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District Deputy Newsletter

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INTRODUCING JANE DIANDA

I received my assignment as Chair of the Deputy Program from Grand President Jim Jones for the coming year. I look forward to working with you this year.

Please send in your District Deputy Reports each quarter. This will let me know how the Branches and Districts are doing.

This year, I will try to give you some helpful hints on giving your Deputy Reports to your assigned Branch. For example, using a little humor before, during or after your presentation is a good thing. Be sure to practice what you plan to say. Being prepared is important.

I am here to help. I am available to visit and put on a Workshop for your Deputies.

My home phone number is (510) 532-2400. My cell is (510) 390-3566. E-mail is jtdianda@yahoo.com. If a problem or concern arises, please do not wait until it becomes too late for me to help. Call me anytime.

District Deputies, please make copies and share the In Touch Newsletter with your Deputies.

Jane Dianda

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each Branch should elect Officers in October. Refer to your Branch By-Laws Book, Chapter XI. Here are some reminders regarding Elections:

- Each office is nominated and voted on one at a time. Do not let the Branch vote on a "slate" of officers.
- The Nominating Committee nominates a candidate for each office.
- The President must also ask three times for

nominations from the floor for each office.

- Nominations do not require a second.
- Contested offices must be voted on immediately by secret ballot before continuing.
- Candidates must be present to be nominated and elected, or a letter declaring their intention to run is acceptable.
- Candidates must be in good standing with their dues.
- New officers assume office on January 1st.
- Branches are allowed to combine Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and they may elect one to three Trustees.
- If Branches have trouble electing officers, contact me for advice and ideas.
- The new officers should plan a Calendar of Events for the coming year.
- Remind Branches to send a list of their new officers to the I.C.F. office by December 1st.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

The I.C.F. will be honoring Past Grand President Michael Rossi at a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 2009. This grand affair will take place at the Three Flames Restaurant located at 1547 Meridian Avenue in San Jose, CA. No-Host Cocktails at 5:00 P.M. and Dinner to follow at 6:00 P.M. You will have a choice of one of the three following entrées: Tri-Tip Steak topped with Mushrooms, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Grilled Salmon topped with Dill Sauce. Tiramisu for Dessert and Wine are included with your meal. The price is \$40.00 per person. A flyer and reservation sheet was included in all of the Delegates' Packets at Convention and is being sent again in the Presidents' Quarterly Packets. Please be sure to share this information with the members of your District. Reservations must be received no later than Friday, November 6, 2009 with Payment, Names, Branch #, Choice of Entrée and whom they would like to be seated with. Please contact the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 with any questions.

I.C.F. CALENDARS

Branches received their allotment of 2010 calendars at the Convention or by mail. This is the time of year that calendars should sell like "Hotcakes." Sell them to friends, business suppliers, family and members of your Church. Be sure to purchase one for your Pastor. They make great Raffle Gifts for your Branch and Stocking Stuffers at Christmas. Remember, the Branch keeps \$5.00 for every Calendar sold.

WANT TO BE A DEPUTY?

Deputies are needed. Please ask your Branch and District members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

- Hopefully, Delegates returned to their Branches and reported on the events at the great Convention held in San Jose. Emphasis on the Charitable Programs is important. Our I.C.F. National Charity remains Cooley's Anemia - encourage donations.
- Encourage members to accept an office, especially new or young members, as elections are held.
- Encourage the use of a Nominating Committee to seek out qualified officers.
- New Presidents should be encouraged to try to secure Committee Chairpersons early and begin forming a yearly Calendar of Events.
- Encourage sales of the Calendars.
- Congratulate Branches on their participation in this year's Scholarship Program. Always encourage Branches to also participate in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year programs as well, even if they can only make partial donations.
- Please urge Branches to actively recruit and retain members. Each member should bring in a new member this year.
- If a Branch does not already have a Christmas celebration, encourage them to consider holding one. Christmas is an excellent time to introduce families to the Federation.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you need to contact Michelle Feldman, the I.C.F. Bollettino Editor, her e-mail address is editor@icf.org or at home amfeld131@yahoo.com.

If you need to contact Patty Smith for accounting issues her e-mail is accounting@icf.org or if you need to contact Charlene Kramer at the I.C.F. Office her e-mail is admin@icf.org or info@icf.org.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/09 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/09
Santa Clara Valley	1623	+16
Central Coast	1473	+ 1
Fresno	1234	+22
San Mateo	1094	+ 4
Santa Rosa	881	+ 7
Contra Costa	731	- 9
Los Angeles	683	- 5
East Bay	629	- 2
San Francisco	515	- 4
Blessed Sacrament	513	+ 4
Chicago	497	+ 3
San Diego	479	+ 2
Stockton	459	+ 7
San Gabriel Valley	272	- 1
Santa Barbara/Ventura	268	+ 1
Marin	262	- 1
Orange	230	+ 3
San Bernardino	222	-24
San Fernando Valley	142	0
Tucson	134	+ 1
Reno	67	- 3
Las Vegas	63	- 1
Phoenix	65	+40

Total membership as of 9/30/09 **12,536**

New members	229
Reinstated	3
Cancelled/Non Payment	114
Deceased	57
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	20
Delinquent 9 – 12months	530

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Encourage Branches to participate in a Membership Drive. Presidents can arrange with their Pastors for time at the Masses to speak about the Italian Catholic Federation. A two minute Mass script is available that really works. After Mass, a table should be set up at the back of the Church with I.C.F. Brochures, Italian cookies and a few members to answer questions. Take down names and then call them to invite them to the next meeting.

You can call Membership Chairperson Roselynn Jarrett at (925) 957-0269.

Wishing you God's blessings as the end of the year approaches.