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District Deputy Newsletter

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DEPUTY PROGRAM REVITALIZATION

The I.C.F. is finishing up the first year of the Strategic Plan. During this past year, the Strategic Plan Sub-Committee has given a workshop to Districts around the Federation focusing on the Strategic Plan's Four Core Strategies: Membeship, Leadership, Community Connections and Finance. After evaluating the first year of the Strategic Plan, the Task Force Committee decided to focus year two on Membership Recruitment/Retention, Expansion of New Branches and the Revitalization of the Deputy Program.

Grand Second Vice President Vince Piro and I will be holding meetings throughout the year with the District Deputies by conference call and, at times, using Go To Meeting for gathering input on ways to revitalize and update the Deputy Program. The Deputy Program is a vital part of helping the Branches implement their Strategic Plan goals each year. The Deputies' input and the way they address an issue can mean the difference when a Branch is in trouble.

During this year's Strategic Plan Workshops, Branches completed worksheets listing their goals and action plans for the year. These will be shared with you shortly. We ask that you assist the Branches in reaching their goals, as listed on the worksheets, and to help them make adjustments as necessary.

You can review our plan online by going to www.icf.org. Then under "Quick Links" click on "Members' Portal" and you will find the listing for the Strategic Plan.

I look forward to a very invigorating and successful year for our organization.

Andy Pappani

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 2016 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. Contact Vince Piro or myself for more information.

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 Las Vegas. 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 icfeditor@gmail.com.

If you need to contact Patty Smith for accounting issues her e-mail is accounting@icf.org or if you need to contact Charlene Kramer at the I.C.F. Office her e-mail is admin@icf.org or info@icf.org.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/15 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/15
Central Coast	1,446	- 2
Santa Clara Valley	1,097	+ 3
Fresno	1,046	+ 5
Santa Rosa	829	- 12
Contra Costa	827	+ 3
San Mateo	775	- 5
Los Angeles	579	+ 2
Chicago	506	- 31
Blessed Sacrament	414	+19
East Bay	397	- 1
Stockton	383	+ 7
San Diego	345	+ 4
San Francisco	270	- 2
Marin	257	- 3
San Gabriel Valley	229	- 1
Santa Barbara/Ventura	208	- 1
Orange	116	- 4
Tucson	114	- 2
San Fernando Valley	69	+ 0
San Bernardino	57	- 1
Reno	43	- 4
Las Vegas	41	+ 0

Total membership as of 9/30/15 **10,048**

New members	154
Reinstated	9
Cancelled/Non Payment	143
Deceased	46
Dues not paid 6 – 8 months	22
Dues not paid 9 – 12months	481

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 Nina Malone at (916) 772-4876.

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