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District Deputy Newsletter

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DEPUTY WORKSHOP / ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

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

Please be sure to 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 your District and put on a **Workshop** for your Deputies. I also encourage Branch Presidents, First and Second Vice Presidents to attend as well. Included in my workshop are Chains of Command, Responsibilities of each and a list of "Do's and Don'ts," which continues to grow after every workshop. Once I complete my workshop with you, I am willing to stay and just sit down and talk with you and the other Deputies in your District. I have found over the past year, that by doing this, several issues can easily be resolved and it is also a good time to realign the Deputies throughout your District. Please call me so we can schedule a workshop in the near future.

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. If you are unable to do this, please

let me know. Also, please remind your Deputies that they can view the In Touch Newsletter on our Web site - www.icf.org.

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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. Thank all of the officers of the past year for their hard work and dedication to the Branch and the I.C.F.
- 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. A Branch Budget for the upcoming year is also recommended.
- Remind Branches to send a list of their new officers to the I.C.F. office by December 1st.

I.C.F. CALENDARS

Branches received their allotment of 2011 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 Los Angeles. Emphasis on the Charitable Programs is important. Our I.C.F. National Charity remains Cooley's Anemia. Thank members for their charitable works and donations during the past year.
- 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.

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MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/10 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/10
Santa Clara Valley	1493	- 30
Central Coast	1476	+ 7
Fresno	1188	+ 4
San Mateo	1041	- 7
Santa Rosa	881	- 1
Contra Costa	754	+ 8
Los Angeles	649	+ 4
East Bay	613	- 15
Blessed Sacrament	522	+ 2
Chicago	500	- 2
San Diego	469	- 1
Stockton	437	+ 2
San Francisco	433	- 7
Santa Barbara/Ventura	293	0
Marin	262	+ 2
Orange	253	+ 2
San Gabriel Valley	252	+ 3
San Bernardino	238	- 1
Phoenix	142	+13
Tucson	126	- 4
San Fernando Valley	114	- 8
Reno	70	- 1
Las Vegas	55	0

Total membership as of 9/30/10 **12,261**

New members	172
Reinstated	3
Cancelled/Non Payment	135
Deceased	70
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	12
Delinquent 9 – 12months	542

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.