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District Deputy Newsletter

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WORKSHOPS

Deputy Workshop - Please contact Mike Rossi (408-267-0527 or mmrossi@mindspring.com) if you would like to schedule a Deputy Workshop for the Deputies in your District. It is a great way to build camaraderie with your Deputies and help to answer their questions about the Deputy Program.

District Workshop -The Workshop Committee is available to conduct a workshop for your District members. The general topic of the workshops is membership. If your District is interested, please contact the Workshop Chairman Jim Jones (408-978-7615) or contact the I.C.F. office to forward a message to Jim.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The I.C.F. recently started a new membership drive to add to the existing drive. Effective January 1, 2006, a Branch will receive \$25.00 for every 5 new members they sign up. The checks are mailed on a quarterly basis. Please encourage the Branches to take advantage of this program to earn cash for their treasury and grow their membership at the same time.

The existing membership drive remains the same. The top Branch in each of four categories receives a cash award of \$100.00 and the Branches placing 2nd and 3rd each receive \$50.00. The top Individual Recruiter receives \$200.00. Every member who recruits 10 or more members receives \$25.00. The Branch recruiting the most new Family Memberships receives \$100.00. The District with the highest net gain receives a plaque.

SACRAMENTO CONVENTION 2006 !!

The major focus for the next couple of months is the 76th Annual Convention. I encourage all Deputies to invite all of our members to attend some or all three days of the Convention festivities. I would like all Deputies to inform their Branches on the following items that deal with the Convention:

1) Make sure that every Branch reviews the Proposal for the Bylaw addition. It should be read in the proposed format. Take the time to explain the proposal. Make sure that the Branch members have the opportunity to instruct their Delegates on how they feel toward the proposal. If they have any questions regarding the proposal, you should contact the Parliamentarian of the Central Council, Mr. Harry Pacini, at (775) 857-1813.

2) Encourage all members to attend the numerous workshops. They are all invited to attend any and all workshops. It is important for all Delegates and Deputies to attend the Insurance Workshop during the second session on Saturday morning.

3) Please make an effort to promote the social aspects of the Convention. The two main social affairs are the Banquet which will be held on Saturday evening and the Dinner Dance which will be on Sunday evening. Both activities will be at the hotel. At the Banquet, we will be honoring the recipient of the Pope John XXIII Award. This is always given to an outstanding humanitarian. On Sunday evening, the

members can enjoy dinner and dance to the music of a seven piece band.

4) Of course, the highlight of the Convention is the Concelebrated Mass which will be held on Sunday afternoon at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The Most Reverend William K. Weigand, Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, will be the main celebrant. All members and even non-members will be pleased in attending this most spiritual event.

5) Please encourage the Delegates to especially attend the Monday morning session which will be a Prayer Service followed by the Installation of the Grand Officers.

6) Finally, I know that you have already informed your branches to SELL their raffle tickets. This is a major way that the Branches can offset the cost of sending their Delegate(s) to the Convention. It is also a major fundraiser for the Convention. Perhaps, each District can have some type of contest on which Branch can sell the most Raffle Books.

COOLEY'S ANEMIA AT OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This is the National Charity of the I.C.F. Our Annual Donation will be presented at the Convention in Sacramento. Be sure to remind Branches and members to send donations in time to be included at the Convention.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Please encourage the members to donate to the Gifts of Love Program to help special people. Through this program the I.C.F. is able to reach out to the developmentally delayed/disabled to help them with their special needs. This is a great way to publicize the I.C.F. because many of the beneficiaries are in the larger community. At the current time, the available funds are only about \$23,000 to fill over 80 applications. The need is great, so please be generous.

SCHOLARSHIP

Please encourage the members to donate to the Second, Third and Fourth Year Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available to past First Year Scholarship winners who apply for I.C.F. funds to continue their college education. Also,

encourage them to donate towards the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship. This Scholarship is for a Junior or Senior in College who is majoring in some form of Italian Studies. Please be generous.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/06 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/05
Santa Clara Valley	1574	+23
Central Coast	1448	+ 9
San Mateo	1149	- 24
Fresno	1114	- 46
Santa Rosa	941	- 27
Los Angeles	780	- 7
Contra Costa	713	+ 5
San Francisco	673	- 45
East Bay	672	- 38
Blessed Sacrament	575	- 87
San Diego	557	- 37
Stockton	519	+24
Chicago	486	+17
San Fernando Valley	293	- 24
San Gabriel Valley	285	- 22
Santa Barbara/Ventura	278	- 8
Marin	276	- 8
San Bernardino	242	- 5
Orange	240	- 30
Reno	78	- 8
Las Vegas	70	+ 2
Tucson	58	+17

Total membership as of 6/30/06 **13,021**

New Members	1,155
Reinstated	25
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,240
Deceased	302
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	953
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	8

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This year's membership drive ended June 30th. Encourage branches to participate in next year's contest.