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MESSAGE FROM MIKE ROSSI

Thank you! Thank you to all the Branch Deputies and District Deputies for your hard work and dedication to the Federation. I sincerely appreciate all the hours and effort that you give in service to our wonderful organization. With your help we are able to help Branches in ways that are not possible except through the Deputy Program. Yours is an important position as you monitor and coach the Branches to insure that the good business of the Federation is carried out. You have done your job well.

This will be my last issue of the In Touch. I will be stepping down as Grand First Vice President and Chairman of the Deputy Program in September because I have reached the end of my two-year statute term. The next Grand First Vice President will likely take charge of the Deputy Program. Please give that person all the cooperation that you have given me.

Thank you to those of you who faithfully attend meetings and report the activities of your assigned Branch and District. I know this is not easy to spend more nights away from home but your service is essential to the Federation. Your reports allow the Central Council to monitor the well being of the organization and to help when there are problems. If you do not report these activities, please start doing it now. The new Chairman of the Deputy Program will appreciate your efforts.

Mille Grazie!

Mike Rossi

Chairman of the Deputy Program

SCOTTSDALE CONVENTION 2007 !!

The major focus for the next couple of months is the 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 Proposals for the additions/changes to the By-Laws. They should be read in the proposed format. Take the time to explain the proposals. Make sure that the Branch members have the opportunity to instruct their Delegates on how they feel toward the proposals. If they have any questions, 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.

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.

4) Of course, the highlight of the Convention is the Concelebrated Mass which will be held on Sunday afternoon. 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. 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. 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 6/30/07 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/06
Santa Clara Valley	1540	- 34
Central Coast	1432	- 16
San Mateo	1140	- 9
Fresno	1117	+ 3
Santa Rosa	894	- 47
Los Angeles	736	- 44
Contra Costa	710	- 3
East Bay	644	- 28
San Francisco	637	- 36
San Diego	537	- 20
Blessed Sacrament	529	- 46
Stockton	522	+ 3
Chicago	506	+20
Santa Barbara/Ventura	306	+28
San Gabriel Valley	299	+14
Marin	268	- 8
Orange	233	- 7
San Bernardino	227	- 15
San Fernando Valley	217	- 76
Tucson	97	+39
Las Vegas	71	+ 1
Reno	71	- 7

Total membership as of 6/30/07 **12,733**

New Members	1,135
Reinstated	44
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,156
Deceased	311
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	938
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	2

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

Enjoy Your Summer!