

# IN TOUCH

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## District Deputy Newsletter

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### A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

#### The Importance of District Support

While serving as Chief Deputy these past few months, I have had the opportunity to visit and talk with several different members throughout the I.C.F. What I have come to notice is that most of the Branches having problems belong to Districts who do not have regular monthly or bi-monthly District meetings.

The support of a District can sometimes be the best and quickest way for a Branch to receive the help they may need. For example, if a Branch does not have funds to hire a caterer to put on a fundraising dinner, maybe there is someone from another Branch in the District that could help. In return, the Branch can offer them two free dinner tickets. Possibly, the Branch offering you their assistance may be in need of some type of service that you or your Branch can provide in return. Share your resources!

Another issue that seems to arise is that some Branches do not attend the District meetings. Find out why. Maybe it's a bad day of the week or they need a ride. Explain your situation to the District and maybe the District can vote on holding District meetings on a day that suits all of the Branches.

The point is - more communication needs to happen between Branches within their own Districts. The easiest way for this communication to occur is at your District meetings. If you only have three or four District meetings per year, try having bi-monthly meetings for a change.

I do not have the authority to enforce how often or when Districts hold meetings, but I would like to ask all District Deputies to bring my suggestions up at your next District meeting. Additionally, please be sure that all Branch Deputies are receiving the In Touch newsletter.

No Branch should feel alone or have to struggle by themselves. We are all here working towards the same goals and we need to work together as one to achieve those goals.

Finally, I would like you to share one more thing with your Districts and Deputies":

#### **"The Mission Statement of the Italian Catholic Federation"**

"The Italian Catholic Federation encourages and promotes faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works, and the preservation of the Italian-American heritage in our communities."

**Jane Dianda**

Chairperson, Deputy Program

### WORKSHOPS

**Deputy Workshop** - Please contact Jane Dianda at (510) 532-2400 (h), (510) 390-3566 (cell) or [jtdianda@yahoo.com](mailto:jtdianda@yahoo.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: Bob Basuino, Bob Acquistapace, David Botta and Deborah Rodondi. 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.

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

## IN LOS ANGELES, CA

On Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Tenth 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! The Banquet will be held at San Carlos Hall. Cost - \$130.00 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet). After July 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$150.00. Banquet only - \$35.00. 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 information at 1-888-423-1924.

Start discussing now the process of electing Convention Delegates. Grand President Jim Jones 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

Have you heard Roselyne Jarrett speak on membership? What an inspirational speaker she is! I have had the opportunity to hear her give a membership talk 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 1<sup>st</sup>. For questions about these awards call the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.
- 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.

### CONVENTION 2010

### MEMBERSHIP AS OF 3/31/10 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/09
Santa Clara Valley	1561	- 46
<b>Central Coast</b>	<b>1475</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
Fresno	1165	- 47
San Mateo	1075	- 15
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
Contra Costa	739	- 2
Los Angeles	647	- 41
East Bay	627	- 4
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>+14</b>
Blessed Sacrament	506	- 3
San Diego	453	- 24
San Francisco	449	- 70
Stockton	441	- 11
<b>Santa Barbara/Ventura</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>+24</b>
<b>Marin</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>0</b>
San Gabriel Valley	259	- 14
<b>Orange</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>+14</b>
San Bernardino	238	- 7
Tucson	132	- 1
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>+98</b>
San Fernando Valley	121	- 21
Reno	69	- 1
Las Vegas	62	- 2

Total membership as of 3/31/10      **12,322**

New members	936
Reinstated	7
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>888</b>
Deceased	208
<b>Delinquent 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Delinquent 9 – 12 months</b>	<b>17</b>

*May the Blessings of the Easter Season remain  
with you!*