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District Deputy Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM JANE DIANDA!

Dear Branch and District Deputies,

Just a few reminders regarding our Annual Convention...

You have now received the proposals which will be presented at the upcoming Convention. As you can see, there are several proposals this year. Please be sure that the Branch Presidents review and discuss each of these proposals with their Members and Delegates. Having a clear understanding of what is proposed and what will be voted on will greatly reduce the amount of discussion during the General Session.

Also, if there are any Branches in your District that will not be able to attend the Convention, please have them send a letter addressed to the Executive Committee requesting to be excused and explaining the reasons for not attending the Convention.

Please remind Branches that the Convention registration fee, which includes a ticket to the banquet, must be paid in advance by the Branch. Additionally, the Delegates shall receive from the Branch a reasonable expense allowance to cover the costs of meals, accommodations and transportation for the Convention days on which the Delegates participate. Any deviations from these regulations must also have prior approval from the Executive Committee.

On another note, please inform your Branch members that the "In Touch" newsletter can be viewed on our Web site at www.icf.org. The "In Touch" is a great source of information for those members who may not be able to attend regular monthly meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention!

Jane Dianda
Chairman of the Deputy Program

APOSTOLATE CHARITY

At the recent June Central Council meeting, it was voted on once again that the National Charity of the I.C.F. will be Cooley's Anemia. 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.

Additionally, please remember to turn in your Apostolate/Charity reports to the Central Council office not later than July 15th.

2010 CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA !!!

"Committed to Faith and Family."

The Los Angeles 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 the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Redondo Room. Registration starts at 11:30 A.M. Complimentary water will be available. \$15.00 per person for Bocce only. Lunch, Wine and Beer available for purchase at the Hotel. Deadline is August 20th. Call Carmelo Sabatella at (626) 372-7812.

Thursday Evening: The Buffet/Dance will be held at St. Raymond Church - Msgr. Gipson Hall - 12348 Paramount Boulevard, Downey, CA from 6:30 - 11:30 P.M. A bus will depart from the hotel at 5:30 P.M. Deadline is August 19th. \$37.50 per person. Call Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

Friday: The Golf Tournament will be held at Chester Washington Golf Course. Check in at 9:00 A.M. Start at 10:00 A.M. \$90.00 per person, includes

Continental Breakfast, Green Fee, Golf Cart, Goodie Bag, Prizes and Lunch. Deadline is August 15th. Call Don Bohannon at (310) 516-7222.

Pedro Tournament at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel from 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. \$15.00 per person, includes refreshments. Deadline is August 13th. Bingo is also at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. \$25.00 per person. \$30.00 after August 13th or at the Door. Cash prizes will be given. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Friday/Saturday: On Friday there is a LA Italian Heritage Tour from 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Mother Cabrini Library, Chapel, Lunch at San Antonio Winery, see Our Lady of Angels Cathedral and Old Los Angeles. Deadline is July 15th. \$37.50 per person. Call Sharon Newton at (323) 255-0778.

On Saturday there is a Non-Delegate Tour of the Getty Museum from 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Then drive through Santa Monica and Venice Beaches on the way back to the hotel. Deadline is July 15th. \$27.50 per person. Call Sharon Newton at (323) 255-0778.

Sunday Night Dinner Dance at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. A Tribute to Frank Sinatra featuring Vaughn Suponatime. 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. \$60.00 per person. Deadline is August 13th. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Encourage the Delegates and Members going to Convention to attend the Workshops. A variety of workshops are available.

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.

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 6/30/10 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/09
Santa Clara Valley	1523	- 84
Central Coast	1469	- 3
Fresno	1184	- 28
San Mateo	1048	- 42
Santa Rosa	882	+ 8
Contra Costa	746	+ 5
Los Angeles	645	- 43
East Bay	628	- 3
Blessed Sacrament	520	+11
Chicago	502	+ 8
San Diego	470	- 7
San Francisco	440	- 79
Stockton	435	- 17
Santa Barbara/Ventura	293	+26
Marin	260	- 3
Orange	251	+24
San Gabriel Valley	249	- 24
San Bernardino	239	- 6
Tucson	130	- 3
Phoenix	129	+104
San Fernando Valley	122	- 20
Reno	71	+ 1
Las Vegas	55	- 9

Total membership as of 6/30/10 **12,291**

New Members	1,200
Reinstated	32
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,149
Deceased	267
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	1,016
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	12

REMEMBER!

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

Enjoy Your Summer!