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## Italian Catholic Federation

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## District Deputy Newsletter

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### I.C.F. AND ITS PURPOSE

It is the purpose of the Italian Catholic Federation to uphold the religious spirit among its members and to spread that spirit among all people outside of the organization. Is your Branch fulfilling your purpose? We are different than other organizations within the Church. We are Family, Apostolic, Charitable and Social. Our purpose is to serve others. We have fundraisers so that we can donate money to our charities: the Oakland Children's Hospital (Cooley's Anemia), the Gifts of Love Program, the Providenza Seminary Program, the Scholarship Program and individual Branch charities. These charities rely on our donations and us. We hold Branch meetings to conduct business and to socialize and develop friendships. But, most importantly, we are doing what God wants us to do. We are developing the religious spirit among our members. We do this with our Masses, Days and Nights of Recollection, Processions to honor our Saints, our St. Joseph's Table Celebrations, our Prayer Groups and our calls "out of the blue" to members who need our help. So, I ask you. Are you fulfilling the purpose of the Italian Catholic Federation? As District Deputy, please remind the Branches what their purpose is!!!

### WORKSHOPS

**Deputy Workshop** - Please contact Jim Jones at (408) 978-7615 (h), (408) 970-9711 (w) or [jim@custompad.com](mailto:jim@custompad.com) if you would like to schedule a Deputy workshop for the Deputies in your District.

**District Workshop** - The Workshop Committee is available to conduct a Workshop for your District members. The Workshop Committee Members

Are: David Botta, Bob Acquistapace, Carmen Kilcullen and Jane Dianda

This is a great committee and all District Presidents and Branch Presidents should encourage everyone to schedule a time during the year to hold and attend a workshop. This presentation takes approximately 2 hours.

### RETENTION OF MEMBERS

Now is the time of year when we have the best chance of keeping our members. After reviewing the members who have not paid their dues, be sure to call them to remind them that it is time to pay. The longer we take in contacting these delinquent members, the worse chance we have of keeping them. Ask the President to ask the members if the delinquent member has a friend in the Branch. The President should then ask the friend to contact the delinquent member and invite them back. Please stress the importance of following through on delinquent members.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Eighth Annual I.C.F. Golf Tournament will be held at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. This year, the Banquet will be held at the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks. Proceeds from this event will help support the many programs of the Federation. Cost - \$125.00 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet). Banquet only - \$35.00. Please consider sponsoring a hole even if you are not able to attend. A full sponsorship is \$100.00. Please consider a donation of a Raffle

Basket or any other donation possible to help make this event a success. Call the I.C.F. office for more info.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEPUTY?

There are several Districts that have Branches without Deputies. Deputies are extremely important to the Branches. They are the troubleshooters of the Branches. The Deputy is a direct representative of the Central Council in a specific Branch. You will be asked to attend the meetings of the Branch you are assigned and to provide guidance and support as needed. Please VOLUNTEER for this rewarding position.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Remember that the Per Capita Tax is due when the invoice is received. Make sure the Branch has received the invoice.

Encourage the Branch to contact delinquent members either by letter or by phone.

Remind members to submit names of candidates for: Grand President's, Pope John XXIII, Family of the Year, Mother Teresa and Young Adult Leadership Awards. The deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. For questions about these awards call Nettie Descalso-Del Nero directly at (209) 383-4819.

Proposals to change the Branch By-Laws are due in the I.C.F. office by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Encourage Branches to start preparing their Apostolate/Charity Report that will be due by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Speak on our charities: - Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and the Providenza Fund.

Encourage Branches to support our charities and our Scholarship Program, especially the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year scholarships and the Italian Studies 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Scholarships.

*May the blessings of the Easter Season remain with you always.*

### CONVENTION 2008 IN GARDEN GROVE, CA

Start discussing now the process of electing Convention Delegates. Grand President Mike Rossi wants every Branch to have Delegates at the Convention this year. It is an exciting experience to attend Convention. Try to elect members who have not gone before.

Encourage Branches to start selling Convention Raffle Tickets. Half of the proceeds remain with the Branch. Each book is \$10.00, so \$5.00 goes to the Branch treasury. Additional tickets are available at the I.C.F. office.

Branches should be encouraged to support the Convention Souvenir book. Submit ads with pictures if possible.

### MEMBERSHIP AS OF 3/31/08 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/07
Santa Clara Valley	1476	- 64
<b>Central Coast</b>	<b>1444</b>	<b>+12</b>
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>+26</b>
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>+12</b>
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>+ 8</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>+ 4</b>
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>+19</b>
East Bay	628	- 16
San Francisco	580	- 57
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>+21</b>
Sacramento	522	- 7
San Diego	506	- 31
Stockton	500	- 22
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>+ 6</b>
<b>Marin</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
Santa Barbara/Ventura	257	- 49
San Bernardino	225	- 2
Orange	214	- 19
San Fernando Valley	192	- 25
Tucson	93	- 4
Reno	69	- 2
Las Vegas	68	- 3
<b>Total membership as of 3/31/08</b>		<b>12,541</b>
New members		815
Reinstated		35
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>		<b>846</b>
Deceased		196
<b>Delinquent 6 – 8 months</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Delinquent 9 – 12 months</b>		<b>6</b>