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District Deputy Newsletter

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A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

Thank you again for your dedication to the Federation. Your being a Deputy means another night out to attend another meeting. Actually, it means much more than that.

•Being a Deputy or the Mentor of a Branch can bring you personal rewards. •The personal sense of accomplishment that comes from seeing a District or Branch grow and advance. •Seeing your officers' growth and accomplishments is also extremely rewarding. •A Deputy offers well read, sound counsel. And if you don't have the answer, you know where to get it. •You know what works, what things create setbacks, what are the choices that will bring success to a District or Branch. •You will experience personal growth, lifetime friendships and inspire others toward a higher sense of purpose.

Take time to talk to the President before the meeting. Go over the agenda, talk about any issues, good or not so good, that may come up during the meeting. Be very positive when giving advice and most important, enjoy your District or Branch. If you know someone whom you feel would make an excellent Deputy, please encourage them and talk with them or let them know that they can call me at 1-408-978-7615.

Jim Jones

Chairperson, Deputy Program

WORKSHOPS

Deputy Workshop - Please contact Jim Jones at (408) 978-7615 (h), (408) 970-9711 (w) or 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 Leonard Zasoski, Jr. 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 best time of year when we have the best chance of keeping our members. If a system and a structure to assimilate and keep the people you reach is not in place, they won't stay in the Branch. As many people will be going out the back door of the Branch as are coming in the front door of the Branch. Discuss with the Presidents and Financial Secretaries ways to retain delinquent members - phone committees, inviting delinquent members to return or asking friends of delinquent members to contact them and ask them to return.

9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, July 23rd, the Ninth Annual I.C.F. Golf Tournament will be held at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. This is a fun time for all, even those who don't golf. Many members and friends go to Monterey to socialize, eat the 4 course dinner prepared by Master Chef Eddie Leonard and his wonderful crew and then spend the night. The next day, after breakfast in Monterey or the wharf, walk to Cannery Row and

go to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Great fun! This year the Banquet will return to San Carlos Hall. Cost - \$125.00 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet). After July 17th - \$150.00. Banquet only - \$40.00. Please consider sponsoring a hole even if you are not able to attend. A full sponsorship is \$100.00. Please also consider a donation of a Raffle Basket or any other donation possible to help make this event a success and support our many programs. Call the I.C.F. office for more info. 1-888-423-1924.

MEMBERSHIP

Have you heard Roselyne Jarrett speak on membership? What an inspirational speaker she is! I had an opportunity to hear her give a membership talk at the Stockton District and she has great ideas to increase Branch membership. She talks about advertising Branch functions in the Diocesan newspaper, using your city's web site, incentive programs, flyers at fundraisers, how to put on a membership drive and many other ideas. Roselyne is the Chairperson of the Membership Committee and you can reach her at 1-925-957-0269.

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 1st. 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 31st.
- Encourage Branches to start preparing their Apostolate/Charity Report that will be due by July 15th.
- 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year scholarships and the Italian Studies 3rd and 4th year Scholarships.

CONVENTION 2009 IN SAN JOSE, 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 3/31/09 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/08
Santa Clara Valley	1574	- 24
Central Coast	1477	0
Fresno	1170	+ 4
San Mateo	1103	- 31
Santa Rosa	885	- 34
Contra Costa	727	+13
Los Angeles	694	- 43
East Bay	640	+17
San Francisco	524	- 47
Chicago	512	- 12
Blessed Sacrament	507	- 15
San Diego	486	- 13
Stockton	437	- 58
San Gabriel Valley	277	- 21
Santa Barbara/Ventura	272	+ 5
Marin	260	- 16
San Bernardino	239	+20
Orange	214	- 8
San Fernando Valley	156	- 35
Tucson	114	- 2
Reno	69	+ 3
Las Vegas	60	- 6
Phoenix	25	New Branch
Total membership as of 3/31/09	12,422	
New members	828	
Reinstated	4	
Cancelled/Non Payment	902	
Deceased	208	
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	24	
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	23	

May the Blessings of the Easter Season remain with you!