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District Deputy Newsletter

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INTRODUCING JIM JONES

I received my assignment as Chair of the Deputy Program from Grand President Michael Rossi 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.

Let me know if I can help you in any way. I am available to visit and put on a Workshop for your Deputies.

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

Jim Jones

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 Leonard Rossi at a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, November 17, 2007. This grand affair will take place at Francesco's Restaurant located at 8520 Pardee and Hegenberger Road in Oakland, CA. No-Host Cocktails at 5:00 P.M. with Dinner at 6:00 P.M. The menu will consist of Salad, Grilled Breast of Chicken with Button Mushrooms or Roast Sirloin of Beef, Pasta, Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert and Coffee. The price is \$35.00 per person. Please share this with the members in your District. Reservations must be received by November 8, 2007 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.

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

I.C.F. CALENDARS

Some Branches have received their allotment of 2008 I.C.F. Calendars. Branches that did not receive any calendars at the Convention due to the printing problem, should be receiving them shortly. We are expecting an order of calendars and we will mail the calendars to those Branches as soon as the order is received. 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 Scottsdale. 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.

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MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/07 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/07
Santa Clara Valley	1537	- 3
Central Coast	1450	+18
San Mateo	1154	+14
Fresno	1116	- 1
Santa Rosa	924	+30
Los Angeles	740	+ 4
Contra Costa	698	-12
East Bay	644	0
San Francisco	633	- 4
San Diego	541	+ 4
Blessed Sacrament	537	+ 8
Stockton	535	+13
Chicago	534	+28
Santa Barbara/Ventura	304	- 2
San Gabriel Valley	299	0
Marin	267	- 1
Orange	235	+ 2
San Bernardino	221	- 6
San Fernando Valley	210	- 7
Tucson	98	+ 1
Las Vegas	72	+ 1
Reno	70	- 1

Total membership as of 9/30/07 **12,819**

New members	234
Reinstated	18
Cancelled/Non Payment	119
Deceased	47
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	8
Delinquent 9 – 12months	491

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Encourage Branches to participate in the Membership Drive. The \$25.00 for every 5 new members signed up is still in force. Increasing your membership does take work but the reward is great. Invite friends to your meetings. Invite them to join our great organization.