Welcome to Las Vegas!

Glorify the Lord By Your Life

Italian Catholic Federation’s
85th Annual National Convention
Las Vegas, Nevada
September 3, 2015 - September 7, 2015
**Pope Saint John XXIII Award Winner**

Bradley James

Bradley James was born in Wisconsin during the Second Vatican Council. At 6 years of age he began his education with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. His parents recognized his early musical abilities and at 12, they arranged for him to begin music instructions with Constance Koehne, Wagner’s granddaughter. At 17 he auditioned and won a scholarship from Robert Joffery to study with the Joffrey ballet in New York City, which began his career as a singer and dancer.

In the mid-80s while modeling and dancing in Los Angeles he began to anthroposophy with such luminaries as Manly P. Hall, Carroll Wrighter, Willi Sucher and Stephen Hoeller. In 1987, in Los Angeles on his way to a movie with a priest friend from New York he met with the Nobel laureate Mother Teresa. She invited him to join a small group of people to open a house in Los Angeles for her sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Soon after that meeting in 1987 he met the woman who would become Mother’s successor, Sister Nirmala Joshi.

At the first meeting in the Los Angeles airport Sister Nirmala asked Bradley to write music to Mother Teresa’s words and prayers. He sent a short note with Nirmala to Mother back to Kolkata and within a few weeks received the first of more than 15 letters giving him permission and encouragement to write music to her words.

After Mother Teresa, Bradley considers a major influence in his personal and spiritual development the late sister Sylvia who at the time of her death a year before Mother Teresa was being considered Mother Teresa’s successor.

“He proved to be a fine director [of the 11am mass choir], singer, and accompanist, but, beyond that, we were all enthralled with the stories he would tell about his experiences with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity,” said John Guerin, president of Branch 217. “Although he was only our director for a short time, we all felt that hearing these stories had brought us closer to God.”

From 1990 until 2002 while continuing to volunteer with the missionaries of Charity, Bradley was co-owner of the hugely successful restaurant in Palm Desert California,

**Grand President’s Award:**

**Russ & Louis Vento**

If you have ever been to an ICF Annual Convention in the past 8 years, you are no stranger to Russ and Louise Vento. Those beautiful Heritage displays that are set up every year are the product of their hard work and dedication towards keeping the ICF’s history alive. Taking up where Ario Gregori left off upon his passing, Russ and Louise have become an integral part of not only the Heritage Committee, but of what it means to be a member of the ICF.

“Their display includes notable artifacts and pictures that illustrate the rich and colorful history of the ICF. Every year, Russ and Louise transport and lug numerous boxes and cartons through hotel and convention center lobbies. The display is made up of hundreds of pictures, glass display cases, books, maps, and, recently, video equipment.”

**Young Adult Leadership Award:**

**Melissa Rodriguez**

Melissa Rodriguez, from Branch 433, Tucson, Arizona is helping to move her branch in a positive direction. Melissa has been President of Branch 433 for two years and has worked diligently to move the Branch forward in membership and socialization. She has organized the branch’s finances, made projects, and is always optimistic.

Melissa joined ICF Branch 433 in the fall of 2012, after spending the summer in Rome. As a Northern Arizona University senior, the idea of fundraising for scholastic purposes drew her into wanting to help. After attending her first ICF meeting, she found the branch to be in need of a treasurer during officer elections. She eagerly offered to take the position. The following month, Melissa chaired the annual Christmas Bake Sale.

**Mother Teresa Award:**

**Father Dave Heney**

Fr. Dave Heney grew up in Thousand Oaks, C.A., and was ordained a parish priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1978. In 1991 he received a Masters degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling from the University of Southern California.

He is the author of “Motivating Your Parish to Change”; a book on spiritual leadership from Resource Publications, and the author of “Don’t Tell Me What to Do!” a concise Catholic view of modern moral issues which was published by Paulist Press in 2002.

He served for twenty years on the governing board of Behavioral Health Center, Psychiatric Hospital, in Alhambra; and for 2½ years was the Development Director for St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo.

Since 2001 Fr. Dave has been the local Chaplain for LEGATUS, a national Catholic business leaders association.

**Family of the Year Award:**

**The Zanini Family**

Irma and David Zanini, from Branch 354 may be “empty nesters,” but they are constantly busy with family activities and the Italian Catholic Federation.

Their daughter Melissa and husband Robert are also active within Branch 354, with their two daughters Brooke and Hope. Their son Austin is also a member, but currently away at college.
Doug Arangos. In 2002 he left the restaurant to devote more time volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity. Professionally he was able to focus on singing and composing in the United States and Europe, which allowed him to devote more time to his charitable interests.

A natural born storyteller, Bradley created The Gift of Love Project, an umbrella for his constant requests to share his experiences and music with professional, educational and faith-based groups worldwide. Bradley divides his time in Palm Springs, San Francisco and Rome which gives him access to the sisters and their work with the poor.

**Russ & Louise Vento continued from page XI**

Russ and Louise have been members of Branch 391, St. Martin of Tours since 1989. Russ was president from 1995-1996 and again in 2004. She has also been recording secretary from 2005 to the present. Russ was 2nd vice from 1995-1996; 1st vice from 2001-2003, 2012-2014, 1997 and shared the title in 1998; a co-president from 1998-1999. Russ has also been president in 2015. For the Santa Clara Valley District, Louise has been the Heritage Chairperson since 1996. Russ was trustee from 2002-2003; 1st vice president from 2004-2006; and president from 2007-2008. Both are long-term members of the Central Council Heritage Committee.

“Both Russ and Louise are great storytellers,” said Past Grand President Jim Jones. “Storytelling about Italian Heritage is their passion and their love. They are knowledgeable and well-read on the subject.” Louise and Russ have supported all opportunities for apostolic outreach including branch quarterly, foundations. They broke tradition and held their branch 400 dinners at recollection, and special masses such as the Our Lady of Peace Mass.

Loui and Russ have always been the first to volunteer for any branch or district fundraiser. Louisa usually chairs the opportunity drawing and has also provided the table decorations, and Russ has been involved with the refreshments. They have hosted a booth at the San Jose Giants Italian night to not only support the ICF, but to raise money for its charities. Louise and Russ have also taken leadership in selling the Central Council calendars. If there is a Central Council fundraiser, a district fundraiser, or a branch fundraiser, they are willing participants who encourage all members to participate.

To help promote membership, Louise and Russ have not only promoted the Heritage program within the ICF, but have hosted booths at the Italian Festas in San Jose and Morgan Hill for the express purpose of making people aware of the Italian Catholic Federation. Louise and Russ have also taken leadership in selling the Central Council calendars. If there is a Central Council fundraiser, a district fundraiser, or a branch fundraiser, they are willing participants who encourage all members to participate.

“I believe that it is important to spend as much time as possible with people like Ruth and Louise who are talented and well-rounded,” said Jones. “They are our teachers. They have taught us that our individual heritage is very evident in every aspect of our lives.”

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Having record sales, the branch was able to donate 50% of the branch’s operations fundraiser, back to the parish.

“This young lady has been Branch President of Branch 433 and has been instrumental in promoting youth participation in the Branch,” said Debby Ariadne Gomez, Branch 433 Vice-President.

“Her contribution to the Branch fundraising as well as other leadership functions has been exemplary.”

In 2013, Melissa was officially installed as the treasurer of Branch 433 at the Tucson Annual Meeting’s Day. Along with streamlining the branch’s financial records, Melissa helped Branch 433 host the annual St. Joseph’s Table. The event’s success allowed the branch to donate 100% to the branch parish and the Adopt A Student Program at Saint Peter’s and Paul Catholic School.

In 2014, Melissa accepted the position as President with a continuing goal of increasing membership for the branch. In May of that year, Melissa joined Central Council and other members from across the country at the Strategic Planning Meeting in San Francisco, resultant from the Branch of the Year awards. Thereafter, Melissa was elected to serve as president for a second term. Melissa’s goals for the ICF include helping to open new branches in Phoenix and increased leadership across the board to increase the positive outreach power of the organization as a whole.

Melissa has shown great spirit and leadership abilities for her age.

**Fr. Dave Heney continued from page XI**

“In his 10 years of leadership, Father Dave has guided his parish into being recognized as an instrument of good in the Thousand Oaks community,” said John Rak, from Catholic Charities of Ventura County.

In 2002, he founded “The University Series” a multi-parish adult education program during the Season of Lent that each year attracts over 10,000 attendees.

“What Fr. Dave has accomplished is rare and remarkable,” said John Allen, associate editor at the Boston Globe. “There is an enormous hunger out there among Catholic adults for information that’s both intelligent and interesting, and as a result, that’s what Fr. Dave and his team provide year in and year out.”

“I deeply admire his eyes-open realism and, despite that, his profound commitment to the Church. He is a wise, keenly insightful man of God, and anything we can do to encourage such a personality is well worth it,” said Allen.

In 2007, Fr. Dave joined the Order of the Holy Sepulcher, an international association that supports Catholic Charities, Schools, and Hospitals in the Holy Land.

Every June he hosts an exciting 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land where the group visits and investigates the places most important in the scriptures. In 2014, he finished his 12 year term as the pastor of his home parish where he grew up, at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks, CA.

As stated in the nomination form, “Father Dave Heney is more than the pastor of St. Paschal Baylon, a large, vibrant, multi-cultural parish in the city of Thousand Oaks, California. His mission, upon arriving at St. Paschal Baylon, was to redevelop confidence within the parish, upgrade physical facilities, and develop community outreach.

He touched people in that special way which endeared them to support his ideals and goals. He certainly exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa.”

He has been granted a one year sabbatical by the University of Los Angeles for the purpose of writing two practical “How-To” manuals for priests and pastors; one developing large adult education programs in parishes and the other on parish leadership. Father Dave works with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He has two objectives from Archbishop Gomez: 1. Establish guidelines and procedures for the coordination of the Lenten “University Series,” to be implemented in other areas or parishes in the diocese. 2. Write a procedures manual for new priests, particularly new pastors, for training in parish operations. Currently, the new pastor must rely on notes from a previous pastor, parish council and or parish staff.

This would be a comprehensive process, but could be tailored for individual parish culture.

“I am impressed with his amazing energy and ability to create and sustain the University Education series,” said Rabbi Michael Lotker of Camarillo, California. “He and I have dialogue both personally, on community TV and in the University Series. His outreach to the Jewish community, and his spirit of Ecumenical friendship is an inspiration to all who know him.”

“at a time when membership in our branch was dwindling and members were growing older, they led a campaign to bring friends and relatives into the branch,” said Mary Mazzio, Branch 354, Paso Robles.

When Irma is not busy with ICF functions, she often has her two granddaughters over for meals, homework or chauffeuring to their events while their parents are still working. David, for his part, never seems to slow down either. He is always aware of what is going on and is more than happy to look at where he can help.

Every summer David and Irma travel to Texas for a month to help her aging uncle with chores around his home so that he is able to stay there.
# 2015 Convention Agenda

## GLORIFY THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE

### 85th Annual

### NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Diocese of Las Vegas

### Las Vegas, Nevada

### September 3, 2015 – September 7, 2015

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### Additional Information

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- **Opening Prayer**
- **Presentation of Colors**
- **Invocation - Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Director**
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**2015 Convention Site Report**

- **Presentations:**
  - Apostolate/Charity
  - Membership
  - Scholarship
  - Heritage
  - Announcements of 2015 - 2016 National Charity
  - Donations to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love
  - Good of the Order
  - Attendance Drawing
  - Closing Prayer
  - CONCENTRATED MASS
  - Donation to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love
  - Adjournment

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**2015 Convention Registration**

- **Location:** Convention Center Foyer

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Bob Basuino.

Opening Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Bob Basuino

Roll Call of Elected and Life Members: ALL PRESENT

CC Life Members Emeritus and Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Carmen Kilcullen, Jerry Delino

Introductions: GP Bob Basuino welcomed guests from visiting branches.

CC Meeting Minutes: Minutes for February 14, 2015 approved as presented.

A Jim Friebel asked about the minutes in the Bollettino being in there before they are approved. Deborah Rodondi explained that to wait until they have been approved would get the information to the members months after the fact and would lose their informative value. Steve Fuentes suggested calling it CC news. Also was suggested to notate that they are a condensed version of the pending minutes. Corrections if any will be in next issue.

Communications:

Thank you from the Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone for our generous donation at the San Francisco Archbishops Day.

Acknowledgment from the ICF office for donations to the Providenza Fund for Msgr. Milani in celebration of his 90th birthday and 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; for Father George Aranha in memory of his mom; for Dave Rose and family in memory of Virginia Rose.

Thank you from Andy and Sid Pappani for prayers on the loss of his sister, Theresa Dianza for get-well wishes; Marco Galeazzi for donation and prayers on his knee surgery.

Reports:

Spiritual Director- Monsignore Daniel Cardelli

Congratulates CC and ICF for loyalty and love of the organization. Recently had

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PR Committee Survey Needs Your Input

The Public Relations Committee has been working this year to update the ICF website and on improving the Bollettino. Several new articles, including “Branching Out” and “History Highlights” have been added to the Bollettino this past year.

Now we are looking for your input as to what you, the members, currently read in the Bollettino and what future ideas you have for the paper. We have developed a survey that we would like you to complete.

The survey is in paper form, which will be distributed to everyone at the Saturday General Session at the Convention for completion. We also have a digital form that can be found at this website: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bollettino

Please take a few minutes to complete either the paper survey or the digital survey.

Thank you,

Lauren Kilcullen
Public Relations Committee Member

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Grand President’s Monthly Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to our 85th Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. What better place for us to hold this event than Sin City! As we all know, Las Vegas is a city that never sleeps. Whether you stay in Sin City or make your way to Sin City during this year’s event, make it a goal to attend our Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation from being a member of this amazing organization. Believe all you hear because what happens at this year’s convention will not stay in Las Vegas, but will filter down to you and become a part of your local branch and will make this year’s event, make it a goal to attend our next convention in Fresno, California. Your participation and input is what will keep ICF a strong and influential institution in your community and ensure our future will be vibrant and bright.

When this convention comes to a close so does my term as your Grand President. It has been a very exciting and rewarding term filled with celebrations, friendships, events and worship. These times spent out at the branch functions more than made up for all the hard work, planning, challenges, and lack of sleep that came with this position. It has been a privilege and honor representing all of you. There is nothing I will ever achieve that will match my term as your Grand President. I extend my deepest heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of you for your unending encouragement, support and faith these past two years. I will admit there were times I wondered why I chose to

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Glorify the Lord By Your Life

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

When we pray, I would venture to guess, we almost always pray asking God for something. We pray for ourselves or for someone else, but we’re always asking. Jesus, help me. Jesus, cure me. Jesus, give me…. gimme, gimme, gimme. However, praying for Him is just asking for “stuff.” We know that Jesus said, “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do”—so we ask. Sometimes, though, God doesn’t give us what we want. He is not just some Nonno in the sky. Jesus also said that we should ask “so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” In saying this, He pointed out that we need to say thank you, we need to praise the Lord, we need to glorify the Father. To glorify God is to give Him honor and praise. We do this specifically when we worship Him at Mass; and He gives us the greatest of all His gifts in return, the Body and Blood of His divine son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We can also glorify God every day by the way we live our lives. Jesus showed us how to do this in the way He lived His public life. His whole life was an act of glorifying God. He taught, He healed, He forgave sins, He ministered to the poor, He gave sight to the blind. He gave His life for our redemption. So, we too, should keep God and neighbor as the focus of our lives. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” And Jesus added, “Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” There it is, in a nutshell! If we live our daily lives following the example of Jesus, loving our fellow human beings as we love ourselves, we will be GLORIFYING THE LORD BY OUR LIVES. Ask for the Lord’s help. I think He’ll give you this one. May we strengthen our love for God and for one another during our time here together!

Registration Assistance Program - History & Success

Abby Gallagher
Branch 291, Arroyo Grande

In early 2012, Board members of Italian Catholic Federation Br. 291 were looking for a way to enhance our membership. St. Patrick’s Parish in Arroyo Grande is fortunate to have a Catholic school associated with it. Board members were looking for a way to encourage young Catholic school families to become involved with our organization. Our Board and membership realize that the cost of a Catholic education can be burdensome for families. What some of our members did not know is that families are required to pay an annual per child registration fee to hold the spot for the upcoming academic year. The registration fee fluctuates from $150-$250 per child per year. Financial aid is available but can only be used for tuition; it cannot be used towards the registration fee.

After lengthy Board discussions, a draft of the Registration Assistance Program went before our general membership for approval and implementation. Our program succeeded in encouraging young school families to become involved with our ICF Branch. For those branches who have a Catholic school associated with its parish, registration assistance is a win-win program for increasing branch membership and supporting parochial Catholic education. Your branch could institute such a program.

Once the Registration Assistance Program concept was accepted by our general membership we then shared our program with the school principal. Including the school principal from the very beginning is important to the program’s success. We then introduced our program to the St. Patrick School parents. The program is set up so that Br. 291 families, who have children attending Catholic school, are eligible for registration assistance if they meet the following criteria:

• Maintain active membership within Br. 291
• Their children must be enrolled in a parochial Catholic school which requires an academic year pre-registration fee

* Families must participate in fundraising activities and/or attend five (5) Branch meetings per year. (Branch fundraising activities in the fall are solely dedicated to the Registration Assistance Program).

This program has been very successful. Our family memberships have increased. The young members love working our fundraisers and those who support our fundraisers love the children. Their parents work hard and enjoy being members of a family organization. Parents are taking on leadership roles within the branch; learning from the best of the best—our long-time members. Our Registration Assistance Program is now fully implemented, benefiting our families and supporting our goal of encouraging Catholic education and Catholic values within our community. For more information regarding this program, please contact Pete or Abby Gallagher at (805) 235-7313.

High Four!

Top four districts and areas with increased membership: (excluding deceased members)
Blessed Sacrament +17
San Mateo +4
Stockton +3
San Diego +1

Membership Stats as of July 31, 2015: 10,066

Members as of July 1, 2015:
10,074 = overall loss of 8 members
New: 66
Reinstated: 5
Transfer in/out: 0
Deceased: -25
Cancelled: -52
Non-payment>12 mos.: -2

History

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St. John XXIII Award. His award was presented by Grand President, Richard Valli (1987-1990). Danny was very gracious and did a whole comedy routine at the banquet.

• The 1994 convention was presided over by the first woman grand president of the ICF, Carmen (Sollari) Kileullen (1993-1995), who described it as a very special and memorable occasion.

Three more women were subsequently elected Grand Presidents: Nettie Descalsio-Del Nero (1997-1999), Madeleine Venci (2000-2002-deceased) and Jane Dianda (2011-2013).

• At the 1996 convention in Burlingame, CA, the first Family of the Year Award was presented to the Garfagnoli Family of Healdsburg.

• The 75th ICF anniversary was celebrated at the 1999 convention, held in San Francisco. This convention featured an ICF Heritage Museum, displaying artifacts and photographs on the rich history of the organization. The museum also exhibited “La Storia Segreta” documenting the abuses against Italian-Americans during WWII. It was most informative and well-received. Also, the first Mother Teresa Award was presented to Father Floyd Lotito of San Francisco.

• A very successful 2007 convention was held in Scottsdale, AZ with the Arizona branches helping the Convention Directors’ Committee.

• At the 2008 convention in Orange County, the first Young Adult Leadership Award was given to Richard Interrante and Michelle Rubi. (The actual first winner was Anne Interrante in 2004, but her award was given at a district installation).

• At the 2012 convention in Foster City, CA, delegates approved dual membership in the ICF for those wishing to belong to two branches. Also, at the 2012 convention, the first ICF blood drive was held which proved to be very successful.

• The ICF Strategic Plan was presented to the delegates at the 2014 convention in Oakland. There will be follow-up discussions at this year’s Las Vegas convention.

Save The Date
To celebrate Grand President Bob Basuino’s term there will be a testimonial dinner in his honor.
Saturday, November 7, 2015.
More details will be available as the date draws near.

UPCOMING:
2015 Bishops’ Days:

Sept. 20 Chicago
Sept. 27 San Diego
Oct. 4 Fresno
Oct. 11 Santa Rosa
Oct. 18 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 28 San Bernardino
Nov. 1 Las Vegas
Nov. 7 Reno
Nov. 8 Blessed Sacrament
Nov. 15 Los Angeles
Branching Out

Anne Interrante
CC Member, Public Relations
Committee Member

Branching Out is a series that will focus on successful ideas shared by our branches. For more details about a particular idea, you can find the branch contact info at www.icf.org.

Br. 161, Larkspur, California has Members Sharing Talents to Help Others.

It was discovered that several branch members had the talent to knit, sew and crochet. So, they organized themselves to form a group that would use their talent to help others in the parish and local community.

Over the years, they have made scarves, baby caps, quilts, prayer shawls, sweaters, knit bird nests, blankets and more... all in the name of the ICF. These handcrafted items are constructed with information about the ICF programs, activities of the branch, and details on joining. Also included was a separate summary of the history of the branch.

These prospective members were invited to become part of a vibrant organization making a difference in the community and there were many who signed up as a result!

Branch 115, San Pedro, California makes sure Prospective Members Receive a Special Invitation.

They have many amazing events – dinner dances, bus trips to popular tourist spots, Italian Mass, strong parish involvement, interesting meetings – all the ingredients for an active branch. All they needed was to get the word out to even more people. So, the Branch President created a new way to hold a Membership Drive.

Branch Officers submitted names and addresses of people who knew they might be interested in the ICF. A special letter was constructed with information about the ICF programs, activities of the branch, and details on joining. Also included was a separate summary of the history of the branch.

These prospective members were invited to become part of a vibrant organization making a difference in the community and there were many who signed up as a result!

Branch 419, Sacramento, California features their Members as Guest Speakers.

This branch has members that look forward to every meeting which includes a wonderful catered dinner. One of the best parts is that their very own members participate as Guest Speakers – in particular they share about travel experiences. ICF members are assigned to a specific month to give a short presentation on their recent travels, both national and international. Everyone enjoys the stories, pictures, mementos, and travel tips. The floor is then open for questions. Through these presentations, they have learned about Arizona, Hawaii, Italy, Mexico, Spain, and more.

What a great way to involve members and to have them get to know each other better while learning something new. It’s a fantastic way to build community in a branch!

August/September 2015

Apostolate Charity Donations
Thank you to the following Branches and Individuals that sent in donations for activities at Children’s Hospital Oakland for their Cooley’s Anemia Patients. We collected a total of $2,150.00 for 2015 and have sent this donation to Children’s Hospital.

This donation will support their Summer/Fall Patient Programs by helping with sending patients to the Painted Turtle Camp, Picnics and Outings, Family Conferences and Patient Retreats. It is wonderful that we can assist Children’s Hospital with the needs of the patients and their families.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we thank you for contributing once again and taking part in our Apostolate/Charity Program.

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Grand President

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Grand President, but looking back I am glad I accepted the challenge. I learned a lot about our beloved organization, more than I thought I would. I also learned that life, love, friendship and family, key tenets of ICF, are at times taken for granted and its importance is not realized until it is taken away. Much like my term as your President I will greatly miss sharing my life, faith and family with all of you. Just as you have with me.

I would not have been successful without my dedicated Central Council members, who elected me to this position. My sincerest and dedicated Central Council members, who as you have with me.

I thought I would. I also learned that life, faith and family with all of you. Just

In memory of Aldo Ausano

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In celebration of 65 years ordained to the priesthood for Rev. Msgr. Joseph Milani

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Get well wishes for Emily Corral

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In honor of the 93rd birthday of Lucille Fierros

Nancy Hernandez, Robert Emhoff and Families

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In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Darrell and Connie Terry

Bill all of you. Billings

In memory of Jack La Rosa

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Donations received by August 1, 2015

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In memory of Dina Puccinelli

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1. Would you be in favor of decreasing the number of issues of the Bollettino from 11 to 6 issues per year?
   YES  NO

2. Which columns do you read when you receive the Bollettino?

   Read:  Every Month  75% of the time  50% of the time  Less than 50%
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   • Recipes __ __ __ __
   • Heritage __ __ __ __
   • History Highlights __ __ __ __
   • Branching Out __ __ __ __

3. What types of articles would you like to see in the Bollettino?
   • Travel Yes No
   • News from Italy Yes No
   • News of the Catholic Church Yes No
   • Getting to Know the Central Council Yes No
   • Other _______________________________________________________________________

4. Would you rather read the Bollettino digitally on the computer or in print format mailed to you each month?
   Digitally on the computer  Mailed to me each month  Both

5. In order to keep the Bollettino solvent and an important communications tool, would you support a $2.00 per capita dues increase to support the Bollettino at its current level of 11 issues, so it can be profitable.
   YES  NO

Comments - Do you have any comments for the Public Relations Committee?
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Thank you for completing our survey.
The Public Relations Committee is working on improving your Bollettino experience.
BOOK REVIEW

Vincent Piro
CC Sgt. at Arms
Branch 39, Merced

Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas by Alan Balboni

Since this year's ICF convention is in Las Vegas, I thought it would be interesting to review a book about Italian Americans in Las Vegas.

Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas, Alan Balboni chronicles the history of Italian Americans in Las Vegas; however, rather than focus on the Mafia, Balboni focuses on ordinary Italians who made contributions to the city's economic and civic growth. Using over 100 hundred interviews, public records, and the documents of Italian American organizations, Balboni documents how Italian Americans found Las Vegas, and the West, to be full of opportunities for advancement and progress.

The book is divided into five chronologically arranged chapters: “The Early Years: from Laborers to Successful Entrepreneurs,” “The Rapid Growth Years: Italian Americans Come to Las Vegas,” “The Corporate Years: Italian Americans Prosper,” “Italian American Organizations: Preserving Ethnic Heritage in a Time of Assimilation”, and “Conclusion: The Immigrant Upraised.”

In each chapter, Balboni focuses largely on those Italian American men (but only a few women) who contributed to the city’s business and economic growth with some focus on social and civic life. Of course, most people know that Italian Americans were prominent headliners in the casinos and theaters (among them Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Vic Damone, Jimmy Durante, and Tony Bennett). However, Italian Americans were also heavily involved in the hotel and restaurant businesses. In fact, after World War II, a majority of dining establishments were owned and operated by Italian Americans. Other Italian Americans became architects, waste management operators, real estate developers, and politicians. All contributed to the city’s economic progress, and the city provided them with opportunities to flourish as businessmen and professionals. Through his research and numerous interviews, the author explains that “the city provided unique opportunities to Italian Americans willing to invest energy and expertise.”

It is one intent of Balboni’s book to illustrate that the influence of Italian Americans in Las Vegas goes beyond the Mafia’s involvement in organized crime and gambling. He does not deny the influence of “The Boys,” as he calls them, on the city rather he shifts the reader’s focus to other contributors to the city’s development. In doing this, he is able to move us beyond the stereotypes of Italian Americans often promulgated in the mass media. If his book is a bit one sided, it is in reaction and response to the one-sided images of Italian Americans in Las Vegas that are presented through the media.

Thoroughly researched, Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas provides an important contribution to our understanding of this important ethnic group to one of the country’s fastest growing cities.

La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth
Welcome to Las Vegas!
Submitted by Roselyne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

During your visit to Las Vegas for the ICF Convention, there are many sights to see, including the famous Las Vegas sign.

Las Vegas Facts:

The name Las Vegas is a Spanish term meaning “the meadows.”
Nevada is a Spanish term meaning “snowcapped.”

Each year, almost 40 million people visit Las Vegas.

About 5 million people visit Las Vegas each year just to attend conventions.

With it’s millions of lights, Las Vegas is one of the brightest cities on earth.

Color the sign:

WELCOME TO Fabulous LAS VEGAS NEVADA

Family Recipes

Buon Appetito!

Pasta sauce/gravy is one of the staples in an Italian kitchen. Many of us have our favorite recipe hopefully handed down from our mom’s and/or nonna’s. The challenge was getting the recipe written down, as we tend to wing it when we have that pot on the stove.

The recipe I want to share with you was the one my branch used for our champagne pasta sauce for 150 to 200 people, we were like deer in the headlights.

This recipe originated in the kitchen of Vittoria Gregori, our branch sauce maker from many years ago. Of course it was not written down, so one day her son Ari Gregori (the Late Past Grand Secretary of the CC) sat down and tried to follow what his mom was doing and estimated some of the quantities. Since then Kathy and I took the recipe and put our spin on it. The measurements in the recipe can be raised or lowered depending on your individual likes and dislikes, but no matter how we put it together it always comes out delicious.

**Spaghetti Sauce for 100 People**

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Put tomato sauce and crushed tomatoes in a large pot.

In a little butter and olive oil (if needed-I fry without butter or oil) fry hamburger well, drain and add to tomato sauce.

Froth some butter with a little olive oil in pan and saute onions until they are nicely caramelized, do the same with all the other vegetables and fresh spices and don’t forget the crushed garlic. As you finish sauteing the veggies put in the pot with tomato sauce. “Nonnie” always told me to make the perfect gravy you must froth the butter before you sauté the vegetables. The caramelizing of the veggies is what gives the sauce its great flavor.

This makes a very thick meaty gravy. Use consomme to thin sauce for desired consistancy.

Salt, pepper and Italian seasoning to taste. Add wine and simmer low to blend flavors for several hours. Stir occasionally to make sure it does not stick to the bottom of the pot. Makes about 5-6 gallons. Freeze beautifully.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office including a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!
CC Minutes

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Young Adult Melissa Rodriguez

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes

Hotel rate went down for convention…if you made reservations already they will adjust as long as you made reservation under the ICF code.

Mike Rossi asked does the ICF get stuck with rooms not reserved through the code. We have an attrition rate built into all of our contracts, last two years it was waived.

• No Sunday night dinner there will be a social on Sunday night for the raffle.

• We are booked to 2019 so we will not be voting today for a 2020 convention site. With all the changes we are going through it is best to not vote on 2020 at this time.

Leonard Zasoski stated we need to make an announcement at convention that we are not voting for 2020 site and why.

• Denise Antonowicz asked if at Friday night meet and greet the candidates could we give out things. No Steve Fuentes says FLYERS ONLY.

• Lauren Kilcullen recommends doing reservations online versus calling.

Expansion – David Botta

• Thanked Anne Interrante for finding 3 parishes in direction of our branch.

• Msgr. Cardelli commented want to get to this year. Should be considered as an umbrella we are asking too much of our branches and it would be difficult for us to control and monitor. Best if handled at District level.

• Teresa Helfand asked about the decline of the program. They have family eligible. We feel it will be giving scholarships, or will give only when we were able to be sure that all students with family were able to get a scholarship. We felt it will be the decline of the program.

Gifts of Love – Pat Mages

• Successful in trying to expand judging areas this past year.

• Hope to have one more meeting before convention. Right now there are about 15 applications to look over. Still getting a lot of scholarships about 20 in this batch.

• 67 currently in account.

• Jan to May 2015 $9,336 income, expenses $1,950. Getting more applications from Disabled Vets and ICF areas and more from other organizations.

• Lisa Crudo spoke on a family that was helped. The medical social worker with office next to Lisa’s had a family with a baby to go into Hospital. We have to define business plan.

• At one point in time available for a branch (550) and will put together information for a branch.

• Claim form out of date unable to divide the money. Intent of committee was to keep the two charities solvent.

• Roselynne Jarrett and George Bacigalupi feels that we should not put in specific funds under the ICF code.

• Donna Warden asks about any change in the rules.

• Nina Malone amended on behalf of Roselynne Jarrett and George Bacigalupi that a number of family memberships and will put together information for a questionnaire article. Some ideas: child care, youth installation of officers, youth officer program, youth award at Branch or District level.

• Nina Malone amended on behalf of Anne Interrante and George Bacigalupi that a questionnaire that could help us assess the strengths and weaknesses of each area and what the most needed. Each committee member was assigned to contact various districts and areas in the months of April or May to discuss this questionnaire. Out of 22 districts and areas, 9 responded (41%).

• Reviewed the results of the survey.

• April 20th judged 1st year scholarships.

• Leadership meeting with separately branches.

• ICF number of branches.

• Tony Morrone will attend.

• One branch is not a student with the help of the school. In reviewing the program the way it is. In reviewing the 184 1st year scholarships we gave out this year of them had family members in the ICF. 3 students that had family in the ICF did not get a scholarship; unfortunately the minimum GPA is 3.2-these three students had a 2.9 GPA. When reviewing applications each year members have an edge over other applications, but they must meet the requirements. Thanks to the donations in memory of individuals we were able to be sure that all students with family were able to get a scholarship. The committee feels that if we change the rules that only students with family the scholarships a lot of branches will stop giving scholarships, or will give only when they have family eligible. We feel it will be the decline of the program.

• Teresa Helfand asked about scholarships for grammar school going into High School. To bring under the ICF umbrella we are asking too much of our branches and it would be difficult for us to control and monitor. Best if handled at the branch level. In one District 8 of the 10 branches give scholarships to grammar school students with the help of the school principal.

• To judge 2nd, 3rd and 4th scholarship
ICF donates over 1.8 million dollars to its National Charity -- Cooley’s Anemia/Thalassemia

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Children’s Hospital Oakland

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) adopted Cooley’s anemia (also called thalassemia) as its national charity in 1983 when David Botta was the ICF Grand President. The funds went to Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai, Los Angeles, and in 1994, when Dr. Hyman retired, donations went to the Thalassemia Program at Children’s Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO), under the leadership of Dr. Vichinsky. The ICF has donated a total of $1,864,754 towards Cooley’s Anemia since 1983, with $835,000 going to CHRCO, which houses one of the six specialty centers for thalassemia in North America. The funds go to the following areas:

Research and the SQUID — Children’s Hospital Oakland conducts cutting-edge research to improve the quality of life for patients, as well as to search for a cure. The ICF has also funded state-of-the-art technology such as the SQUID (also called a ferritometer) machine that measures iron in the body. Prior to the introduction of the SQUID machine, patients had to undergo an invasive surgical procedure called a liver biopsy to assess excess iron. The SQUID involves a simple scan and is completed in approximately 30 minutes. Children’s Hospital also obtained a specialized MRI machine that enables the measurement of heart iron, when previously there was no way to do so.

Patient Events — These include our Christmas parties, conferences, retreats, camps, and family nights. Such events are a vital part of our comprehensive care program and build on peer relationships and support, improve understanding of treatment and disease, and give patients and families the opportunity to get together and have fun!

Patient Sponsorship — Many patients live in remote areas of California and/or come from around the globe to visit our center. If U.S. patients cannot afford to travel, some ICF funds are used to offset their expenses. Patient sponsorship may also include helping patients travel to a retreat, camp, or conference.

Patient Medical Expenses — The average cost of care for a thalassemia patient is approximately $75,000 a year. This covers basic care, including blood transfusions, chelation (iron removal) therapy, doctor visits, and medications. If a patient undergoes hospitalization, then costs can escalate further. No patient is ever turned away from Children’s Hospital Oakland, and patients are cared for regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Elliott Vichinsky often sees patients for free. ICF funds help pay for basic care costs that patients and families cannot afford.

Education and Outreach — Children’s Hospital Oakland has the only thalassemia outreach program in the United States - thanks to the ICF. We provide in-services to health-care providers, attend and present information at conferences, and distribute information at healthfairs and on college campuses. The goal is to raise awareness and educate the community on thalassemia. In 2012, we published the Thalassemia Standards of Care for Providers 3rd Edition and the Thalassemia Research Update. Our Perspectives newsletter, which often highlights the ICF, is published twice a year. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like to be put on our mailing list.)

Special Projects — ICF funds are often reserved for special projects such as our 2006 “Live to Give” video. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like a copy.) ICF funds have also enabled us to revamp, re-write and update our website www.thalassemia.com.

Thank you, ICF, for your hard work, generosity, and continuing support. We are so grateful to remain your national charity—you enable us to maintain a high-quality program, and you have had a positive impact on countless lives.

For questions or more information, please contact:
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
510-428-3885, x 5427
LLevine@mail.cho.org

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2011 ICF donation included $30,000 from Kemp Trust
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1983-1994 Donations went to Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles
1994 to present Donations went to Dr. Vichinsky at Children’s Oakland
Denise Antonowicz  
Br. 184, Los Gatos, California

My name is Denise Antonowicz. I am a current Central Council member; President of the Santa Clara Valley District, a four time president of Br. 184, Los Gatos, and a member of Br. 191, in San Jose.

I have been an active member in the ICF for 50 years and feel I have grown in knowledge of our family, the past 11 years, has held a holiday open house and collected about $1,000 each year for Gifts of Love or scholarships. I am an active participant in the Strategic Plan Task Force and am hopeful that this will give our organization the fresh outlook it needs. We need to determine what will keep our organization alive and viable, act on it and move forward to its success. We need to mesh our founding ideals with fresh and exciting ways to bring in new members and retain our current members and as a member of the Membership Committee I have been working all year towards this goal.

I love the ICF and through my work on the Heritage Committee, continue to promote the ICF through helping plan, build, and decorate the floats we use in the Santa Rosalia Parade and in the San Francisco Heritage Parade. Through promoting our works of charity, scholarship fund, the work in our parishes, fundraising for Cooley’s Anemia and Gifts of Love, and co-chairing the successful Seminarians’ Night this past year, we show just what we stand for; faith, family and our many heritages. We are the best examples of what it is to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation; let’s show it off and be proud.

With your support and votes, I will help reinspire the Italian Catholic Federation to be the vibrant, living organization that I truly believe it can be.

Lisa Crudo  
Br. 343, Castro Valley, California

I have had a wonderful and exciting 3 years on the Central Council. I have enjoyed spending time with the people in each district which I have visited, and I hope to meet many more of you. During this past year I have attended many Installations, Bishops’ Days and Anniversary dinners. It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, been a positive resource for you all.

I was elected as a Grand Trustee for a second term this year, and have been learning so much about the inner workings of this wonderful organization. I was chairperson for the Ways and Means Committee and had the pleasure of supporting my committee members as they planned and organized wonderful fundraising events. (Night for the Seminarians, the Golf Tournament, and our first annual ICF cruise) Each event was fun and profitable for our organization. I am looking forward to our production of Late Night Catechism in October of this year as well. I am confident that we can raise enough funds to enable us to support our many charities.

I have also served on several other committees. The Apostolate/Charity Committee with Chairman Franklyn Lopes, Jr. It has been so rewarding helping this Committee reach out to all of you with our monthly articles in the Bollettino. I have also served on the Finance Committee for the past two years as well as the Convention Director’s Committee. I am looking forward to a wonderful convention in Las Vegas this year.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than meeting and spending time with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve for the past three years, and I look forward to many more years of service as your Central Council member.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Marco A. Galeazzi  
Br. 139, Manteca, California

Milton Berle said, “If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” He was talking about the ICF. For many years, we have been stumbling. We, as the Central Council, are not listening to the new ideas coming in. We have been in a negative stance in our Annual Budget, for some years now. Our membership has been dwindling down. We are losing branches fast, especially the last four years. Reasons being, too few members, many members but the priest will close the branch, many members but they want out of the ICF, many members, but no one wants to be an officer, especially the president. You see, there are many reasons.

We, the Central Council, have not been choosing wisely our Leadership for the ICF. We have to “build a door.” Not to keep it closed, but to open it up for more fresh air and room for the future of the ICF for the future. We, the CCC, have to think and act as individuals with our own ideas, and not this clique that has been the votes of the CC. The Central Council has come to be like the US Congress, with no new ideas. They are afraid to act of change, because “It has always been like this.” We need to be individuals, and not to follow just one idea, from one individual only, or they will not vote for you. We need LEADERSHIP!!

We need leaders with ideas and guidance, thinkers who know how to implement, leaders whom can motivate our membership and leadership, we need excitement and the wanting of joining and being a person of the Italian Catholic Federation. Help us “build a door” to be opened, by re-electing Marco Galeazzi to our Central Council.

Teresa Helfand  
Br. 392, Chicago, Illinois

As we approach the September 2015 ICF Convention and Elections, I take the opportunity to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Central Council.

I have been a part of the ICF family for over twenty years, having joined the St. Francis Borgia – Branch 392 in January 1993. Since then I have held many posts at Branch 392, at the Chicago District Council and have been a Central Council member for six consecutive years. My responsibilities, while at times challenging, have helped me grow as an individual and strengthen my faith. My experiences have been rewarding. For this, I thank all my ICF colleagues and friends!

In keeping with my Catholic upbringing I want to be a part of charitable works, supporting my local parish, and taking an active role in the Italian-American community. Promoting the ICF charities and programs (such as: Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providencia Fund for Young Seminarians, and Scholarship Program) have remained top priorities. Supporting parish fundraising initiatives and volunteering at Radio Maria (religious radio station in Chicago) (for elderly, sick, and shut-ins) are still an important part in my everyday work.

I remain active in parish affairs and promote the ICF values at all times. As such, I serve on the St. Francis Borgia Parish Pastoral Council.

Purpose for the upcoming year: straight forward. If re-elected I promise to continue to enthusiastically serve the ICF. The ICF apostolic work, fundraising activities, new branch openings and campaign for new members will remain top priorities. With faith and prayer we can succeed! Let’s work together to keep the founding fathers’ visions alive!

Please vote for me for Central Council.

Lauren Kilcullen  
Br. 52, Healdsburg, California

Buon giorno cari fratelli e sorelle, I am Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council Member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, and I humbly ask for your vote for re-election to the Central Council. This past year on the Central Council has been amazing. I enjoyed serving on the Public Relations Committee and Awards Committee, working with my fellow Central Council members and meeting many members at Installations and Bishops’ Days.

Having worked with the Central Council in the past as the Editor of the Bollettino and being the daughter of a Central Council member, I thought I knew much about the Central Council and being a leader in the ICF. I have learned much more, this past year, actually being a Central Council member. Seeing the commitment of our members to the continued future of the ICF is inspiring. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and learning what amazing things you are doing in your parishes and communities to promote and further the ideals of the ICF.

As I stated, last year, the ICF has become a second family to my parents and I. Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me and I believe the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities. This past year as a Central Council member has reinforced my thoughts that the ICF is still a relevant and a needed organization in today’s world.

With your votes for re-election to the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future. Grazie! Ciao!

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Br. 227, Capitola, California

As we approach our upcoming ICF convention, I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship this past year, and I would ask you for your continued
support in my re-election to the Central Council.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA, and I am of Italian-Puguese descent. I am a florist and have been owner of Stewart’s Floral in Santa Cruz for the past 16 years. I currently serve as a Trustee on the Central Council, Chair of the Apostolate/Charity Committee, and a member of the Executive, Ways and Means and Finance Committees.

I am Second Vice-President of the Central Coast District, past President of Branch 227, Capitola, CA., and past Deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz. As a life-long member of St. Joseph’s Church in Capitola, I have seen the importance of seminarians in our local parishes, and I am proud to have been co-chairman of our recent Seminarians’ Night in Los Gatos, CA.

My main goal as a Central Council member is to continue to work on ways to achieve an increase in membership throughout the branches, which is most important in keeping the Federation strong and vital. I will also work to bring the ideals of the ICF – to support our church and religious community, our children and our brothers and sisters in need – to the members of our various communities. The Federation will grow stronger – through family, heritage, charity and spirit!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas. Please visit my hospitality room and say “hi.” And, again, thank you for your support of me as I run for re-election to the Central Council.

God Bless you all.

Pat Mages
Br. 380, Thousand Oaks, California

Thank you for your continued support! Special thanks to Branch 380 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 25 years I’ve held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chair of fundraising events. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope Saint John XXIII Award.

My family consists of husband, Lou; daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; son Phil, wife, Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Katherine; and cocker spaniel, Sweet Caroline.

Over 31 years I’ve advocated for victims of family/domestic violence; currently with the Fort Hueman Police. I’m a Pan-professional with the local school district, working with severely disabled students, mainly autistic. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I ever will teach them.

I’ve been a member of Central Council for 6 1/2 years. This past year I served as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee; a member of the Live to Give; and Strategic Plan Workshop Committees. My goals as a Central Council member are to include more of the general membership on the various committees. I’m happy to say that the Gifts of Love Committee has on-site meetings including Sacramento, Oakland, Los Angeles area and Thousand Oaks. Over 15 new members are able to participate due to the use of conference calling. My goals of increased membership and member retention are part of the Strategic Plan Workshops for all the ICF Districts. The Workshops, implemented earlier this year, have been well received. Participation by the branch members has been enthusiastic and encouraging. As a Central Council Member I’m here To Serve YOU the Membership!

Let’s work together to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, for a Strong Faith and Family-Oriented Italian Catholic Federation!

Andrew J. Pappani
Br. 28, Gilroy, California

Ciao Fratelli e Sorelle,

I am Andrew J Pappani from Branch 28 Gilroy, Calif. from the Santa Clara Valley District.

I am running for Re-Election to the Central Council of the ICF here’s a brief history of my Italian Heritage. My grandparents were born in Noceto and Modana in the Province of Parma, Italy from the Emilia-Romagna Region. My family came to the United States in 1900.

I was born in Healdsburg, California on December 17,1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani I am the youngest of 6 children.

I married Siria Maria (Sid) on the 20th of October 1975. We then had two sons Joseph Pappani Jr. living in Aspen, Colorado and Anthony Louis Pappani married to Dominique (Nikki) and living in San Clemente, California.

We joined Branch 28 Gilroy in 1980 where I held several offices including President of our branch. Made the transition to District where I also held several offices including District President. I have been a Deputy for several years in the Santa Clara Valley District.

In 2006 I ran and was elected to the Central Council. I have served a two year term as Sergeant-at-Arms, and two year term at Grand Trustee I am currently holding the office of Grand Second Vice President of ICF. I have served on several committees including Public Relations, Gifts of Love Chairperson, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Finance, Hospitalization Plan Chairperson and the Executive Board and currently Co-Chair of the Deputy Program.

As a member of the Italian Catholic Federation and a officer of the Central Council I am here for you. I would like to thank everyone for your past and present support.

We need to stand united for the future of our ICF.

Mille Grazie!

Vincent Piro
Br. 39, Merced, California

This year’s convention theme captures the energy of the Italian Catholic Federation as we daily glorify the Lord through our lives. It is through our daily actions that we give praise to the Lord. We give our time and treasure to our parishes. We support Thalassemia patients. We provide Gifts of Love to mentally and physically disabled children and adults seeking to achieve greater independence in their lives. We help young students achieve their dreams through our scholarship program. And we give financial and spiritual support to our young seminarians. This charitable spirit is one that brought the ICF and continues to serve it as a Central Council member.

As a Central Council member, I have continued to work to strengthen the Federation. During this past year, I have served as officer of the Central Council (Sergeant-at-Arms), been a member of its Executive Committee, and chaired the Public Relations Committee. However, I think the most important work that I have done is serving on the Strategic Plan subcommittee. While we have not met all of our goals yet, we have laid the foundation for years to come through our Strategic Planning workshops and other committee actions. With a clear set of Federation goals and a clear vision of a path forward, I believe that the Federation can continue to be a vital organization in our parishes and communities. If re-elected, I plan to further the goals of Federation by urging a focus through the Strategic Plan on membership recruitment and retention. I also would like to assist with re-energizing our Deputy Program so that our deputies and branches remain focused on providing support that they need.

Please, re-elect me to the Central Council so that I can continue to help the Federation glorify the Lord.

Donna Raffanti
Br. 434, Tucson, Arizona

I am excited about becoming a candidate for Central Council. I became a member of the ICF as the founding president of branch 434 in Arizona, the 3rd branch in the Tucson area. I held that position for 2 years and I have also enjoyed being trustee, heritage chairman, secretary and also deputy for Branch 425.

The ICF has brought so much to my life. I would like to be a part of the Central Council so I can help the ICF maintain all that is good while helping it grow. I want to share the joy the ICF has brought to our church. There are so many opportunities in the southwest, and I believe I am the person that can help find new parishes to share in all the ICF has to offer.

Yes I have made some new friends here, but I feel like I have found a new family. I would take great joy in knowing I had something to do with placing the ICF into the lives of others.

I have been cutting hair for the last 35 years and own a salon near the University of Arizona which employs 9 people. I had two daughters. I lost one, Kelli, when she was in a car accident at 17. My youngest, Kimberly, a high school calculus student has blessed me with 3 wonderful grandchildren.

Mille Grazie!
various ways to help our branches focus on areas that will help them improve as needed to be successful and supportive within their parish community.

As chairman of the Task Force Committee, I have had the opportunity to work with some great committee members in putting our strategic plan into action. These past several months we have seen members of various districts become enlightened with the ways to help their branches achieve goals set forth for this upcoming year.

Through the strategic plan we are also working on strengthening our Deputy Program. The Deputy must be seen as an assistant to the branch members and officers in meeting their goals set forth from the workshop, and in the long term, as a friend who wants to see their brothers and sisters succeed and prosper.

As a member of several committees, such as Public Relations, Finance and Executive, I have been given the insight to see the great works of our past members and to have the vision to guide our Federation along a charted course for success into the future.

Please consider re-electing me to Central Council so that I may continue to serve you, the members.
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Br. 227, Capitola

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Br. 227, Capitola
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Grace Gibson
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St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 338
Not too much going on as we take a summer break from our meeting in July. It gives us time to refresh for the upcoming months. The branch hosted the sweet table for the parish picnic in June and also donated 2 prizes for the raffle. On Aug. 2 some of our members attended a prayer service at church for “God the Father”, while others attended the Chicago District golf outing fundraiser; the profits go towards the seminarian fund. Some of our members went to visit the retired Scalabrinian nuns (there are only 6 of them) for a few hours on Sunday, Aug. 16. We ate a bit and chatted awhile and everyone seems to enjoy the time spent there. We also host a Mimosa Sunday with, naturally mimosas, and homemade Italian sweets—it’s a parish function after the Masses so that people can meet and chat with other parishioners that they do no know.

By now, everyone should have their tickets for the Bishop’s Day Dinner/Dance on Sunday, Sept. 20 at The Abington Banquet Hall. It’s always a fantastic event, thanks to the hard work of those in charge as well as those who attend and make the fundraiser worthwhile. We have a bake sale coming up in October so once the weather cools down we can roll up our sleeves and start making goodies to sell. It’s our branch’s only fundraiser and we rely on making a good profit to enable us to contribute to worthy causes.

Birthday wishes to Josephine Karr in August and Cathleen Pope in September. Please keep our sick members in your daily prayers. Talk to you next time.

Leonora

Chicago
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439
On June 13, ICF Branch 439 honored St. Anthony with a mass, followed by a reception, at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The mass was celebrated by Father Clair Orso and was a special afternoon of prayer and devotion to St. Anthony for the 150 individuals who attended. Loaves of bread were distributed and donations received were sent to the St. Anthony orphanage in Italy. ICF Branch 439 is now actively preparing for its 4th Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser to be held on October 31, 2015. The event will be honoring Fr. Scott Donahue from Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, which has been providing kids in crisis with support and guidance since 1887. Members and their families and friends are looking forward to celebrating this special event.

Anna Tamburello
President, ICF Branch 439

Fresno
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disaster preparedness. Judge Raymond Marques updated us on the Get on the Bus program which buses children to visit their incarcerated parents. Medical Education Specialist Kari Adams spoke on Peripheral Arterial Disease. ICF Scholarship recipient, Zachary Boone, told of his future plans. A Garces graduate, and the great nephew of long time member, Mary Marchetti, Zachary will attend Bakersfield College, and ultimately Fresno State.

Members also participated in two successful fundraisers: St. Joseph’s Pasta Dinner and the St. Francis Barbecue. Discussions about fundraisers: St. Joseph’s Pasta Dinner and Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale is on-going. The Branch 32 Picnic Theme was complete with hot dogs, salads and chips and ice cold sodas. Leading the serving line are left, Dori Sabbatini and right Martha Acuna.

The Branch 32 officers were recognized in appreciation for their efforts in another successful year.

The Branch 32 Committee Chairmen, Patricia Vivienzi, Elaine Lencioni, Evelyn Niets and Richard Romagnoli received Certificates of Appreciation for their effective leadership in this year’s Branch’s activities.

Also introduced by President Kay Lopez, was Sanger’s Mother of the Year, Mrs. Mary Ann Hightower Paxton, who said a few words about herself and gave some good advice to the students. We also welcomed our deputy, Fred DeRienzo and his lovely wife Gerry.

We are planning a fundraiser yard sale on August 14, and our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale is scheduled for Sept 27. Our dinner is always a popular event in Sanger.

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Our Branch is looking forward to our picnic on August 23 and the Convention starting the 28th.

Rich and Mary Zanarini traveled to Illinois in July to celebrate Rich’s mother’s 103rd birthday. Congratulations to Mrs. Zanarini, Jennie Campopiano’s grandson, Jake Powe, graduated 8th grade from St. Philip School in Pasadena. He will be attending LaSalle Catholic High School in Pasadena.

Please pray for the following families: Jacqui and Luis Ramirez, Verona DeLuca and the Carroll’s. Jacqui lost her father in June; Verona DeLuca lost her sister, Dominica, who was charter member of our Branch; and Margaret Carroll, a former member, recently passed away. May their souls rest in peace.

We’re happy to report that Beverly Travis came through surgery and is doing well. Please pray for her speedy recovery. Nicole Lang is transferring to Cal Poly this fall to pursue a degree in Business. Good luck, Nicole.

Nicole’s brother, eight-year-old Vincent Rodriguez, received a medal of Special Merit for being in the entire second grade to receive all ‘A’s.

Vincent was initiated as a member last month and received his membership pin. Recently Melissa, his mother, noticed he was getting a dark tan, and she commented on it. Vincent told her he’s dark because he’s Italian now. “But”, his mother, who is Italian, said, “You’ve always been part Italian.” His response was, “No, I wasn’t, Mommy, but I’m Italian now because I got my pin.”

A special thanks to George and Terri Carson for hosting the Ice Cream Social at their home for our July meeting. It was a great event filled with tasty treats and spirited discussion.

We will meet at Dana and Cynthia Mum’s home for our September 10 meeting. Attendees will hear a report from our convention delegates who have returned from the Las Vegas Convention with new information and ideas for our ICF branch. Gary Moles and his team will return to provide our quarterly Pancake Breakfast September 13; contact Gary to volunteer. The more members helping make the day more enjoyable for all, especially since “many hands make light work.”

Coffee and Donuts will return the first Sunday of October after parish masses. Consider joining George and Gary’s donut gang to have fun distributing donuts and enjoying time conversing with parishioners, who are all potential ICF members!

Our annual “Nite at the Races” will be held October 10. Contact Allen Watts to see how you can help with this fun and exciting event! Marian Zasoski will be asking people to purchase a horse—don’t let her down! Remember to invite friends and family outside of the ICF as well—the more, the merrier! This is one of our largest fundraisers and it’s up to our members to make it bigger and better each year.

Baci e abbracci,
Kristen Watts
Members of Branch 417 enjoying time together.

Fresno
Holy Spirit, Br. 417

So far it has been a great year for Branch 417. Our Lenten dinners were more successful than the previous years and we were very happy to be able to put the generous donations to good use. In May, our charity committee met and assigned to our local and ICF charities the monies earned through our Lenten dinners and other fund raisers.

Also in May we had a wonderful gathering of members for the Mothers’/Fathers’ day dinner. A group photo was taken of our Branch members and the dinner was delightful as usual.

On July 11, 2015 Holy Spirit Catholic Church celebrated Fr. Patrick McCormick’s 40th Priestly Anniversary! He was ordained on June 29, 1975. Our ICF branch 417 helped with the celebration after the 4PM mass and we all had a great time. Our appetizers were much appreciated.

Our July meeting was held on July 15th and as usual we had our annual ice cream social in Logan hall. Dakota Stilson, a graduate of Clovis High School was the recipient of our Branch’s ICF first Year Scholarship and joined us at this meeting and was introduced to our ICF members.

The ICF Convention is almost here. Our new president, Gerry DeRienzo, will represent our branch at the September convention. We know she will do a great job.

Have a wonderful end of summer to all our members.

Ciao,
Pat Duncan

Los Angeles
Archdiocese District Council

Have a great Convention in Las Vegas! Make new friends, visit with old friends and help make the ICF the best that it can be!

Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 Board Members Wish All ICF Members a great Convention in Las Vegas!

On Sunday, August 9th, ICF LAADC President and President of Branch 67 Carmelo Sabatella and Branch 108 Board Member Linda Sabatella (wife) attended a special Mass followed by the dedication of a Mosaic of Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Catherine of Siena, Patron Saints of Italy, by Father Louis Piran of Saint Peter’s Church in Los Angeles.

The Mosaic is an original work of Professor Enzo Aiello of Rome and donated to Saint Peter’s Catholic Church by an anonymous donor. The dedication was followed by a light Lunch in Casa Italiana and attended by ICF LAADC Regional VP and Branch 67 Board Member Al Restivo and members of Clovis High School.

We at the District have been busy working to represent the ICF at various Cultural Events throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Developing awareness of our organization while networking with other Italian American Organizations at Church and Community events and helping to get the word out on our organization; that the ICF is based on Faith, Family and Friendship.

As part of our ICF Strategic Planning Initiative, the District is working to expand the number of Branches in each of its four Regions by opening new and expanding existing Branches. One Branch was recently discovered to be culturally significant not only to Italians and Americans of Italian Ancestry but also to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To this end, several District Board Members have joined the Branch 67 Board to help reorganize and maintain Branch 67 at Saint Peter’s Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

St. Peter’s is ranked as an Italian National Church and the District is making a major effort to support this significant historical and cultural facility. ICF Members and Friends of St. Peter’s are welcome to help join this effort.

Also as part of our faith and heritage commitment, the District maintains the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank. Support from ICF Members, Affiliated Mother Cabrini Groups and Friends of Mother Cabrini, is growing. A Monthly Madness Raffle is underway and continues to bring in funds necessary to continue the repair and replacement of the existing doors and frames on the Chapel and Library. A $1.00 donation per member is also suggested to bring necessary funds for the continued rehabilitation of the Chapel and Library. All donations for this work are greatly appreciated.

If I could ask anything of all ICF Members it would be to help support the above efforts by keeping the Los Angeles Archdiocese District in your prayers as we continue the task to organize ICF for future generations to enjoy.

All LAADC Branch Officers are requested to meet in the District President’s Room on Saturday, September 5 at 4:30 PM for the LAADC District General Meeting. Hope to see you there… Enjoy the Convention!

Thank you for being a leader in ICF.
Carmelo A. Sabatella AIA
President

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA needs YOUR support.

Funds are still needed to restore the Chapel and Library doors, frames and weatherproofing. Mother Cabrini is one of the L.C.F.’s Patron Saints and this is the Chapel she built to pray to Our Lady Help of Christians. The Mother Cabrini Committee of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is holding a “Monthly Money Madness Raffle” – eight more chances to win $200.00. One drawing per month. Only $1.00 donation per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. We NEED every Branch’s support. Buy one for your Branch! Individual members welcome to purchase tickets, too! Please call Theresa Sabatella at 626-372-0639 to reserve your ticket.

Donations also accepted.
of Branches 111 (Montebello) and 374 (La Canada) and representatives of nine Italian Societies of Saint Peter’s Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles.

Branch 67 is eagerly working with Saint Peter’s Church and is reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF Branch 67 Board Members attended the Mass and Dedication Ceremony of the recently installed Mosaic of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Catherine of Siena, Patrons of Italy, at St Peter’s Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. Your help is greatly appreciated.

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108
Branch 108 wishes all ICF Members a great Convention experience in Las Vegas!

As the Summer Season ends, Board Members look forward to the start of the new year visiting with old friends and making new friends at Convention.

ICF Members visiting the Los Angeles Area are invited to join Branch 108 in a game of Bocce and to come enjoy lunch and visit with members at the General Meeting. The next Branch Meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2015 at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm followed by Lunch Social and General Meeting (3:00 pm to 5:00 pm).

On September 13, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Open House at the Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Open House hosted by the ICF Santa Barbara/ Ventural Region. ICF Chapel Committee meeting follows from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Chapel Library. Members and Parishioners invited to attend. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS WITH A SHORT ARTICLE IN YOUR CHURCH BULLETINS.

All Members are also invited to visit the ICF Booth at the Feast of San Gennaro in Hollywood on the weekend of September 26 - 27, 2015.

Thank you ICF Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Parishioners for a speedy recovery.

May God bless and keep you healthy “vivero cento anni!”

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President
ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115
Our next major fundraiser is our annual St. John Joseph celebration. The Tridium will begin on Thursday Aug 20th at 730pm, continue on Friday Aug. 21st and commence on Saturday Aug 22nd. Father Patalano will be the Predicatore for the 9am mass on Saturday. After mass we will proceed to the grotto and sing traditional songs.

The Lauro family will have the honor of carrying the statue of St. John Joseph. The festivities will end with our annual prime rib dinner dance at 6pm. This is a fun evening and the funds raised help us to give back to our church. Tickets are $35.00. If you would like to volunteer and or would like to purchase tickets please call Neal DiLeva 310 4331044.

Please note that due to Tridium starting on August 20th our August meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 730pm in parish center. We will be discussing our upcoming annual branch trip scheduled for Sept 20th.

Save the date Sept 17th! This is our potluck meeting and we will be celebrating our branch’s 61st anniversary. This is a nice get together and great fellowship. Please call Carmela Gioiello and let her know what tasty item you will be bringing.

Prayers and condolences to the family of Philip Mazella. Phil was a member for 54 years and past president for 18 years. He was one of the pioneers of our branch. He is a great loss to our branch and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace

Our condolences also go out to the family of Carmela Castagnola. She was a wonderful
The September meeting will be review of the Convention after dinner and possible Bingo. At the July board meeting we set up our yearly calendar. We will try some join ventures with the school PFA to help with fundraisers for both the ICF and the School. Pray for a successful year.

More to come later.

Pray for all the sick branch members.

Andrea Linn
Corresponding Sec.

San Gabriel Valley Region
Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Hope everyone has been having a good summer. Our next meeting is September 13. Please watch for Jeanne’s newsletter for details.

Connie Davis and son have volunteered to be our delegates for the convention in Las Vegas this year. We wish them a fruitful and enjoyable time.

Our nomination of officers is in October and we have several board positions that will need to be filled. Please think about running. Our board meetings are always productive with an element of fun to them. We all work together very well and the results are apparent in the way everything is handled in our branch. Hoping to see everyone at our September meeting. Lolly M.

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

September 11th - Dinner/General Meeting
September 21st - Board Meeting
October 4th - ICF Donut Sale

Our St. Denis Annual Taste of Diamond Bar was a huge success. Thank you to all our ICF members who participated and attended and gave of their time.

The Board Meeting on August 17th was hosted by Gerry Hughes and we appreciate her ongoing support of ICF.

The September 11th Dinner/General Meeting was a patriotic theme and American Comfort food. In respect to September 11th and all who were lost that fatal day, we ask for God’s Blessings on the United States of America.

The Convention in Las Vegas was extraordinary in every way. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of ICF 2015 and the wonderful enthusiasm.

God Bless,
Rosanne Perry, President

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Since this is a 2 month Bulletin, let’s recap.

July 4th was a day at the Memorial Park to sell ice cream. It was a hot but breezy and we did fairly well with this fundraiser. July 19 was the branch picnic at the loc park. Lots of food and bocci. All had fun.

The church has it’s usually summer clean-up of the school,church and grounds, so we had an ice cream social on the grass. We discussed the upcoming ICF Convention topics and the new proposals. Pres. Bill Mussatto will report at the Sept. meeting. Also OLA school will be celebrating it's anniverty in September. The school was opened in 1955. To celebrate there was a picnic on the lawn for the parish. It was manned by the school staff with the help of the parish ministries, ICF, Ladies of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus. Yea! The youth group helped with the blow-ups.

Our next General Meeting will take place on September 23, 2015 at 7:30pm. It will include our ice cream social.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Pat Bussella, Hermenia Saez, Pete Costa, Mary Girillo, Herminia Saez, Pete Costa, and Frances Scorsone.

“Pray without ceasing God hears what you say, from the moment you rise to the close of the day. Don’t think for a moment that He turns a deaf ear, trust and have faith and you’ll never know fear.” (Helen Parker)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley Region
Burbank
Santa Maria Goretti, Br. 102

With great sadness, we mourn the passing of Mary Massucci on June 15, 2015.

She was the first Financial Secretary of Branch 102 Burbank and held the office until 1990 when she moved north and joined Branch 352 in Salt Lake City.

She was an active member of both branches. She will be remembered for her love of children.

She returned to Burbank in 2009 to help her sister care for her husband.

They remained together until illness took Mary from us.

We will miss you, Mary. You were and always will be a loving and true friend and sister.

Dina Tomei

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

In July we lost a beautiful soul, longtime member Romano Montanari. Romano was instrumental in building up our heritage programs and was an inspiration to everyone.

His sense of humor, welcoming smile and larger than life personality brought so much to our branch. We will all miss him so much.

Our next General Meeting will take place on September 9, 2015. It will be a huge success. Thank you to all our hard workers who set-up, cooked, served, and cleaned up.

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual Summer Picnic held on August 16 after 10:30 Holy Cross Mass.

On a serious note, Branch 21 is very sad to learn of the passing of our long-time ICF member and friend, Don Giudici. Don was an amazing member; he had a great sense of fun and was always ready to help in any way that he could. Over the years, he served as Branch President and also served on the Board in several other capacities. God has brought home a most loving and dedicated servant. We will miss him very much.

Lastly, Father Occhiuto gave an up-date on the retrofitting of the Holy Cross High School Building. He said it is nearing completion and there will be a rededication of the building with Bishop Garcia in attendance once refurbishing is finished.

In closing: One September, long ago, while building with Bishop Garcia in attendance we were always a loving and true friend and servant. We will miss him very much.

Patty Morelli, Secretary Branch 21
Roy Frontani
Nevada branch at the 2015 Convention in Las Vegas, President Julie Richards will represent our lunch at the same time. Help the branch and have a great Polenta November 4, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church The date of the Polenta Luncheon is 25, which was Chartered on March 23, 1935. Merit for 85 years of dedication by Branch Grand President Bob Basuino. Bob further Garcia was presented with a check for $4000 Joe were wonderful hosts as usual. Bishop and Francisco accompanied the Bishop. The and Chuck DeBord and John Cailotto who contributed. Particular thanks go to Bob and Michelle Coyle who donated the chickens and Chuck Deford and John Caiotto who cooked those chickens. Seminarians Dat and Francisco accompanied the Bishop. The event was held at the JM Ranch; Julie and Joe were wonderful hosts as usual. Bishop Garcia was presented with a check for $4000 from District President Julie Richards. The Bishop also received a check of $2000 from Grand President Bob Basuino. Bob further presented Julie Richards with a Certificate of Merit for 85 years of dedication by Branch 25, which was Chartered on March 23, 1935. Bishop Garcia noted that Central Coast District has 19 seminarians; 4 were recently ordained. The date of the Polenta Luncheon is November 4, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church Hall. This is the major fundraiser for our branch, and we are asking your support. Help the branch and have a great Polenta lunch at the same time. President Julie Richards will represent our branch at the 2015 Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada Ciao, Roy Frontani

Monterey Branch 36 served a delicious chicken and ravioli dinner at our annual 85 and Over Birthday Celebration in July. 62 of the 97 members who are 85 or over attended. A special music program was the highlight of the evening along with birthday cake, balloons and flowers.

Hollister Santa Barbara, Br. 26
Hello Everyone,
Here’s a quarterly update on how our branch is doing in Hollister. We started something new this year for our meetings. We chose to have our meetings at a family restaurant in Hollister called Pames. All of our members seemed to really enjoy it. We had a pasta feed in April which was a great turnout. Every meeting we have been celebrating all the birthdays and anniversaries of our members. Our next Pasta Feed will be on August 22nd at Immaculate Conception. The meal includes spaghetti, Italian sausage, salad, bread and dessert. If you would like to please come please call MaryAnn Frielbe at 831-902-5151. Please keep all of our sick members in your prayers!
Happy 100th Birthday Aurelia! Sincerely;
Cheri Huntley

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36
July was a busy month for our volunteers, however, they always come through and even make it look easy. Our 85 and older annual birthday party on July 2 was absolutely beautiful, we had 64 honorees in attendance, the other 33 were ill, traveling, or had other commitments, we missed those who could not be with us, and had a great party for the ones who were there. The oldest ‘STAR’ at the party was Josephine Haidich, Josephine will be 101 years old this November. All of our honorees look fantastic; God bless them.
The Central Council Golf Tournament was held by our branch on July 24, there was not as many in attendance as in past years, but they had a very successful, fun filled day. P. J. Curatolo and his faithful crew made a delicious dinner with all the trimmings. We have lost three more members, our deepest sympathy to the Flores family on the loss of their precious mother, Petrina ‘Peggy’ Flores, a beautiful woman, she was a role model for mothers, to Eleanor Roach on the death of her beloved Mike and her brother Jack Stracuzzi, they died within a month of each other, to Marie Ruiz whose husband Vincent Ruiz Jr. passed away after a long illness, I never saw Vince without his beautiful smile and he cared about everybody.
CALENDAR:
September 11-12 Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival
October 9-10-11 Columbus weekend in Reno, for information call JoAnn Riso, (831) 372-2108
Enjoy every little thing in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.
Peace be with you,
Betty Sollecito

Castroville Santa Caterina Da Siena, Br. 51
It was a fun-filled summer. Spending time with children, grandchildren, family and friends sure makes time fly. Congratulations to our scholarship recipient Elizabeth Olsen. Elizabeth is the grand niece of Mary Maria Frasetto, a long time member and past president of Branch #51. We are looking forward to the Central Coast District Picnic and Bishop’s Day at the JM Ranch. I’m sure that Julie has many activities planned for everyone.
Our next general meeting will be on August 27th. It will be a potluck, a member will be calling with more information.
Our condolences to Egidio and Marie Tonos on the passing of Egidio’s sister, Gina Candiloro. Gina has been a member of Branch #51 for over forty-eight years. Please pray for Gina’s family. We would like to send best wishes to Thelma Sbarra, who lives out of the area but who is always in our hearts. Please pray for our sick and hospitalized members and friends, especially for Alice Soliven and Joe Micheli, Jr.
Thank you to all members who sold convention raffle tickets.
Happy Birthday wishes to Nancy Ausonio, Father Pedro, Carrie Holbrook, Alice Soliven and Kathy Stefan (June Birthdays), Cindy Stefan (July Birthday), Denice Amerson, Pauline Bigby, Stefani Cortopassi, Dave Pecci, Carmen Rossi and Pat Stefan (August Birthdays).
We will see you at the Convention. Ciao, Leonora Barlow

Pacific Grove Angela Merici, Br. 206
Because of scheduling conflicts with the Hall, we were finally able to schedule a meeting. All the members enjoyed being together again and sharing a potluck dinner.

The Central Coast Picnic and Bishop’s Day are scheduled for August 2 in Chualar, and Sarah Jane Amoroso is planning to attend. Sarah Jane will also be our delegate to the Convention in Las Vegas on September 3.
So many of our members have been and are still sick so they are all in our prayers. We look forward to seeing healthy Members at our next meeting.

At the same meeting, we welcomed new member Maureen O’Neil. Maureen, who is half Irish and half Italian, is married to our popular chef, Dan Casagrande. Dan’s birthday is nine days after Maureen’s, so he jokes about marrying an older woman.

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227
Our August meeting featured a potluck dinner and once again, our members displayed their culinary skills. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. Thanks to all who participated.

Along that same vein, President Bob Montone, who has headed our annual barbecue for eight years, announced that 2016 will be his last time.

We were sorry to learn of Will Gahr’s passing. Every year at scholarship time, Will (who was by no means a youngster) would amuse us by standing up at the meeting and announcing that he wanted a scholarship. He never failed to get a laugh. Our traditional rose ceremony was carried out at Will’s services.

As summer winds down, we wish good luck and safe travel to all students heading off to school.

We also offer best wishes to our Past President, Franklin Lopes in his campaign for re-election to the Central Council at the Annual Convention.

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291
Branch 291 would like to send our prayers for a safe, fun and successful ICF Convention in Las Vegas for our delegates and all other attendees. Our branch delegates are Pete & Abby Gallagher and Jerry & Sandy Quintiliani. Joanna Van Blaricom and Kathleen Sullivan are attending as alternates. We look forward to hearing all about the convention at our September General Meeting. (Reminder: On this occasion, what happens in Vegas does NOT stay in Vegas!)

We are looking forward to our first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this season on Saturday, August 29. Join us from 4-7pm in our church hall for a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings! Net proceeds go towards our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. Stay tuned for an article on this successful program in a future Bollettino!

Several members from Branch 291 enjoyed the food, fellowship and festivities during the Central Coast District Meeting/Picnic and Bishop’s Day held at Julie Richards’ Ranch in Chualar on August 2. Our Branch looks forward to hosting the next Central Coast District Meeting on October 4 at St. Patrick’s Church in Arroyo Grande.

Please keep the following ICF members from Br. 291 in your thoughts and prayers:

Marjorie McClure, RecordingSecretary
Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Even though it is summer time the district has been hard at work planning the next 6 months and looking forward to the convention.

Leonard Rossi reports that the golf tournament was a success and that the dinner following was well attended.

The district will host a hospitality room at the convention to introduce candidate Lise Crudo to those attending. Thanks to Pres. Pat Paquinelli and past Pres. Fran LaTorre for doing the leg work.

When we return from the convention it will be time for the district picnic. This will take place on Sept.19th at Al and Deanna DeNurra’s, Mass will be celebrated at 11 by Fr. Duda.

Save the Date: ICF Central Council will sponsor “Late Night Catechism” at Holy Names University on Oct. 25th at 2pm. For ticket information call brownpapertickets.com. Hope to see lots of you there.

Plans are under way for our Christmas party on Dec. 5, 2015. More info. to follow.

And into the new year, installation will be on Jan.17,2016, more to follow.

We made a few changes in branch deputies this month, not only will Fran LaTorre be district deputy she will also be deputy to Br.#10 and Dave Rose will be deputy to Br.#91.

Now, time to pack those clothes and make final plans for the convention. May everyone have a safe trip and meet some old friends and make some new ones.

God Bless,

Pat Grasso,
District Secretary

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We welcomed a large group (about 84) of convention attendees to our 89th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 16 in Monsignor O’Brien Hall in Alameda. Chef Ben Ratto cooked a delicious fare of pork loin and risotto. Leonard Rossi of Branch 343 (Castro Valley) provided live accordion music during the social hour, and the Ramos brother, Henry and Alex, played dance music following the meal. Father Joy Kamarthussen, MF, the pastor of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish of Alameda, who studied in Rome for several years, offered grace in Italian.

In the last weeks of the 2014-15 school year the branch honored six young people with scholarships for their ongoing learning. Two high school graduates, Cassian Castillo of Saint Joseph Notre Dame HS of Alameda and Joseph Carriere of Bishop O’Dowd HS of Oakland, received college scholarships. High school scholarships were awarded to eighth-grade graduates Isabel Alvarado and Andy Powell, both from Saint Philip Neri School, and Mia Leon and Gabriel Reyes, both from Saint Joseph Elementary School in Alameda.

We sponsored our first-ever bunco party in the late morning and early afternoon of Sunday, June 28 in Monsignor O’Brien Hall. Proceeds benefited Brightnight, which is headquartered in the nearby East Bay community of San Lorenzo. Second vice-president Peggy Lubeck chaired the event. One other change from a longstanding tradition is that we have moved our monthly meeting from the second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of the month. The move will give us more time in which to include the latest information in our Bollettino article.

Our first social undertaking after the beginning of the 2015-16 school year will be the very popular Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, October 17. Details regarding prices and reservations will follow in the October edition of the Bollettino.

At our monthly meeting of June 11 we voted for our delegates to the September convention in Las Vegas. Journeying to Southern Nevada will be Branch 10 president Dave Rose, Peggy Lubeck and Bob Lubeck, Peggy’s husband.

John Zugnoni

Rochester

St. Raymond, Br. 154

July was a vacation month for members of St. Raymond Branch. We are rested and ready to tackle our next big fundraiser which is the Polenta Dinner in October.

The date has been confirmed to be October 17, 2015. It is never too early to make your reservation. Call Dee Yonke at 510-236-0689. The bus trip to Cache Creek on July 27, 2015, for our bowling game is no exception! A big “Thank You” to Carolyn Cardinalli for getting the tickets for our branch.

Our August 9 picnic and meeting was held at the home of member, Joyce DeAngelo. It was a great pot luck picnic and everyone enjoyed the afternoon. “Thank you, Joyce, for hosting and providing the beverages!”

Branch 285’s September meeting will be held Friday, the 18th, 6:00pm, at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, in Pleasanton. The menu for the evening will be main dish salads and simple desserts. Our president, Elena Meier will give us a short report on the ICF Convention in Las Vegas.

Anna Yocham and Ed Rocca are both on the mend. Both have been very active in our branch and we hope to see them at meetings again, soon. We also miss Pat Mueller and hope she and Ed Sacca can be with us soon. May God’s healing blessings be with them and with any others I am not aware of who are ill.

Ciao,

Mary Merucci

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well this may be the good old summertime, but we still have lots to do before going off to convention. Our Aug. meeting is a fun one, eating ice cream for dinner! However there are plenty of raffle tickets to be sold and ICF functions to attend. We did review
Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14
We celebrated our Branch’s 88th Anniversary in great style. As always, John Valentini and his assistants prepared a delicious barbecue. Being such a renowned chef, I doubt he shares his delicious barbecue sauce or salad dressing recipes. The Casino Night, following dinner, was fun and profitable for the 20 members who won prizes, and was even enjoyable for the good-natured members who didn’t win.
Get well wishes were sent to Michelle Keyes. 
Hope by now you are doing fine, Michelle.
It is with great sadness that we offer condolences to Sylvia Smith and Rich and Jo Smith Hanley on the passing of our active member, Lisa Smith Yama. Lisa was a well-loved, gifted woman and a wonderful chef, who generously shared her time and talents with ICF. She is deeply missed.
We hope many will attend our Annual Branch Picnic on Sunday, August 23 at the DeTomasi home, 2:00 P.M. Please let Donna (799-2336) or Pat (787-1131) know if you will attend. Please bring a dessert; everything else will be provided.
Our regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8th. Mass is at 5:30, a rosario and chicken dinner at 6:30, and the meeting is at 7:30. The “highly-sought-after” tickets for our “always-sold-out” October Polenta Dinner (October 24th) can be purchased after the meeting.
Regular participants look forward to our Bingo and Hot Dog Nights. On September 25th, hot dogs with all the trimmings are served at 6:00, followed by 10 games of Bingo, all for a mere $10.00. There’s no cover charge for Number Caller Pat Botta’s amusing playfulness.
We send late summer blessings to all.
Ciao,
Patty Jarrett

Contra Costa
Martinez
San Martino, Br. 13
We toast our first year scholarship recipient, De La Salle High School graduate, Officer and Branch 13 member, Paul S. Cook, along with our Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship recipient Melissa Planken. This bursary is offered by Branch 13 annually to students in the eighth grade class at Saint Catherine of Siena Parochial School graduating to a Catholic High School. Congratulations to Paul in his future endeavors at Saint Mary’s College of California and to Melissa as she continues her Catholic schooling at Carondelet High School.
Tickets are now on sale for Branch 13’s Annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2015, 6pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 664 Mellus Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) $20 per person, $8 for children 6 to 12 years old, and FREE for children under 6 years old accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets available by calling 925-229-2665. Raffle prizes and donations are requested and accepted at any time. St. Catherine has a 4:30 PM Saturday Mass, so you can attend Mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there.
Upcoming in Martinez: September 12—Bingo; 25—Branch meeting; October 3—Octokfest; 10—Bingo; 10—Sacrament of Anointing: 17—Blood Drive; 23—Branch meeting/elections; 24—Polenta, Chicken & Sausage dinner; November 14—Bingo; 20—Thanksgiving feast/branch meeting; December 5/6—Holiday Lane; 2016 Calendars are now on sale for $25.00 each. Branch 13 wishes all ICF delegates a productive and fun-filled convention weekend. Stay cool.
Ciao for now,
Mary Cook

St. Agnes, St. Bonaventure, Queen of All Saints & St. Francis of Assisi
September 20th is our Annual Wine Tasting Event. What a Great Way to Spend a Sunday Afternoon. 1-3:30pm - tickets are $20 per person; this includes a souvenir wine glass, 4 wine tastings, & delicious appetizers. Please contact Joanne Doorack (925) 798-1735.
No August meeting.
Our Annual BBQ was held in August at our President Roberta Healy’s home. She always outdoors the day with her hospitalitity and deliciously prepared food. Thanking new member Earl Koski for preparing appetizers on the BBQ and Jo Lee & husband Ed for bringing their own made wine.
September offers a lot in our branch, starting with convention; President Roberta and members Ed & Allison McGuirk attended. The branch members all looked forward to hearing updates on this informative and fun weekend. Our meeting also included the installing new members, more to come on this; we are so excited at the growth we continue to have.
Prayers for our sick members especially Wanda Smithson, prayers also for our elderly. God Bless Our Military too.
Ciao,
Pattie Tennan

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432
Ciao all. Lots of good things have been happening.
On June 29 the annual scholarship winner’s (see photo) dinner was held. ICF, in concert with the Knights of Columbus, treated the winners and their families to a gala evening of food and celebration. Deacon John emceed the evening making for some very happy and excited graduates. For all gathered, a very enjoyable evening.
Viva Las Vegas! As Elvis likes to sing. The delegates this year will be our President, Gino Simonetti and his wife Marilyn. The convention is being held in Las Vegas from September 4th to the 7th. This is a well deserved honor for Gino and Marilyn. We know it’s tough duty, just remember “what happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas.”
Hot August Nights! Vroom! Vroom! Roadsters, Coupes, Hot Rods and Classic Cars: it doesn’t get any better than “Festa Italia.” That’s right, It’s Branch 432’s annual Concourse featuring some of America’s connoisseurs. 

Ciao for now,
Mary Cook

Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214
September offers a lot in our branch, starting with convention; President Roberta and members Ed & Allison McGuirk attended. The branch members all looked forward to hearing updates on this informative and fun weekend. Our meeting also included the installing new members, more to come on this; we are so excited at the growth we continue to have.
Prayers for our sick members especially Wanda Smithson, prayers also for our elderly. God Bless Our Military too.
Ciao,
Pattie Tennan

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352
The June dinner meeting of Branch 352 Branch was a pizza party! It also happened to be the 50th Anniversary of Monsignor Cardelli’s ordination to the priesthood. Our special dessert included a celebratory cake, in Monsignor’s honor. He was also showered with all of our prayers and very best wishes for the years to come!
The meeting on June 14 was a celebration of our scholarship recipients. Attending was Danielle Uptian, who graduated from Reed High School in Sparks. She is the granddaughter of one of our members, Darlene Uptian. The other scholarship recipient was Branden Matthews, who is the grandson of Melvena Sullivan, who was unable to attend but sent a thank you letter. The attending recipient and her family joined us for a pizza dinner. Another celebration was for our chaplain, Father Mike Mahone, on the occasion of his 35th anniversary of becoming a priest.

Daniele Uptian receiving her Central Council scholarship certificate from Branch 135 President Carolyn Smith.

Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135

The meeting on June 14 was a celebration of our scholarship recipients. Attending was Danielle Uptian, who graduated from Reed High School in Sparks. She is the granddaughter of one of our members, Darlene Uptian. The other scholarship recipient was Branden Matthews, who graduated from Bishop Manogue High School, the grandson of Melvena Sullivan, who was unable to attend but sent a thank you letter. The attending recipient and her family joined us for a pizza dinner. Another celebration was for our chaplain, Father Mike Mahone, on the occasion of his 35th anniversary of becoming a priest.

Daniele Uptian receiving her Central Council scholarship certificate from Branch 135 President Carolyn Smith.

Sacramento
Blessed Sacrament
District Council

A night of fun, food and entertainment will be held on Saturday, September 26 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Roseville; the Blessed Sacrament District is holding a Monte Carlo and Pasta Dinner! Each person will receive $3000 in play money to enjoy Blackjack, Bingo, Bunco, Roulette and Texas Hold ‘em... all for chances to win several wonderful prizes. Plus, a delicious pasta dinner will be served, including meat sauce, pesto sauce, salad, bread and dessert. Donation: $20 per person. For more information and reservations, please call District President Paula Scarpel (916) 740-3256 or District Secretary Maria Keller (916) 456-0957.

Blessed Sacrament
St. Mary, Br. 45

The next GREAT Chicken and Polenta Dinner is on Sunday, September 20. Because of the great success of the Monte Carlo Night we will be playing BINGO before the dinner. Times are branch meeting at 4:00pm, BINGO at 4:30pm and dinner at 6pm. Cost is $13.00 for members and $17.00 for non-members and guests. Make your reservation by September 15; call Janine at 508-1199.

Buon Compleanno to our members Michael Ebert, Deacon Luigi Del Gaudio, Mary Ann Heinen, Enes Mandredini, Anabelle Ebert, Forrest Frazier, Diane King, Patricia Wood who are celebrating August birthdays; Birthday wishes also to September honorees Ivana Berton, Rev Francis A. Quinn, Leda Costamagna, Mary Jo Lee, Adele Vigilone, Bonnie Lally and William James.

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

Frances Pugliese, a member of Branch 73 since 1978, died 5 July. Frances rarely missed a monthly meeting and always attended the branch’s dinners, almost always in the company of family members and a considerable number of friends. Her absence from Branch 73 and its activities will be noted. Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eam. Requiescat in pace.

The $500.00 scholarships donated by Branch 73 to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will be attending a Catholic high school were granted by the school to James White and Gabrielle Dickey. James plans to attend Christian Brothers High School. Gabrielle St. Francis High School. They and their families have been invited to join us for a light supper at 6:00 pm on 18 August, preceding our meeting that evening.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nei mesi di agosto e settembre. Uno di questi è Bruno Novi, il quale arriva al suo ottantunesimo il 3 agosto.

Robert Delipippo

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

Greetings from Branch 342! We hope everyone had a restful summer. Our branch enjoyed several fun summer events and we were able to welcome several new families to the branch. Our board is busy planning our fall and winter events and we would love for you to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month and help plan them. It is important that as many members as possible attend our meetings so everyone can make suggestions and volunteer to help at our events.

I have once again been chosen by our branch to act as a delegate at the convention in Las Vegas. Thank you! I look forward to seeing old friends and learning more about the future of the ICF. See you there! Ciao!

Pam Andersen
Bollettino Contributor

August/September 2015
Souvenir Book. We are looking forward to Secretary, Annemarie McCarthy. Thanks to Sponsor Page, at the urging of our Branch there will only be brief update but no formal meeting. John Carlo, presented two scholarships at Mauro Romagnoli, and First Vice President, that she recuperates soon. Our President, Vendetti passed. Nan Judge Was elected, to fill the Trustee position vacated when Danny well the year is half gone and I missed the break-out sessions which she will share with recording & corresponding secretary. Honoring our 10:30 Mass. Felicia Carlo received our country! God bless our military! God bless the military personnel, and for those in need. We welcome new members Kathy Bruyere, and the San Diego District will be August 2. Normally, each month she has something interesting to tell us on “our promise to love and honor the land of our ancestors.” This month (Flag Day June 14 & Independence Day July 4), she spoke of our “promise of loyalty & respect to the American flag.” She gave each member Red, White, & Blue necklaces, a R/W/B decorated bucket with Necklaces, a R/W/B decorated bucket with the fried egg plant was delizioso!!!! Forrest & Prudence Price chaired a delightful session… All voted to return ASAP. Thank you Forrest & Prudence. Vic Tallarida

San Francisco
Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1
Dear Members: Due to the August/September issue of the Bollettino at Convention time, the following dates cover several months:
Aug. 23 – Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am
Sept 4–7 – Convention Las Vegas
Sept 9 – Monthly Meeting Convention Reports 7:00 pm Hosts: Toni Morsello & Mary Zadra
Sept 27 – Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am
Oct 7 – Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm Hosts: Ollie deMichelli & Anna Doyle.
Nomination and election of 2016 Officers. Best wishes to Pres. Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat for a successful Convention!
Ciao, Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
When the July Bollettino came out, we hadn’t had our June meeting yet. We celebrated “II Giornetto della Papa” with a nice “Minestron soup Lunchen” purchased at a Deli in Napa…hot & delicious! We were very happy to meet our new member Erin Costigliola. We are so excited to have Erin join our happy bunch, Branch 38. I’m sure she’ll be an active ICF member. We all enjoyed the Heritage Program portion of our meetings, and we’re lucky to have Maria Gloria as our Heritage chairlady. Normally, each month she has something interesting to tell us on “our promise of love & honor the land of our ancestors.” This month (Flag Day June 14 & Independence Day July 4), she spoke of our “promise of loyalty & respect to the American flag.” She gave each member Red, White, & Blue necklaces, a R/W/B decorated bucket with lots of R/W/B goodies in it! GRAZIE
We are looking forward at meeting 2015 Scholarship Recipient, Matilde Begioniini, at our August 8 meeting. Her mother told me she traveled to Italy in June to visit her grandmother. It will be nice to hear all about her experiences in Italy, where she’ll be attending college, and her plans for the future.

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San Francisco
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Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
Hats off to the Las Vegas District for all its hard work in preparing for this year’s convention. The convention, being the first that our Branch President, Delfina Centanni, will attend, will equipped her with valuable information acquired from the general and break-out sessions which she will share with hands at the Las Vegas District. The Secretary of the Treasury, John Carlo was most knowledgeable about the financial and administrative aspects of the branch. He was able to answer questions from the floor and provided a detailed financial report. John also made a presentation on the future direction of the branch. He emphasized the importance of active participation by all members in order to ensure the success of the branch.

San Francisco
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Il Duca di Mezzogiorno
Il Duca di Mezzogiorno is an annual event that takes place in the heart of San Francisco. The event is a celebration of Italian culture, with live music, traditional Italian food, and dancing. The atmosphere is lively and the mood is festive. Attendees can enjoy the vibrant energy of the event and immerse themselves in the Italian spirit. The event is a chance to connect with others who share a passion for Italian culture. 

San Francisco
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Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
When the July Bollettino came out, we hadn’t had our June meeting yet. We celebrated “II Giornetto della Papa” with a nice “Minestron soup Lunchen” purchased at a Deli in Napa…hot & delicious! We were very happy to meet our new member Erin Costigliola. We are so excited to have Erin join our happy bunch, Branch 38. I’m sure she’ll be an active ICF member. We all enjoyed the Heritage Program portion of our meetings, and we’re lucky to have Maria Gloria as our Heritage chairlady. Normally, each month she has something interesting to tell us on “our promise of love & honor the land of our ancestors.” This month (Flag Day June 14 & Independence Day July 4), she spoke of our “promise of loyalty & respect to the American flag.” She gave each member Red, White, & Blue necklaces, a R/W/B decorated bucket with lots of R/W/B goodies in it! GRAZIE
We are looking forward at meeting 2015 Scholarship Recipient, Matilde Begioniini, at our August 8 meeting. Her mother told me she traveled to Italy in June to visit her grandmother. It will be nice to hear all about her experiences in Italy, where she’ll be attending college, and her plans for the future.

Reminder Members: If you haven’t returned your Money/stubs for the ICF Convention Raffle tickets, you have a few days left. August 15 is the deadline! Send everything to Madeline. Our Br. #38 gets to keep $10.00 from each book sold. Ciao, ci vediamo il 12 di settembre!

*10:30 Officers meeting *11:30 Regular meeting *12:30 “Hawaiian Luau” luncheon

Mara Amato
San Diego
San Diego
Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229
Happy Convention!! I wish all the delegates well!!
The July 18, 2015 Pasta Dinner Dance Event was a great success! Thank you to Bob Maruca, the Pierottis, the Snyder’s, the Savageaus, Anthony Scipione, Josephine Arietta, Jody Balezterri, and all of you for your hard work and dedication!! Also, thank you to Fr. Alex for the beautiful blessing spoken in Italian, for the vendors and the members who donated items for the raffle, and for the great DJ. The food was delicious, the music was great, the raffle was a lot of fun, and the fellowship was wonderful!! A good time was had by all!!
We welcome new members Kathy Bruyere, Dolores Cisneros, and Stevan and Micheile Gonzales.

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Greetings! Hope this finds you rested and looking forward to Convention days. We pray that everyone else is in good health. Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173 Convention time is almost here as our Branch will be well represented. Las Vegas here we come. We held our 2nd Annual Branch Picnic August 2, 2015 in San Mateo and shade, great weather, good food, bocce ball, face painting and other games were enjoyed by all ages. Special thanks to Mary Ann Camacho who chaired the event and Tom and Elena Tealdi who reserved the park for us. Also, special thanks goes to John who was our cook and, of course, Italians and friends never go hungry!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 19: 50th Anniversary Celebration of the San Mateo District. Contact: Dorene Campanile 650-344-7870

OCTOBER 17: Pedro Tournament O.L.A. Hall, Burlingame - more details to follow.

NOVEMBER 21: Branch Anniversary Dinner - details to be announced soon.

Please keep members who are in the recovery stages: Rosalie Hare and Margie Hosking and any other ill members in your prayers.

God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365
I hope that all of you are enjoying the summer and doing fun things. Joe and I have just returned from a ten-day Alaska cruise, which we enjoyed a lot. I can now focus on the upcoming convention in Las Vegas. Next meeting will be on Sept. 9, at 6:30, followed by a potluck dinner and raffle. Serra Room.

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San Mateo
District Council
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Congratulations to Branch 6, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City on their 90th milestone Anniversary celebration on August 9, 2015.

Mark your calendars:
Friday, September 4, to Monday, September 7, 2015 ICF Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year’s theme: “Glorify the Lord by your Life.”

Saturday, September 19, District’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan’s Church, Millbrae.

Thursday, September 24, 2015, District meeting at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. 7:30 p.m.

Special thanks to Carole Gianuario for all of her devotion as our past Sunshine person.

Thanks to our new Sunshine person Roberta Loza and Sarah Mehrwein for their $400 scholarships. Their families also attended.

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Church, South San Francisco is celebrating its 90th Anniversary with a Western BBQ night. More information in the next Bollettino.

Our next ICF meeting is Tuesday, September 15. Dinner menu still to be determined.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Menlo Park

St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thursday September 10 - 5:30pm - Monthly Mass at Church of Nativity will be followed a Potluck Dinner and Meeting! RSVP to Cory at 650-867-8946 by August 4th!!!!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!

Congratulations Lauren Genevra, our scholarship winner! She is the Granddaughter of Al and Theresa Genevra.

Thursday September 24- Gambling Trip to Black Oak Casino. $30.00 per person. Call Theresa at 650-324-0421

Please pray for our many sick members, especially, Victor Rosasco, Betty Long, Dr. Ralph Yob, Al and Theresa Genevra, Annuziatta Maestri, Father Gaffey, and Father Murray (District Chaplain)

We need to continue to pray for our deceased members.

Wishing everyone a safe trip a successful convention!

CR

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

The ICF Convention will be held in Las Vegas on Friday September 4th to Sunday September 6, 2015.

We will have no monthly meeting in September.

September 19, 2015 - ICF San Mateo District celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Festivities begin with 2:00PM Mass at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame followed by a meal at St. Dunstan’s Parish Center, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae. A complete chicken cordon bleu dinner will be served for $25. For reservations call 650-344-7870 by 9/10/15.

Save this date: October 25, 2015

Our branch will be hosting the Santa Clara Valley district Papa Joe Marsalli Scholarship award.

Best wishes for a successful convention in Las Vegas.

Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren’t feeling well.

Our next meeting will be September 15. See you then.

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Thank you Br. 435 St. Catherine for hosting the July District Meeting. President Denise called on all branches give their usual reports and acknowledging that their Apostolate Report was sent to Central Council.

Louise Vento provided an insightful Heritage talk about the Sicilian Language. Eileen Fritsch gave an update on the current status on the Organ Donor program. Elaine Osorio reported that 100 people attended the District Mass and that 61 members attended the following luncheon. Our next big event is the District Picnic. Help will be needed on Saturday, Aug 1 to setup the tables and booths. This year a mass is planned on Sunday at 11:30 am. Casino Night finally has a venue and is a go for 9/18.

o District Picnic – Setup Aug 1 – Aug 2 – 11:30 am Mass, Picnic follows – St. Clare’s
o San Jose Giants Italian Night – Saturday, 8/15/15
o Casino Night 9/18
o Bishop’s Day Br 391 – 11:30 am Mass – Oct 18
o Next Meeting: Holy Cross – Tuesday, August 11

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Thanks go to all of you who helped to make our July BBQ a successful, enjoyable, and memorable event. God blessed us with beautiful weather, so that we could relax and enjoy being with good friends, and getting to know ICF members who came from other chapters.

We wish our Br. 5 Convention Delegate, Bob McLean and his wife, an informative and enjoyable experience. They will give us a report at the September meeting.

Our branch will be hosting the Santa Clara Valley District meeting on September 14. Some volunteers will be needed to help with set-up and treats.

Hope your summer had many relaxing and enjoyable moments.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

We wish our Delegates to convention good luck and God speed for a very successful convention. And also good luck to Andy Pappani running for office again.

Roger thanks everyone for a wonderful potluck in August. It is always one of our best meals. Our next meeting will be on September 21, 2015.

On September 18, the San Jose District will be holding a Monte Carlo Night at Church of the Transfiguration 4525 Jarvis Ave. San Jose. The district need the support of all of the branches. For more information call Denise Antonowicz at 408-356-2543.

Upcoming:
November 1 -- Scholarship breakfast
November 8 -- St. Francis Cabrini Pilgrimage. We will host it here at St. Mary’s more information coming at a later date.

October 10 – Touch of Italy Dinner, all you can eat shrimp and ravioli.

Please keep our sick and homebound in your prayers.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

This message is for the branches in the Santa Clara District. I don’t mean to neglect all the other branches in the Federation and the following invitation is also open to you. We would welcome you with open arms, but the distance you would have to travel might be a problem. (Maybe not)

Saint Frances Cabrini Church in San Jose has a wonderful facility on their grounds. If you are looking for a place to have a birthday party, an organizational event, a private party, a BBQ for friends or family, consider this wonderful location. This outdoor facility has 3 regulation size Bocce Courts, a horse shoe pit, a BBQ pit and grills, a covered area with table and chairs, and room to fit comfortably 80 people. It is really nice and I have used it for my Toastmasters Club, birthday parties and graduation parties for my family. St. Frances Cabrini Church is located at 15333 Woodard Rd. San Jose, Ca. 95124.

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

On July 19 we had our summer dinner at Chalét Basque Restaurant in San Rafael. No-host cocktails started at 4:00 with dinner at 5:00pm. Entrée choices were poached salmon, half roasted chicken, veal piccata and New York steak. The dinner included pate, soup, salad, dessert, coffee and wine. Everyone attending had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who donated money towards the basket raffles.

Thank you to all of you who bought raffle tickets for the convention.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

Santa Clara Valley District outdoor mass at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara. Ric Shimshock holds an umbrella to protect Father Paolo Gobbo from the sun on this beautiful day.

Ciao,

Denise Antonowicz

Ciao,

Mike Nunziata

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

Ciao,
Italian Catholic Federation Branch 184 in Los Gatos held its annual Layette Luncheon at the home of Members Rose and Don Arnaudo in Monte Sereno. Thank you to all who supported our branch layette.

Bob Basuino presents Br. 191’s President Jo Bertaccini with a small banner for the branch’s 50th Anniversary.

The price is reasonable. For information, call Liz Donaldson (408) 266-3833 or Betty Antuzzi (408) 559-4268.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

On August 12 we had a wonderful ice cream social, thanks to Jacque and Paul Butler, Cheryl and Ron Sanchez, and JoAnne and Jerry Opp. Ice cream is always a favorite, but our hosts and hostesses realized that all that sugar, though great tasting, needed to be supplemented by actual nourishment, so we brought “heavy” appetizers, too. A tasty meal was enjoyed by all.

President Noreen Gillio reported that the Santa Clara Valley District Mass and Picnic was well attended by our branch, which provided cakes and helpers.

We discussed and voted on the four proposed branch-by-law changes. Our lively discussion gave our delegates direction on how to vote at Convention. Our members had lots of opinions.

Our Monte Carlo night on August fourteenth was a huge success. Organized very capably by our branch members Tony and Connie Clancy, the night of fun provided both our branch and the John Neumann Council of the Knights of Columbus with funds for our projects. Our share goes to the new parish hall, which is coming along nicely in its second of three phases. Also, the secret is out: Connie and Tony are extremely talented, even able to compose and perform songs at Mass to advertise our Monte Carlo night. A hearty “thank you” to them for all they did to make the evening so much fun!

Blessings on all,
Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Branch #391 did not have a July meeting, and instead, had a BBQ hotdog dinner, along with beans, watermelon and chips. The summer dinner was spearheaded by the Lencioni Family.

Congratulations to Mary and Sal Lipari who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July!

The St. Martin’s gym and kitchen are in the process of being renovated, so Branch #391 will not have a dinner or meeting in August. Also, the Branch’s Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, originally planned for August, will be moved to September.

Ciao,
Bianca Villoroz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to Msgr Miliani who has celebrated his 90th Birthday and the 65th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood in June

Our Summer ICF Blood Drive was held on June 21st and we hosted over 41 donors. Thanks to all who have prayed for the success of these Blood drives – especially CC Member Jane Dianda who supplied ICF Tote bags to all Donors- courtesy of CC.

The outdoor District Mass at Our Lady of Peace was well attended and Fr. Paulo Gobo presided under the statue of the Blessed Mother.

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Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

At our last dinner meeting we were treated to a wonderful meal prepared by Luciana and Bob Valenti. We feasted on Linguini with Marinara sauce, prawns, garlic bread and yummy desserts. A big THANK YOU to the Valentis.

Our branch celebrated June as Wedding Month. We brought pictures of our weddings, our parents weddings etc. It was so much fun looking at pictures from the past and bringing back so many special memories.

Louise Vento talked about the making of a huge wedding cake made in Lavorna, Italy. It was very interesting and informative. Thank you Louise.

We would love to have more members join our branch. If you have friends, relatives, family members please tell them about our wonderful bunch of people here at branch 435 and the delicious meals we share every month.

Our condolences to Andy Pappani for the loss of his sister, and to Sylvia Sorci in the passing of her brother in law Gerald Sato.

Please keep Loretta Wilson, Gail Wess, Ken Ravissa and Joe Tacci in your prayers.

Have a wonderful and blessed summer.

God bless.
Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

We have been busy in July with our Beer Booth for five days at the Napa Town and Country Fair. August 9th was our annual Picnic held at Ernie and Eloise Rota’s patio. There were 23 in attendance including our 8th Grade Scholarship winner and her mother. Jen will be attending Justin-Siena high school this Fall. Many delicious side dishes shared by the members.

Ciao,
Julian

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

We have big news, we are holding an extra sit-down dinner, Saturday,October 17,2015, Scottish Rite Center, Acacia Lane and Highway 12; menu; prime rib and all the trimmings at $20.00. For reservations, call Doreen, 707/525-0295. We use this dinner
income to fund our many community service projects; scholarships, medical research, elder care, help for the homeless and the unborn. Look for further information in our church bulletins, on line and word of mouth. Please pray for the sick; Martha Rusake, the son of our Branch Deputy, Louise Vicino, our District Deputy, Kathy Acquistapace and the grandson of our member, Carmella Hanson. Her dear grandson passed recently. So many people and prayers are with Carmella. Congratulations, Branch 127 Petaluma for hosting our annual District Day of Recollection Sunday, August 24 th . A special thanks to the coordinators of this most inspiring and interesting event, Denisse DiGirolano and Spence Burton. For all Sonoma County Fair goers, may all your fun be well deserved.

Our pre-Father’s Day dinner/meeting chaired by Teresa DeRosier and Kristina Caturegli was wonderful. They served up chicken and tri-tip with the works...salad, bread, veggies...finishing up with choices of lemon delight and double chocolate brownies/ice cream for dessert. Afterwards, they told the dads to go fishing in a specially designed pond stocked with “manly” goodies. This dinner had a special entrance fee! Everyone brought bags of food for branch member, MD Dellaquila’s “Christmas in June” event for The Food Pantry here in Cloverdale. This ministry does much to feed the homeless, those sheltered by the Wallace House and other low income populations in our area. Her event was a great success and we enthusiastically support her efforts.

This is also our month to throw our financial support behind Melissa Gothard and donate to Vacation Bible School which begins the last week in July. The kids will be learning about Jesus and making the imaginary climb to Mount Everest, this year’s special theme. It’s a lively five days with several different learning stations and youth leadership for the singing and dancing. Melissa and crew do a fantastic job of making Catholicism fun and relevant….a memorable experience for the kids that they’ll want to pass on to the next generation!

President, Patsy Buchignani, will be the delegate for the Convention in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend.

We ask for prayers of healing for Teresa’s 26-year-old son, Dustin DeRosier, an avid race car driver who was attending an event at Sears Point, passed out, and damaged himself seriously from the fall. Patsy Buchignani

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Convention time is almost here and I am looking forward to attending the Convention in Las Vegas. The Branch is being well represented, not only by our President, Bruno and his wife, but Sharon Hromek, Bea McQuaid, Denise DiGirolamo, Lucy Singgolya and myself. It’s so much fun because I get to see all the friends I have made through the years of other conventions that Louis and I attended. Congratulations to Madeline Fassett on becoming our new Trustee at the last elections.

Condolences to the family of Doris Burbank, a long time member of the Branch who recently passed on. Condolences too, to Susan O’Connor on the loss of her Step-father, and to Jackie Smith, on the loss of her Father. Also I want to welcome Susan back to the Branch. Looking forward to seeing you.

Good to see that Denise DiGirolamo is doing so well from her surgery. Get well wishes to our District Deputy Kathy Acquistapace who recently had a stroke. Keep her in your prayers. Sending wishes to Frank Cresci and hope he is having better days.

Sebastopol
St. Michael, Br. 209

Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! Last year our summer weather was quite cool. This year is a different story – lots of hot weather to be able to enjoy summertime activities.

Brand 209 does not meet during the month of July, so this month’s news will be very brief.

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Arcata
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Ciao,
Louise Vicino

St. Michael, Br. 209

Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! Last year our summer weather was quite cool. This year is a different story – lots of hot weather to be able to enjoy summertime activities.

Branch 209 does not meet during the month of July, so this month’s news will be very brief.

Upcoming events include nomination of Officers in Sept, Parish Picnic on 9/13, and POLENTA Sept 20...so put on your work aprons.

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Stockton
District Council
A fun time was had by all on the warm evening of June 30 at the Banner Island Ballpark in Stockton as the Stockton Ports took on the Modesto Giants. All five branches of the District were represented as we sat behind home plate to cheer on the Ports. Ice cream, hot dogs, and beer were just a few of the ballpark goodies as we enjoyed each other’s company without having to do any work…a novelty.

The Strategic Plan Workshop was held on Saturday, July 18, at the home of Roger and Annette Ellisagaray in Tracy. Again, all branches of the District were represented. The event began with a continental breakfast and was followed by the workshop and lunch. Central Councilmembers Vince Piro, Andy Pappani, Pat Mages, and Nina Malone, were Life Member Dante Galeazzi, Central Councilmember Marco Galeazzi, and Mrs. Malone. A big shout out to the Strategic Plan Workshop presenters and the Ellisagaray’s for their “over-the-top” hospitality.

Congratulations to Frank Re, President of Branch 139, who volunteered to be the Branch Deputy for Modesto, Branch 48. That leaves one branch open for a deputy, St. Anthony’s Branch 130. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of the months at 6:00 p.m. for dinner with the meeting following dinner, at St. Anthony’s. Interested? Call Karen Rosson at (209) 603-5708 for details. We will help you and you will have lots of fun!

It is with great sorrow that our District Trustee, Rita Barretta, died on her 85th birthday June 21. Rita was a member of Branch 390 for many years, as well as the Stockton District Trustee, and served in many offices.

The Stockton District Italian Baseball Night turned out to be a lot of fun. We had a problem getting our tickets, knowing where to meet and the time but Marco Galeazzi came to our rescue with all the information. When we get back from the convention the preparations for the Parish Fall Festival will be next on the agenda. The festival is September 25-27, 2015. You are invited to join us for the dinners, the carnival, kid’s game booths, silent and oral auctions and entertainment. It is held at 1416 Maze Blvd. in Stockton and is enrolled at the University of Puget Sound. He will study criminology and play football.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390
Our District Strategic Plan Workshop was held on Saturday, July 18 at the home of District President Annette Ellisagaray and was attended by members of the Stockton District. It was an informative day with over 40 ICF members attending. Continental breakfast was over the top! Lunch was fabulous. Our thanks to Annette and her husband Roger for hosting our branch’s first event of this kind. We learned a lot about the leadership needed to continue our
Our annual District picnic at Escalon Community Park in August, where we feasted on wonderful bbq steaks and lots of side dishes. Everyone had a ball!

Our delegates to the convention this year will be Joe Bacchetti, Serena Martocchio, Steve Ridolfi and Lucy Orsi. Also keeping Branch 390 busy in September will be manning our booth like we do every year at St. Bernard’s Church Parish Festival. ICF branch members volunteer our time and energy selling pizza and iced-lemonade, with all proceeds going to help with the expenses to run our parish and school.

Sadly, Rita Baretta passed away peacefully at home on her 85th birthday June 21st. She was a Charter member and past President of Branch 390. She was born in Gera Lario on Lake Como in Italy and was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Mario. Rita came to the US in 1952 and after marrying Mario, they farmed together for 52 years. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ICF “Gifts of Love” in her name.

Hope everyone had a super summer!

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413

Howdy, Howdy Y’all. Much thanks to all who helped and attended our Western BBQ. A great time was had by all, good food, great raffle, Branch and District support and above all profitable for our charities. Hope Dewayne Brown is on the mend after 11 stitches cutting his hand while preparing for the BBQ.

Upcoming Events:
Parish Festival August 16th, ICF will make Italian desserts for our booth,
Columbus Day Dinner October 10th. More info to follow.
Gold Rush Days in Angels October 17th. We will do the Pancake Breakfast.
Bishops Day 2016 will be hosted by Br 413 on March 6, 2016 so mark your calendars. Hugs and prayers for our members under the weather.

Ciao,
Nancy Corsi