



# BOLLETTINO



## ICF Convention Sparks New Hope For Future

Michelle Feldman  
Editor

Nestled among the dry hills and valleys of Palm Desert, California, the members of the Italian Catholic Federation made the journey to the desert this past Labor Day weekend.

Celebrating 89 years, the San Bernardino District, along with Convention Director Steven Fuentes and his committee, hosted a wonderful gathering from August 29, 2013 to September 2, 2013 at the La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, California.

Following the Catholic Church's lead, this year's Convention theme was "Living The Year of Faith."

This year's hotel was spralled across 45-acres and boasted 535 fireplaces, 41 pools, 53 hot tubs, 23 tennis courts, 7 restaurants, and 5 golf courses.

The area is known for its rather warm cli-



Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the Italian Catholic Federation! Starting at the top row, (l-r) Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer Roselynne Jarrett, Parliamentarian David Botta, Grand Trustee Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Trustee Nancy Corsi, Grand Trustee Lisa Crudo, and Sergeant-at-Arms Marco Galeazzi. Second Row: Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani, Grand President Bob Basuino, Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Grand 1st Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., and Past Grand President Jane Dianda.

mate, and although the temperatures at times seemed a bit oppressive, the hotel staff was more than accomodating in attempting to keep everyone hydrated and transported from one area to another via golf carts.

The Thursday Night Dinner was hosted by



the San Bernardino District at the hotel. Members who arrived early enough enjoyed the dinner and atmosphere that the district provided.

On Friday, friends and family gathered to  
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## Grand President's Monthly Message

(As is per Bollettino tradition, the October issue publishes the Grand President's inaugural speech. The following is new Grand President Bob Basuino's speech.)

Msgr. Cardelli, Reverend Fathers, Officers and Members of the Central Council, Brothers and Sisters of the Italian Catholic Federation, my family and friends:

I cannot put into words, the honor and privilege you have given me, by allowing me to serve you and this outstanding organization as Grand President. As I stand here before you, I ask God for

His help and guidance in fulfilling the duties that are now before me. My position as Grand President is to provide a plan on how and where we want our organization to grow. While assuring success for the future of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Before I disclose my plan, I have a few acknowledgements to make. I want to thank our Past Grand President, Jane Dianda, for all of her support and leadership throughout these past two years. Jane has brought the Italian Catholic Federation to the threshold of new beginnings. I thank her for her assistance and guidance by preparing me for this office. Please join me in giving Jane a warm round of applause for all her hard work and leadership. Jane you are greatly appreciated!!

To my fellow officers and members of the Central Council: Thank you for your vote of confidence by electing me to this honored office. Together we will expand ICF into a larger and more vibrant organization.

I thank Steve Fuentes and his committee who did an outstanding job planning an eventful 2013 convention! Steve your leadership skills are outstanding. I look forward to you being our Convention Committee Chairperson in 2014. Along with Steve, I thank the Members of the San Bernardino District Convention Committee for an excellent job in hosting the 2013 "Living the Year of Faith" Convention. Let's give a round of applause to the San Bernardino District!

Sharing this day with me is a very special group of individuals who are very dear to my heart:

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## 2013 Convention Raffle Winners

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, \$2,500 + \$250 Seller's Prize

I.C.F. Br. 161, Larkspur, CA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, \$1,500 + \$150 Seller's Prize

Peter and Rosemary Acri, Br. 425, Green Valley, AZ

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, \$1,500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

M.J. Dorie, Br. 186, Los Altos, CA

### 4<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Isola, Br. 290, San Francisco, CA

### 5<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Ms. Carla O'Dell, Br. 428, Sutter Creek, CA

### 6<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rigsbee, Br. 417, Fresno, CA

### 7<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Dick Santia, Br. 319, Claremont, CA

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

Branch 31, Los Banos, CA -- \$250

Branch 67, Los Angeles, CA -- \$250

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- Oct. 16 San Bernardino
- Oct. 20 Fresno
- San Diego
- Oct. 27 Blessed Sacrament
- San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Nov. 3 Las Vegas
- Monterey (Central Coast)
- Nov. 17 Los Angeles
- Dec. 8 Reno



**YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013**

**CONCEPT OF THE LOGO**

The logo is composed of a square, bordered field on which a boat, symbolizing the Church, is represented as sailing on a graphically minimal representation of waves. The main mast of the boat is a cross from which sails are displayed in the form of dynamic signs which compose the trigram of Christ (IHS). The background to the sails is a sun which, associated with the trigram, refers also to the Eucharist.

# Living the Faith Gets New Momentum

**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
ICF Spiritual Director  
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

The ICF takes on a new momentum as it continues to live the Year of Faith. As we saw at the annual convention, our Faith is the very backbone of our fraternity. An atmosphere of spirituality permeated throughout the entire convention. One could almost feel the living Faith among the members.

The Year of Faith has already started to take on a new life in our organization. Amazingly, for the first time in ICF history, we are embarking on a strategic plan! It is the intention of this plan to show all Catholics that the Italian Catholic Federation has evolved into a new organization. Through this intense goal-setting process, we will show all Catholics how: we reach out to people in need, care for the handicapped, foster vocations to

the priesthood and religious life, provide a seminary bursary to each bishop, help pastors in parish activities and participate in parish life, offer college scholarships, sponsor blood drives, support youth and family programs, and the many more ways we reach out to communities. We will also re-visit our mission and decide what our objectives should be for the changing world of the 21st century.

The ICF is not just for Italians. It welcomes all Catholics and non-Catholic spouses of Catholic members. It is a family-oriented group and provides for children's programs.

Families can be members as a family group.

Many Catholics know of the ICF, but they are not aware of the extent of outreach and involvement that exists in the group. It still participates in the Italian culture and especially in the Italian cuisine.



We look forward with anticipation to promoting the new Italian Catholic Federation. May God help us to attain our goal.

## Membership Committee Under New Chairmanship

**Nina Malone**  
Membership Chairperson

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the ICF:

It is my honor and privilege to have been appointed as chairperson of the Membership Committee for 2013-2014 by our newly elected Grand President, Bob Basuino. I think you will agree that membership is at the heartbeat of our Federation. My committee will do everything possible to gain and retain members with some new ideas that are fun and exciting. As of the date of this printing, committee members have not yet been appointed, but I'm sure I will be blessed with value and experience as we move forward into the next year. There is much work to be done, but with hard work, dedication and God on our side, anything is possible!

I would especially like to thank Roselynn Jarrett for doing such an excellent job these past few years. Rose has brought new and creative ideas to this committee that have gotten everyone thinking about membership; she will be a very tough act to follow but I promise to do my best for all of you. Also, many thanks to her committee members from this last year who gave of their time and energy to successfully execute the projects and assignments given to them: James Acitelli, Nancy Corsi, James Jones and Franklyn Lopes, Jr. I hope to have the good fortune of meeting and working with many of you this year.

God's blessings and peace,

*Nina Malone*

*Membership Chairperson*

*Life Member of the Central Council*

### Editor Note:

Next Bollettino deadline  
is October 10 for the  
November issue.



Membership awards were given out at the Convention. Congratulations to all branches who received an award!



Membership Chairperson Roselynn Jarrett handing out the Membership Awards at the Convention.

### At the Convention

\$25 prizes were given out at the Convention to 5 new members:

Joan Sheehan Br. 332, Novato, CA  
Kevin P. Ward Br. 441, Des Plaines, IL  
Robert Scandella Br. 342, Auburn, CA  
Janice Parsons Br. 14, Crockett, CA  
Antone J. Chicca Br. 33, Bakersfield, CA

Congratulations and welcome to the Italian Catholic Federation!

### High Five!

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

Santa Clara Valley	+13
Santa Rosa	+8
Chicago	+6
(Four way tie for fourth place*)	
*San Mateo	+2
*San Fernando	+2
*Santa Barbara/Ventura	+2
*Orange	+2
*San Bernardino	+1

### Membership Stats as of

**Sept. 1, 2013:**  
**10,806**

Members as of June 1, 2013:  
10,853

New:	100
Reinstated:	3
Transfer in/out:	1
Deceased:	36
Cancelled:	138

# HERITAGE

## AROUND THE ICF

Nancy Corsi  
Heritage Chairperson

October is celebrated in Italian American communities across the United States as Italian Heritage Month to coincide with the Columbus Day Holiday. In the 500 years since Columbus discovered America, millions of Italians have immigrated to these shores and many have made remarkable contributions to the enrichment of the United States and the world. As we Italian Americans like to say: “America, We discovered it, We named it, We built it.” The Genoese explorer, Columbus was not the only Italian who played a vital role in the

discovery of America. It was the explorer Giovanni Caboto (born in Genoa, as was Columbus) who gave the English their claim to North America. Caboto planted the Venetian flag next to the English flag. Amerigo Vespucci, a Florentine sailor and merchant, gave his name Amerigo to America.

All three, Columbus, Caboto, and Vespucci were well acquainted with each other. So now when you see the bumper sticker that says “America, A Nice Italian Name” you will know what it means. Don’t forget to enjoy the Columbus Monument at Coit Tower in San Francisco.

*Shared: The Italian Cultural Society, Sacramento, CA*

Marco Galeazzi,  
Central Council Sergeant-at-Arms  
Heritage Committee Member

Hi everyone. Hope everyone enjoyed the 2013 Convention in La Quinta. A very special thank you to our host, the San Bernardino District. You did an outstanding job!!

The Convention Committee offered us many informative workshops to learn from, speakers to contemplate and honored many outstanding citizens and their fine work. As always the Sunday Mass was one of the memorable highlights of the Convention. Congratulations to the Central Council members and the newly elected officers of the Federation for the coming year, 2013 – 2014.

The Heritage Committee introduced “The Year in Pictures of the Italian Catholic Federation.” We are very excited about this book. It is always fun to see our branches and friends and reminisce the past year through the pictures. The Convention goes that viewed the book were equally

excited. It contains over 800 pictures of our great work. We have sample books in the Chicago area (Teresa Hefand) and Los Angeles area (Carmelo Sabatella), Nevada, Arizona (Jim Acitelli), Northern CA, (Nancy Corsi) and myself for the Central Valley. The ICF office will also have a sample book.

You can order the picture books directly from the ICF office. The cost is \$25.00, including postage. The arrival date for the picture book will be November. You can use the book as a Membership tool, to show others of the work we do, especially your branch. You can also get new ideas, on ways to have different events for your branch or district. Give the book as gifts for special events, Christmas, birthdays or raffle prizes. Purchase one or two for the branch/district archives. Give a copy to your clergy.

I am excited about this book, and I know you will be. Be sure to order yours for the November delivery. The order form is in the Bolletino and will be available at the ICF office and we will try to get it on the ICF Web site.

May God pray and watch over all of us for a better world.

### Scholarship Donations

*Donations received by Sept. 10, 2013.*  
**Scholarship Donations – 1st Year**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Family  
In memory of Melba Bolla

**Scholarship Donations Made at the  
Convention – 2nd-4th Year**

Manny La Torre  
Grand Total: \$100.00

### AYEAR OF PICTURES OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Photo Books of the ICF for \$25.00 each  
Make checks payable to “ICF Photo Book”

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### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
9/1	Jim Acitelli	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
9/2	Manny Valle	367	Las Vegas, NV	\$100
9/3	Angelo Stagnaro	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
9/4	Anne Gabri	419	West Sacramento, CA	\$30
9/5	Linda Vieira		Stockton, CA	\$30
9/6	Josephine Wallace	290	San Francisco, CA	\$30
9/7	Janet Pugliese	39	Merced, CA	\$30
9/8	Ava Banducci		Crockett, CA	\$50
9/9	Bob Conte	379	Westminster, CA	\$30
9/10	Joey Franson		Foothill Ranch, CA	\$30
9/11	Clara & Art Lopez	39	Merced, CA	\$30
9/12	Bernard Baima	102	Burbank, CA	\$30
9/13	Charmaine Scardina	14	Pinole, CA	\$30
9/14	Pat Pasquinelli	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
9/15	Vicki Bandoni	39	Merced, CA	\$30
9/16	Julius Ratti		Oakland, CA	\$30
9/17	Steve & Carrie Grisenti	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/18	Phil Ann Dragich		San Pedro, CA	\$30
9/19	Josh Foster		Alameda, CA	\$30
9/20	Ken & Diana Crosetti		San Mateo, CA	\$30
9/21	Betty Krause	161	San Anselmo, CA	\$30
9/22	Imma Sottile	161	Mill Valley, CA	\$50
9/23	Joe & Genevieve Baldanzi		Elk Grove, CA	\$30
9/24	Peter John Guerrieri		Crockett, CA	\$30
9/25	Maria Keller	236	Sacramento, CA	\$30
9/26	Angelina Guerrieri		Crockett, CA	\$30
9/27	Marie Rhyans		Salinas, CA	\$30
9/28	Eva Y. Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
9/29	Joann Juhl	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
9/30	Angelo Suranno	439	Glenview, IL	\$30

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### Item Lost at I.C.F. Convention in La Quinta

The following item may have been left on the table in the Flores Ballroom on Monday, September 2, right after the Monday Morning Prayer Service/ Installation that was held at 9:00am.

**A Black Canon Digital Camera in a Black AARP zippered bag.** The camera has a flip-up flash.

If you happened to pick up this camera or have any information on it, please contact Jean Tomatis, the owner of the camera, at (650) 575-3224.

Thank you.



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza  
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Frank Russo	Mrs. Josephine Lucido
Mark Garcia	Suzanne Garcia Padilla
Ida Sodo	Romolo and Lorraine Iavarone
Louise Angin	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Teresa Passanisi	Officers/Members of Br. 327
Lee Cook	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Enzo Petrucci	Janet Petrucci
Peter De Pasquale	Officers/Members of Fresno District
Frank De Pasquale	Officers/Members of Fresno District
Mario Damonte	Nello and Cookie Rossi
Mario Damonte	Leonard, Karen and Janet Rossi
Lisetta Viani	Frank and Jeanette Muratore
Mary Ciaravino	Forrest and Prudence Price
Elvera Garcia	Officers/Members of Central Council
GET WELL WISHES:	
Leonora McKeen	Mary Romitti
Joe Frankina	Jim and Janice Jones
Albert Teglia	Officers/Members of Central Council
Al Teglia	Forrest and Prudence Price
Vic Tallarida	Forrest and Prudence Price
Al Teglia	Leroy and Stella Taddei
CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING ELECTED GRAND PRESIDENT:	
Bob Basuino	Ed and Jo Bertaccini

IN HONOR OF:	
Br. 380 - Thousand Oaks	Central Council Heritage Committee
Annual Heritage Programs	
Br. 14 - Crockett	Central Council Heritage Committee
Monthly Heritage Program	
Br. 184 - Los Gatos	Central Council Heritage Committee
Monthly Heritage Program	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:	
Carmen Kilcullen	Janine and Alan Boone

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:	
Bob and Lorraine Urban	Officers/Members of Br. 161

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:  
\*\*\*A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of a sale of the I.C.F. ring offered by the store.\*\*\*

\*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.

Thoughts to Ponder  
Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile.  
-- William Cullen Bryant

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 09/13/2013		
PAULINE CHIARAMONTE		GERALD E LOMBARDI Branch 214
		PETER P SODINI Branch 215
MABEL MANNINA Branch 004		SHARON L JOHNSON Branch 217
ALDO DE TOMASI Branch 007		ROSE M WILLER Branch 223
JOHN BEESLEY Branch 036		L LOUISE GUGAT Branch 227
TIMOTHY F DI MAGGIO	Branch 036	DOROTHY M MELFE Branch 250
		LOUISE ANGIN Branch 290
VIVIAN H BENSON Branch 039		ALGIRD G LEIGA Branch 319
RITA BRANGERO Branch 040		TERESA A PASSANISI Branch 327
GLORIA M ROMANO Branch 050		LINA GATTO Branch 358
MARIO DAMONTE Branch 091		JOHN J PERSICO Branch 362
JENNIE BOLOGNA Branch 127		CONNIE A FRY Branch 403
CORDELIA GOMEZ Branch 127		SUSAN RENNA Branch 417
PETER DE PASQUALE Branch 185		ANNE SARKISIAN Branch 417
FRANK SIDOTE Branch 195		LEE A COOK Branch 428
		JANET E HUEBNER Branch 438
		ARMANDO R MAZZEO Branch 439

Apostolic and Charity

Can We Do More?

Jim Acitelli  
Apostolate/Charity Chairman

Now that the 83<sup>rd</sup> ICF Annual National Convention is over we have all new officers for the coming year. If you would like to see change or if you have new ideas, now is the time to let them know – write it down and submit it to the officers or Central Council members.

Let's turn our attention to the Apostolate/Charity Report. When was the last time you asked yourself, "Can I do more? Can I do more for others? Can I give more of myself or give more financially? Am I aware of the needs around me?" Too often we focus only on the needs of the poor,

how about our consideration of those with disabilities? We all have so much to offer – we have to stop thinking of only "me" and start doing for others.

Look on the bright side of things in our lives and the Federation. Negativity only hurts and does not present a positive image of us and the work we do.

And let's never forget to live by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I would like to thank my Committee who worked so hard with me this last year – Lisa Crudo, Teresa Helfand and Marco Galeazzi.

Apostolate Charity Update

Apostolate Charity Committee

Thank you to the following Branch that sent in a donation for activities at Oakland Children's Hospital for their Cooley's Anemia Patients. With this additional donation we collected a final total of \$1,800.00 for 2013 and have sent the additional donation 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.

Branch 102 - in memory of Tony Galante

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.



Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 9/10/2103

JOHN VACCARO Branch 005  
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LARRY J SCETRINI Branch 028  
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ANDRE GUARDI Branch 379  
DANTE GUARDI Branch 379  
ROMAN GUARDI Branch 379  
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MARGARET NELSON Branch 417  
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# Cooley's Corner

## Thank You For Your Generosity

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

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

On behalf of Dr. Vichinsky, the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Staff at Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland (CHRCO), and most especially the patients and families we care for who have thalassemia, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude for your donation of \$68,000 presented to us at the 83rd Annual Convention in La Quinta. Once again, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero presented us with an additional \$10,000 from the Kemp Trust, making this year's contribution a total of \$78,000. There are not enough words to express our gratitude to the ICF, and we thank you for once again adopting us as your national charity—a continued miracle for us year after year.

We are constantly amazed by your immense generosity and also reminded that we are able to offer outreach services to patients and families in large part due to ICF funds that

are raised as a result of your countless hours of hard work, tireless efforts, creativity, and teamwork. Along with outreach, your funds go toward medical research to improve care and the quality of life for patients now and for generations to come.

We appreciate your love and hospitality and that you always welcome us to your Convention activities with open arms. It was an honor to be more involved once again this year by coming for the duration, planning the blood drive, and attending more of the festivities.

Thalassemia outreach and education is a vital part of our program, and we thoroughly enjoy attending branch events. If your branch is interested in learning more about thalassemia and would like us to speak at any of your meetings and/or events, or if you would like a tour of our hospital, please contact Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator, at 510-428-3885, ext. 5427, or LLevine@mail.cho.org. Also, please mark your calendars for the Annual Thalassemia Christmas Party on December 12 at 6:00pm. You and your loved ones are welcome.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our program. You all touch the lives of countless people, and you make this world a much better place to live.

### Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by Sept. 10, 2013.

Branch 4	Branch 441
Branch 6	LA District BBQ
Branch 18	John and Terry Giannetto
Branch 19	Mr. Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
Branch 21	In memory of D.V. Gullo
Branch 67	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Branch 214	In memory of Mary Ann Perino
Branch 223	Louie and Patricia Cordich
Branch 227	In honor of the 100th birthday of
Branch 290	Bernice Kiser
Branch 327	Mr. and Mrs. Vic Tallarida and Bob
Branch 382	In memory of Mary Sperrazzo
Branch 440	Forrest and Prudence Price
	In memory of Mary Sperrazzo

### Cooley's Anemia Convention Donations

Branch 4	Branch 291
Branch 7	Branch 308
Branch 12	Branch 326
Branch 25	Branch 332
Branch 27	Branch 367
Branch 32	Branch 379
Branch 33	Branch 380
Branch 48	Branch 390
Branch 67	Branch 392
Branch 102	Branch 395
Branch 102 - In memory of Tony Galante	Branch 406
Branch 127	Branch 413
Branch 169	Branch 425
Branch 173	Branch 428
Branch 184	Branch 439
Branch 218	Maria and Alfredo Abate
Branch 229	Jane Dianda
Branch 230	Henry Fleischmann
Branch 281	Leonard and Betty Zasoski
Branch 285	
Grand Total: \$15,090	

# Live to Give

## The Live To Give Committee Thanks You

Nina Malone  
Central Council Life Member

The second annual blood drive was conducted at our annual convention held in La Quinta, CA on Friday, August 30. It was a huge success in many ways; participation, enthusiasm, devotion and love for a cause that affects everyone. There were 26 sign ups... and 23 units of blood were collected from our generous donors. We even had a couple of "locals" from La Quinta who read about us coming to town and decided to come to the resort and make a contribution. The Live to Give Committee is eagerly looking forward to our next convention in Oakland 2014. Being so close to Children's Hospital and most of our Northern California branches, we hope that participation will double; maybe even triple!

It is hard to think that our "newest" committee in the ICF is already two years

old and as the saying goes, one thing we can always count on (besides God, of course) is change. Like so many of us on the Central Council, I am looking forward to new challenges this next year as I have been assigned as the new Membership Committee Chairperson. Past Grand President Jane Dianda will be taking over as Chairperson of the Live to Give Committee this next year. Jane had the vision to form this committee during her presidency, so there is no doubt that things will effortlessly move forward. I have been so blessed to have worked closely with Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator for Children's Hospital in Oakland, CC Member Lisa Crudo and CC Member James Acitelli as well as Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Emeritus Al Teglia.

Although my main focus may be moving to other challenges within the Federation, my heart will always hold a special place for this exceptional committee!



Central Council Member Andy Pappani donating blood at the 2nd Annual Live to Give Blood Drive.



The 2012-2013 Live to Give Committee: (l-r) Central Council Member Jim Acitelli, Central Council Life Member Nina Malone, Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator and Member-at-Large Laurice Levine, Central Council Member Lisa Crudo, and honorary member Dr. Elliot Vichinsky from Children's Hospital, Oakland.



# La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth Family Fun at the 2013 Convention



## BOOK REVIEW Vince Piro

### Wild Dreams: The Best of Italian Americana

Edited by Carol Bonomo Albright and Joanna Clapps Herman

Fordham University Press, 2008. 329 pp.

**W**ild Dreams: The Best of Italian Americana collects fiction and nonfiction from *Italian Americana* magazine. The magazine was originally founded in 1974 by Richard Gambino, Ernest Falbo and Bruno Arcudi. From its inception, the journal has been "devoted to the Italian American experience, wherein Italian Americans would record and document their history, literature, and culture." It publishes prose and poetry, fiction and nonfiction. Not only will the reader find historical accounts in the journal, but also short stories, memoirs, and poetry, both from well-established authors and emerging writers. The magazine is now published in cooperation with the American Italian Historical Association. Wild Dreams

collects the best of the magazine, which has been published for more than 30 years.

One of the editors of *Wild Dreams*, Carol Bonomo Albright, took over the publication of *Italian Americana* in 1989. She and Joanna Clapps Herman, the collection's co-editor, see this anthology as "a sampling of Italian-American literature exemplifying the best work the journal has published, great literature that easily could be included in ethnic studies and American literature as well as composition and writing courses, and that would be of interest to the general public."

The collection is divided into several thematic chapters each containing prose and poetry: Ancestors, The Sacred and Profane, Love and Anger, Birth and Death, Art and Self. Certainly, these themes are not particular to Italian American culture, but each piece in the anthology gives a particularly Italian American view of the subject. However, while there is a common thread of culture that links these pieces, the various texts represent a wide range of voices and ideas.

In "My Father's God," John Fante creates a memorable portrait of an Italian American father, who is a larger than life figure in his family. The father insists that his children go to mass each Sunday, but he himself stays home despite the pleading of the local parish priest. When a new priest comes to



town, the father meets his match and the two have many long conversations in the family kitchen and rectory. However, in the end, the father is able to outwit the pastor and stand uncompromised. Fante's short story is in line with traditional stories of the early Italian American community in that it illustrates the lifestyles and challenges of Italian American families as they struggle to integrate into mainstream American society. As with all of Fante's stories, the reader will find "My Father's God" entertaining and humorous while illustrating a more serious theme.

Other stories are less traditional and more experimental. Mary Caponegro writes a fictional piece that takes as its form "An Etruscan Catechism." Rosalind Palermo Stevenson creates a fictional piece that places side-by-side two narrators relating the same story.

For much of its existence, Dana Gioia was the poetry editor of *Italian Americana* before he left to chair the National Endowment for the Arts. Therefore, the poems in *Wild Dreams* reflect his taste in poetry, and as Clappa Herman states, "Side by side, we find [in this collection] angels and animals, the sacred and the profane, damnation and ecstasy."

Many of the poems share similar themes and motifs. Writers reflect on their relationships with relatives as in John Ciardi's "Tea at Aunt's" and Vince Clemente's "My

Father at Eighty-Five." In other poems, the landscape plays an important role as in Peggy Rizza Ellsberg's "Cape Clear" and Daniela Gioseffi's "Cento at Dawn." Some of the writers take their inspiration from mythology as in Lewis Turco's "Minotuar."

The anthology also contains an interview with Camille Paglia and memoirs by various authors. For example, in "The Two Uncles," Jerry Mangione, author of the classic memoir *Mount Allegro*, remembers two uncles as they face old age and their own mortality.

The editors of *Wild Dreams* have also included author biographies in an appendix that will assist readers who wish to further explore the works of particular writers.

For those interested in the Italian American experience, *Wild Dreams* offers much great fiction and nonfiction that gets at the heart of what it means to be Italian American. The prose and poems reflect the trials and triumphs of Italian Americans and present authors who while they share a common culture also express themselves in unique and original ways.

For more information on the journal *Italian Americana*, you can visit <http://www.italianamericana.com>. For those interested in the American Italian Historical Association, you can visit <http://www.aihaweb.org>.



Congratulations to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Year Scholarship Winners!

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Br./Dist./Indv.
<b>2nd Year Scholarships (\$500.00)</b>			
Ashley Doris	Josephine Ambruso		B. 291 - Arroyo Grande
Ashley Robertson			Contra Costa District
Royce Raffanelli			Br. 14 - Crockett
Nicholas Maltagliati			Br. 154 - Richmond
Jaclyn Kavanaugh			Br. 352 - Danville
Ashley DeDomenico			Br. 432 - Brentwood
Patrick Shevelson			East Bay District
Sarah Butler			Br. 39 - Merced
Giammarco Paolucci			Br. 250 - Clovis
Jennifer Volanti			Br. 417 - Fresno
John Alex Asdourian			Br. 161 - Larkspur
David R. Greene		Fr. Frank Murray	San Mateo District
Marlee Slaughter			Br. 173 - Burlingame
Mark Bruni			Br. 403 - Millbrae
Daniel Rossi			Br. 28 - Gilroy
Michael Campagna			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Jessica Kirk			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Natalie Tomasello			Br. 435 - Morgan Hill
Kylee Ferro			Br. 12 - Napa
Ryan Petronella			Br. 425 - Green Valley
Christopher Bacchetti			Stockton District
Ana Hernandez			Br. 139 - Manteca
Katelyn Kriech	Philip and Anne Muglie		James P. Muglie - Br. 91, Oakland
			James P. Muglie - Br. 91, Oakland
Kelsey Kriech	Philip and Anne Muglie		Taylor Oliveria - Br. 139, Manteca
		Thank You to the Scholarship Program	Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach
Mark Canevari			Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach
Creighton Chaney	Andrew Santo Palumbo		Scholarship Fund
Nicole Marie Enciso	Andrew Santo Palumbo		Scholarship Fund
			Scholarship Fund
Mary M. Gainey			Scholarship Fund
Ashley Jess			Scholarship Fund
Giulia Maffei			Scholarship Fund
Alexis McNeal			Scholarship Fund
Angela Pascoe			Scholarship Fund
Katelynne Rettig			Scholarship Fund
Clare Sorensen			Scholarship Fund
Kaitlyn Williams			Scholarship Fund
<b>3rd Year Scholarships (\$600.00)</b>			
James Bruno			Br. 432 - Brentwood
Chiara Cross			East Bay District
Ryan Farber			Br. 161 - Larkspur
Kelsey Taylor			Santa Clara Valley District
Tara Louie			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Matthew Wen			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Ana Pecoraro			Br. 191 - San Jose
Joseph M. Guttadauro			Br. 391 - San Jose
Alexys Posz			Br. 139 - Manteca
Jennifer Pavlikowski			Br. 425 - Green Valley
Jacqueline McCalmont	Ambrogio and Teresa Solari		Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg
			Michael and Donna Santich
Sarah Santich	Martin and Rose Santich		- Br. 91, Oakland
			Scholarship Fund
Megan Beck	Father Howard Rasmussen		Scholarship Fund
Anna Crosetti	Archbishop Joseph McGucken		Scholarship Fund
Sarah Laus	John Savant		Scholarship Fund
Gabriella Teresa Moreno	William Descalso		Br. 433 - Tucson/
			Scholarship Fund
Jennifer Re	Lawrence Picetti		Scholarship Fund
Adrienne Sarale	Bishop Leo T. Maher		Scholarship Fund
Matt Veneman			Scholarship Fund
<b>Italian Studies 3rd Year Scholarship (\$600.00)</b>			
Katherine Franceschini	Mario Cugia		Br. 6 - Redwood City
Patrick McDonell	Mario Cugia		Scholarship Fund
<b>4th Year Scholarships (\$1,000.00)</b>			
Giuliana Allegrotti			East Bay District
Kendra Gillio			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Sarah Piazza			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Bianca Tusó			Br. 390 - Tracy/Elissagaray and Tusó Families

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Br./Dist./Indv.
Kayla Kriech	Philip and Anne Muglie		James P. Muglie - Br. 91, Oakland
			The Elsie Boragno Estate
Nicholas Enea	Elsie Boragno		Scholarship Fund
Jason Colombini	Father Albert Bandini		Scholarship Fund
Madeline C. Dickson	Armond De Martini		Scholarship Fund
Angelina Gomez	Felix Chialvo		Scholarship Fund
Carolina Paini			Scholarship Fund

Italian Studies 4th Year Scholarship (\$1,000.00)

John Franco Dawdy	Mario Cugia	Scholarship Fund
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\*We also acknowledge the following partial donations that made some of the additional scholarships from the I.C.F. Scholarship Fund possible.

Central Coast District: Br. 21 and Br. 291 - In Memory of Josephine Ambruso; Contra Costa District: Br. 352, Tom and Carole Jobe (Br. 154) - In Memory of Lorraine Fruguglietti and Tom Carole Jobe - In Memory of Joanne Parella; East Bay District: Br. 91, Jane Dianda (Br. 91) - Get Well Wishes for Karen Rossi, Jane Dianda - In Memory of Shadow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane (Br. 91) - In Memory of Guiseppe Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda - In Memory of Dorothy Jellison, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda - In honor of the 90th Birthday of Mr. Melvin Rapozo and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda - Get Well Wishes for Karen Rossi; Fresno District: Br. 31, Br. 70 and Ronald and Roberta Genini - In Memory of Irma Genini; Los Angeles District: Br. 440 and Maurice Kaehler - In Memory of Angelo “Angie” Rossi; Orange District: District and Manny La Torre (Br. 393); San Francisco District: Br. 258 and Jan Farren - In Honor of the 103rd Birthday of Mrs. Dina Puccinelli; San Gabriel Valley District: Br. 317; Santa Clara Valley District: Br. 47, Br. 368, Br. 391, Br. 408, Bill and Maria Greco (Br. 4) - Get Well Wishes for Pat Cordich and Mr. Charles P. Gullo, Jr. - In Memory of A.R. Blase; Santa Rosa District: Br. 52, Br. 144 and Br. 209; Stockton District: Br. 413 and Karen Rosson - In Memory of Paul Vaccarezza; Tucson: Br. 434 - In Memory of Kelli Raffanti.

Gifts of Love Convention D o n a t i o n s	
Branch 7	Branch 308
Branch 33	Branch 332
Branch 48	Branch 380
Branch 102	Branch 390
Branch 127	Branch 392
Branch 169	Branch 395
Branch 173	Branch 413
Branch 184	Branch 425
Branch 229	Branch 428
Branch 281	Branch 439
Branch 285	Eddie and Patricia Vivenzi
Branch 291	<b>Grand Total: \$6,670.00</b>

Gifts of Love D o n a t i o n s	
<i>Donations received by Sept. 10, 2013.</i>	
Branch 4	Pauline Ciraulo
Branch 6	In memory of Nichlos Francis Salamida, Jr.
Branch 19	Rosalie Campisi
Branch 227	In memory of Louis Trebino
Branch 290	Helen Dianda
Branch 327	In memory of Melba Bolla
Branch 441	Patti and Walt Phillips
Rose Vallerga	In memory of Mabel Mannina
In memory of Lee Cook	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
Officers/Members of Br. 291	In honor of the 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday of Anita Cresci
In memory of Margaret Caruso	Officers/Members of Br. 291
Pat and Louie Cordich	In memory of David Spargo
In memory of Mary Ann Perino	Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Get well wishes for Marie Amoroso
In honor of the 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday of Mike Nunziata	Ed and Jo Bertaccini
Paula M. Jean	Congratulations to John and Noreen
In memory of Mabel Mannina	Gillio on being selected Family of the Year
John and Lena Nunes	Aldofo and Carla Del Carlo
In memory of Mabel Mannina	Get well wishes for Anna Bavoso
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In memory of Allie Coleman	Get well wishes for Jerry Delfino
Evelyn Taravella	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In honor of the 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday of Mike Nunziata	Get well wishes for Albert Teglia
Mary Jo Lee	Nettie Decalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In memory of Bob Gianatasio	In memory of Lisetta Viani
Barbara Davidson	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In memory of Bob Gianatasio	Congratulations to Bob Basuino on being elected Grand President
Joanna C. Van Blaricom	
In memory of Dave Spargo	

Convention Resolutions and Communications

Vince Piro – Chairperson  
Committee Members: Nettie Descalzo Del Nero, Nina Malone, and Betty Zasoski

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of San Bernardino for their 83rd Annual Convention on August 30 to September 2, 2013 adopt the following Communications and Resolutions:

COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS

We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO POPE BENEDICT XVI

We give our thanks for the years of his Pontificate. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him a healthy and joyful life.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REVEREND GERALD R. BARNES.

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

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.

COMMUNICATION TO MSGR. CARDELLI

We wish to thank ICF Grand Chaplin Msgr. Cardelli for all his years of loyal service to the ICF. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the ICF. We look forward to many more years of his friendship and guidance.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND 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.

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.

TO ALL ELECTED 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 NATIONAL DISASTERS IN 2013

We offer our prayers and support to the people of the world, devastated by natural disasters in 2013. 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 John Grisafe, the 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

For her outstanding leadership these past two years as Grand President, for her time, and untiring efforts, all the officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation congratulate and thank her.

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.

Madam President, I move that these communications and resolutions be adopted.

Thank you.



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

Bollettino Holiday Greetings  
Send a Christmas greetings to your fellow members in the ICF via the Bollettino. Please send in your ad and payment to the ICF Office by November 10. The ads can be sent to the ICF office or emailed to icfeditor@gmail.com.  
Here are your sizes to chose from:

2 1/2 x 2 1/2	\$25
2 1/2 x 5	\$35
4 x 5	\$50
6 1/2 x 5	\$70



## Grand President

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### My Family:

My daughter, Gina D'Amico: Jon, her husband, Christopher and Michael their two sons.

My son, Rob Basuino, Monica, his wife and their son Jake;

My daughter, Angela Pena, Donald, her husband and Jocelyn and Olivia, their two daughters;

I would like to especially thank my confidant, mentor, friend and sounding board: the person who introduced me to the ICF some forty years ago and the patriarch of



our family, my father, Frank Basuino.

I would also like to recognize the members of my Branch, Branch 191, St Frances Cabrini in San Jose, and all those in the Santa Clara Valley District. Your love and support is very much appreciated and is what keeps me motivated.

What an unbelievable journey I have been on since I joined the Central Council.

It all began with Jim Jones, who came to me and said something like "Bob, have you ever thought of running for Central Council?" I said, "No, not really." He then said, "Well, I think you should, we need you and I will get your application to run!" Now those of you who are familiar with Jim, know you do not say "no" to Jim! So here I am!!

There are others who have helped inspire and motivate me to progress upward in the Central Council. They have taught me much about the Federation, not just by their knowledge, but in leading by example. They continue to encourage and challenge me to do my best. Thank you, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, David Botta, Mike Rossi and Larry Marsalli for all your advice, knowledge, leadership and most of all, your friendship.

And now for my plan; my vision for the Italian Catholic Federation is to focus on it's growth and the retention of our membership; promoting our heritage; living our faith, and supporting our ministries, while improving our social and fellowship goals.

You may be thinking these have always been the core missions of the ICF and you are correct! We are going to be moving forward with a strategic plan, which will help us figure out the issues we are facing, in membership growth and retention. It will, also, help us understand what the memberships expectations are in these categories. With this information, the guidance of my committees and you, the membership, we will introduce new and innovative ideas to promote and expand the Italian Catholic Federation.

As your President, it gives me a great plea-



sure to announce the following talented Committee Chairpersons;

Leonard Zasoski will continue to lead our Task Force Committee and bring the Strategic Plan to life. Leonard will also be the head of our Deputy Program. He will assist the District Deputies in assuring that each Branch is properly staffed.

Vince Piro, will continue to direct the Public Relations Committee. This committee has been working diligently in updating the image of the ICF. You will be seeing some more positive changes in our Bollettino.

David Botta will head up the Expansion Committee. With the dedicated work of David and his committee, the Italian Catholic Federation will have a new branch opening, on September 28 in Pleasant Hill California, Branch 442 with 110 new members. On October 17, we will be re-establishing the Cloverdale, Branch, Br. 75. Congratulations to this committee for their perseverance. They are also in the process of opening two more new branches in the Las Vegas area. There will more information on these branches in the next few months.

Jim Acitelli will remain as the Chairperson of the Apostolate/Charity Committee. He has some creative ideas for our Branches, as to how to better use the services of our Priests and Chaplains. I look forward to Jim's inspirational words at our meetings.

Patricia Mages will lead the Gifts of Love Committee and find new ways to



help those with need. This committee has worked rigorously with the hearing impaired children in the Diocese of San Jose by helping them to receive their Sacraments plus bring attention to this important issue to other Dioceses.

Nancy Corsi will be chairing the Heritage Committee. I am very excited about this group! She plans to promote our participation in Festa's throughout the Federation. This will include our presence in this year's Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco on October 13. This is fantastic news for the ICF!

Andy Pappani will chair the Hospitalization Committee. He will be looking at different ways of promoting our Hospitalization Plan to our new members.

This Hospitalization Plan has been very



good financially for the Federation. We need to keep it vibrant and healthy for years to come.

Dante Galeazzi will chair the Workshop Committee. Dante and his committee have presented outstanding workshops this past year. If you have not had the opportunity to host a workshop in your district, please give Dante a call to set a date for one. You will all be extremely pleased.

One of the workshops to be offered at the District level, in the next few months, is titled "The Officers and Committees of a Branch" This workshop will be a tremendous help to the newly elected officers. It should release the stress, some members have about holding an office. It will provide the confidence necessary to uphold their positions.

Lisa Crudo, will chair the Ways and Means Committee. This committee is committed to keeping our dues affordable. We have been able to do this through our calendar sales, golf tournaments and the seminarian nights events. This year, with the efforts of Teresa Helfand, a successful Seminarian Night was held in Chicago. Great work, Teresa! This year I have requested the Committee to work on an ICF 90th Anniversary Gala Affair. One Gala to be held in San Francisco, and the other to be held in the Chicago area. These events are to take place in June of 2014. All the proceeds of these two events will be donated to the Providenza Fund.

Nina Malone, will chair the Membership Committee. She is inspirational and has great ideas. I know that Nina will continue the great work that Roselynn Jarrett has done. She will help our membership grow.

To my Central Council Members and to my Committee Chairpersons, we have a heavy work load ahead of us. We need to work in harmony to get everything accomplished. I realize this is not always

an easy task, however, I ask we all keep in mind a poem that Mother Teresa is said to have hung on her wall.

It is titled, ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

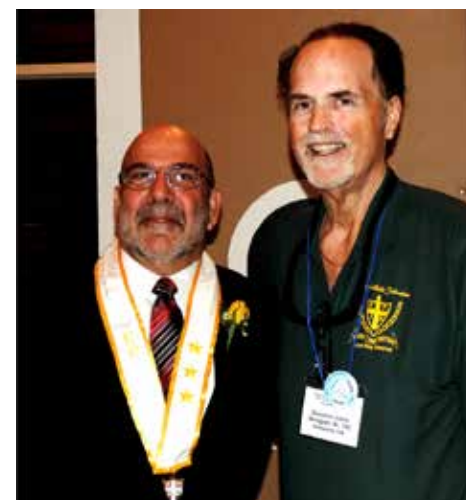
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

Give it your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It never was between you and them anyway.

May God bless all of you and the Italian Catholic Federation.





## Convention

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register, play Pedro, and battle it out on the bocce courts. The Live to Give Committee also hosted the ICF's 2nd Annual Convention Blood Drive. Members, hotel guests, and residents in the area alike did their part and donated blood. All in all, 26 people signed up to donate blood, and 23 units of blood were collected.

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 masters of ceremonies for the evening were Past Grand President and Life Member of the Central Council David Botta and Past Grand President and Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council Carmen Kilcullen.

Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli gave a blessing to one and all to enjoy the weekend and celebrate the ICF. Life Member of the Central Council Nina Malone performed both the Italian and National Anthems.

Receiving a warm welcome, Grand President Jane Dianda was escorted down the center aisle by her father, Sir Robert Dianda.

President of the San Bernardino District, Jack Grisafe welcomed everyone to La Quinta and presented a gift from the district 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 a picture of one of the first churches in the district on it. The boards were then placed by Past Grand President and Life Member Emeritus Jim Jones on a replica of Immaculate Conception Church where the ICF was started.

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 is a charter member of her branch, and is always around to help anyone in need, Roberta Franchini of Branch 213 in South San Francisco, California.

Due to the ailing health of her husband, Roberta was unable to make it to the Convention to accept the award. Instead, Branch 213 delegate, Joe Crosetti, accepted the award in Roberta's honor. In a prepared statement, Joe thanked the ICF for Roberta.

To close out the opening ceremony, Rev. Jerry Ochetti, Diocesan Chaplain of the Diocese of San Bernardino led 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.







# Saturday

With an early morning start on Saturday, August 31 the delegates were ready to attend workshops that discussed the membership of the Italian Catholic Federation; an open forum to discuss whatever issues members were concerned with; fundraising; how to bring heritage alive in your branch; and delve into the soul inspiring world of spirituality.

During one of the Open Forum Workshop sessions it was asked, "why not have the Convention every other year?" Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Emeritus Nettie Descalso-Del Nero said that members would lose their continuity if we didn't have the Convention every year. Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Emeritus Bob Acquistapace also said that the reason the Convention isn't in the same location every year is to move it to different places in an effort to help alleviate travel costs.

At the Membership Workshop, Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Emeritus Jim Jones said that an idea to attract new members is to "use your creative power to come up with new ideas. It will make your brand that much more

interesting."

At the Heritage Workshop, Louise Vento spoke of the Heritage program she does for her branch. Ann Interrante from Branch 380 spoke of the creative ways they share heritage at her branch. Last, but not least, Marie Antonowicz of Branch 184 took the stage dressed as a chicken to give the history of the chicken dance, and a dance demonstration. Everyone enjoyed the creative ideas shared during the workshop.



During the Spiritual Workshops, both Fr. Chris Bennett and Fr. George Aranha spoke of the Year of Faith and allowing God to be your partner in life. There was an overwhelming sense of peace coming from these workshops.

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 242 voting delegates, Central Council, Life Members and Life Members Emeritus in attendance.

The election of the Central Council mem-



bers this year saw 14 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, four branches asked to be excused from the Convention. Three of the four branches were excused, one was fined.

Grand President Dianda then presented





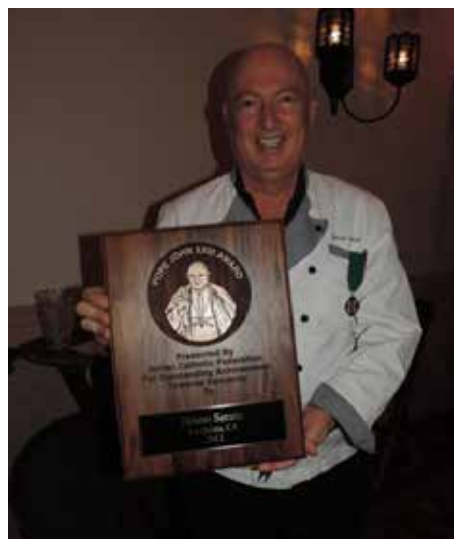
# Saturday Night

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, Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Mike Rossi welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

After the dinner, Grand President Dianda then presented the Pope John XXIII award to Bruno Serato.

Mr. Serato is an acclaimed chef and owner of the historic, award-winning Anaheim White House Restaurant and has always been known for his generous philanthropy. In 2003, when Bruno was a board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim, he held a luncheon in honor of his mother,



Caterina. A group of 75 women attended in order to support the youth services offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim.

Caterina's Club serves 300 low-income children a nutritionally balanced meal of pasta and vegetables 7 nights a week. That means every night of the week for the past 8 years, 300 children who otherwise would have gone hungry have been able to fill their stomachs with a nice warm meal. More than 500,000 meals have been served to date. Caterina's Club also assists families in moving out of the unsafe environment of the motels and into more stable and permanent housing. They have helped 36 families move out of the motels to date, with plans for even more in the future.



the Family of the Year Award to the Gillio Family. They were very grateful and appreciative for the acknowledgment of their service and family values.

Next, Grand President Dianda presented the Young Adult Leadership Award to Anna Greco-Gonzalez. In her acceptance speech she thanked her husband for never questioning why she was doing all this volunteer work for the ICF, and she thanked her parents Bill and Maria Greco for giving her a strong foundation and love for the ICF.

On the business side of the session, there was one proposed branch by-law change that was submitted by Branch 210, in Fontana.

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



# Saturday Night





# Sunday

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

Bob Tomasello of Branch 173, Burlingame, was elected to the Hospitalization Committee, and San Diego was selected as the location for the 2018 Convention.

Grand President Jane Dianda presented the Mother Teresa Award to Father Michael Mahoney from Burlingame, CA. Father Michael was very appreciative of the honor and humbled to be receiving accolades for doing work that comes naturally to him.

Presentations and awards were later given out from the Apostolate/Charity Committee, Membership Committee, Scholarship 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 \$68,000 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 presented Dr. Vichinsky and Laurice with an additional \$10,000 check from the Kemp Trust. Laurice then gave a touching account of insensitivities and difficulties that she faces. She brought a tear to eyes of many in the conference room.

After a busy morning, Grand President Di-



anda 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 Rutilio J. del Riego and The Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire, with the assistance from many members of the clergy, performed a beautiful ceremony.

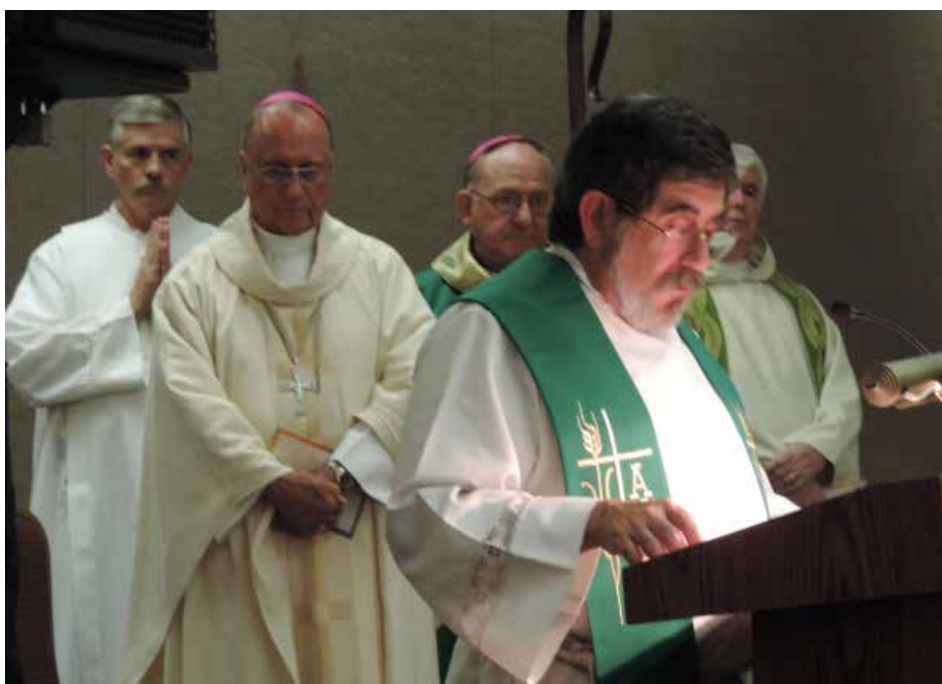
ful ceremony.

Later in the evening the Sunday Banquet featured the return of the Central Council skit. Written and directed by Central Council Life Member Nina Malone, the skit was a hilarious portrayal of an old Italian lady's American vacation. You truly, had to be there.

The evening concluded with the Convention Raffle and drawing.













# Monday

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 2013-2014 face of the Central Council is:

Grand President Bob Basuino

Grand 1st Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani

Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi

Grand Treasurer Roselynn Jarrett

Grand Trustees Nancy Corsi, Franklyn Lopes, and Lisa Crudo

Parliamentarian David Botta

Sergeant-at-Arms Marco Galaezzi

Grand President Bob Basuino introduced his family and spoke of his 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 his 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 2014 Convention in Oakland, California.







Pictured from left: Branch 27 President Elsie Bottorff, new members Marcia Valorosi and Jennifer Valorosi

# Chicago

**River Forest**

**St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358**

'I came to light a fire' but a flame is a flickering, fragile thing. Being a keeper of the flame is a daunting task. We, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, embraced the passion of the founders, realizing it was worth continuing. Keep that thought in mind as we try to attend many, if not all, of our upcoming events---Oct. 13 - Mimosa Sunday after all the morning Masses, Oct. 14 - Columbus Day Parade, Oct. 20 - Bake Sale Fundraiser after all the morning Masses, Nov. 12 - Mass for deceased ICF members, followed by monthly meeting and pizza, Nov. 17 - Mother Cabrini Mass

Condolences to the family of Lena Gatto who passed away in July. She was a member of the ICF for 15 years and will be greatly missed. Some of our members will be enjoying October birthdays---Frank Cairo, Rosemarie Cortiletti, Leonora Gillette, Pauline Nicoletti and Cathy Renzi-Comisky. We wish a very happy anniversary to Mario and Elaine Dato. Everyone enjoy yourselves-it's later than you think!

All the members of the ICF are the keepers of the flame---do not walk away from it to avoid the sacrifice that is required. Happy Halloween!!!!

**Leonora**



At the Branch 39 dinner meeting on Sept. 11, the branch celebrated Anita Mazzei Cresci's 100th birthday at the Italo American Lodge in Merced. She is a charter member of Branch 39.

(Above) Pictured is Anita with her birthday cake.

(Right) Anita's granddaughter Stephanie, daughter Linda, niece and nephew Maryellen and Dave Mazzei.

**Des Plaines**

**St. Zachary, Br. 441**

St. Zachary had a Sunday diner at a local restaurant in June and in July went to Milwaukee for Festa Italiana for a fun day on Milwaukee's lakefront. The day started from the St. Zachary parking lot with a motor coach ride to Milwaukee. The 47 members, family and friends attended an outdoor mass celebrated by Most Reverend Donald J. Hying, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee followed by a procession. Then it was food, music by the Sicilian Band of Chicago and the Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra and others, bocce, a Italian cinema tent and gondola rides along the lakefront. The bus ride home featured a lightening show that was better than any fireworks display.

At St. Zachary's annual Augustfest, Branch 441 donated \$500 and presented a check to Father Jack Plotkowski, pastor.



Santa Lucia Branch 31, August 2013 member potluck.



Branch 31 members George Ohlendick and Irene Miano dining with Tom and Elaine Post.



# Fresno

**Madera**

**Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27**

The members who attended the September meeting had a 'farewell to summer' dinner with barbecued hamburgers, all the fixins', beans, and potato salad. Thanks to the chairmen Jim and Kerin Cavallero, and the committee Brenda, Jim and Ola Toschi, Michael, Mary and Thomas Keitz, Mark, Matthew and Daniel Cavallero and Louis Volpe. Many members gathered on September 7th to celebrate the 75th birthday of our Chaplin, Sister Thomas Marie Heavey. It was a beautiful celebration for a very, very, special lady. The election committee has met several times to select candidates for the elections in October. President Elsie Bottorff, and Bill Bottorff attended convention in August. Elsie gave her report from the general session and the workshops. She is excited to share the many new ideas that she learned from the workshops. Plans are underway for the pasta take-out in November. Congratulations and a warm welcome to our two new members: Marcia and Jennifer Valorosi. It is with great sadness that I report the death of two of our long-time members Mary Bettini and Josie Lari. We will miss you both. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

**Ciao,**

**Kerin Cavallero**

**Los Banos**

**Santa Lucia, Br. 31**

On Saturday August 24, members and potential member met at the home of Rick and Terri Post for a summer pot-luck. It was a lovely evening with many in attendance. Italian colors and decorations created a festive mood. The large array of food was impressive and so very good. It was a perfect time for all.

Our membership continues to grow and prosper under the guidance of our President, Gary Caropreso and his officers. Thanks to all who have worked so hard.

We were happy to hear that Carmella and Danny Lewis' great grandson- Carson is improving each day. Keep him in your prayers.

Good news from Sarah and Jarrett Sagouspe who are expecting their first child.

Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

Convention delegates Gary Caropreso and Terri Post will be in attendance at this years convention. They will be accompanied by their spouses Cathy Caropreso and Rick Post. Good luck to all!

Next meeting will be held on September 4, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Maryann Post.

Let us thank our Lord for his many blessings. In the word of St. Julie Billiart, "How Good is the Good God!"

**Ciao,**

**Germaine Orlando**

**Merced**

**St. Cecelia, Br. 39**

All the kids are in school and here goes another year. The convention was fun (hot and fun) and it was wonderful to see so many long time friends. Congratulations to Bob Bausino on his election to Grand President and to our Leonard Zasoki on his election to Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Andy Pappani on his election to Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and to our very own Vince Piro to his re election to the CC and election to the Executive Committee.

At our meeting in September, we honored our member Anita Cresci who is 100 years old. She attended the meeting with her daughter Linda and family. We enjoyed chicken, salad, garlic bread and a special cake for Anita.

The delegates gave their reports and plans were announced for our Bishop's Day on October 20 at St. Patrick's church at 1:00 p.m. mass with a luncheon to follow in the church hall. The price is \$22.00 a person, make your reservation with Loretta Symes, 209 383 1808 and mail your check made out to ICF to 2511 N. Kibby Rd, Merced, Ca. 95340.

2014 calendars are available for \$25.00 each and you can buy them from Carol Salmeri, 722-8833.

Our prayers for Joe Marchini who recently had surgery. Our prayers to the families of Lizetta Viani and Thelma Chettero, members who recently passed away. Both were long time members and very supportive. May they rest in peace.

"Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see."





Members of the LA District.

**Gustine****Our Lady of Miracles, Br. 54**

Our August meeting was held at Isabel Borrelli's home. Final preparations were made for our celebration on August 25. Please come enjoy the day with Mass at 11:00 followed by a delicious lunch of spaghetti, roast pork, tripe, wine and auction. Hopefully we will have an accordion player to play our favorite Italian songs. We are selling tickets ahead of time, but you'll be able to purchase them at the door so please come and help us honor our Lady del Petteroto.

Refreshments of polenta squares made by Helen Scesa were great and so were the cake and cookies.

*Sincerely*

*Dora*

**Bakersfield****Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281**

With increased enthusiasm delegates returned from the annual ICF convention with ideas learned from workshops to share with the branch. Thanks to the Munn's for their hospitality for hosting the meeting at their home in September. Our next meeting will be October 17 in the parish hall. Details will be sent to the membership.

A Night At The Races one of our most popular, fun and biggest fundraisers is approaching on October 19 in the Parish Hall. Chairman Allen Watts is busy getting workers, if you can help please contact him. Please call to offer to help. It is a busy night and everyone's help makes the event easier and you will enjoy the evening too!

Gary Moles will be starting up our Pancake Breakfast and sausage lunches soon. All help is appreciated, especially clean up. Come enjoy a delicious meal, visit with friends and help before or after.

Thank-you to delegates Deborah Leary, Craig Collins, Donna Marquez for taking the time and effort to attend the convention. Congratulations to Leonard Zasoski for being re-elected to the Central Council, he is Grand 1st Vice-President. Leonard's family Betty, Andrew and Joseph were there to support Leonard. Thanks also to family and friends who supported the delegates by accompanying them. Music for the Memorial Mass was provided by the Watts family, thank-you for representing Branch 281 so well.

Continued Get Well Wishes to Norby Nawoski who has been ill.

*Ciao,*

*Mindy White*

**Fresno****St. Anthony's, Br. 308**

Upon our return from a month off in July, we welcomed all of our members, and a special welcome to our new Chaplain Father Bert J. Mello, (at our August Potluck Dinner/Meeting.) We wished happy travels to our retiring Chaplain Fr. Loren Blessing aka Lorenzo Blessinni. As we embark on the year ahead, still fresh in our minds is the multilingual mass from which a procession led to our annual Feast of St. Anthony Celebration held (at the School's Gym) Thursday the 13th of June. A free multicultural meal was provided and served by volunteers (from different ministries) who represented every generation. The fare ranged from Italian to Mexican to Southeast Asian. So there was something for everyone. Entertainment included a mariachi (Mexican Folkloric) dance troupe and an Italian dance group, which further lifted the exceptional feeling of fellowship and joy that evening.

*Never Underestimate the Power of Prayer*

*Cynthia Oliphant*

**Save the Dates**

- November 17, 2013 - ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles Districts to host the Annual Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles beginning at 10:00 am Mass followed by a Luncheon to honor our Chaplains and Seminarians in the Cathedral Banquet Hall. Call 626 372-7812 for more information. Members of the 18 Branches of the ICF in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to attend. A show of solidarity and communal spirit with our Holy Church are greatly encouraged.

- December 1, 2013 - Mass (12:30 pm), followed by Pilgrimage and Luncheon in St. Frances Xavier Church Parish Hall, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA. All members, families, friends and parishioners are invited to share in this holy event. Call 626 372-7812 for questions and reservations.

- December 19, 2013 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Los Angeles District Christmas Party at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030. Call 626 403-6102 for reservations.

# Los Angeles

**District Council**

Thank you Central Council for a fun and well run Convention in La Quinta! Thank you also to members of all Branches that attended and contributed to this informative event.

The 2013 Bishop Banquet Committee meeting was held on September 12th at Oliva Trattoria in Sherman Oaks. Preparations for the November 17th event at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles is moving smoothly. All members of the 18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to come and support the ICF and join in giving of the Seminary burse to Saint John's Seminary while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members and Clergy. Please encourage your Clergy and Seminarians to also attend. Questions? Call 626 372-7812.

On September 8, over 60 Girl Scouts, Parents and friends from many Churches throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese, attended a Spiritual Retreat at St. Frances Xavier Church in Burbank and visited the

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library. Thank you Sister Regina Palamara of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for talking to all attendees on the life and mission of Mother Cabrini.

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

On November 10, 2013 - Mother Cabrini Open House from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Burbank. Board Meeting to follow at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Members welcome. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

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

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

**Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA, President**

**South Pasadena, CA 91030**

**626 372-7812**

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

Branch 67 President Nick M. D'Egidio and his committee are working hard preparing the Fall Special Polenta Dinner and Dance to be held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at the Casa Italiana starting at 6:30pm. The food will again be prepared by Chef Gaetano and Company: Hors D'oeuvres, Salad, Polenta or Pasta with Sausage, Dessert, Coffee, 2 Bottles of Wine at each table. Adults: \$20.00. Children: \$7.00. The music will be provided by Enzo Selvaggi. We anticipate a huge attendance because the members of Branch 67 have successfully attracted many new members interested in the goals of the Italian Catholic Federation and on the many ways that the ICF helps the Church and the community through their charities, scholarship and heritage programs.

Branch 67 sent two delegates to the 2013 Convention in La Quinta. Both delegates felt that the knowledge of what ICF stands for and the spiritual growth they received while attending this event was a remarkable experience.

Branch 67 congratulates Pat Mages for her reelection as Member of the Central Council.

Molto grazie a tutti.



Congratulations to Branch 108 for coming in 1st (Linda Sabatella, Santo Plescia, Theresa Shaw) and 3rd Place (Carmelo Sabatella, Michele Silveri) in the ICF Convention Annual Bocce Tournament at La Quinta on August 30!





Branch 111 Carmelo DiVincenzo, Margaret Valdez Gallardo, and David Melendrez were the Branch 111 Picnic Bocce tournament winners.



Branch 111 members Chiara and Massimo Sorce getting ready for water balloons.



Branch 111 Past President Vince Veneziano and his new grand daughter Anasofia and Jeannine Vieni with daughter Nicolina.

### South Pasadena

#### Holy Family, Br. 108

Congratulations to Branch 108 for coming in 1st (Linda Sabatella, Santo Plescia, Theresa Shaw) and 3rd Place (Carmelo Sabatella, Michele Silveri) in the ICF Convention Annual Bocce Tournament at La Quinta on August 30!

On September 8, Branch Members played Bocce then joined members for lunch and general meeting. After the meeting, all members celebrated the September birthdays of ICF members Joan Brascia and William Kidston followed by Bingo.

On September 23, Members and their families enjoyed dinner at the Branch 108 biannual dining fundraiser at Jake's Roadhouse in Old Town Monrovia. All enjoyed great food and friends and celebrated the September Birthday of Joan Brascia who also coordinated this successful fundraising event.

The 2013 ICF Bishop Banquet Committee met at Oliva Trattoria in Sherman Oaks on September 12 in preparation of this year's ICF Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Downtown Los Angeles on November 17th. Members attending will represent the 18 ICF Branches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. For more information and reservations please call 626 372-7812.



#### SAVE THE DATES:

- October 6, 2013 - ICF Branch 108 Bocce from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, Lunch Social and General Meeting from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Holy Family Church Galilee Room.

- November 17, 2013 - ICF Annual Bishop Day Mass and Chaplain Recognition Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles. All members invited to attend and support our Holy Church, our Chaplains and new Seminarists. Call 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 for more information.

- December 8, 2013 - ICF Branch 108 Christmas Party in the Holy Family Church St. Joseph Center from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Thank you Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Our 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,**

**Email: cas1810@aol.com**

### Los Angeles

#### St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Happy Convention weekend to all! Hope you guys are having a blast getting all the latest news to bring back to your respective branches.

Congratulations to our July and August birth-

days. July birthdays: Chiara Sorce, Rachel Lujan, Rose Mary Brouger, Daniel Bermudez, and Paul Adragna. August birthdays: Mario Castello, Giuseppe Veneziano, and Ruben Valdez. Come join us for cake and to wish everyone a Happy Birthday. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Welcome the two newest members to our branch – Daniel Bermudez and Rachel Lujan. Welcome to our family!

Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic on July 14<sup>th</sup>. We had lots of great food, fun playing bocce and best of all, enjoying the day with family and friends! The bocce tournament winners were the team of Carmelo Divincenzo, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, and David Melendrez.

In August we held our new monthly Social Nights. Our first event was on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at the St. Augustine House. We showed the movie *La Vita e Bella* (Life is Beautiful.) Family and friends showed up to watch the movie. We provided coffee, water, and popcorn. What a great, enjoyable time!

This month's quote comes from the legendary Bruce Lee – "If you always put limit to what you do, physical or anything else. It will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaus, and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them."

**Thank you and God Bless,**

**Giuseppe Veneziano**

### San Pedro

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

Dear Members,



Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross at Mary Star of the Sea Church on August 17. Fr. Brian Nunes, pastor was the main celebrant and Fr. Cassian Di Rocco was the Predicator. A Mass and Procession of the saint's statue took place in the morning followed with refreshments. Later that night with a Dinner-Dance. A total of 300 people were served. St. John Joseph is native and patron saint of the island of Ischia, Italy where many of the branch members trace their roots. This feast has been going on since the turn of the 20th century when many immigrated from Ischia.

The St. John Joseph of the Cross Feast was well attended in church and at the Dinner-Dance. Our predicator, Fr. Cassian Di Rocco gave an outstanding sermon on sainthood. The Saturday night dinner was a success serving close to 300 people, everyone enjoyed the evening dancing to the music of "Duo Domino". From the proceeds we gave Mary Star of the Sea Church \$2,000. At this time our trip to the Wine Country and San Francisco is scheduled for Sept. 23 thru 26<sup>th</sup>, 34 people signed up. Hope everyone had a good time. As most of you know the Bishop of Ischia, Filippo Strofaldi passed away on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop visited San Pedro in 2000, 2007 and 2009. He was a great friend of the ICF and brought the Ischian community of San Pedro closer to the church of Ischia President Neal Di Leva was selected by the Bishop to represent San Pedro in the conclusion of the Synod of the Diocese of Ischia in 2008. Bishop Strofaldi was instrumental in bringing Pope John Paul II in 2002 to Ischia and the body of St. John Joseph of the Cross from Naples to Ischia in 2003. The ICF sent flowers for his funeral and a Mass will be celebrated in his memory in the near future. He will be greatly missed by all of us, and will be always in our prayers, may he rest in peace. Our branch just celebrated its 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is making plans for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thank you to the delegates, Neal, Anna, Nicolina and Sal that participated at the Convention in La Quinta, it was warm and a rewarding experience. The October meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> with election of officers for 2014.

Upcoming events: Oct. 22 turn around trip to Pala Indian Casino, call Pauline for reservation (310-832-0563). Members





San Pedro Branch 115 delegates attended the Convention in La Quinta.  
(L-R) Anna Di Leva, Neal Di Leva, Salvatore Mattera and Nicolina Mattera.

\$20.00, non-members \$23.00.

Oct. 17 Bishop Day Banquet, masses at the Cathedral followed by luncheon call Neal for reservation (310-433-1044).

Dec. 1 Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage in Burbank, mass and luncheon. Bus will be provided.

Dec. 7 Member's Christmas Party. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. God bless you all and keep all of our sick and deceased members in our prayers.

**Anna Di Leva**

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President*

### Gardena

#### St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

August/September: Convention, Labor Day, Back to School, Grandparents'/Senior Citizens' Days, & autumn. October: Columbus Day, United Nations' Day, & Halloween!

Wow!!! What a great 83rd Annual Convention! The La Quinta Resort is beautiful—it really welcomed the ICF. St. Francis of Assisi Church was lovely, also.

Congrats to Central Council President Bob Basuino/ all winners/officers, and award recipients.

Attending were President Connie and husband Don Bohannon. Elaine & Eleanor Bersano were proud delegates. Branch 237 won an Apostolic/Charity Award (2nd place: for Branches with 50 or fewer members).



Central Council Member Jim Acitelli meets Delegate Eleanor Rose Bersano, Branch 237, at La Quinta Convention



Special Convention "shout outs" to Josephina and Blanche (Merced); Neal, Anna & members (San Pedro); Beverly and Darryl (Novato); Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jones; Stephanie Hardy; Charlene and Steve (Downey); and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Acitelli (Green Valley, Arizona). Thank you, Louise and Russ for your expertise with Heritage and for your friendship.

Great news: August welcomed to the world a future ICF Central Council Member: Jordan M. Roa. Proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. John Roa.

Calendar Dates to remember:

October 1: St. Therese of Lisieux

3: Board Meeting

4: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

12: Columbus Day Dinner-Dance

15: St. Teresa of Avila

20: General Meeting

22: Blessed Pope John Paul II

October 12: 44th Columbus Day Dinner-Dance / St. Anthony's Social Hall (6:30-11:00). Be treated to Lomeli's Italian cuisine & serenaded by accordion-stylist John Dynice; feel in-the-groove with Sinatra Impersonator Vaughn Suponatime; dance to the beat of DJ Cherry Sound; be delightfully-surprised by our Silent Auction, and be impressed by essay contest winners. Donation: \$40.00. 12 & under: \$15.00 2014 Calendar are here. Calendar winner: Martin Almaraz.

Augusta & Rose celebrated August B-days.



(Above) Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jones and Eleanor & Elaine Bersano, Branch 237, at Welcome Dinner for Delegates at La Quinta Convention.

(Left) Delegates Josephina Fragnito, Elaine Bersano, and Blanche Unti celebrate friendship at La Quinta Convention.

Theresa Marino & Michael Lopez enjoyed their Sept. B-days.

Happy October B-day to: Donna Michels (10-30) & Theresa Aguilar (10-31).

Prayers for: Don Bohannon, Grace Barnett, Raul Romero, Laura May Luke, and all.

Dream like Columbus, pray for peace like Pope Francis, and let your little light SHINE!

*Ciao,*

*Eleanor Rose*

### Downey

#### St. Raymond, Br. 362

Congratulations Branch 362! Our July & Sept. Bingos were a huge success. Thanks to all our members who worked so hard and to all our staunch Bingo supporters. The members and friends of the St. Raymond parish community filled the hall to capacity.

Our next Bingo Luncheon will be Nov. 10. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us!

Our President Charlene and her husband attended the convention in La Quinta.

It's always great to see our ICF friends from other areas.

Congratulations to the San Bernadino District for all the hard work in organizing the event.

### Long Beach

#### St. Cornelius, Br. 440

Branch 440 had a very busy summer. We conducted a course of Conversational Italian with a good participation; the next session will start in October. The Branch sends a big GRAZIE to Instructor Franco Giangualano.

One of the highlights and theme for the August branch meeting was a pizza party. "Olive Wood Pizza" mobile bee hive ovens, owner Ian Vincent, provided us with a taste of authentic Artisan style Neapolitan pizza. Also, the members and guests enjoyed playing and learning traditional Italian card games.

At the September meeting Branch #440



Members of Branch 440 enjoyed a summer full of a chili cook off, Bocce lessons and authentic wood oven pizza.



It's with a heavy heart that Branch 362, Downey, announces the news that Johnny Persico, proprietor of Pina Pizza House, passed away on July 25.

Taken much too soon at the age of 55, God must have needed a another great Italian chef.

He was a very active member of ICF for over 21 years. He and his family have contributed to our St. Joseph's Table by preparing hundreds of gallons of his famous "Special St. Joseph's Sauce" and cooking the pasta which everyone enjoyed.

His quick witted sense of humor and "always" smiling face will never be forgotten.

Our hearts go out to his wife Tina, daughter Ariana, sister Mila Alberico and brother Caro Persico.

He will truly be missed.

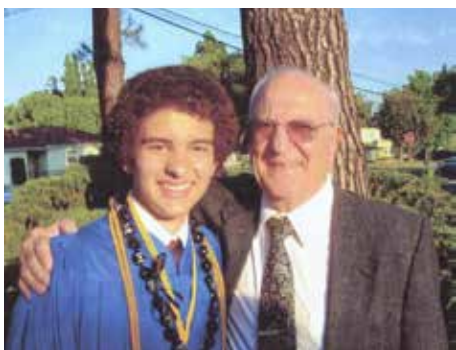
May he rest in Peace.

members were asked to bring copy paper that was donated to the St Cornelius Catholic School. Members were instructed on the game of Bocce.

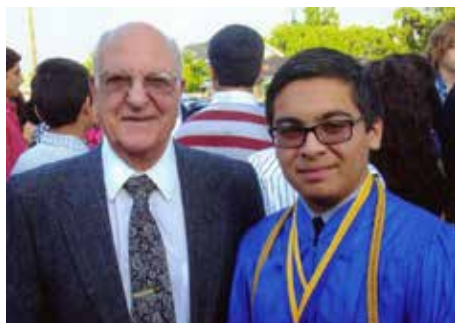
In September the Branch also entered a "Chili cook-off contest" hosted by the St Luke Lutheran Church where the Branch took Second place. The proceeds went to benefit the Prince of Peach Pageant. A true story







Branch 326 awarded an 8th grade scholarship to Charles Greaves.



Branch 326 awarded an 8th grade scholarship to Nicholas Mirasol.

of Christmas with a candlelit outdoor walk through many scenes with musical groups, choirs and live animals. This event is put on by the following churches: Long Beach Christian Reformed Church, St. Cornelius Catholic Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Truett Memorial Southern Baptist Church and university Baptist Church.

**Monica Abbott**

**President**

**Branch #440**

## San Gabriel

**Diamond Bar**

**St. Denis, Br. 317**

October 6 – ICF Donut Sale at St. Denis

October 11 – General Meeting/Oktobersfest Dinner

October 13 – St. Denis International Festival

October 21 – Board Meeting of ICF Br. 317

Congratulations to the San Bernardino District for a successful, organized ICF Convention in La Quinta, CA. Thank you to all who worked so diligently and the inspiring Mass held on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The workshops were informative; the friendships renewed and new ones so rewarding with the forever abiding spirit of the Italian Catholic Federation. Our ICF Scholarship program for 2013 amounted to an amazing sum of \$114,000.

Our General Meeting on October 11 will be hosted by Toni Werley and her committee with an Oktoberfest theme dinner – better than Alpine Village. Grazie! We shall also benefit from Central Council member Pat Mages who has been requested by Grand President, Jane Dianda, to co-join with our members any concerns, questions, etc. We look forward to her visit.

We also will present nominations and elections of the present board members and possible new members who would like

to serve on the board. We appreciate all the hard work of the present board and the participation of the members for the past year. Because of all the dedication we have accomplished much and are very grateful for such an enthusiastic and generous branch here at St. Denis.

The St. Denis International Festival will take place on October 13 and we shall discuss our food booth choices at the board and general meetings.

**God Bless,**

**Roxanne Perry**

**President**

## Temple City

**St. Luke, Br. 326**

Congratulations to St. Luke 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, Charles Greaves and Nicholas Mirasol, who were awarded our ICF Scholarships. This year we were able to award 2 scholarships thanks to the success of our pancake breakfast.

There will be a turnaround trip to San Manuel Casino on Sunday, October, 13, 2013. The bus will leave from St. Luke's at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. Call Eleanor Cuneo at (626) 287-5970 for reservations. Come and show your support!

Our next General Meeting will be held on Oct. 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Check monthly newsletter for menu.

We will be having a Bunco Party on Friday, Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Luke's Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be game prizes; door prizes; a 50/50 drawing. The cost will be \$6.00 per person including homemade desserts. Come and enjoy your afternoon.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will take place on November 10 at St. Luke's in the hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. More to follow.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, and

Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Congratulations to Ann and Jack Baziak on the birth of their great grandson, Rhett!

Happy October Birthday to: Frank Buccola, Pat Buccola, Rose Costa, Eleanor Cuneo, Mary Jacobs, Jim Law and Fred Peritore.

Happy October Anniversary to: Angelo & Ester Capriotti celebrating 27 years.

Congratulations!

"Smile, be happy, laugh a lot, don't shed another tear; A wonderful life is waiting for you, so face it without fear. There'll be problems to solve, hurdles to cross, work hard and know you can cope. With God at your side, Him as your guide, each day will bring you new hope." (Ruth Moyer Gilmour)

**God Bless,**

**Jo Anne Disney**

## San Fernando Valley

**Burbank**

**St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102**

Chef Guy Masciotra will prepare his famous Polenta Dinner.

From noon till fourpm.

Tickets are adults-\$20.00; 6-11-\$7.00; below 5--free

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**Ciao.**

**Joy**

## Santa Barbara/Ventura

**Thousand Oaks**

**St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380**

Our branch has had quite an exciting month due to the convention festivities in La Quinta, winning a heritage award, an exciting auction, and giving our annual contribution to the pastor of St. Paschal Baylon Church.

The delegates and other representatives of Branch 380 had a splendid time at convention, though the weather was rather hot. Branch

(Right) Co-presidents Anne Interrante and Michele Inouye from Branch 380, Thousand Oaks, pose with Maria Stalteri Antonowicz following her demonstration of the Chicken Dance

(Below) Pope John XXIII Award winner Bruno Serato poses with members of his nominating Branch #380 from Thousand Oaks.

members helped to lead a heritage workshop, which was immensely popular. During convention, we came away with a heritage award, which we were honored to receive. In addition to that excitement, we are ever so pleased to congratulate Branch 380 member, Pat Mages, on winning a position on central council.

In early September, we held our monthly general meeting, and branch members enjoyed an auction, as well as a nice Italian dinner from "Viva la Pasta". It was during this meeting that we made our yearly donation to Fr. Dave Heney, the pastor of St. Paschal Baylon Church. The donated funds were the product of our annual event, St. Joseph's Table, which pushes the limits of success each year. Branch 380 has had a blast this month, and cannot wait until the next meeting, which is October 11.

**Ciao,**

**Marisa Interrante**

# Monterey

**Santa Cruz**

**Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21**

Henry David Thoreau once said, "I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion." As you've probably already noticed, fall has arrived and it's pumpkin-sitting time once again! So, not to be outdone by Mr. Thoreau, Branch 21 has made great plans for the months ahead.

On Tuesday, October 1 our general meeting at Holy Cross Hall will start off with a delicious Oktoberfest dinner prepared by Valerie and Richard Vote. Come one, come all and enjoy!

On Friday, October 25, there will be a Polenta Dinner in the Holy Cross Hall. We hope you will come and share this greatest of Italian comfort food.

Sunday, November 3rd, Branch 21 will be acting as host for the annual Bishop's Day/ICF Memorial Mass Celebration. Bishop Richard Garcia will be present to participate in the mass at Holy Cross Church at 10:30a.m.



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(Top left) Branch 25, Father Ignacio with Jim Friebel, Julie Richards and Franklyn Lopes at the District Picnic.

(Above) Branch 25, photo 3 Ralph Cristofano, Bob Coyle and Roy Frontani cooking the chicken at the District Picnic.

(Left) Branch 25, photo 2 Joe Massolo and friends at the District Picnic.



A lovely brunch will follow after mass in the Holy Cross Hall. All are encouraged to attend!

Our team of Branch 21 Conventioneers, Richard Puccinelli, Roseann Costibile, and Alverda Orlando, have returned from the Convention 2013 and have rave reviews to share about their weekend of learning in La Quinta. We would like to thank our gracious host ICF District San Bernardino.

We hope to see you at our next meeting where good fun, good food, and good deeds are the topic of the evening. God bless and keep you in His grace.

*Patty Morelli*

*Recording Secretary*

*Branch 21 – Santa Cruz*

### Salinas

#### Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

The 2013 ICF Convention was well attended and congratulations are in order for the Diocese of San Bernardino for hosting this year's meeting of ICF delegates. President Julie Richards indicated that she attended

a number of good workshops. Julie came within a few votes of being voted into Central Council, very good considering her campaign was a last minute decision. Our branch received a Certificate of Merit for second place for increased membership. ICF calendars are now available for purchase.

The venue and weather for the Annual District Picnic could not have been better. Father Ignacio presided over Mass. Joe and Julie are to be congratulated for making this years' event a success and for allowing us to meet at the J&M Ranch. Thanks also to those who helped in preparing the food, setting up tables and serving the meal and drinks.

We still have two major branch events this year. The first is our annual fundraiser, the Polenta Luncheon to be held at Sacred Heart Hall November 13th with preparation on the 12th. We can use help in both preparing and serving the polenta. Please consider helping if you can on one or both days. We also need your help in selling tickets and otherwise spreading the word of the luncheon, and baking for the bake sales.

The second event is the annual Christmas Party to be held once again at the J&M

Ranch. The date is tentatively set for December 8, 2013. You won't find a better way to welcome in the Christmas holiday period, so mark your calendar.

Branch election of officers will be held at our October meeting. If you would like to be considered for office, or vote for those running, attend the October 8th meeting where these issues will be resolved.

We wish good health and a speedy recovery for our ill and injured members including Genevive Vonnegut, Emil Mirandette and Bob Coyle. God bless you all.

Have a Happy Halloween and don't forget Columbus Day October 14th.

Dates to Remember:

November 13 - Polenta Luncheon, Sacred Heart Hall. Prep on Nov 12.

December 8 (tentative) - Branch Christmas Party, J&M Ranch.

*Ciao*

*Roy Frontani*

### Monterey

#### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

What a fantastic Festa Italia Santa Rosalia three day event we had, beautiful weather, delicious food, celebrated Mass with Bishop Richard Garcia, blessing of the fishing fleet, the greatest entertainment, and a huge crowd with busses of people from all over California, plus all of our locals. It was amazing, and wonderful to see everyone celebrating their Italian heritage and traditions. The raffle was won by Joanna Napoli \$1,000, Tony Sortino \$500, Paula Buckman \$250.

Our delegates, Eddie & Bella Leonard and George & Lillian Mika, are home from the Convention, they will let us know what they learned and what is new at our Oct. dinner meeting.

October 11-12-13 is our Reno trip for Columbus Day, going to be a great weekend with people we enjoy.

We lost another member, John Edward Beesley. John had the most beautiful smile and was such a gentleman, he joins his wife, Arlene, and that will make them complete. They are in heaven for sure, they lived their religion each day.

Calendar:

November 7 - Monthly dinner meeting.

December 7 - Adult Christmas Party.

December 15 - Childrens' Christmas Party, Sunday, 1:00pm

"A birth certificate shows you were born,

A death certificate shows you died,

A photo album shows you lived."

*Peace be with you,*

*Bettye Sollecito*

### Castroville

#### Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

A big thank you to San Bernardino Branch 210 for hosting this year's I.C.F. Convention. Our delegate, Pauline Bigby, had a truly enjoyable time. She commented on the number of families that attended and the various activities for both adults and children. Again congratulations on a job well done! There will be more information regarding the convention at our next meeting.

Many of our members helped to contribute their time, talents and treasurers to this year's Relay for Life in our small town of Castroville. At the end of the relay the contributions totaled over \$42,000.00. Yeah for Castroville! "Pats on the back" to our members Paul, Stef, Cindy, Greg, Larry, Alice, Carlo, Kathy, Denise, Randall, Father Pedro, Delores, Hugo, Michelle, Dave, and to our children and grandchildren, Ashley, Nathan, Zachary, Gregory, Allison, Kevin and Bethany and myself who all worked so hard to make it a success, ( I hope I didn't miss anyone). It was a great effort for a great cause.

Welcome to new members Edi and Marie Roberti, (Benvenuti Cugini).

Our next event will be our October Potluck Meeting. Voting for board members will also take place. Cindy will be mailing information regarding date, time and place.

Please keep in your prayers our sick and convalescing members.

Shine on us Lord Jesus, help us to grow in faith, grace and love every day.

*Ciao,*

*Leonora Barlow*

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Delegates from Branch 291 and 354 are all smiles at the Convention in La Quinta. Pictured here are Kathleen Sullivan, President Pete Gallagher and Joanna Van Blaricom from Br. 291, Alice Mostagno from Br. 354 and Rose Haupt from Br. 291.

### Pacific Grove

#### St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

After a fun game of Bingo and lots of visiting, the members enjoyed a delicious potluck buffet.

Our President, Sarah Jane Amoroso, reported on the Convention and what a fun event this is every year. She encouraged everyone to try to attend next year.

We are looking forward to our enchilada take-out and bake sale on the weekend of September 14. Thanks to everyone in supporting us in helping to make this a successful event.

Masses will be said for Living and Deceased Members of the Branch at 8:00 AM on October 11, November 8, and December 13, 2013.

*Blessings to all!*

*Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary*

### Capitola

#### St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our annual BBQ on July 27, was a great success with 135 members and guests attending and enjoying a delicious BBQ steak/chicken dinner. We want to thank all of our hard working volunteers who prepared and served the food. We also had BBQ beans, corn on the cob, salad, appetizers, garlic bread and watermelon for dessert.

The 83rd Annual Convention for ICF was held August 29 through September 2, 2013 at La Quinta Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, Ca. It was attended by delegates, Linda Calciano, Bob Montonye and Mary Montonye. Our President Franklin Lopes, Jr. was elected to the Central Council, Grand Trustee on the Executive Board.

*Blessings to all,*

*Mary Montonye*

### Arroyo Grande

#### St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 lost a very dear friend and member in August. Dave Spargo passed away after a short and courageous battle with cancer. Dave leaves behind his beloved wife Lorraine, 3 children and 5 grandchildren who he adored. We will all miss Dave's kind soul and dry sense of humor. Donations in memory of Dave Spargo can be made to Branch 291's St. Patrick School Registration Assistance

Program. Please make checks payable to I.C.F. Branch 291.

Our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will have already taken place by the time this publishes, but we have two more dinners coming up this fall in case you missed the first one! The next spaghetti dinners will be held on October 19 and November 16 from 4pm-7pm at St. Patrick's Church hall. Proceeds from the dinners will go towards our St. Patrick School Registration Assistance Program.

Despite the heat and humidity in La Quinta, our delegates enjoyed the convention and were able to attend the Funding, Heritage, Membership and Spiritual workshops. Congratulations to our delegate Rose Haupt and her team who won first place in the Bocce Ball tournament! We look forward to a full report from our delegates at our next General Meeting.

Our Christmas luncheon will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 1 at noon at the Madonna Inn for a fun, festive and delicious Christmas celebration!

Please continue to pray for the following members who are experiencing health issues: Homer Clees, Bob and Floralee Harris, Trish Jimenez, Sharon Reed, Joe Slavin, Josephine Volanto, Jens and Sonia Wagner, and all our members who may be suffering with pain or heartache.

*Ciao!*

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*

### Paso Robles

#### St. Rose, Br. 354

In spite of the hot weather the August pizza meeting was well attended. Our branch Deputy Peter Gallagher and wife Abby honored us with their presence. First Vice President Irma Zanini took over for David who was called away for his forest fire duties.

Opening prayers were offered by our pastor Father Roberto and Orator Karen Kudija. So good to have Father attend our meetings once again.

On October 1, our long time member Santa Salvia will finally receive her kidney transplant, donated by her son. Please pray for their successful surgeries and complete recoveries.

Grand President Jane Dianda's letter informed us of her intended visit; we look forward to it.

Our branch awarded 6 scholarships to St. Rose 8<sup>th</sup> grade students totaling \$1050.00. David and Irma gave one for \$125.00. We received thank you notes from Mathew Olsen and Daniel Nave for their "awards".

We are gathering up steam for our November 9<sup>th</sup>, pasta dinner in the hope that we will realize sufficient funds to complete installation of new carpeting for the church. If all goes well, it should be installed by Christmas. Flyers and advertising are underway as are sale of dinner tickets + word of mouth talks by our members.

By the time you read this, the convention in La Quinta will have taken place. David, Irma and Alice will have lots to tell us when they return.

*Theresa Sollazzo*

## Oakland

### Alameda

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

Here is the information on our Annual Ravioli Dinner, Saturday, October 19.

St. Philip Neri Church Hall, Alameda.

Social Hour 6pm, Dinner 7pm.

Adults \$20, children 12 years and under \$8.

Call Gina Foster, 510-995-8141 or email [gfooster@csdo.org](mailto:gfooster@csdo.org) by Monday, October 14.

Mail payment (ICF Br10) to Gina Foster: 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda Ca 94501.

List the names of those people you are making reservations for.

We hope you had a wonderful summer. Now you can start the fall season by attending our great Ravioli Dinner. Always a good time at Branch 10 events.

*Until next month*

*Peace and love to all*

### Oakland

#### Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Autumn and Happy Halloween. Our 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner is Sunday, October 13, no host cocktails at 4:30PM and dinner at 5:30PM. It will be held at the Fratalanza club. Hope to see you there. Contact Anna Alberti at 510-562-1179 for reservations.

Upcoming:

October 3- Regular meeting 7PM

November 7 - Regular meeting 7PM

December- Christmas Party- more info to follow.

Happy Birthday to John Cortesi, Jane Mossino, and Marisa Poggi. God Bless you all. Please remember in your prayers our members who are not well. Especially Elsie Giani, Aldo Innocenti, Leroy Casale, Bruna Gasparro, Al Lavio, Angie Rainero, Chris Zanata and Anna Alberti.

Thought: Happiness is someone to Love. Something to do and something to hope for.

*Ciao,*

*M.A. Francis and L. Francis*

### Oakland

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

At our past two Monthly meetings members enjoyed a bbq hot dog dinner donated by David Madej and a pizza dinner donated by Jane Dianda. Many thanks to both of them for their generosity.

We started our meeting with a toast to Nancy Corsi for being re-elected to the CC and also being elected as a CC Grand Trustee. We raised our glasses again to toast Giovanni Corsi for being elected as the President of the CC Spouses Association.

We are very saddened by the loss of our long time member, Mario Damonte. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We also wish a speedy recovery for our members Lorraine Adams and Bea Bianco.

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Upcoming events:

- October 13 – Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. Contact Nancy Corsi if you would like to volunteer or attend the event.
- September 28 – opening of a new branch in Pleasant Hill (#442) at Christ the King church. Contact Nancy Corsi to make reservations.
- November 2 – Past Grand President Jane Dianda’s testimonial dinner at the Fratellanza Club.

Hope to see you at our next Monthly meeting,

*Sincerely,*  
*Donna Santich*

### Oakland

#### St. Theresa, Br. 223

October 5 is our Fall Fasta Dinner in the St Theresa Event Center, being chaired by Carla Gaul and Mary Anne Giuntoli. Chefs Peter Nuti, Bill Curotto and crew will prepare the Ravioli entree. There will also be Caesar Salad, Cold Cuts, Garlic Bread, dessert, Coffee and Wine. Silent Auction of baked goods as well as a 50/50 raffle to be held. Door opens at 6 P.M. Dinner at 7P.M. Price: Adults \$18 Children 7-17 years of age \$10. Reservations by check, payable to I.C.F. Br. # 223 and mailed to Holly Raineri. 1074 Annerley Rd. Piedmont, CA 94610. Phone (510) 451-0608. Deadline September 28.

October 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>: Bake Sale at St Theresa Church after 5P.M Mass Saturday and 9 and 11A.M. Masses Sunday. All kinds of wonderful homemade goods.

Christmas Ravioli sales soon. More information in November article.

Farewell. Dear member Rose Marie Willer passed away August 3. At her request, no public service was held. She will be remembered during the intentions portion of the 5P.M. Mass on September 21 at St. Theresa Church. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to daughter Donna, sons Tom & Mike, grand and great-grandchildren and sister Jeanette Coyne. May she rest in peace as may former member Eileen Mary Scanlon Fazio of Danville who passed away on August 10.

Member Michael Bamrick suffered a heart attack recently. He is recovering nicely.

May the good Lord hear our prayers for our branch members who are not well at this time.

*Yoli Moglia*

### Livermore

#### St. Filomena, Br. 285

Pres. Pat Mueller and delegate Ed Sacca back from the convention reported they had a great time. We were pleased to hear of the recognition of our large donation to Cooley’s Anemia and Gifts of love.

Carolyn Cardinelli hosted our annual participation in the District Picnic. Members donated cookies and brownies. Thanks Carolyn.

Many of us attended an evening listening and dancing to the tunes of the Mellotones (Joe Buonsante’s combo). It was a pleasant evening reminiscent of younger days.

Our Sept. dinner/business meeting was held at Applebees and hosted by Pauline Kirk. Our guests were scholarship winner Jeremy Martin and his parents. Ellie Sahlin gave a talk on the Las Positas Film Festival. Donations to various charities were discussed and Phyl Buonsante led the group in trivia games.

Ron and Cindy Tujague are proud to announce that their son Logan Maio recently

graduated from the Evergreen Police Academy. Keep him in your prayers that he lands a full/time position with one of the Bay Area Agencies. Congratulazioni to Logan.

We are saddened about the passing of Fidel Crow. She was a lovely lady and will be missed.

Our prayers are needed for fellow members Rudy D’Angelo and Gail Rocca. Both having health issues. Get well soon so you can come back and join us. We miss you.

Dale and Carlotta Schauer back from a lengthy trip to Europe. Dale will present a slideshow of their trip at the Livermore Library when completed.

*Alla Salute di Vendemmia*

*Con affetto*

*Pauline Kirk*

### Castro Valley

#### Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well we are back from the convention and full of new ideas and plans for the future, I hope. It was an exciting time for our branch, we were awarded 3rd place for increased membership for branches with 61 to 100 members. Way to go, let’s keep up that good work. And even more exciting, our own Lisa Crudo was re-elected to the Central Council and in addition to being a Grand Trustee, she was appointed chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee. Next year the convention will be in Oakland and we are looking forward to support and help from all of you.

Hope everyone enjoyed the the hospitality of Al & Deanna DeNurra at the District picnic in mid September, grazie tante,

Our dinner in October will be the ever popular Polenta, sausage and chicken, so make your reservations early.

Time to get out your favorite recipes, our bake sale fund raiser will be Sunday, November 10 after all the Sunday Masses.

A big thank you to all who helped with our booth at the church’s Fall Festival. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Pray the Rosary for world peace during October.

### Contra Costa

#### District Council

The Contra Costa District would like to thank the Convention Chairperson Steve Fuentes and his committee for a job well done with the convention held over the Labor Day weekend. We also want to thank the San Bernardino district for hosting the convention in La Quinta near Palm Springs. All branches in the Contra Costa district were represented. Two people in the district were elected to be officers in the central counsel. David Botta was elected to be Grand Parliamentarian. Roselynn Jarrett was elected to be Grand Treasurer. We congratulate them both. We are humbly grateful to accept the award for 100% Scholarship participation by the District and the Branches. Also blessed to receive an award for having the most new members

We wish to thank the Richmond Branch for hosting the Night of Recollection on Sept. 11. They served a Ravioli Dinner and a spiritual talk was given by District Chaplain Father Larry Young.

We are delighted to announce the new ICF branch in Pleasant Hill. Christ the King church will open on Sept 28. Mass will be at 5:00pm followed by the inauguration ceremony. Dinner will follow.

The next district meeting will be held in Danville at St. Isadores at 7:30pm on



Rest in Christ’s Peace. Branch 13 member Sheila A. Grilli. October 21, 1937 - August 31, 2013.

Thursday Oct. 14. President Joe Flores would like all branches to be represented. Elections of 2014 district officers will be held at this meeting.

Remember---God doesn’t want shares of your life. He wants controlling interest.

*Pax--Joann*

### Martinez

#### St. Catherine, Br. 13

How will you serve the branch? Consider taking an office. Elections will be held on Friday, October 25. Can you participate in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5? Or try your luck at Bingo on Saturday, October 12? And, what will you prepare for the annual branch Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 22 in the parish hall? Members, families, and guests are welcome and encouraged to join us for this annual scrumptious event beginning at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are now on sale for Branch #13’s Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 26, 2013, 6 PM No Host Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) \$17.00 per person, \$7.00 for children 6 to 12 years old, and FREE for children under 6 years old accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets available by calling 925-229-2665.

ICF Calendars are now available for purchase for \$25 each with 365 chances to win. To get yours, see Maria Catanese Helberg who volunteered to be the chairperson for these sales.

Members of Branch 13 send sincerest condolences to the family of member Sheila Grilli who died on August 31, 2013. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Vaya con Dios, Sheila.

*Ciao for now,*

*Mary Cook*

### Crockett

#### San Carlo, Br. 14

Special thanks to Don and Louise DeTomas for sharing their “perfect-for-parties” beautiful home for our traditional Italian-style summer picnic. And congrats, Louise, on your many impressive California State Fair awards.

Thanks also to our convention delegates. It is always interesting to hear their reports and to laugh at the experiences they choose to share.

Hard to believe it’s October already. Tuesday, October 8th is our Halloween Social,

with prizes for best costume. If you are spirited and fun loving, this is your night to shine! Mass is at 5:30, dinner (spaghetti and meatballs, \$7.00) at 6:30, and the meeting, with nominations and election of 2014 officers at 7:30.

Sunday, October 20, don’t miss 11:00 mass, followed by brunch, in historic, charming Port Costa. This is free to all members; what’s not to like about that?

We hope everyone who wants to attend the October 26 Polenta Dinner was able to obtain tickets. It’s always a sellout, it’s always delicious food, and it’s always a fun social evening.

As we enter the amazing autumn season, we send wishes to all for a season that is as bright and splendid as the colorful, ever changing leaves.

*Ciao,*  
*Diane Bottini Thomas*

### Pittsburg

#### San Domenico, Br. 72

Everyone enjoyed the bus trip to the Santa Rosalia festival in Monterey. Once again, we thank Joann for her continued work on all of our bus trips. Next month I will report on the profit.

The annual convention was held in La Quinta. We thank Steve Fuentes and his committee for all of their work. Our branch nominated Roselynn for reelection. I am happy to report that Roselynn was reelected and voted in to be the Grand Treasurer. Another member of our district was voted in to be the Grand Parliamentarian. That was David Botta. Both Roselynn and David will serve on the executive board as well.

Upcoming:

Sat. Oct. 12- Turnaround Bus trip to Reno’s Italian festival. Call Joann at 925-625-0863

Sun. Nov. 10 – Branch Anniversary Mass at Good Shepherd at 12:00 PM. Luncheon and meeting at 1:30 PM.

Wed. Nov. 20 – District meeting at 7:30 PM in Danville.

Our meeting on Oct. 13 must be changed. Notices will be sent.

Our district has a new branch. It is No. 442 at Christ the King church in Pleasant hill. The Mass, Inauguration and dinner was held on Sept 28. We wish to thank the expansion committee which includes our own Roselynn for their work and the Central Council and district members who helped that day.

Oct. is the month of the Rosary. We will recite it at our Oct. Meeting.

*See you there,*

*Helen Politakes*

### Richmond

#### St. Raymond, Br. 154

Members enjoyed great hamburgers and fixings at the August meeting and will have a chicken dinner in September. Secretary Dee Rosier was welcomed back after a rather long recuperation. Were also pleased to see Jackie Pericoli back with us.

Mark your calendars for the District Night of Recollection on September 11 at 6:30pm at Salesian High School Cafeteria. There will be a ravioli dinner for \$7 prior to an inspirational talk from Father Larry. Our branch Polenta Fundraising Dinner will be held on October 19 at St. Jerome Church. The dinner always sells out and is chaired by the Martinuccis. Reserve with Gloria Martinucci at 526-8749. Adults, \$22.00; children, 6.00. Joe Meneghelli will arrange another Casino trip on November 4. Call Joe at 234-2208 to book your spot.

August winners: Birthday - Walter Costa;



50/50 – Merv Davis; Attendance – Mary Aedo, Bud Berner, Lori Framsted, Joe Meneghelli, and Barbara Pritkin.

Deputy Rosalynn Jarrett congratulated the Branch for the 6% increase in membership.

Remember two recently deceased long-time members and their families in your prayers: Lena Cardella and Mel Accornero.

Walter Costa entertained with his accordion and details of his recent trip to Italy. Connie Gatto's heritage report gave a history of Italian stone cutters and chief carvers involved with Mt. Rushmore.

Hope to see you all on September 9 and 11.

*God Bless*

*Joyce Peterson*

## Brentwood

### Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

We recently returned from our 2013 Convention, this year's theme Living the Year of Faith. The convention was held at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, Ca. As delegates representing our branch, Don Lilly and I felt privileged to be there.

It was an excellent convention, the weather was tough on some of us, especially the unexpected humidity. You just don't expect humidity in the desert. I must say it was probably an advantage as far as everyone showing up for the workshops etc. You really did not want to be outside anymore than necessary.

The workshops were well done and a lot of Q&A took place which made for an interesting exchange of ideas and an opportunity to learn from others. We extend our thanks to our host the District of San Bernardino and the Convention Committee for a job well done.

Congratulations goes out to our newly elected Grand President, Robert Basuino, and the elected Officers of the Central Council for the upcoming year. We also wish to thank Jane Dianda for her service as Grand President for the past 2 years.

I am proud that I was present to receive for Branch 432 an award for Increased Membership during the 2012-2013 Membership Year. Branch 432 also received an award for 2nd place for Outstanding Apostolate and Charity Service. Our branch has been so fortunate for several years to have Philomena Sawko as our Apostolate Chair, she makes sure that everything is documented as it needs to be and that nothing is overlooked.

Every year at this time, I remind all our members that branch elections are taking place in October and that we all need to consider accepting a position on the board for the upcoming year. Please think about this request, this is your ICF and your branch.

*Until next month,*

*Ciao,*

*Phyllis Lilly*

# Reno

## Reno

### St. Albert, Br. 135

On a cloudy, cool Sunday of September 22, 30 members and guests of Branch 135 enjoyed our terrific annual outdoor picnic luncheon at Idlewild Park in Reno. Our chief BBQ chef Ron Frediani did good hamburgers and hotdogs with melted cheese (for those folks who love cheese). And, members added to the festivities by bringing some wonderful salads, pies, cakes, watermelon, and cookies. Also, tickets were distributed to members to sell for our upcoming Polenta Dinner on Saturday

November 9

With some wind and no rain, the picnic was a relaxed time of fun and fellowship for all who came. And, the people said they look forward to an upcoming year of new and old Reno branch business activities.

Our first regular meeting starting the fall season will be on Sunday, October 6, at St. Alberts Hall at 6:00pm. We wish all a "happy and blessed" fall season.

*Submitted by,*

*Tony Di Guglielmo*

# Sacramento

## Sacramento

### St. Mary, Br. 45

Last month, members and guests enjoyed our popular Chicken and Polenta dinner following our branch meeting. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the meal and serve it. My recap of the Convention, of course, had to include the hot humid weather, but other than that, the workshops were great and the Award winners were very impressive. Great Convention.

Our next event is a Bus Trip to Red Hawk Casino on Tues., Oct. 8. We leave at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's parking lot, returning at 3:00 p.m.. Cost is \$20 with \$10 in slot play upon arrival. Call me for reservations at 916-714-6967.

Our Branch will host Bishop's Day on Sunday, October 27 beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church. Bishop Soto will be conducting the Mass and a lunch reception will follow in Giovanni Hall. The District will present the Bishop with a donation for the Seminary Burse. For more information (not yet available at this writing), call me at 916-714-6967.

Our next meeting and dinner will be Sunday, November 17 with the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. More information to follow in the next issue.

Calendar at a Glance:

Tues., Oct 8 -- Bus Trip to Red Hawk

Sun., Oct. 27 -- Bishop's Day hosted by our Branch

Sun., Nov. 17 -- Branch Meeting and Dinner

Sun., Dec. 8 -- Branch Christmas Party at Espanol, 2:00 p.m.

Buon Compleanno to Members in October: Angela Haskins, Kimberly Ebert, Bruna Guidotti, May Perri, Faye Petrocchi, Giuseppe Scimeni, Evelyn Talini, and Phela Vesci.

*Ciao,*

*Janine*

## North Highlands

### St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

On Saturday, September 7, our general meeting was held in the Parent Center. Members enjoyed Pizza and Salad. A big shout out to Melissa, Maria and Bill Keller for donating the pizza and salad for our monthly dinner, it was very much appreciated. Congratulations to Ann D'Antonio who won this month's membership drawing and to Virginia Becker who won this month's 50/50 drawing.

It was wonderful to have member Mary Mencarini in attendance at our meeting and to see how well she has recovered from a leg injury. Mary was looking fantastic!

Our new Yankee Candle fundraiser is currently



Happy 2 year anniversary Branch 438!



underway. This is an important fundraiser so everyone needs to do their best and sell, sell, sell! Candle orders are due Nina Malone no later than Tuesday, October 15.

Nina and Natalie Malone reported on the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Convention (Living the Year of Faith). The speakers were very inspirational. Attendance at this year convention was down from prior years.

Please continue to pray for all of our sick members, families and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Nina Malone (September 9). Happy Birthday wishes to Margie Burke (October 21).

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 in the Parish Center.

*God Bless,*

*Margie Burke*

## Auburn

### St. Joseph, Br. 342

Congratulations to Branch 342! We were recently awarded two membership awards at the 2013 Convention. We were recognized for the highest number of new family memberships and for the largest number of new members in a branch with 101 or more



members. Way to go!

Please make sure to attend our November Dinner Dance, "An Evening in Tuscany" on Saturday, November 2 at St. Theresa's Hall. We will be serving antipasto, salad, pasta, chicken marsala, and dessert. There will be great music, a dessert auction, a silent auction, and plenty of raffle prizes! Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Dolores (823-9125) or Marisa (889-2311). Hope to see you all there!

Our prayers go out to the family of long time ICF member Michael Salarno (husband of Harriet and father of Nina) who recently passed away. We also send out healing prayers to members Joe and MaryAnn Mikles who were badly injured in a recent motorcycle accident.

*Ciao!*

*Pam Andersen*

## Roseville

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

Little has been written about our branch for several month. Please allow us to catch you up with our activities.

In May we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a





San Diego District picnic and bocce tournament.



taco potluck dinner. We presented \$1,000.00 to our parish and \$500.00 each to Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love. All of the gifts were made possible from the proceeds of our Lenten fish fries.

June was our anniversary month. We celebrated with a tri-tip dinner prepared by Joe Fisher, Gene Moscuza and John Morrill, under the chairmanship of Michael and Sandra Fuentes, and with many helping hands from our membership. Alysa Cirimele presented a video of our year in review through pictures.

July was a month to rest from the membership except to attend the district Mangiamo Dinner at St. Rose Church in Roseville. Branch 438 member, Natalie Malone, prepared the pasta sauce for the dinner.

On August 11, our parish celebrated the Feast of St. Clare with mass in the park and a barbeque. Branch 438 was in charge of the desserts under First Vice President David Brill. Our regular meeting this month turned into a summer picnic with Italian subs, salads and "make your own" sundaes. Our scholarship winner, Alyssa Cwik, joined us for dinner and we presented her scholarship award. On August 28, we cooked supper for the homeless. Al and Janet Smith prepared a feast of roasted pork and potatoes while Conchita Lizardi mixed a huge salad. Desserts and drinks were also provided.

David Brill and Paula Scarpelli were lucky enough to attend the convention in Palm Springs. They came home with new ideas and lots of enthusiasm. Although the heat and humidity were oppressive, the spirit and love of the ICF is alive and well. Congratulations to our new Grand President Bob Basuino!

Now it is on to serving our parish pasta dinner on September 14, chaired by Malinda and Craig Cirimele. October brings the much awaited bus trip to Reno for the Italian Festival, chaired by Michael Fuentes, Gene Moscuza and Joe Fisher. Joe is returning from a fall where he broke his wrist on one hand and his shoulder on the other side. He is such a trooper. He is determined to join us

on the bus trip.

I think that you know all the news now. Branch 438 sends love and prayers to the entire Federation. If all of you had not kept the ICF spirit alive, our branch would not have been born just 2 1/2 years ago. Let's continue our great work!

*Ciao for now,*

*Paula Scarpelli and Pat Brown*

## San Bernardino

### District Council

As President of the San Bernardino District, I would like to thank everyone that attended the 83rd annual ICF Convention in La Quinta. In spite of the heat and humidity, we enjoyed hosting the Thursday Night Dinner and providing a tour and a Novelty Table. I think everyone would agree, the Thursday dinner was the best! Thank you all for supporting our Raffle that night. Thanks to our District Members that created the beautiful baskets, and baked the delicious cookies for Sunday Night. ( Steve Fuentes was in ecstasy as he was consuming one of the cookies. I think he and Dave Botta were sampling them before Sunday.) They sure visited our storage area often, and I don't think it was for the novelties. A special thanks to Roberta Craig and her cousin for handling the Dinner reservations, and Bob and Peg Coyne, also from Branch 303 for running the Celebrity Tour, and providing support for other activities. Branch 217 did a bang up job helping with the planning and the music for the Sunday Mass. Barbara, John and Craig all participated in the Choir. My Branch 210, attended in full support with donations, cookies or by helping with the hosting of the Convention. Special thanks to Annette Carlo and Nan Judge for the baskets that were raffled at the Dinner and at the Novelty Table. Our President

Mauro Romagnoli, rallied our members to participate. Great job Ro ! Remember our District Bishop's Luncheon at 12 noon on Oct 16 at the Napoli Restaurant. I hope to see everyone again in Oakland next year! Paul Behrens a member of my Branch took a lot of Convention Pictures Saturday and Sunday and put them on his web site. If you would like to see them go to: <http://www.soyouphotography.com/>

*Ciao,*

*Jack Grisafe*

### Fontana

#### St. Joseph, Br. 210

Our President, Mauro Romagnoli, thanked our members for their contribution and participation in this Year's ICF Convention. Some that couldn't travel donated cash, other's baked cookies, and those that could make it attended one or more days to help sell raffle tickets and/ or novelties, and participate in the activities, and workshops. All in all we had good representation from our Branch.

Our Branch Deputy, John Guerin, attended and led us in singing Happy Birthday to Corky Papenfus and Angelo Carlo ,whose birthdays fell in this month.

Paul Behrens, one of our members is a photographer, and offered to shoot portraits at the October Meeting. If you would like a nice family picture for a Christmas Card, dress nicely bring your family and Paul will take your picture. He does a good job every month at our meetings.

Next Month are Nominations and Elections, so be sure to attend the meeting and nominate someone you think could do a good job in one of the offices. If you don't nominate or vote you have to accept the slate presented.

The Bishop's Luncheon will be at Napoli's Restaurant at 12 Noon on October 16. Bishop Barnes will be there so mark the date to attend.

Don't forget to save your clothing and house hold goods for our fund raiser. John Carlo is the Chairman in charge.

Pat Grisafe has the 2014 ICF Calendars. They make good Christmas Gifts! Buy one!

*Happy!*

*Jack*

## San Diego

### San Diego

#### District Council

On Sunday, August 4, 2013, the San Diego district ICF held its annual picnic and bocce tournament at Allied Gardens Park. Father Bill Stevenson, Diocesan Director, presided at the 9:00 a.m. open air mass and inspired us with a great homily. Juan Orosco was the Sacristan at the mass and Josie Oliver was an altar server. Jody Balestrieri, C.C. Life Member Emeritus led the singing. Forrest Price, C.C. Member Emeritus was chairman of the picnic and bocce tournament. District President, Lt. Col. Tony Anthony, assisted with the tournament and awarded the trophies after the bocce tournament. The bocce tournament winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Frank Navetta and Jim Bombardo from Branch 261, St. Therese; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Anthony Torregiani and Dave Cianslone from Branch 246, St. Vincent de Paul and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Richard Barker and Jim Cardinale Hill, Branch 230 Our Lady of the Rosary and 4<sup>th</sup> place, Joe Smith and Frank Dyson also from Branch 230. Following the tournament a raffle was held. Maria Tollefson, District Secretary chaired the raffle. Our



Branch 261 San Diego - ICF District 1st Place Bocce Winners...

thanks also go to Bob Tallarida and Vincent Oliver who helped set up and later take down the bocce courts. Many members remained after the festivities to socialize and enjoy the beautiful afternoon under the shade of the beautiful large oak trees.

*Forrest Price*

### San Diego

#### St. Therese, Br. 261

I hope all of you had a good time at our 2 picnics and bocce tournaments. How couldn't you have as we watched Jim Bombardo and Frank Navetta recapture the ICF Bocce Championship! Congratulations to them; they played great and thanks for bringing the trophy home again!

Next Meeting

It's a pizza party! At our September 8 meeting we'll have pizza, salad and dessert. Call Vera Covitt at 448-7751 by Wednesday, September 4 to reserve your slice of pizza. This month's meal is \$10.

At the meeting we will raffle 2 tickets to Little Italy Night at Petco Park. Watch the Padres play the Dodgers on September 21. This is a special tribute night- Italian Americans At Bat where Italian American Baseball players will be honored.

More Events

After the morning masses on Sunday, Sept 29, we will have a meatball sandwich sale in Murray Hall. Buy a few sandwiches and enjoy them during the Chargers- Cowboys football game.

Bishop's Day is at Santa Sophia Church in Spring Valley on Sunday, October 20. The event begins with Mass at 11am and then the celebration with Bishop Flores afterwards. Call Prudence at 582-5329 if you would like to purchase tickets. They are \$20.

Our October meeting (Sunday, October 6) will be a special social event. We will honor all past presidents of Branch 261 at the meeting. Someone will speak about each president. Please bring all your family to this great event.

Needing Our Prayers

Vic Tallarida is having open heart surgery on September 9 at Sharp Memorial Hospital.

Also, Prudence Price and Bob Fischer are having surgery.

Please remember to pray for our long time member Mary Ciaravino as she is ill.

On a personal note, Steve and I are moving to Montana soon. All of you have become very dear to me and I will miss all of you. You have become my friends and I have enjoyed each moment I have spent doing good works with you. I will take away with me the great memories of our special times together and the best cannoli recipe I have ever encountered.

I hope to see you all at our September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Pace di Cristo,*

*Karen*



# San Francisco

## San Francisco

### District Council

Remember:

Meeting: October 10, 2013 at Corpus Christi Hall

Election of Officer's will be held at this meeting

No meeting in Nov. or Dec.

### San Francisco

#### Maria S S Immaculate, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note the following upcoming events:

Oct 27 = Monthly Mass 10:30 am ICC

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

Please continue prayers for Oretta Scaletti now recuperating from a recent fall.

*Stay healthy*

### San Francisco

#### St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Went to Black Hawk casino on July 24. Didn't win any big pots, but had fun with our group. We took a trip on August 21st to Occidental and lunch at Negri's. Then we went wine testing at Sutter's Home winery. Very enjoyable time.

Again this year, we are very proud of our Charity report. We donated \$1,281.85 to St. Elizabeth Church and \$1,252.60 to other charities for a grand total of \$2,534.45.

Our sincere sympathy to the Giusti Family on the Loss of their Mother, Anita Guisti. Anita was a member of Br. 258 for 42 years. Her last Office was Orator, which she held for any years. Anita and Vasco were always very active in our I. C. F. Anita, you will be missed by your family and many of your I. C. F. friends. God bless you and may He and the Blessed Mother keep you in their care.

Anniversary Luncheon scheduled for October 25, 2013 at the Basque Cultural Center.

No Host cocktails: 11:30, Lunch 12 Noon. \$35.00. Make reservations before October 17. Mail check made out to Br. 258 to Mary Perata at 88 Dartmouth St., S.F. 94134. Or call her at 415-239-5936. See details in flyer sent to you.

Please keep our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Board meeting: Oct. 7

Mass: Oct. 27



Branch 290 scholarship winners and their moms.

Meet: Oct. 28. Election of Officers will be held at this meeting.

*Ciao*

*Eva Perata, President*

### San Francisco

#### Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Cari Amici,

During this month of October, amid our lovely autumn weather, Branch 290 will convene on Thursday, October 17, at 7:00pm, for our monthly meeting. Complimentary pizza will be served after the meeting.

Congratulations to Joe and Louise Isola, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September. Their love and devotion to each other is an inspiration to everyone. May God bless them and hold them always in the palm of His hand.

Please pray for Vito and Yvonne Borella and all other members who are not feeling well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on October 17.

*Ciao,*

*Jeannette*

### San Francisco

#### St. Cecilia, Br. 365

At our last meeting, Pres. George asked that we postpone our luncheon to Saturday, October 19. It will be held in the Lower Church, which is handicap accessible, at 12:30. The chicken and pasta menu includes wine and soda. Reservations must be in by October 14. If we expect to have a successful fundraiser, it is necessary that everyone do their part. Get the word out about the new date and be prepared to help. We will need donations for our raffle.

At our last meeting, Pres. George initiated



Vince Russo, into our branch. Welcome, Vince.

Anna Torrano suffered a compound leg fracture when she fell. It will be some time before she can be out and about. Please pray that she has a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting will be on October 9th. Meeting 7 p.m. Nomination of officers and Pizza Night. God Bless.

*Ann Basuino*

## San Mateo

### District Council

Salutations! How time flies! Another month has come and gone. Welcome back to convention delegates. Hope to share their enthusiasm and new ideas.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, October 24, 2013 next District Meeting. 7:30pm at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Followed by dessert hosted by Branch 173.

Friday, November 8, Chaplain's Night hosted by Branch 351 at San Mateo Elks Club.

Christmas hosted by Branch 130. More info later.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 Installation hosted by Branch 130 at San Mateo Elks Club.

A reminder: The Testimonial Dinner for Past Grand President Jane Dianda will be held November 2 at the Fratellanza Club, Oakland. More information later.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers our Father Frank Murray and Jerry Delfino. Father Frank still needs rides to and from his dialysis at Mills Hospital. Call Mr. Conrad at (650)368-2705 if you can help. Father Frank's current address is c/o Pacifica Nursing and Rehab, 385 Esplanade Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044

*Peace and Love to all.*

*Anne O'Brien*

### South San Francisco

#### Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

All who attended enjoyed the September business/dinner meeting. A wonderful meat loaf dinner was served, and a big thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation.

Our President, Kelly Teglia, Lola Migliore, Norma Steffen and Barbara Demattei were our delegates to the ICF 83rd Annual Convention. A report was given at our September meeting on all the information they received.

The October business/dinner meeting will be on the 9th (Please note date change) and we will be serving Pork Roast. Election of our new officers for the year will be on the agenda, so please plan to attend.

October 26 is our Western BBQ Dinner Dance, so put on your "western gear" and help us celebrate the 88th anniversary of our ICF Branch 7.

The business meeting for November will be on the 6th and, of course, we will serve a Turkey dinner. Just to round out the year, our Holiday Dinner will be on December 11th. (Please note, this is another date change) Please plan to attend these fun events! Contact Norma for more information. 650-583-3643.

It is with great sadness that we express our sympathy to the Aldo DeTomasi family. Aldo was a very active member of Branch 7 and the creator of our Crab Cioppino Fundraiser Dinners. May he Rest in Peace.

So, until next time...another thought to ponder, "When you feel you're drowning in life's situations, don't worry...your Lifeguard walks on water!"

*Sempre Avanti,*

*Laurie Masetti*

Br. 173 captions:

Attached is the picture of the two scholarship recipients and their families from our Branch 173.

The family on the right is the parent and grand parent to Emily Cox.

Parents are Tom & Jo Ann Cox

The grandparent is Mrs. Patricia Dugoni

The family on the left is the parent and grandparents to Nicholas Cassin;

Parents are Cliff & Lisa Cassin

The grandparent Marinda Mori & George Lunardi

### San Mateo

#### St. Matthew, Br. 163

Salutations! We welcome back our convention delegates. We hope they have come back with new ideas to share with us.

Mark your calendars:

Our 51st Anniversary Polenta Luncheon will be celebrated on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at the San Mateo Elks Club, 229 West 20th Ave. No host cocktails at 1:00 p.m., lunch at

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Branch 173 honored its recent scholarship recipients.

2:00 p.m. Menu consists of salad, chicken, sausage and polenta followed by dessert, coffee or tea. Dinner music provided by our great maestro Frank Venturelli. Price is \$35.00. For reservations call Frank Venturelli at (650) 345-6860. Make your check out to ICF, Branch 163 and send to Frank at 33-13<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402. Cutoff date is October 8, 2013. We hope you will come and celebrate with us.

Next district meeting will be Thursday, October 24 at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, at 7:30 p.m. Meeting followed by dessert hosted by Branch 173.

Friday, November 8 Chaplains Night hosted by Branch 351 at San Mateo Elks Club.

Remember Father Frank Murray in our thoughts and prayers.

Our condolences to our dear member Nancy D'Amico and her family on the loss of her son Gene.

Peace and Love. God bless you all.

**Anne O'Brien**

### **Burlingame**

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

For those of us who attended the ICF convention in Palm Desert, it was a very spiritually gratifying experience to be around many Italians who were all there to celebrate their

heritage and religion. I must mention we all got a sauna treat without paying as the temperature reached 105 degrees most days.

Our San Mateo District was honored to have two people receive prestigious awards such as the Mother Theresa Award given to our own pastor, Father Michael; his humbling acceptance speech will be played at one of our future meetings. The other award went to Roberta Franchini, Br.213 who was named the President of the Year. She was not in attendance due to the illness of her husband, Franco. Please keep the Franchini family in your prayers.

Upcoming Events:

Our Polenta,Sausage,Chicken dinner Sunday, Oct. 20 - 4:00 pm no host bar dinner served 5:00 pm \$20.00 adults \$5.00 kids 14 & under.Contact: Bea Tomasello..650-344-5276

Chaplain's night: Nov. 8 San Mateo Elks Club - Br. 130 more info to follow.

Our 50th Anniversary 11-10 Basque Cultural Center:Tell your friends as a lot of work has been put into making this special.\$50.00guests,\$45.00 members Please remember sick members from all branches in your prayers.

**God Bless,**

**Rosalind C. Emery**

### **South San Francisco**

#### **St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Many thanks to Joe and Judy Crosetti and all their helpers who planned the nice celebration at our September 10 meeting, honoring Roberta and presenting her with the Grand President's Award. Special thanks to Harold and Virginia Fuentes for preparing the delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings. Great job!

President Joe gave his report on the convention in La Quinta. He gleaned much information from the workshops and general sessions. Joe returned home with the I.C.F. calendars for next year (2014). They cost \$25 each and our branch keeps \$5 for each calendar. Both Judy and Joe said they enjoyed their first convention very much.

As always, we ask you to keep in your prayers: Reuben Barrera, John Cannon, Franco Franchini, and Norma Flores. On a personal note, Franco and I thank everyone for sending the many cards and prayers. Please, if you know of any member who is ill, please inform President Joe or Roberta, so we can put it in the Branch Newsletter and Bollettino.

Well, summer is over and time to think about Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas!! Where did this year go?

Hope to see you all on Tuesday, October 14 at our next dinner meeting!

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### **Menlo Park**

#### **St. Patrick, Br. 351**

We had a new delegate represent us at Convention this year! Thank you Candy for going as our delegate and for an outstanding report!

Thank you to Theresa and Al Genevro for another successful trip to Black Oak Casino and all those who attended.

Thursday October 3 - 5:30pm Mass in memory of our Deceased Member Martha Stevens. May she rest in peace.

Monthly Dinner and meeting to follow. Reservations a MUST!! Call Cory at 650-867-8946

Friday, November 8 - Our Branch will be hosting our District's Annual Chaplain's Night at the San Mateo Elk's Club (\$35.00 per person) Details to follow.

Condolences to the Family of John Chaput and the Family of Martha Stevens. May they rest in peace. Please remember them in your prayers.

Please pray for our many sick members, especially Fr. Gaffey, Fr. Davenport, Fr. Murray, Charles Stevens, Aurelio Maestrini, Rose Edel, Maryanne Robbiano, Lorraine Machello and John and Barbara Geibel

Have a Happy and Safe Happy Halloween!!!

Trick or Treat!!!

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### **Millbrae**

#### **St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

Our October meeting will be preceded by a dinner of sausage, peppers and onions, pasta, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee or tea for \$10 per person. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm. For reservations, due by September 27, send check payable to ICF #403 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose, Millbrae, CA 94030.

We had two of our members, Carla and Adolph Del Carlo attend the ICF Convention in La Quinta over Labor Day Weekend. They

enjoyed meeting old friends and making new acquaintances plus taking part in the many activities offered.

Everyone enjoyed our recent fundraiser Polenta Dinner, prepared by our president Lorrie Kalos Gunn and Carla Del Carlo.

Upcoming Events:

October 18, 19 & 20 – St. Dunstan's Annual Fall Festival

November 8 – Chaplain's Night at the San Mateo Elks Club. Details in next month's Bollettino.

*Corresponding Secretary,*

*Rose Marie Morando*

### **Marin**

#### **Larkspur**

#### **St. James, Br. 161**

Our second year scholarship recipient is J. Alex Asdourian, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year scholarship recipient is Ryan Farber. Congratulations to both of them.

On July 21 we had our annual Mass at St. Vincent School for Boys with brunch following at McInnis Golf Cafe. Twenty seven people attended the breakfast and everyone enjoyed the good food and company. It was a treat to have Bishop Thomas Daly celebrate Mass for us.

On Tuesday, September 17 we had our monthly meeting in Healy Hall. Our President Marlene Farber and Jeanne Asdourian gave a talk on the convention.

Our fundraising dinner at Chale Basque on September 29 went very well.

Our next meeting will be October 15 in Healy Hall at 7:30pm. We will have nominations and election of officers for 2014.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7 for our annual Christmas Buffet.

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

Happy Halloween. Until next month,

*Ciao,*

*Anna Biggio*

### **Novato**

#### **Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332**

Branch 332 dinner meeting was held on September 10. It was good to see familiar faces and several new ones after our summer break. Bev Smith and Darryll Crist gave us a report on the recent ICF Convention held in La Quinta. Other than the heat, they really enjoyed the events, especially the Work Shops on fundraising and membership. Both Bev and Darryll came back with ideas on how to increase our membership and add to the treasury. Calendars are for sale at \$25.00 each and you could have a chance to win \$30.00 each day. President Joe Bondanza suggested the calendars would make great gifts.

The OLL Fall Festival will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. ICF Branch will be manning the Salami Throw Booth.

We will have nomination of officers at the October meeting so please consider volunteering for a position. Club Italia of Marin is looking for new members also. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month so you can enjoy great Italian meals two weeks in a row. Contact President Dave Paganini at Paganinienterprises @yahoo.com for more information.

Francesco Corbanese was visiting from Conegliano, Italy (the land of Prosecco wine.) He gave us a nice talk in Italian. We are sorry

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Branch 332 member Mary Marinello recently celebrated her 78th Birthday.

to hear Lisa Steiner will no longer be able to maintain the Financial Secretary position. She will be in our prayers.

Please also remember Fedora Taormina and Marilyn Hunter in your prayers. Thanks to Rick Smith for the beautiful mandolin music. And the meeting would not be complete without the wonderful dinner served by Angie and her talented kitchen crew.

## San Jose Santa Clara Valley

### District Council

This year's ICF Convention in La Quinta was a great success. It was wonderful to make new friends from around the ICF and in our own district. Our district was also very well represented. Bob Basuino, Br. 191, was elected Grand President, and Andy Pappani, Br. 28, was elected Grand Second Vice President. Our Santa Clara Valley district president, John Gillio and his family from Br. 368 were recipients of the 2013 Family of the Year award, and Anna Greco-Gonzalez from Br. 4 was awarded the 2013 Young Adult Leadership Award. Father Chris Bennett of Santa Theresa Church presided at the Friday and Saturday masses and presented an inspiring spiritual workshop as did Father George Aranha, our District Chaplain. Congratulations all. Our district's Bishop's Day will be held on October 27th at St. Francis Cabrini in San Jose. Please come and join us for Mass even though you don't plan on attending the luncheon where you will enjoy meeting and talking with the seminarians in attendance.

District and Branch Dates to Remember:

Please contact your branch president for details.

10/19 - Br. 191 Roaring 20's Ball, wine tasting, and Barbeque.

Contact Liz at 1-408-266-3833

10/22 - Br. 391 Bus Trip to Red Hawk Casino. Contact Russ Vento

(408)356-1656

10/27 - Bishop's Day at St. Francis Cabrini.

11/17 - St. Francis Cabrini pilgrimage at Santa Theresa at 11:00 A.M.

11/17 - Br. 391 Pancake breakfast - details to follow

*God Bless,*

*Marcie Rossi*

### Santa Clara

#### N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

October is upon us with Columbus Day is celebrated on October 14, 2013.

This is a special holiday for anyone who is Italian. Enjoy the day.

October 24, 2013 - Dinner/Meeting - Menu: Roast Pork Loin and all the trimmings. Costs: \$11.00 Member; \$13.00 Guest. Time: 6:00PM Dinner/7:00PM Meeting. Call Bea Cunha for reservations.

October 27, 2013 is Bishop's Day in the Diocese of San Jose. Come join the celebration at St. Francis Cabrini Church and the Three Flames Restaurant. All members are welcome.

Baby items are needed for the Annual Layette and can be brought to the Dinner/Meeting during October and November. New items are needed.

Please remember to invite and encourage new members to join. They don't have to be Italian. See Marlene Rotolo for Membership Applications and costs.

Holidays are coming up so put the dates of the Larry Marsalli (Thanksgiving Day Dinner) and Br. 5 Christmas Dinner.

*Ciao,*

*Marlene J. Rotolo*

### Mountain View

#### San Giorgio, Br. 47

Congratulations to Bob Basuino our new Grand President & to Leonard Zasoski, Jr., 1st Grand Vice President & Andrew Pappani, 2nd Vice President of The Central Council.

We have added a new meeting night Thursday October 10 in the Rectory at 7:00. We will have the election of new officers for 2014.

Saturday, October 19, St. Francis Mass at St. Joseph Church with dinner to follow.

Thank you for all the members & friends who helped at the Walk A Thon.

Please pray for our sick members.

Happy Birthday to Diane Castillo & John Giampaoli.

*Sincerely in Christ*

*Joseph J. Teresi*

### Los Gatos

#### St. Mary, Br. 184

At this year's ICF Convention in La Quinta, our Branch won the First Place Award in the Apostolic/Charity Category, for a branch with 50-100 members, for donating 10 Scholarships! Prez. Denise also reported that we were one of three branches Nationwide to receive an Award for Heritage. Marie Antonowicz was asked to appear on the ICF Float in the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco! Also, the daughter of our Deputy Maria Greco, Anna Greco Gonsales, won the Young Leadership Award. Our Branch is considered small, but our ability to donate is LARGE! Prez Denise thanked everyone who worked so hard and said "we are small but we are mighty."

St. Mary's Country Fair is coming up, so we will need members to serve the Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Friday, Oct. 4. Please call Denise at 408 356 2543 to volunteer.

October 25 is Marie Antonowicz' 90th Birthday! Buon Compleanno a te! Maybe she can lead the Chicken Dance on October 26, at our Polenta Dinner Dance! We have chosen a Caribbean Theme, and the return of the Margarita Bar! Reno di Bono is set to play music for your dancing pleasure.



SCVD President John and Noreen Gillio, Past Grand President Mike Rossi, Sid Pappani, Diane Berry, and Grand Second Vice President Andy Pappani enjoy Andy's SCVD hospitality after Mass on Sunday.



Grand President Bob Basuino, Past Grand President Mike Rossi, Grand Second Vice President Andy Pappani at Andy's SCVD celebration on Sunday. SCVD is great!!!!



Grand President Jane Dianda presents Anna Greco-Gonzalez the 2013 Young Adult Leadership Award.



SCVD member, Grand President Bob Basuino and SCVD members enjoy Andy Pappani's hospitality celebration on Sunday at the convention.



SCVD President John and Noreen Gillio and his family accepting the 2013 Family of the Year Award.





(Left top and left bottom) Br. 391 members and friends enjoyed a great chicken BBQ. (Right top) Everyone had fun winning desserts for their family and friends at Br. 391's Chicken BBQ. (Bottom right) Past Grand President Mike Rossi, Marcie Rossi, Russ Vento and his wife Louise, Cathleen and Steve Lencioni enjoyed attending this year's convention in La Quinta.

Contact Don Arnaudo at 408 354 4017 for ticket information.

The Annual Bishop's Day Mass will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church on Oct. 27, at 11:30am. Luncheon follows at Three Flames. Please contact Donna Pfaff ( 408) 265 7902 to make reservations.

In closing, we pray for the health of Gertie Klem, who sure is missed at our meetings!

*Ciao for now,*

*Lucy Amico*

### Los Altos

#### St. Nicholas Br. 186

Congratulations to Bob Basuino. He is now the Grand President and to Andy Pappani our newly elected 2nd Vice President. We know they will do a good job leading the Federation.

Our thanks to Chuck Tapella for designing the page for the convention book. It looks great. Happy 57th wedding anniversary to Barbara and Warren Petree, and a happy birthday to all who have birthdays in October.

Our branch received an award for all the charity donations last year, at the recent convention. Congratulations to all who worked hard to make this possible. Also our own Mary Jo Dorie won the 4th prize in the convention ticket raffle. Great!

Now we have to sell the 2014 calendars so we can have more winners.

November 7 is our Minestrone Night. Rita Fraguglia's wonderful soup. 6:30pm in the school center. Bring utensils and a bowl.

December 1 - our Branch Christmas Brunch will again be at the Cabana. Mass will be 10:45am at St. Nicholas Church. Members cost for the brunch will be \$15.00. There will only be room for 40. Your reservation will not be confirmed until Bernadette Tapella receives your check.

"Remember you don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing."

*Happy Halloween*

*Elaine*

### San Jose

#### St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

The seminarians took time out from their studies to play bocce at our courts. Fr. Eddie Obero and some of ourthe members gave instructions on the rules of the game. The seminarians had so much fun they are looking forward to coming back soon.

Aldine Gresenti, Jaime Portillo, Rosemary Janis, and Joe Medoro delegates to the convention in La Quinta found the convention to be very informative. They especially enjoyed the camaraderie of the event. Each

will have an opportunity to share their experience at the September meeting.

Preparations are being made for our October wine tasting dinner dance. This year's theme is the "Roaring 20's". Chairs Roz Castello and Ed Smith have been working tirelessly to make this a superb event. If you would like to join in this fabulous evening, contact Liz Donaldson at 408-266-3833.

St. Frances Cabrini's annual Fiesta is on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be carnival rides, games for the kids, young and old, and great food. Branch 191 will be serving their delicious Italian sausage. Join us for this wonderful parish function.

Our quarterly Mass and breakfast is on October 13. All are welcome. If you would like to attend the breakfast after Mass, contact Janice Jones at 408-978-7615.

Branch 191 is hosting the Bishop's Day Mass on October 27 at SFC. Mass is at 11:30 AM with lunch following at the Three Flames Restaurant on Meridian Avenue. If you would like more information, contact Aldine Grisenti at 408-559-1242.

*God bless,*

*Rosemary Janis*

### San Jose

#### Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Our September meeting had tasty casseroles,

salads and desserts which were provided by our members. Thanks to our hosts; Judy Janini, Evelyn Taravella and Tina Vecellio for putting together this great dinner.

Ed Wendler gave us "Something To Ponder" with his spiritual reflection.

Mike Nunizata gave an update on membership. We are on track by adding new members throughout the year. Mike announced our commitment to the upcoming Bishop's Day on October 27 and Jerry Delfino talked about the importance of sponsoring a seminarian.

Monte Carlo Night was a great success. Everyone had a fun time and Noreen Gillio thanked everyone that supported the night. Thank you Knights of Columbus for co-hosting the event.

Joyce Robba, Ed Wendler, John and Noreen Gillio gave a brief summary on the ICF convention. Except for the heat, they had a great time. Members are encouraged to think about attending our next year's convention.

Upcoming:

Noreen Gillio announced that starting in December, we will be meeting in the church while the new hall is being built.

Aldene Grisenti reminded us that we have upcoming elections of new branch officers in October.

ICF Officer Training will be held in Avila Hall on November 23 from 9-11 am.

Branch 368 members are encouraged to bring



new toys or gift cards next month to be given to Children’s Hospital in Oakland.

Lorraine Nunziata asked that we also bring layette items to our October 10th meeting.

Ciao

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Branch 391’s delegates, Marcie Rossi, Russ Vento, and Cathleen and Steve Lencioni returned from the convention and gave us a report. Though the weather was hot and unusually muggy, they all said that it was a great experience. All the delegates enjoyed the opening ceremony, the presentations and elections, and especially the history of the Chicken Dance. The Antonowicz production put on a great show, and we hear that they might be coming to a branch near you, chicken suit and all.

Thanks to our “Kitchen Crew” for our branch’s Italian Beef Sandwich dinner. It is a secrete recipe from one of our distant members, Rena Vallorz.

Remember Columbus Day is on Monday, October 14th. Be sure to find a Columbus Day Celebration in October to enjoy.

Ciao,

Al Vallorz and Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

From the proceeds of our first Pancake Breakfast of the 2013 school Br. 408 was able to make a Donation of \$500 to the Resurrection School Tuition Assistance Fund. Thanks to all our generous volunteers and supporters!

Make sure you donate a cake or other baked goodies to the upcoming ICF Bake Sale which will be held in the vestibule of the church over the weekend of 19th and 20th October. We will be raising funds for ICF Scholarships.

Remember to set your calendar and purchase your tickets for the Bishop’s Day Mass and Luncheon. We will be meeting at St. Francis Cabrini for Mass and then heading to Three Flames on Meridian Ave.

Resurrection Parish will be celebrating its 50th Anniversay with a festive Jubilee dinner with Bishop McGrath on Saturday November 9th at 6 PM in the Farana Center. ICF will be hosting the Coffee and Tea for this event. We have come a long way from our early days holding Mass at Jake’s Pizza Parlor.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers – especially Linda Cleveland Hart (for recovery of the full use her hand), Anne Lopez, Franco Ciacchella, Betty De Ville and Susan Colon (pneumonia).

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

On August 15, at our last dinner meeting we enjoyed a wonderful dinner and appetizers prepared by Jerry Caravelli and John Sorci.

Our branch was also treated to an enjoyable and informative presentation Louise Vinto gave about Santa Rosalia. We learned many interesting things and we thank Louise for sharing with us.

A training session for new board members and delegates will be held on Nov. 23. More information will be coming later.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Morgan Hill Italian Harvest Festival was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a great assortment of delicious foods and wonderful entertainment for all to



St. Sebastian, Br. 103, Bar Crew

Nancy Corsi with new members of Branch 103 Lenore Gordenker, Walter Picchi, and Katherine Lynch

enjoy. We want to thank all the volunteers from other branches who helped in so many ways.

We are proud to announce that the Morgan Hill Unified School District board renamed the former Burnett elementary school to the Loritta Bonfonte Johnson Education Center. Loritta was a wonderful and hard working member of our branch.

Our next dinner meeting is on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Please keep in your prayers Don and Mary Ann Monahan, the son and daughter in law of Chris and Amy Monahan. They were injured in a car accident. We also want to pray for Jerry Caravelli and John Sorci, for their continued improvement.

Saluti,

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa  
Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

In August we announced that our member Carol Stahler, had been on the mend the past six months after a major surgery and was at our annual July Picnic. Sadly, Carol passed away, just two weeks after the Picnic, She had to go back in for unexpected surgery and died during surgery. The ICF Farewell was recited at her Rosary. Carol was a very active member of our Branch and will be missed.

Our next dinner/meeting will be held Monday, October 7 in St. John’s Hall. We are inviting the Pastors in Napa to join us. The menu is Pork loin and the trimmings.

The District Day of Recollection will be held in St. Thomas Aquinas’ Hall (2725 Elm Street, Napa).

Reservations are a must so the meal can be planned accordingly. Please send names and \$10.00 per person to: ICF – Branch #12, Attn: J. Fontana, P. O. Box 542, Napa, CA 94559 by October 15.

Please arrive by 1:15 pm so the Day can begin on time. The Schedule is as follows:

- 1:30 - Welcome - District President
- Opening Prayer - District Orator
- 1:45-2:15 - Bishop Fulton Sheen (video)
- 2:15-2:30 - Break
- 2:30-3:30 - St. Claire of Assisi
- 3:30-3:40 - Break
- 3:40-4:00 - Recitation of the Rosary
- 4:15 - Chicken BBQ with baked beans, tossed salad, pane, dessert and libation



Our delegates, Ken Marshall and I had a good time at Convention. We each went to three Workshops, going to different ones. Each one was very informative. The meetings started on time, stayed on track and ended on time. There were two Bishops and several priests in attendance. The annual awards were given out to very impressive and well deserving people.

Ciao, Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Serving as a delegate for our ICF national convention makes one proud to be a member of this outstanding organization. We have much to be proud of; unceasing, generous support of our church and community. We also know how to enjoy life and share useful and inspiring information. Our August 17<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance was enjoyable as usual. Good food, Randy Apel’s roast beef dinner was excellent and earned many compliments from delighted diners. In spite of much hard work on the part of a few of our members, our net earnings were less than \$50.00. There is a very real possibility that we will have to discontinue these long-time , sit-down, family style events unless we have more cooperation, everyone involved must do more to sell tickets. NEW MEMBERS we need them more so than ever than before.

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52

We had a great potluck dinner, last night, Sept. 10. It’s always fun tasting the delicious food members bring to share. Our convention delegates gave their informative reports. We also welcomed St. John’s new Pastor, Fr. Sean Rogers. Fr. Sean joined the branch and will be our Chaplain!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1: Columbus Day Celebration Dinner. 6:30 PM. St. John’s Hall. We will elect our 2014 officers.

Oct. 6: ICF Breakfast, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Come and have breakfast with ICF members and parishioners after the Sunday Masses.

Oct. 11: St. John’s School PTG Pasta Dinner. Please help support the school. More details in the Church Bulletin.

Nov. 2: Polenta Dinner. Bar: 5:45 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. St. John’s Activity Center/ Gym. Price: \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members. RSVP by Oct 26 to Carlo Barbieri: 433-4007 or e-mail: [ICF52@aol.com](mailto:ICF52@aol.com). Wear a crazy hat this evening! A Prize will be awarded for the craziest hat.

Pres. Nancy has sign up sheets for members to assist with our Biscotti and Nativity Sales in December. Please contact Nancy, if you can assist with either of these endeavors.

Happy Halloween!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L’Annunciata, Br. 75

In August a meeting to reorganize the Branch was held. The meeting was conducted by David Botto and Carmen Kilcullen of the Central Council resulting in 12 new applications accepted. Robert Acquistapace, Patsy Buchignani, Cecilia and Sal Casciaro, Francesca Giacalone, Louis and Patch Guglielmino, Roger and Sue Honzik, Carol and Jim Lautermilch, Father Fergol Mc Guinness. Our District Deputy Kathy Acquistapace was also present.

David explained that new officers were needed and explained all of the duties of each office. The following were present and were nominated and elected by unanimous consent -

- President: Patch Guglielmino
- First Vice President: Patsy Buchignani
- Second Vice President: Sal Casciaro
- Recording Secretary: Mary Louise De George
- Correspondence Secretary: Cecilia Casciaro
- Financial Secretary: Sue Honzik
- Treasurer: Louis Guglielmino
- Trustee: Carol Lautermilch
- Trustee: Roger Honzik
- Orator: Robert Acquistapace
- Chaplain: Father Fergol Mc Guinness
- Sentinel: Left open
- Deputy: Carmen Kilcullen

It was decided to keep the same day of the month to meet - the Third Thursday - time - 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Initiation and Installation of the new officers will take place on Thursday, October 17 with a dinner prior to the meeting.

Mary Louise De George

Secretary

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

St. Sebastian Branch is working on augmenting membership and is happy to announce 3 new members –Katherine Lynch, Lenore Gordenker and Walter Picchi. Their





St Joseph Br 150 Cotati celebrated Marge Rosselli 90th birthday with daughter Lynn and all her family of friends of Br 150. Happy Birthday.

families were present for the occasion and we hope that they also will join in the future.

The September raffle table contained a great abundance of prizes and there were many happy winners. The raffle committee plans to have even more prizes for October. Our October dinner meeting will be salad, baked pork chops, and dessert and wine. For reservations, call Lila Boragno at (707) 996-3448.

*Saluti,*

*Marie-Therese Denning*

### **Petaluma**

#### **St. Vincent, Br. 127**

Greetings from Petaluma!

Our meeting this month was well attended. Those that attended enjoyed the Heritage Program given by Reno Iezzi on his trip to Sicily. Thank you Reno you do a great job on Heritage. Our Delegates Spence and Bruno reported on the Convention.

Our Spaghetтата Dinner was held with great success. Everyone who attended not only enjoyed the dinner, but enjoyed being with a happy, friendly group. Les Villanyi attended the dinner and sang Volare and everyone joined in the singing. It was a fun night and we want to thank our Chairperson Dennise and the Cooks, Sam, Bruno and Giacco and anyone who helped in any way.

A check in the amount of \$500 was given to Father Znomo at his last Mass for the Parish before he left for his native land.

Our Branch picnic was held and all who attended, about 40 members, had a great time. We played Bingo after lunch. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.

October 14 will be our Columbus Day Pot Luck and Meeting. 6:00pm, St. James Church Hall. Let Spence know if you will be attending.

On October 26 we will be having a Polenta/Stew Dinner in St. James Church Hall. Josephine and Leo Lavio and Giacco Manni and their crew will be cooking so you know it is going to be good. Plan to attend. Make your reservations with Spence 763-9082.

November 11 will be a regular meeting. Bring canned goods.

Welcome to Eileen Griffith, our new member.

Our sympathies to Kathleen Walker who lost her good friend and companion Bill Rogers. Get well wishes to those who are ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all

celebrating this month.

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

*Ciao,*

*Louise Vicino*

### **Arcata**

#### **St. Mary, Br. 144**

We had a nice report on Convention from Jaque. We thank her for representing us. We will have all of the same Officers next yera, except the Sentinal, which will be held by Shannon Gier. We had a great Chicken and Polenta Dinner. Don't know the final figures yet, but, Michael Fraga won the 50/50 and took home \$442. Thank you all for your help. Linda Spallino has the 2014 ICF Calendars. They are very nice, and are full of ICF History. Get yours soon, so you don't miss out. Columbus Day Pot-Luck will be on 10-29-13 at 12am. Group Communion will be on 10-6 at 8:30am Mass. Could we all sit together? Happy Birthday Mike Dal Porto. Happy Anniversary to Nell and Ben Mills, and to Jim and Linda Spallino.

We celebrate the finding of America by Columbus in October. Because of his curiosity and his spirit of adventure, the seeds of a new Country were sown (they grew into the USA. We should be so adventurous in searhching our Faith and our own hearts. May the seeds of our Faith grow abundantly.

*Ciao,*

*Linda*

### **Eureka**

#### **St. Ambrose, Br. 145**

Our August 13 meeting began at 7:00pm. After opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Joe Bonino read minutes of the last meetig; minutes approved as read. After the treasurer's report, Nancy Bruner, our financial secretary reported that we continue to have a low membership.

Our fireworks sales this July went fairly well. We discussed maybe moving the site of the booth where there would be two way traffic, thus attracting more customers. A big thank you to all members and volunteers who gave their time to set up, sell and breakdown afterwards.

Our Mezzo Agosto picnic was great. The weather was beautiful.. After eating some enjoyed playing bocce or just visiting and sipping wine with others. Thank you to all who cooked and brought other foods to share.

During our September meeting Joe Bonino gave a report about the convention that he attended.

Our fund raiser for the Colivas-Castle scholarship fund will be October 12. Any help with setting up, decorating and serving would be very much appreciated.

We will have a biscotti sale on November 3 after mass and during the St. Bernard pancake breakfast. Please contact Marian if you are willing to bake biscotti. Our sales will help to pay for our cocoa party on December 8th after mass.

The branch Christmas party will be on December 10. More details will follow.

Please pray for all members and their families.

*Peace and Good Health to all.*

### **Cotati**

#### **St. Joseph, Br. 150**

Our September dinner of a Mexican theme



The 2013 Stockton District Officers at the annual picnic in Escalon, Sunday, August 18. They had Barbeque steaks with beans, bread, various salads, and lots of desert.

(L. to R.) Rita Baretta, Karen Rossen, Ida Queirola, Tom Silvagio, Cecelia McGhee, Annette Pachinger, Wendell Barnes, Robert Pachinger, Diane Galeazzi, Dan Amoral, Annette Elissagaray, Lucy Orsi, Anna Mello, Dante Galeazzi (life member of central council), & Deacon Karl Weisbacher.

was hosted by Jef McCrea. It was a small crowd but a wonderful dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Maryanne and Sheila went to convention and will give us details at the October meeting.

October will be our Bakeless Bake sale. Lydia will be collecting at the meeting or checks may be mailed to her.

Bishops Day held Sept 14 and hosted by our branch had wonderful and very appreciated help from Chef Bill Scinto. Thank you so much to Bill and all the members from the branches who helped out.

Get well wishes to Madeline Poncia, Susan Daly, Giuseppe Nieri, and anyone else who may be ill or recuperating.

*Happy Fall Harvest*

*Susan Daly*

### **Sebastopol**

#### **St. Michael, Br. 209**

At our September meeting, we enjoyed an "Italian Potluck" with members furnishing many varied and delicious dishes. Our special dessert this evening was a birthday cake honoring our long-time member, Mercy Medrano, who is celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday! We love you, Mercy!! We also thank Mercy for having donated tea towels for our kitchen.

On September 14, several members attended Bishop's Day at St. Joseph's in Cotati. Mass was held at 5 p.m. with Branch 150 hosting the event. A delicious dinner followed the service.

Our Quarterly Communion was held at St. Sebastian's 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 15. Members enjoyed meeting for breakfast following Mass.

Dante & Jackie Corsetti gave a glowing report of this year's ICF Convention in LaQuinta. Each reported on the meetings and workshops they had attended and indicated they enjoyed the convention immensely.

Our Polenta & Chicken Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall. Tickets are available by calling Lona Bertoli (707) 527-1021. Call early for your tickets – this event is usually a sell-out!

*Happy Halloween!!*

*Lona Bertoli*

# **Stockton**

## **Stockton**

### **District Council**

We had a good turnout for the district picnic. The steak dinner was very good thanks to Russell and his crew and all the food contributions from the branches. It was great to see some of our old friends and the weather was nice until the humidity set in late in the afternoon.

A nomination committee was selected. The committee members are Karen Rosson, Josephine Weber and Robert Pachinger. If you would like to run for an office contact a member of the committee or have your branch president contact the committee for you.

There will be a district meeting October 27, 2013 hosted by Manteca St. Anthony's Branch 139. The meeting will be held in Tony's Kitchen, 18760 Queirola Rd. Lathrop. The time is 1:30 pm, the cost is \$8.00 per person.

Call Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 with the number of persons that will be attending the meeting no later than October 21, 2013.

Mark the date on your calendar. The District Installation of Officers will be held January 5, 2014 in Modesto at the "J" Street Church.

*Cecelia McGhee*

## **Modesto**

### **St. Stanislaus, Br. 48**

We had a great adventure going to the convention. It started when the car decided it did not want to run any more. Karen was quite skillful getting the car to the side of the road with no power steering, no brakes and no anything. We were then towed 77 miles. During that ride in the tow truck the temperature went from around 105 to 76 degrees then back up to 105 degrees on a ride which took us thru pouring rain and flash flood warnings. Once the car was dropped off at a garage and we got a rental car we were on our way again and made it in time for the opening ceremonies.

This convention will be remembered for the trip getting there more that the convention itself though it was a very good convention.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday Thursday, October 17, 2013 5:30



pm at the "J" Street church and Sunday, November 10, 2013 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd church

Refreshments for the Oct 9 meeting will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee.

Coming up:

Oct 5-6 Bake sale after all the masses maze blvd. church

Oct 9 7:00 pm Meeting – Hall 7th & K Street, Modesto

Oct 27 8:00 am Mass With breakfast to follow

Oct 27 1:30 pm District meeting Tony's Kitchen, Lathrop

Nov 13 7:00 pm Meeting – Hall 7th and K Streets

**Cecelia McGhee**

## Manteca

### N.S. Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Our Pres. Anna Mello and I attended the annual Convention in La Quinta. We had a great time. The resort was beautiful and our room was very nice. The weather was a bit warm. We learned several new items from the workshops. We were given calendars to sell. These are a nice fundraiser for our branch and Central Council. Let's try to sell lots of them. Congratulations to the newly elected Central Council Officers. Our member, Marco Galeazzi, was elected Sentinel.

Our next fundraiser will be a Polenta Dinner with chicken cacciatore, salad, wine, beverage and dessert. This will be held on October 19, 2013 in the St. Anthony's School Gym. The ticket cost \$20. each and are available from Anna, 209-982-5458 or Marilyn Amoral, 209-612-7770.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting October 22.

Prayer for our deceased members, and a safe return of our servicemen and women.

**Ida Queirolo**

## Tracy

### Presentation, Br. 395

On August 18, several of our members attended the District Picnic at Escalon Community Park. A good time and good food was enjoyed by all. President Karen Rosson and Vice-President Josephine Weber attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual ICF Convention in La Quinta, CA, held August 29 – Sept. 2. A funny thing happened on the way to the convention (not so funny)! Karen was driving with Josephine and Cecelia and Nancy from Branch 48 (Modesto). Karen's car broke down in the Mojave Desert where it was 109 degrees at the time. We were towed by AAA to San Bernardino where Karen left her car for repairs; we rented a car and preceded on our way. What dedication! Since Monday was the Labor Day holiday, the car would not be ready until Tuesday, with the repair shop having to order a part. After getting back Monday, Karen rested on Tuesday and drove back to San Bernardino on Wednesday to return the rental and pick up her car. What a trooper! In spite of 105+ degree weather in La Quinta with high humidity, it was a good convention.

Upcoming events include:

September 12 - meeting preceded by Pizza and Wine

October 5 - Bishop's Award Dinner at Presentation Church

October 6. - Quarterly Communion, 8:45 a.m. mass, Pancake Breakfast and meeting

November 14 - Meeting 6pm

December 7 - Christmas Luncheon, Youth Center Gathering Space; 12:00 noon

January 5 - Installation of Officers, St. Stanislaus, Modesto

# Tucson

## Tucson

### Fr. Eusebio Kino, Br 434

Let me tell you, the weather in Tucson is nowhere as hot and humid as the weather was at the Convention!!! We have DRY HEAT!!!

It was a great Convention and we were very proud that our Branch Deputy, Jim Acitelli, was re-elected to ICF Central Council for another year! Congratulations, Jim, and to all the recently elected officers of the Italian Catholic Federation for the coming year.

We have not had a meeting since June but during that time, Marie Fleischmann made chocolate lollipops for Jim's Hospitality suite and Henry tied cowboy boot charms to each of the lollipops. Henry and Maria were also our delegates to the Convention.

Our fall calendar is filling up. October 6, 2013 we will be taking part in a Tucson District meeting and our regular meeting will be on Sunday, October 13, after the 11:00 AM Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul.

Nomination of officers will also take place at the October meeting.

Our fall bake sale has been re-scheduled to November 17, 2013.

Plans are underway for our Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup> and Bishop's Day on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Henry Fleischmann has put together a slideshow of the last five years of the Branch and we are all interested in seeing it – thanks, Henry!

**Until next month,**

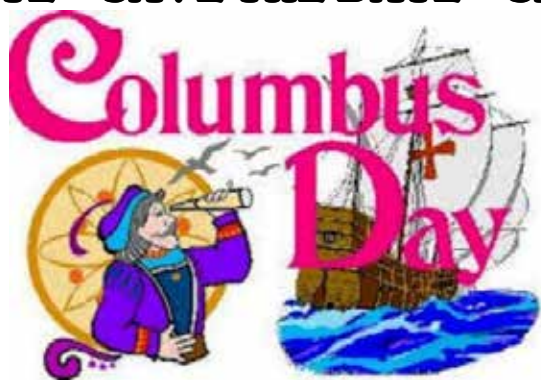
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**Due to ABC Regulations - No Outside Liquor Allowed**

Correction:

In the Aug./Sept. issue of the Bollettino the following scholarship recipient should have been listed as being from San Francisco, Br. 290.



Adriana Rose Suarez  
Br. 290, San Francisco

**A Prayer for the Fall**

By Kirsty DePree, RCA coordinator for discipleship

Gracious God,

As the season changes, we are reminded that you are an unchanging God, but it is your desire to continue to change us--to mold and shape us, to teach us to have faith like a child. Lord, be our teacher!

Lord, teach us to praise. We praise you for awe, wonder, and excitement as new programs and plans are introduced in our denomination and individual churches this fall.

Lord, teach us to confess. At this time of year, we are inundated with busyness. Forgive us, Lord, when our busyness overshadows you.

Lord, teach us to be thankful. We are thankful that in teaching us, you change us. Teach us, Lord, to trust in you for guidance and direction.

Lord, help us realize the magnitude of your grace and then to teach others what it means to live with that grace. As we seek to further your kingdom, fill us with the same exuberance, wonder, and awe that we see in children at the beginning of a new school year.

Amen.

**CHICKEN/PASTA BAR-B-QUE -- ICF BR. #5 -- SANTA CLARA**

**DATE: JULY 14, 2013-SUNDAY -- TIME: 12 NOON -- 4PM.**

**COSTS: \$12.00 ADULT -- CHILD UNDER 12 - \$6.00 (HOT DOGS).**

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**Italian Catholic Federation  
Fresno District**



**Bishops Seminary Burse Celebration**  
on Sunday, October 20, 2013

Mass: 1:00 PM St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
671 E Yosemite Ave, Merced, CA 95340  
Lunch to follow in the parish hall next to the church


Menu - Antipasti, Salad, Roll, Chicken Marsala, Italian Green  
Beans, Pesto Pasta, wine and dessert.

**Price: \$22.00 per person**

Please call Josephine Giampaoli (209) 389-4263 to make your  
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**Make checks payable to ICF Branch 39**  
Send to: Josephine Giampaoli  
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We hope you are able to join us at our Bishop's  
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Saturday, November 2, 2013  
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