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District Deputy Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM JIM JONES!

Dear Branch and District Deputies,

Are the Convention Delegates in your Branches ready for Convention? According to Steve Fuentes, Chairperson of the Convention Directors Committee, the planning stage is nearly complete and the Delegates can look forward to a wonderful time.

Please encourage members to attend the Convention as Guests even though they are not Delegates. They can meet new and old friends, attend the Masses, the Workshops, the Business Sessions, the Banquet and any special functions.

Jim Jones

Chairman of the Deputy Program

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hopefully, your Branches put on Membership Drives this year. Membership Drives do work, but the Branches must ask their Pastors for permission to speak at the Masses or ask to be allowed to set up tables to meet and speak to the parishioners after the Masses. Note - it is very important to follow up if someone shows interest in joining a Branch. This will show them that you care.

I am available to put on a Deputy Workshop in your District. Call me at (408) 210-5541 = cell, (409) 978-7615 = home or e-mail jim@custompad.com.

2009 CONVENTION IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA !!!

"85 Years – the Dream Lives On."

The Santa Clara Valley District has been working very hard to give you an enjoyable time at the Convention

this year. Your District and Branch Presidents have the flyers for all of these events.

Thursday Morning: The Bocce Tournament will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 15333 Woodard Road, San Jose, CA. Registration starts at 9:00 A.M. Complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning and lunch at noon. \$25.00 per person. \$10.00 per person for lunch only. Transportation available from the hotel. Deadline is August 20th. Call Janice & Jime Jones at (408) 978-7615.

Thursday Evening: The Banquet will be held at St. Martin of Tours Church, 200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose, CA. No-Host Cocktails - 6:00 P.M., Dinner - 7:00 P.M. \$35.00 per person. Deadline is August 20th. After August 20th - \$45.00 per person. Call Joan Delfino at (408) 227-8682.

Friday: Golf Tournament - held at Moffet Field Golf Course. Check in at 9:00 A.M. Shot-gun start at 10:30 A.M. \$85.00 per person, includes Golf Cart and Box Lunch. Deadline is August 15th. For \$75.00 you can sponsor a hole. All Tournament proceeds go to I.C.F. Charities. Call John Gillio at (408) 204-0477

Pedro Tournament at the DoubleTree Hotel from 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. \$15.00 per person, includes refreshments. Deadline is August 14th. Bingo is also at the DoubleTree Hotel from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. \$25.00 per person. \$30.00 after August 14th or at the Door. Cash prizes will be given. An I.C.F. Trivia Contest will be offered in conjunction with the Bingo Games. \$10.00 per person or per team of 2. Deadline is August 14th. Call the I.C.F. Office - 1-888-423-1924.

Saturday: A wonderful tour is offered to guests, spouses and friends of the Delegates. (Sorry Delegates, you must attend the Workshops and Business Sessions.) A bus will take non-delegates

to Gilroy to visit Goldsmith Seed Company, to view never before seen flowers, then you will go to Gilroy Gardens for lunch and a private tour of the facilities. You will conclude the afternoon with wine and cheese tasting at Guglielmo Winery. Deadline is August 20th. \$35.00 per person. Call Jim Jones at (408) 978-7615.

We will be voting on three proposals to change the By-Laws this year. Make sure the proposals are explained to the members of the Branches and especially the Delegates.

Encourage the Delegates and Members going to Convention to attend the Workshops. There will be two Membership Workshops, two Spiritual Workshops and two Mock Meeting Workshops.

Don't forget to remind your Branches to sell their raffle tickets. This is a major way for the Branches to offset the cost of sending their Delegate (s) to Convention. It is also a fundraiser to help keep the Convention costs to a minimum.

COOLEY'S ANEMIA AT OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This is the National Charity of the I.C.F. Our Annual Donation will be presented at the Convention. Be sure to remind Branches and members to send donations in time to be included at the Convention.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Please encourage the members to donate to the Gifts of Love Program to help special people. Through this program the I.C.F. is able to reach out to the developmentally delayed/disabled to help them with their special needs. This is a great way to publicize the I.C.F. because many of the beneficiaries are in the larger community. The need is great, so please be generous.

SCHOLARSHIP

Please encourage the members to donate to the Second, Third and Fourth Year Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available to past First Year Scholarship winners who apply for I.C.F. funds to continue their college education. Also, encourage them to donate towards the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship. This Scholarship is for a Junior or Senior in College who is majoring in some form of Italian Studies. Please be generous.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/09 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/08
Santa Clara Valley	1607	+ 9
Central Coast	1472	- 5
Fresno	1212	+46
San Mateo	1090	- 44
Santa Rosa	874	- 45
Contra Costa	740	+26
Los Angeles	688	- 49
East Bay	631	+ 8
San Francisco	519	- 52
Blessed Sacramento	509	- 13
Chicago	494	- 30
San Diego	477	- 22
Stockton	452	- 43
San Gabriel Valley	273	- 25
Santa Barbara/Ventura	267	0
Marin	263	- 13
San Bernardino	246	+27
Orange	227	+ 5
San Fernando Valley	142	- 49
Tucson	133	+17
Reno	70	+ 4
Las Vegas	64	- 2
Phoenix	0	+25

Total membership as of 6/30/09 **12,475**

New Members	1,171
Reinstated	34
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,147
Deceased	283
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	980
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	19

REMEMBER!

This year's membership drive ended June 30th. Encourage Branches to participate in next year's contest.

Enjoy Your Summer!