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## District Deputy Newsletter

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### A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

#### The Importance of Branch and District Deputies

I would like to take a moment to let all of you know how important you are to the Branch and District that you serve, to the Central Council and to the welfare of the future of the I.C.F.

Please remember, you are a representative of the Central Council. The Central Council relies heavily on your monthly and quarterly reports, most importantly reports regarding a troubled Branch. If we are made aware soon enough, we can usually do something to keep the Branch going. Do not let the Branch become discouraged and just want to give up; do not wait to see how next month's meeting will go or if they get any new members. District Deputies let your Branch Deputies know they should contact you immediately at the first sign of trouble or unresolved issue, no matter how trivial it may seem. The Central Council should be the next contact after you have been made aware of the situation. The sooner we know, the sooner we can help.

I've listed a few additional tips you might try, if you haven't already:

- Give the Branch compliments for a job well done, no matter how small the job. Remember no one forgets a criticism but everyone remembers a compliment.
- Do not let disputes carry on. If a dispute arises and the President does not take control, it is the right of the Deputy to call a point of order.
- Do not correct the President of the Branch or anyone publicly. Do it in private and gently. Do not criticize, but rather give constructive advice.
- The responsibilities of Branch Deputies are not to be watch dogs. Be a mentor; offer your support, knowledge and advice.

Remember, we are all here to achieve the same goals and we are all good people. Have the I.C.F. at heart and promote this attitude when addressing the Branches. Be positive and upbeat.

So again, I repeat, you are very important to the Italian Catholic Federation and I want you to know how

much I appreciate the time and devotion that you give for the good of others and the Federation. Thank you.

**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.

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

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

On Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Eleventh 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 - \$135.00 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet). After July 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$150.00. Banquet only - \$35.00. This year we also have a Bus Tour, for our non-golfers, of the Scenic 17 Mile Drive and Downtown Carmel for \$25.00 a person. 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.

### 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 April 30<sup>th</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 2011 IN FOSTER CITY, CA

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 AS OF 3/31/11 BY DISTRICT

Gain/Loss since  
6/30/10

Central Coast	1467	- 2
Santa Clara Valley	1411	-112
Fresno	1148	- 36
San Mateo	1018	- 30
Santa Rosa	858	- 24
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>+ 6</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>+18</b>
East Bay	568	- 60
Blessed Sacrament	476	- 44
Chicago	475	- 27
San Diego	442	- 28
San Francisco	396	- 44
Stockton	392	- 43
Santa Barbara/Ventura	289	- 4
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>0</b>
Marin	256	- 4
Orange	248	- 3
San Bernardino	198	- 41
Phoenix	120	- 9
Tucson	118	- 12
San Fernando Valley	99	- 23
Reno	66	- 5
<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>+ 1</b>

Total membership as of 3/31/11 **11,765**

New members	696
Reinstated	13
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>996</b>
Deceased	239
<b>Delinquent 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Delinquent 9 – 12 months</b>	<b>36</b>