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## Italian Catholic Federation

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## District Deputy Newsletter

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### INTRODUCING BOB BASUINO

I received my assignment as Chair of the Deputy Program from Grand President Jane Dianda for the coming year. I look forward to working with all of you this year. I can be contacted at 408-439-1758 or by e-mail [rjbasuinotr@aol.com](mailto:rjbasuinotr@aol.com). If a problem or concern arises, please do not wait until it's too late for me to help you. Call me anytime.

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.

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](http://www.icf.org).

Bob Basuino

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### TESTIMONIAL DINNER

We will be honoring our Past Grand President Jim Jones at a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The Dinner will take place at the Three Flames Restaurant located at 1247 Meridian Avenue in San Jose. PLEASE Remind your Presidents to check their quarterly package for the flyer and reservation sheet. Please share this information with your Deputies and your District. Let's make this a great event!!!!

Contact me or the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924 with any questions.

## I.C.F. CALENDARS

Branches received their allotment of 2012 calendars at the Convention or by mail. This is the time of year that calendars should sell really well. 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. What an easy way to make a little extra money for your Branch

### 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 Foster City. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year program 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](mailto:editor@icf.org) or at home [amfeld131@yahoo.com](mailto:amfeld131@yahoo.com). If you need to contact Patty Smith for accounting issues her e-mail is [accounting@icf.org](mailto:accounting@icf.org) or if you need to contact Charlene Kramer at the I.C.F. Office her e-mail is [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) or [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org).

## MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/11 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/11
Central Coast	1483	- 4
Santa Clara Valley	1382	- 18
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>+ 5</b>
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
Santa Rosa	840	- 9
Contra Costa	723	-18
Los Angeles	623	-36
East Bay	553	- 9
Blessed Sacrament	503	- 1
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>+44</b>
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>+ 9</b>
Stockton	418	- 4
San Francisco	388	- 5
Marin	259	- 1
Santa Barbara/Ventura	245	- 10
San Gabriel Valley	242	- 2
Orange	234	- 5
San Bernardino	179	-16
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>+ 4</b>
Tucson	118	- 2
San Fernando Valley	91	- 1
<b>Reno</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>+ 7</b>

Total membership as of 9/30/11 **11,627**

New members	209
Reinstated	8
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>237</b>
Deceased	51
<b>Dues not paid 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Dues not paid 9 – 12months</b>	<b>538</b>

### 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.