding Fathers, he has been a cherished friend of the ICF. We wish him many years of good health in his retirement.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REV. SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, BISHOP OF OAKLAND

The Federation wishes to congratulate the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone on his appointment to the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He has been a friend of the ICF for many years as Bishop of the Oakland Diocese and we pledge our loyalty to him as he assumes the office of Archbishop on October 4, 2012, the Feast Day of Saint Francis.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL PRIESTS WHERE THE FEDERATION IS ESTABLISHED

We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask their paternal blessing on the works of the Federation, that we follow in the footsteps of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. We are united in a common faith and love for Christ's Body, and the Church; and that we will continue to be faithful and diligent in our message of our values; faith, family, and heritage. We continue to support the many needs of the Catholic Church, especially our seminarians and clergy.

RESOLUTIONS:

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES

As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and liberty. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well being and safe return. We especially remember those who have given their lives in defending our freedom.

TO ALLELECTED LEADERS OF OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well being of ALL in our United States of America and in the world.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2012

We offer our prayers and support to the people of the world, devastated by natural disasters in 2012. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE CONVENTION DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE, LOCAL COMMITTEES, AND DIOCESAN CHAPLAINS

Whereas, the preparation of the annual convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Steve Fuentes and the chairs of various local committees under the guidance of Carolyn Smith, President of Branch #135 Reno and Local Chairperson of the Convention, the success of the convention was assured. We, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

TO GRAND PRESIDENT JANE DIANDA

We are grateful for her outstanding leadership this past year as Grand President. For her time, and untiring efforts, all the officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation congratulate her and look forward to her continued leadership in the

Dear Editor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Cookie and I would like to thank all of you for asking about us at the convention this past September. It is wonderful to know that we were missed. We, in turn, missed

not being there and seeing all of you, our friends, after 42 years of going to convention! Health issues and "Father Time" keep us close to home. Thank you again and God bless all of you and the ICF.

*Sincerely,
Nello and Cookie Rossi*

Membership Growth Through Sharing of Heritage

Richard Interrante, Br 380 Thousand Oaks

During the recent 82nd annual ICF convention in Reno, NV, Thousand Oaks Branch #380 was recognized as having the 3rd highest growth in the nation among all branches with 101 or more members. While there were several factors contributing to our healthy rate of growth, one that stood out as having a large impact was the sharing of our Italian heritage with the community. When we share our heritage, we have been able to connect with others who also enjoy celebrating Italian heritage, whether or not they are of Italian descent. In addition to a variety of interesting heritage presentations given by our heritage chairperson during our general meetings, two major events that provided us the opportunity to reach out to the community included our St Joseph's Table celebration in March, as well as an Italian language class that we sponsored at our parish.

As with many branches, our St. Joseph's Table event in March is our largest event of the year. Each year we create a very festive environment at our parish during this time by essentially transforming our church hall into a lively piazza, complete with beautiful decorations, a delectable array of Italian baked goods, a homemade Italian dinner, raffle prizes, and even a photo booth where guests can "travel to Italy" for only a few dollars by posing in front of one of several famous Italian landmarks. Several of the members we have today were attracted to our branch by simply attending or volunteering during this event and then expressing an interest in exposing their families to this same spirit of cultural celebration throughout the year.

Most recently, our branch sponsored an Italian language class at our parish, led by a very enthusiastic and energetic instructor from the foreign language department at Pepperdine University. This fun and educational 10-week course covered many of the conversational basics of Italian language including numbers and alphabet, greetings, asking for or giving directions, ordering food, communicating the time of day and day of the week, and much more. It ended with our own Italian festa in which class members brought food and dessert to share. Several of our past class members are now beginning to attend our ICF general meetings. News of this class spread by word of mouth throughout our parish and community, with enough people interested in attending that it was repeated a 2nd time! We are now in the process of determining timing for a 3rd session.

Looking ahead, branch #380 is hosting an 11-day trip to Italy, April 5-15, 2013, open to all. Stops will include many major locations throughout Italy including famous sites in Rome, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, and much more. We have begun to advertise this in our parish and local community, with great interest so far. We expect that this once in a lifetime trip will again unite us with many in the community who will decide to extend their celebration of Italian heritage throughout the year by joining our branch as members.

For more information about Branch 380's 2013 trip to Italy or to explore ideas on how your branch might offer the same, please visit our web site at www.icfbranch380.org, or call 805.494.3488.

years ahead.

TO THE FAMILY OF DAN PETROLINO, LIFE MEMBER EMERITUS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

We acknowledge his passing on February 19, 2012. His forty-three years of devotion to the aims and goals of the Federation will never be forgotten. He served as Grand President from 1990 to 1993. He served on many committees always giving of his expertise of leadership. He traveled extensively throughout the areas where branches were located. To his family, we offer our deep condolences and the assurances of prayers for the repose of his soul.

TO THE FAMILY OF JIM SPINETTI, MEMBER EMERITUS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

We acknowledge his passing on October 29, 2011. Jim was a loyal and dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation, serving on the branch, district and Central Council level. He served as first president of the Watsonville Branch #153 for five years. To his family, we

offer our deep condolences and the assurances of prayers for the repose of his soul.

TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our generous gratitude to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith, Dave Rose, and Michelle Feldman, Editor of the Bollettino.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS

We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

TO THE DELEGATES AND NON DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION

We thank them for representing their branches and for their dedication in preserving and keeping the Italian Catholic Federation, a strong and vital organization in their communities. We wish them all a safe trip home.

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News From Gifts of Love



Pictured here is Sherine Carr Ramos and her daughter Taylor, Elaine Osorio, District Chairperson, Andy Pappani, Central Council Trustee, and Marlene Filice Branch 28 Chairperson. Taylor received a donation for a sun shade to her wheelchair.



Left to Right: 2 members of Operation Freedom Paws, Elaine Osorio, District chairperson, Andy Pappani, CC Trustee, Marie Cortini leader, and Marlene Filice Branch #28 chairperson. Operation Freedom Paws trains dogs for companionship to veterans.



Elaine Osorio, Andy Pappani, Diana Berry President Br. 28, Ramona Trevino, Marlene Filice and Marianne Peopoes. Ramona Trevino received a donation for an iPad to help her in her teaching position for a special boy. Elaine is the district chairperson, Andy is a CC trustee, Marlene is Branch 28 chairperson, and Marianne Peoples is a branch 38 board member.

Friday at the Convention

Convention

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Fuentes and his committee hosted a wonderful gathering from August 31, 2012 to September 3, 2012 at the Grand Sierra Resort.

This year's theme quite apropos as the ICF celebrated and awarded its highest honor to some very deserved individuals.

The hotel was a self-contained entity, allowing delegates and members alike to partake in gambling, swimming, bowling, shopping and multiple dining venues. All of the ICF events, minus the Thursday Night Dinner hosted by Branch 135, were held within the hotel. On Friday, friends and family gathered on Friday afternoon to register, play Pedro, and battle it out on the bocce courts. The Live to Give Committee also hosted the ICF's first Convention Blood Drive. Members and hotel guests alike did their part and donated blood.

As the sun set on the evening of the first night on the Convention, the members gathered in the conference center for the official Grand Opening.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Grand Trustee Vince Piro, who kept the mood for the night very light and jovial.

Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli gave a blessing to one and all to enjoy the weekend and celebrate the ICF. The Reno High School ROTC Honor Guard presented the Colors, and Life Member of the Central Council Nina Malone performed the Italian and National Anthems.

Receiving a warm welcome, Grand President Jane Dianda was escorted down the center aisle by Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino and Grand 2nd Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

President of Reno Branch 135, Carolyn Smith, humbly welcomed everyone to Reno and presented a gift from the branch to Grand President Dianda.

Grand President Dianda continued by welcoming one and all to the Convention in the pursuit of new ideas to share with each member and delegate's branches back home.

During the Roll Call of the Districts, a representative from each district processed down the aisle carrying a board with the words to the Prayer of St. Francis printed on them. The boards were then placed along the front of the stage by Central Council Member Nancy Corsi and Grand Sentinel Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

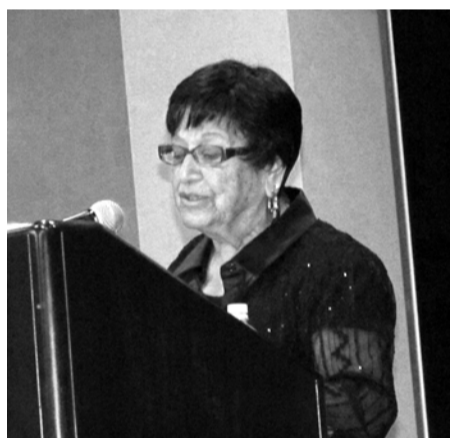
Another highlight of the Opening Ceremonies was the presentation of the Grand President's Award. This year, Grand President Dianda paid tribute to a woman who always has a smile on her face and never backs down from helping those around her, Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz, of Branch 184, Los Gatos, California.

Marie graciously accepted the award and thanked the ICF for the honor. With her family in attendance, Marie's love and dedication to the ICF goes to show that age truly is not a barrier. As she returned to her seat after accepting the award, a flash-mob of family and friends surrounded her and sang "Oh Marie". The song was a beautiful trib-

ute to an amazing woman.

To close out the opening ceremony, Rev. Michael Mahone, chaplain of Reno, Branch 135 lead the closing prayer. Nina Malone, accompanied by Pat Mueller of the East Bay District sang "Noi Vogliam Dio", and the opening ceremony was officially finished.

As per tradition and for the fun of those in attendance, the Central Council candidates were waiting to meet the delegates and members in attendance during, "Meet the Candidates." Everyone was then invited to attend the candidate's hospitality rooms. Here the food, spirits, and conversations were flowing as friendships were rekindled and many topics were discussed.



Saturday at the Convention

With an early morning start on Saturday, September 1 the delegates were ready to attend workshops that discussed the finances of the Italian Catholic Federation; learn the role of district and branch deputies, and how to be a great one; how to bring heritage alive in your branch; and delve into the soul inspiring world of spirituality.

During one of the Finance Workshop sessions it was asked, "why not have the ICF fill out all the branch tax forms?" Grand Trustee George Bacigalupi's answer was that it would be way too expensive to hire the amount of people to complete the task.

At the Heritage Workshop, Robert Pachinger from Branch 413, Angel's Camp, was asked to speak about the heritage program at his branch. He told those in attendance that his objective was to create family histories – how families got here and how they survived. He also said that the variety of stories is what keeps people interested.

During the Deputy Workshop, a topic that reappeared from session to session was the need to have the different branch and district deputies be trained. Many area doing a great job, yet others just are not clear as to what they should be doing at the branch meetings.

After the memorial Mass and a lunch break the business session began. If the award presentations are the heart of the Convention, the Saturday business session is the nuts and bolts.

After Grand President Jane Dianda made introductions of the Central Council, clergy members, and staff, the Credentials Committee led by Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi informed the delegates that there were 261 voting delegates, Central Council, Life Members and Life Members Emeritus in attendance.

The election of the Central Council members this year saw 13 candidates for the 12 positions. The candidates' speeches both reflected each candidate's interest in maintaining their current position on the Central Council, or gave ideas for what they hoped to do in the future.

This year, only one branch asked to be excused from the Convention. Due to the fact that it was a last minute emergency that restricted them from attending the Convention it was voted not to fine them.

Grand President Dianda then presented Rosemary Cook of Branch 13, Martinez, California, with the Young Adult Leadership Award. Rosemary has been a member of the ICF her whole life, and was even an "ICF Officer in Training" when she was a young child. Now, a student at Carondelet High School in Concord, California, Rosemary is very active within her branch and holds an office. She also spends a lot of her time volunteering around her school, community, the Girl Scouts, and even abroad.

In her speech, Rosemary said, "To be given an award for doing what I enjoy doing is amazing. God called me to a life of service, and it has always been a big part of who I am. Being here in front of all of you is, in a way, validation for me. This confirms that God is happy with my performance. He is happy with what I have to of-

fer. He is happy to have given me the talents needed to touch the world around me. He is happy that He chose me to be an example, and, I am eternally grateful."

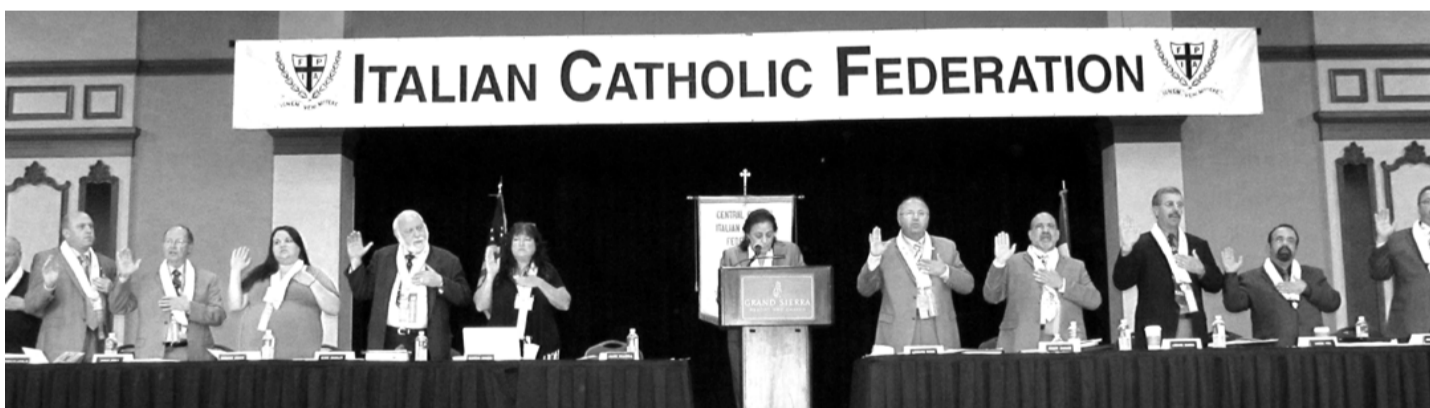
Considering her age, Rosemary admitted that none of this would be possible without the help of her family.

"God placed many people in my life that have been great models for me to emulate," Rosemary said.

On the business side of the session, there was one proposed branch by-law change that was submitted by the Central Council By-laws and Ritual Committee, and it passed. The wording to Article 2. – A. – has now changed the second to last sentence to now read, "If the October meeting date is changed, members of the Branch must be notified by U.S. Mail or email 14 days in advance."

As the business of the day drew to a close, the festivities of the evening were about to begin.

The delegates and members were given a relaxing period to return to their rooms before the Saturday night cocktail party and banquet.



Saturday Night at the Convention

Members descended from their rooms to the banquet hall as the cocktail party was in full gear. The room was full of friendly faces not only reminiscing on the past, but talking about family, recent trips and vacations.

Once inside the banquet hall members took their seats as the Master of Ceremonies, Grand Trustee Andrew Pappani welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

After the dinner, Grand President Dianda then presented the Pope John XXIII award to Laurice Levine.

Mrs. Levine is best known around the ICF as Laurice. By day, she is the thalassemia outreach coordinator at Children's Hospital Oakland, but the rest of her 24-hour day is filled with helping patients and their families learn to live with Cooley's; attending ICF meetings and events to further increase knowledge and awareness for Cooley's; and living with thalassemia herself.

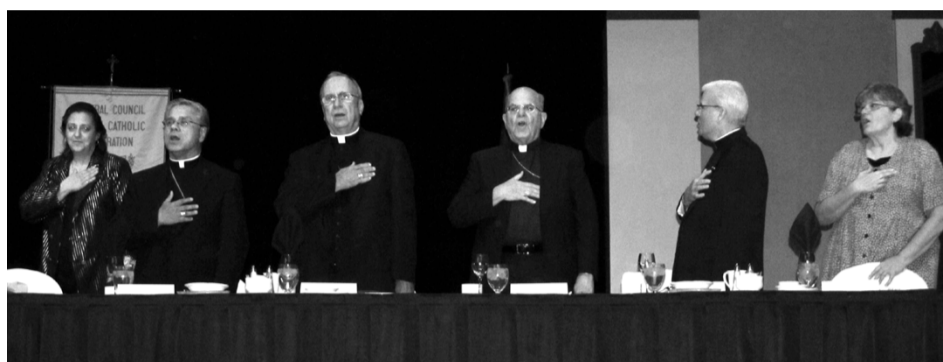
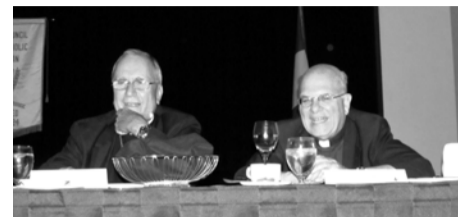
"One thing I have tried to do in my life is turn lemons into lemonade," Laurice said in her speech. "Appropriately said in Reno – we cannot control the hand we are dealt, but we can control how we play our cards. I have always tried to make the best of my situation. I have never seen it as tragic –

there are much worse things in life – or wished that I did not have thalassemia. If I did not have thalassemia I wouldn't be here today."

Midway through Laurice's thank-you speech she asked her husband Matt to join her at the podium. She then said they had an announcement to make. You could hear a collective inhale as those there waited to hear the "news". Laurice and Matt announced they have entered into the process to adopt a child. At this, there was a uniform "Ahh!" that washed over those in attendance, followed by loud applause.

"Life's Biggest Challenges have been great gifts and I feel truly blessed. This Pope John Award is life changing and an immense honor because it is from you – the ICF. I genuinely love this organization and the amazing individuals who comprise it. I know membership is down and that is a challenge – but the quality of this group is unsurpassed. And my motto has always been quality over quantity."

As the banquet concluded many people lingered behind to congratulate Laurice, including his family that stopped to take a few photos with the award recipient.



Sunday at the Convention

The Sunday session was to follow the general theme of the whole Convention to this point – relaxed, informational, and enjoyable.

The following Central Council Candidates were voted into the Central Council: Franklyn Lopes, Andy Pappani, Leonard Zasoski, Vince Piro, Roselynn Jarrett, James Achitelli, Teresa Helfand, Marco Galeazzi, Deborah Rodondi, Pat Mages, Lisa Crudo, and Nancy Corsi.

Marlene Farber of Branch 161, Larkspur, was elected to the Hospitalization Committee, and Sacramento was selected as the location for the 2017 Convention.

Grand President Jane Dianda then presented the Mother Teresa Award to Sister Maureen Delaney, SNJM who flew all the

way in from Mississippi to receive the honor. She also brought handmade quilting projects that people could purchase to support her center.

This year the ICF presented two Mother Teresa Awards. The second awarded was presented to Father Robert Moran from Branch 47, Mountain View, California.

Both Sister Delaney and Father Bob were very appreciative of the honor and humbled to be receiving accolades for doing work that comes naturally to them.

Presentations and awards were later given out from the Apostolate/Charity Committee, Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee, Gifts of Love Committee, Heritage Committee, and Ways and Means Committee.

Grand President Dianda also made the presentation to Dr. Elliott Vichinsky and Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator from Oakland Children's Hospital. Grand President Dianda presented a \$65,000 check to Dr. Vichinsky. Dr. Vichinsky once again thanked the ICF for its dedication to the patients and program at Oakland's Children's Hospital. Laurice also expressed her gratitude to the ICF for all the support and love they give those who have Cooley's Anemia. Then Life Member Emeritus and Past Grand President Nettie Descalso-Del Nero then presented Dr. Vichinsky and Laurice with an additional \$10,000 check from the Kemp Trust.

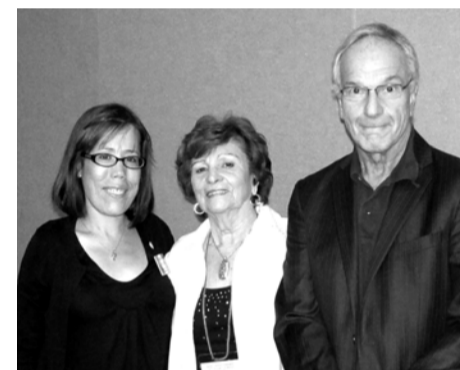
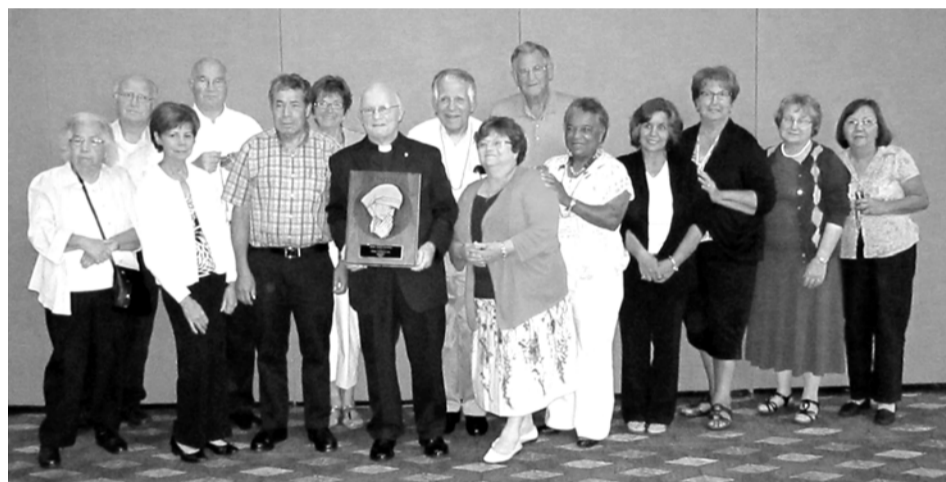
After a busy morning, Grand President Dianda concluded the morning business session, where the current and newly elected Central Council members then retired to lunch to vote on the officers of the Central Council.

The Concelebrated Mass was very well attended and The Most Reverend Bishop Calvo, Bishop Pepe and Bishop Blaire, with the assistance from many members of the clergy performed a beautiful ceremony.

Later in the evening the Sunday Banquet featured a country western theme with a live performer. His rendition of current and classic country songs, and a few Italian-American favorites filled the dance floor.

Thanks to the great food, laughter, good music, and lots of dancing, those who attended had a great time.

The evening concluded with the Convention Raffle and drawing.



Sunday Night at the Convention



Monday at the Convention

After three fun and inspirational days together, it was time for the annual Convention to come to a close.

At the prayer service conducted by Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli the new Central Council members and officers were installed. The new 2012-2013 face of the Central Council is:

- Grand President Jane Dianda
- Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino
- Grand 2nd Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
- Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi
- Grand Treasurer George Bacigalupi
- Grand Trustees Nancy Corsi, Roselynn Jarrett, and Vince Piro
- Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi
- Sergeant-at-Arms Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Grand President Jane Dianda spoke of her desire for the ICF to look into the future and complete the strategic plan that has been in the works for a few years. For more on her speech see the Grand President's Address.

With one last recital of "Noi Vogliam Dio" the Convention came to a close.

Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged until everyone can meet again at the 2013 Convention in La Quinta, California.

