Pope John XXIII Award Winner:
Bruno Serato

Chef Bruno Serato, owner of the historic, award-winning Anaheim White House Restaurant, has always been known for his generous philanthropy. In 2003, when Bruno was a board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim, he held a luncheon in honor of his mother, Caterina. A group of 75 women attended in order to support the youth services offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim.

On April 18, 2005 Bruno took Caterina to visit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim. Caterina noticed a young boy eating a bag of chips and discovered that he probably be his only dinner for the evening. Caterina asked Bruno to prepare a nice pasta meal for the child, and that night they fed 75 children who would have otherwise gone hungry. Bruno and Caterina’s passion for the children grew into an organization that they decided to call Caterina’s Club.

Caterina’s Club serves 300 low-income children a nutritionally balanced meal of pasta and vegetables 7 nights a week. That means every night of the week for the past 8 years, 300 children who otherwise would have gone hungry have been able to fill their stomachs with a nice warm meal. More than 500,000 meals have been served to date.

Caterina’s Club also assists families in moving out of the unsafe environment of the motels and into more stable and permanent housing. To date they have helped 36 families move out of the motels to date, with plans for even more in the future.

In 2011, CNN named Serato as a “Top 10 Hero.” In their article on Serato they quote him as saying, “Some people are stuck, they have no money. They need to live in that room. They’ve lost everything they have. They have no other chance. No choice.”

While “motel kids” are found across the United States, the situation is very common in Orange County, California, a wealthy community with high rents and a large number of old motels. In 2009, local authorities estimated that more than 1,000 families lived in these conditions.

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Grand President’s Award:
Roberta Franchini

Roberta Franchini has been awarded the 2013 Grand President’s Award.

Roberta has been a member of Branch 213, St. Augustine, in South San Francisco, for 46 years, and has held every office that the branch has. At the present time she is Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Roberta has participated in the “Small Christian Communities” at St. Augustine’s Parish.

Roberta has been a great asset to not only her branch, but to her parish and community as a whole. She is a tireless worker attending to meeting hall preparations, visiting the sick, attending funerals, attending District activities, holding every office in the branch, and chairing all of the branch Spaghetti Dinners and Champagne Bingos.

Roberta has accomplished this while raising three sons Daniel, James, Joseph, Benjamin, and son Mike and his wife Katie and their four children.

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Young Adult Leadership Award:
Anna Greco-Gonzalez

Anna Greco-Gonzalez has been awarded the 2013 Young Adult Leadership Award.

Anna is 32 years old, is happily married to Cesar Gonzalez and has a son Ethan. She works fulltime for the Regional Medical Center in San Jose. She loves working at the San Jose Medical Center helping and serving others. She is currently taking online classes to become a registered nurse.

Anna was a member of Branch 4 for years, but took a few years off to start her family. Upon her return in 2010, she has become very active within the branch, holding offices and being present at meetings to help set up the church hall and work in the kitchen for branch dinners and events.

She has held the offices of Trustee and is currently 2nd Vice President of Branch 4, San Jose.

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Mother Teresa Award:
Father Michael Mahoney, OFM, Cap

Father Michael Mahoney, OFM, Cap, has been awarded the 2013 Mother Teresa Award. Known as the “Pied Piper” of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Burlingame, California, and chaplain of Branch 173 of the Italian Catholic Federation, Father Mahoney is known to draw adult and children to him.

When David and Pat Mayer’s house burned down Father Mahoney was there to offer them not only spiritual guidance, but an outreach of love and support in their time of need. He has made it his passion to know the members of his “flock” by name, to know their families and to be there to offer spiritual guidance whenever needed.

Every day Father Mahoney shows great passion for his church, the ICF branch and his entire “flock.” Unless called away for an emergency, Father Mahoney attends all family events, meals, and celebrations.

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Family of the Year:
The Gillio Family

The Gillio Family, headed by John and Noreen of Branch 368, has been awarded the 2013 Family of the Year Award.

The family, all members of Branch 368, Santa Teresa, is comprised of Noreen and John Gillio, Jr.; their son John Gillio III, his wife Sue and their daughter Kendra; and son Mike and his wife Katie and their sons Daniel, James, Joseph, Benjamin, and Samuel.

Within the ICF John has held the titles of Branch 368 president and fundraiser chairperson; and Santa Clara Valley District president, 1st vice president, membership chair, branch deputy, and assistant golf chair. Not to be outdone, Noreen has held the titles of Branch president, 1st vice president, heritage chairperson, and fundraiser assistant chairperson.

John and Noreen have donated time and effort to the ICF and Santa Teresa Church. At the Branch Pasta Dinner fundraiser they work to setup the hall for dinner and Noreen coordinates the preparation for salad. Noreen even finds time to prepare a special dinner table with an elaborate dinner service that is provided as part of a special drawing prize.

At the parish festival, they coordinate the “White Elephant Booth” to catalog and price the thousands of items that are donated.

At Christmas, the Branch chooses a “family in need”, but it is John and Noreen who do the necessary follow-up work to ensure the family receives food and gifts to make their holiday a little brighter.

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gifts to the ICF and Santa Teresa Church at numerous events. At Branch Regular Pot Luck meetings they have made generous donations of wine and beverages to serve the members. Noreen, even when not assigned as a hostess, generally helps the monthly hosts with donations and meeting setup supplies.

The Gillios also donate wine and beverages for the Santa Clara Valley Annual BBQ, in addition to raffle prizes and beautiful decorations.

“John and Noreen demonstrate an altruistic attitude which has been instilled throughout their family,” wrote Mike Nunziata of Branch 368.

When asked to serve an officer, John readily accepted and has visited each branch to provide a presence to the members. Noreen, has provided it not only a local spot.

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The economic downturn was a challenge, though. Serato lost 30% to 40% of the customers at his restaurant, but the number of children he fed each night more than doubled. He often found himself giving away more meals than he served in his restaurant, and he was forced to refinance his home to keep going. But Serato found that his work with the children helped sustain him, at least on a personal level.

“So many nights ... it was not too many customers,” he said. “[To] know that I was serving 150 kids ... it made me feel better.”

Today, Serato’s business has rebounded, and his program feeds nearly 200 children in two locations, seven days a week. He also pays for drivers to transport the kids to the Boys & Girls Club, and he has purchased another van. All told, he estimates that the endeavor costs him around $2,000 a month.

“They’re customers,” he says with a smile. “My favorite customers.”

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“Kids should not be suffering,” Serato said. “[I had] to do something.”

Serato, 55, has always given back to the community where he achieved his American dream. When the Italian immigrant arrived in the U.S. 30 years ago, his poor English skills forced him to settle for a job as a dishwasher. But within five years, he had become chef and owner of the Anaheim White House, an Italian restaurant that is now a local hot spot.

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Anna Greco-Gonzalez
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two lovely daughters and she is also the proud grandmother of four.

According to Past Branch President Faith Hill, Roberta has, and still gives 150% to the ICF and to her Branch 213.

When her children were young she worked at the school as a volunteer and when her grandchildren were in school she worked in the library once a week, mending books in an effort to help.

At a bake sale you would always see Roberta’s carrot cake on the table, according to Hill. There wouldn’t be just one there though, there would be 30 in addition to brownies.

One time, according to Hill, Roberta and her husband Franco were taking a walk and saw a stranger who said she needed a ride. They felt sorry for her and went back to get their car and took her to San Francisco.

“That is the person Roberta is,” Hill said. “She is also very involved with her family and would do anything for them.”

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functions that he is invited to, and makes a valiant effort to be an active participant in the lives and activities of those in his parish.

At OLA Parish, Father Mahoney oversees many ministries including the Senior Outreach; OLA Communion Team; the Renew program; parish scheduling committee; the finance committee; the Parish Council; the OLA School Board; the Men’s Club, the Mother’s Club; St. Vincent de Paul; the Liturgy Committee; and the ICF.

“Fr. Michael Mahoney is a very caring and gracious individual; he would do everything in his power to help in any way he can,” said Dorene Campanile, president of Branch 173, OLA.

“In 2011 when the ICF Annual Convention was held in Foster City, Fr. Michael moved Back to School Night to accommodate the San Mateo District of the ICF so the Thursday Night Dinner could be held in the OLA Gymnasium. He also provided use of the parish sacred vessels if they were needed at the Sunday mass at the Convention.

One Saturday evening, after the 5:00 mass Fr. Michael approached the president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLA Bob and Elaine Osorio of Branch 186 wrote: “In this day and age when there are so many unhappy families, John and Noreen’s children and their families are loving and compassionate, respect one another and are ready, willing and able to help whenever necessary.”
FESTA ITALIA SANTA ROSALIA FESTIVAL
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 7TH, 8TH
FREE ADMISSION ALL THREE DAYS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE BOOTHS OPEN

2013 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
6:00-9:30  Dancing to Joe Sharino Band
          Food and Beverage Booths Open

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
11:15-12:15  Operation Rock - Featuring Frank, John, and Chris Campo
12:30  National Anthem - Welcome by Mayor Chuck Della Sala
1:00-1:45  The Anthony Lane Band
2:00-2:45  Pasquale Esposito
3:00-3:45  The Anthony Lane Band
          Tarantella Dancers
4:00-4:45  Pasquale Esposito
5:00-6:00  Oracio Aiello, Rachel Marotta, and The Monterey String Quartet with Mike Marotta, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
11:00-12:00  The Anthony Lane Band
12:15-1:15  Pasquale Esposito
1:30-2:00  Mike Marotta, Sr. and Ree Ree Brunell Tarantella Dancers
2:15-3:15  Oracio Aiello, Rachel Marotta, Plus Monterey String Quartet with Mike Marotta
3:30-4:15  The Anthony Lane Band
4:30-5:30  Pasquale Esposito

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
10:30 Mass  San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church Street
12:00 Noon  Parade Starts at San Carlos Cathedral, Through Alvarado Street to the Plaza
Welcome to the 83rd Annual ICF Convention in La Quinta

As President and representative of the San Bernardino District, I want to welcome you to the 2013 Italian Catholic Federation’s 83rd Annual Convention at the beautiful La Quinta Resort and Spa. We hope you can participate in the weekend activities that we have planned.

We kick off with the Thursday Night Dinner at 7pm, preceded by a no-host bar and Italian music at 6pm. After dinner, there will be dancing and more great music that you are sure to enjoy. We will hold a raffle with many wonderful baskets and other items. Our Novelty Booth will have many new items. We hope you will stop by and buy a souvenir to help you remember your wonderful weekend with us.

Two tours are scheduled for 9am on Friday morning, if we get the minimum amount of participants to cover the cost of the bus. The first tour is at the nearby Indian Casino, Fantasy Springs. They will reimburse you the $25.00 cost of the bus ride and give you a $3.00 coupon toward lunch.

The other tour is of Palm Springs sponsored tour of celebrity homes in the area. In addition to the tours on Friday, the Central Council will be hosting its annual events: pedro, the Bocce tournament and the blood drive, which will also be available to occupy your time.

We hope you enjoy this year’s Convention. We wish everyone a safe journey back home.

Ciao!

Jack Grisafe
President, San Bernardino District

Grand President’s Monthly Message: Jane Dianda’s Farewell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 83rd Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

As we gather together in La Quinta, it is my hope that you will experience a sense of excitement, which comes from the opportunity of renewing acquaintances; fulfillment which comes from knowledge received through the Convention workshops; and hopefully satisfaction when voting on the proposed by-law change and election for members to the Central Council. It is also my hope that you are filled with a sense of pride, as I am, which comes from being a member of the this amazing organization.

To those branches that are unable to attend the Convention, I urge you and your members to make it a goal for the upcoming year to resolve any issues that have prohibited your attendance this year. Sometimes all it takes is a little bit more education and motivation, which can easily be attained by attending the Conventions.

To all members of the Federation, as my term of serving you as Grand President nears its end, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude for your cooperation and encouragement these past two years. It has indeed been an honor and a privilege for me to serve you. I was greeted with warmth and filled with pride while representing you everywhere I have traveled. I am, and continue to be, very grateful to each of you.

It is often said, “A leader is nothing without his/her followers.” My sincere thanks to the members of the Central Council for electing me to this office and for the tremendous amount of support and knowledge you have extended towards me. I could not have done it without you.

To Msgr. Cardelli, our Bishops, Chaplains, and all Clergy, your kindness and words of wisdom somehow always seem to have come at just the right time. I am forever thankful to each of you.

Once again, to all Convention delegates, family and friends, enjoy yourselves and each other, and have a fantastic time!

Fraternally,

Jane Dianda
Grand President

Central Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 8, 2013
Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Opening Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli
Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: 2nd VP Leonard Zasoski/GP Jane Dianda
Roll Call of Officers: CC Member excused: George Baciagalupi, Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Jim Jones
CC Life Members Emeritus present: Al Teglia, Bob Acquistapace, Robert Dianda, Carmen Kilcullen, Leroy Taddei, Nello Rossi, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero; and Member Emeritus Frances Teglia

GP Jane Dianda welcomed guests from visiting branches.

Minutes from February 9, 2013 were approved as presented.

Communications

Thank you from the Diocese of Oakland Archbishop Alex Brunett and Diocese of Chicago Archbishop Francis George for Bishop’s Day and gifts.

Another Successful Golf Tournament

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Chairman, Ways & Means

The 2013 I.C.F. Golf Tournament sponsored by the Central Council was held on July 19, 2013 at the beautiful Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey, CA. There were 61 contestants who competed in the tournament this year. We were honored to have, Bishop Stephen Blaire of the Diocese of Stockton, Father George Aranha of Santa Clara, and Father Robert Milbauer of Los Angeles join us for the day.

Several Central Council members and spouses were in attendance for the event, as well.

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Reports

Grand President – Jane Dianda

- Bishop Days attended: Stockton (March 17); San Francisco/San Mateo (April 7); Oakland/Contra Costa (April 21).
- Committees attended: Finance and Executive (March 8); Convention Director (March 15); Finance and Executive (May 10).
- Other events attended: East Bay
Living the Year of Faith

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

After the Resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles, having received the Holy Spirit, were so full of Faith, Hope, and Love! They were so excited with living this new Faith in Jesus that they wanted to spread the Good News to everyone.

The Church began to grow in leaps and bounds in many areas of Asia Minor. Both Jews and Gentiles were embracing the love and knowledge of Jesus. The thought of living for all eternity with God was overpowering the newly converted. They were so full of joy that they seemed to be on the verge of exploding with Faith, Hope, and Love.

These new Christians were truly living their Faith to the fullest. They were eager to show their love for Jesus and each other. They even suffered persecution for what they believed. Their love was so real, so alive, and so vibrant!

We, too, can capture that fullness of Faith in our lives. Let this convention fill our lives with renewed Faith full of the same joy experienced by the early Christians. All we have to do is sift out of our lives all the “stuff” that blocks our relationship with Jesus: the worries, the hurts, the anguish, the pride, the selfishness. Then we too will explode with the joy of living our Faith. O happy FAITH! O happy Love! O happy Life!

Membership Statistics For the Year

Roselyne Jarrett
Membership Chairperson

The 2012-2013 Membership Year has come to a close. Below you will find our stats. Thank you for your efforts to recruit and retain members.

The new membership year began on July 1. Let’s get the year started on the right foot by first following up with any past due members. Next, begin planning your efforts to bring in new members. Consider a membership drive or a refer-a-member program.

Ever wonder what other members have to say about the ICF? More than 300 surveys have been received and the details will be shared at the Convention’s Membership Workshop. The committee will share the trends of our membership and present solutions to the most frequently listed suggestions from the surveys. There will be two workshop sessions presented. We hope you can join us at one.

Federation-wide Results
Membership as of 07/01/12 - 11,212
New Members - 1,038
Reinstated - 29
Transfer In/Out - 43
Non-payment - 211
Deceased - 264
Cancellations - 926

Membership as of 06/30/12 - 10,878
55 Branches and 11 Districts/Areas had increased membership.

Don’t Miss the Membership Workshop on Saturday at the Convention!

Branches and Districts

Branches and Districts with the Highest Overall Increase

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 55 OR FEWER MEMBERS
1st Branch 354 Paso Robles, CA 55.0%
2nd Branch 25 Salinas, CA 34.5%
3rd Branch 51 Castroville, CA 40.0%

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 36 – 60 MEMBERS
1st Branch 31 Los Banos, CA 47.4%
2nd Branch 218 Arcadia, CA 25.5%
3rd Branch 441 Des Plaines, IL 22.7%

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 61 – 100 MEMBERS
1st Branch 438 Roseville, CA 79.0%
2nd Branch 440 Long Beach, CA 22.9%
3rd Branch 343 Castro Valley, CA 22.2%

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 101 OR MORE MEMBERS
1st Branch 342 Auburn, CA 33.3%
2nd Branch 14 Crockett, CA 13.3%
3rd Branch 291 Arroyo Grande, CA 13.0%

DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST INCREASE
Blessed Sacrament District (tied) 5.8%
Contra Costa District (tied) 5.8%
Los Angeles District 4.6%

BRANCHES WITH THE MOST FAMILY MEMBERShips
Branch 291 Arroyo Grande, CA (tied) 7
Branch 342 Auburn, CA (tied) 7
Branch 440 Long Beach, CA 5

Our Branches welcomed 74 family memberships this year.

100% RETENTION
BRANCHES WITH ZERO CANCELLATIONS:

Branch 51 Castroville, CA Branch 70 Sanger, CA Branch 237 Gardena, CA Branch 241 West Covina, CA
Branch 86 Chicago, IL Branch 118 Montebello, CA Branch 250 Clovis, CA Branch 290 San Francisco, CA
Branch 150 Cotati, CA Branch 220 Elmwood Park, IL Branch 368 San Jose, CA Branch 441 Des Plaines, IL
Heritage around the ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee will have a Heritage booth again this year at the Convention. We will have books for sale. Everyone has asked for the Land Beyond, books on Saints, Italy and Una Storia Segreta. We will have a display of Heritage items donated by Rosemarie Gregori that belonged to her late husband, Ario. A Heritage film will be playing for your viewing. The Heritage display and book sale will take place on Friday and Saturday at the Convention.

The Heritage Committee will also have two workshops this year covering Heritage, Past, Present and Future. They will be on Saturday from 9:40am to 10:25am and again from 10:35am to 11:20am. Look forward to seeing old and new friends at the Convention.

QR Codes Have Come to the ICF

The ICF now owns a QR code (Quick Response Code) that can be scanned using an app on a smartphone. Once scanned your smartphone will take you to the ICF’s website.

These QR codes are currently popular in advertising and are a great way for people to quickly get information about the ICF. Feel free to use it on your pamphlets and posters. If you have the app, try it and see where it takes you!

Golf Tournament

Following the tournament, everyone enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by master chef Peter John Curatolo and members of Branch 36, Monterey.

The players and dinner guests were very generous in supporting the raffle that was held following the dinner. After expenses, a profit of $7,513.54 was realized. We would like to thank committee members Leonard Rossi for chairing the event and Dante Galeazzi for coordinating the raffle along with the help of other CC and committee members. We extend special thanks to Liz Grammatico and the members of Branch 36, Monterey for their hard work in producing such a fantastic dinner, also a thank you to all the hole sponsors, your gratitude is greatly appreciated.

Save The Date!

Grand President
Jane Dianda’s Testimonial Dinner will be held on November 2, 2013 at the Fratellanza Club, in Oakland, California.

Reservation information will be in the next Bollettino

Bring Your Bollettino to the Convention!

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

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James (Jim) Acitelli  
Br. 425, Green Valley, Arizona

Thank you for the honor, opportunity, and support you gave me as I served the last three years as a member of the Central Council. I ask for that continued support again as I seek re-election. I have served on the Apostle/Charity Committee as a member, and for the last two years as chairman. It is the goal of this committee to strengthen the role of ICF members in both our church and in our giving as emphasized in the articles in the “Bollettino.” In the past year I also served on the Membership Committee and the “Live to Give” Committee. I have learned a great deal about the ICF by working with and listening to more experienced members and putting their suggestions to work in the various areas I serve.

As a seven-year member of Branch 425 in Green Valley, I have served three times as President, as well as 2nd Vice President, Orator, and am now serving a second term as a Trustee, and have been a Convention delegate several times. I also serve as Branch Deputy to Tucson Branch 433. I travel to the Arizona Branches to attend their meetings and functions and keep them aware of their voice on Central Council and also attend ICF functions in California.

Among my parish activities I serve as a usher; have served the Knights of Columbus for two years as Grand Knight and am now in my second year as Faithful Navigator as well as a member of the Holy Guardian.

It is my hope that you will give me the opportunity to use the knowledge I have gained by supporting me with your vote so I can continue to work tirelessly on the Central Council to strengthen our Italian Catholic Federation as we move forward “Living the Year of Faith.”

Nancy Corsi  
Br. 91, Oakland; Br. 103, Sonoma

As we prepare to meet in La Quinta I want to thank you for the support you have given me during the last 2 years as a Central Council Member and I graciously ask for your continued endorsement.

What a wonderful theme of this year’s convention, “Living the Year of Faith.” I have been given so much and received so many blessings as I have grown up in the Federation as a member for the past 40 years. Little did Luigi know what he was creating for all of us.

Let me share a bit about myself for those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting. I am married to my wonderful husband, Giovanni, we have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. We are currently providing care for my 91 and 92 year old parents who live in our home. I currently serve as an officer of the Central Council as Grand Trustee, Chairperson of the Heritage Committee and appointed member of the Central Council Membership Committee. I am President of Branch 91, Oakland and am a member of my local Branch in Sonoma, Br. 103. I will be hosting the Heritage workshops at this year’s convention, which I hope you will have the opportunity to attend.

While attending numerous ICF events throughout the Federation I have had the opportunity to meet so many members. I have been a member of the Central Council since its establishment in 1924 but it also has its ups and downs. It is time for its rebirth. The ICF needs a jumpstart to find new members or even a new niche. I see the young 20-30 year olds as our new niche. They present fresh eyes to our loving hearts. We should recruit at Catholic colleges and universities. With social media, the ICF has just touched the surface of future possibilities that may present itself.

The Italian Catholic Federation is a part of me and my family. I want the ICF to succeed for generations to come and pass this great organization to my children in the future.

Grazie!

Lisa M. Crudo  
Br. 343, Castro Valley

I have had a most rewarding and exciting year on the Central Council! I have enjoyed meeting so many new people in each district that 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, have been a positive resource for you all.

I have served on several committees. The Apostle/Charity committee with Chairman Jim Acitelli, and fellow Central Council members Teresa Helfand and Marco Galeazzi is like the trunk of the ICF tree. It is the basis of all the work that we do. 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 new “Live to Give” committee with Chairperson Nina Malone, Laurice Levine and Jim Acitelli, and I am working with Franklyn Lopes in coordinating the Masses for Convention this year.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than spending time with all of you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this past year, and I look forward to many more years of service as your Central Council member.

Maria Di Paolo  
Br. 379, Huntington Beach

Buon giorno Fratelli e Sorelle del Italian Catholic Federation. I am Maria Di Paolo from the lovely district of Orange. After enjoying meeting so many representatives from Central Council, I have decided to run again. The past three years have been a rewarding experience as I became an adopted parent. My grand-nephews have filled my house with noise, toys, and love.

I am still very active with the ICF in both my district and my branch. I have continued to be a Branch President of Br. 379, St. Bonaventure, Huntington Beach. This year, I was also elected to District President for the Orange District. I have enormous support and encouragement from my district and my branch for the opportunity to run for Council.

Although the Italian Catholic Federation has been a big part of my life for the past 23 years, I have also been active in my church and community. To continue my son Joseph’s Catholic upbringing, I volunteer in the religious education at my church. Since Joseph is a Cub Scout, I became an active parent volunteer and recently became a den leader.

At this time, I see the ICF going through some growing pain. It has grown since its establishment in 1924 but it also has its ups and downs. ICF needs a jumpstart to find new members or even a new niche. I see the young 20-30 year olds as our new niche. They present fresh eyes to our loving hearts. We should recruit at Catholic colleges and universities. With social media, the ICF has just touched the surface of future possibilities that may present itself.

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Marco Galeazzi  
Br. 139, Manteccia; Br. 36, Monterey; Br. 326, Temple City

I would like to give everyone warm wishes for “Living the Year of Faith” in 2013. As we prepare to go to the Annual Convention, we are all getting excited about the gathering of our brothers and sisters. We will discuss, laugh, agree/disagree, listen, learn, love and pray for the love of our church, our great Federation and our great Nation.

We must be vigilant in our quest of apostolate, charity and the giving to the Seminarians, for the future priests of our church. Our first objective of the ICF, as set forth in the first Branch By-Laws was: “To uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread the spirit among the Italian people outside of the organization.” We must continue to spread the word and our actions to everyone in and outside of some organization. We must continue to promote ourselves to all by our actions and non-actions. People will see or hear of our good work, and wonder, what is this ICF.

While my travels, I have been to numerous Branches and Districts where I have seen the good work of your heart and soul. This makes me so proud and honored to be an ICF member.

I have worked hard while on the Central Council, District and Branch to promote the Italian Catholic Federation. This year I was on the Heritage and Apostle/Charity committees. I speak of the ICF wherever I go, in public or in churches. I speak of the ICF to other Catholics and to non-Catholics and to other Italians as well as non-Italians. I will continue to be there for you. Remember for Living the Year of Faith, is never ending. Grazie.

Teresa Helfand  
Br. 392, Chicago

Another year has passed and the 2013 Convention and Central Council elections are only a few weeks away! As such, I wish to announce that I will again seek re-election as Central Council Member.

My history with the ICF goes back several years, having joined the ICF family a little over 20 years ago. I became a member of the St. Francis Borgia – Branch 392 in January 1993. Over the years I have held many offices at Branch 392 and the Chicago Diocesan ICF have been a Central Council member for four consecutive years.

My experiences have been rewarding, having concentrated my efforts on apostolate and charitable works and campaigning within many local churches seeking new branch openings and boosting membership. Like you, I am a firm believer in helping others. Parish and charities can sponsor programs (e.g. Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love, and Scholarship Program) remain top priorities. I also support our parish’s fundraising initiatives, and remain committed to Radio Maria with religious programming in Italian for our elderly, sick, and shut-ins.

To promote the ICF and make our objectives known, I have taken a pro-active role in parish and district activities. I continue to serve on the European American Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago, representing the Italian Community, on the St. Francis Borgia Apostolic Council, as Assistant Chairperson, and recently became a part of the Chicago Archdiocesan Capital Stewardship Campaign Committee at St. Francis Borgia.

My platform remains simple. If re-elected I promise to continue with my apostolate work and heighten the campaign for new branch openings and growing membership. Together with faith, love and charity, we can achieve our goals. Let’s keep the vision of our founding fathers alive!

Please give me your vote.

Roselynn Jarrett  
Br. 13, Pittsburg; Br. 72, Martinez

I am a member of an unofficial group known as “growing up with the ICF.” I became a leader at a young age, was a branch and district president, and over the years, learned the “ropes.” Whether you have grown up in the ICF, been with us for a short time or newly joined, together we have created a family that shares the same core values of faith, charity and heritage.
This family atmosphere is what I've been attempting to preserve during my tenure. I've helped branches develop youth programs, promote family memberships and am planning family activities for this year's convention. Currently, I'm in the process of opening a new branch in Pleasant Hill, CA. From day one I've promoted ICF as a family organization. Not only am I recruiting members to “grow up in the ICF,” I'm also helping to save the membership. While family memberships are close to my heart, I'm also involved in many other areas. I am active with Branches 13-Martinez and 72-Pittsburg and closely involved with the Contra Costa District. Within the Central Council, I am planning up my second term as Grand Trustee and have a goal to become Grand Treasurer. I've been shadowing this position for two years and am confident I'm prepared to accept this role if elected by my peers. I also serve on multiple committees, including Convention, Executive, Expansion, Finance, Task Force and Membership, which I've been chairperson of for six years.

Being a Central Council Member is a wonderful experience. I look forward to serving on an eighth term. I'm committed to providing and executing ideas, offering solutions and seeking feedback from all levels: Branch, District and Central Council. I appreciate your support so I may continue my service in this capacity. Thank you!

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Br. 227, Capitola
As we meet in La Quinta, I want to thank you for the support you have given me this past year, and I ask that you continue to support me as a Central Council Member. Born and raised in Santa Cruz, California, I am of Italian-Portuguese heritage. I currently serve as, Sergeant-at-Arms, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and member of Convention and Membership Committees. I am also president of Branch 227, Capitola, California; president of the Central Coast District; and deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz. I have been a volunteer with the Dominican Foundation Huguenot Santa Cruz for the past 10 years, served as president of the Guild in 2008, and serve as usher at St. Joseph's Church in Capitola. I have owned The Bay Formal in Santa Cruz for the last 14 years, and I especially enjoy flower arranging and gardening.

It is my hope of being re-elected to the Central Council so I can continue what our founders Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert R. Bandini started 89 years ago. My main goal is still to achieve an increase in membership throughout the branches, in addition to bringing before the Central Council those issues most important to the members. I will continue to work hard for the Federation and to help it grow stronger in every way-through family, heritage, charity, and spirit.

I look forward to seeing you all in La Quinta. Please stop by my hospitality room and say Hi! And again I ask for your continued support for me as your Central Council Member. God Bless you all.

Pat Mages
Br. 380, Thousand Oaks
For the past 22 years I've had the pleasure of holding the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chaired fundraising events. This year we joined a new family, Branch 67. I'm currently the President for the Santa Barbara-Ventura District. In 2002, my husband Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award.

I've been a member of Central Council for 4 1/2 years. This past year I served as Chair of the Hospitalization Committee; on the Gifts of Love; Ways & Means (chaired the successful 'Night for the Seminarians'); and Task Force Committees. Besides attending all the CC meetings, I've had the pleasure of attending many District Installations, Conventions, and Bishop Days.

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

I've been an advocate for victims of family domestic violence for 30+ years. I currently work with the Port Hueneme Police as an advocate. I'm, also, a para professional with the local school district, working with severely disabled students, mostly autistic. These amazing individuals have taught me more then I will ever teach them.

In order to grow and maintain membership we will meet the needs of all members; to understand the challenges of the 21st century, just as Sir Luigi and Fr. Bandini did in the 1920's. They were modern, progressive thinkers, learning from the past, but living in the present, planning for the future. They understood the current needs of their members. We must continue to follow their example and stay in touch with today’s challenges and ideals.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew J. Pappani
Br. 28, Gilroy
Ciao, I am Andrew J. Pappani from Branch 28 of Gilroy, California (known as the Grateful Catholic of the World) in the Santa Clara Valley District.

I am running for re-election to the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation. Let me give you a brief history of my life in the ICF for those that may not know me.

I was born in Healdsburg, California in December 1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani. I am the youngest of six children. I married my very lovely wife Siria (known as妙妙 at Sd) in 1978, and we have two sons Andrew Joseph Pappani Jr., living in Aspen, Colorado, and Anthony Louis Pappani and his lovely wife Dominique living in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

I joined Gilroy, Branch 28 in 1980 and served several offices including president for three years then moved up to the District level and held several offices including District President for a three year term and Branch Deputy to several branches in the Santa Clara Valley District.

In 2006 I ran for Central Council and was elected. I held the office of Sergeant of Arms for a two year term and Grand Trustee for a two year term.

I have served on many committees including, Public Relations, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Finance and the Executive Board. I am currently the Chairperson for Gifts of Love Program.

As a member of the Central Council I am here for you (to help keep the fire burning). I thank everybody for the past and present support and let us all stand together for the future of our Italian Catholic Federation.

Thank you again for your support.

Vince Piro
Br. 39, Merced
The Federation is at the beginning of a journey. Like many journeys, this one comes with its known destinations, but it will also include some surprises and unknown side trips.

The ICF is poised to begin strategic planning -- a deep and heartfelt look at itself as an organization. This means an examination of what the Federation stands for, its values, how it operates, its many activities, and it means an honest evaluation of its strengths and weaknesses.

It would be easy to look at the Federation’s declining membership over the last few years and focus on the negative, but I believe the Federation has many strengths and traditions that any plan for the future must include. Must the Federation address the need for change in some way? Yes, of course. However, any move forward must be built on our strong traditions: our faith, charity, work, our heritage, our faith in Christ.

I am running for Central Council again to accomplish one thing: to see to its completion the creation of our strategic plan. As a Central Council member, I will assure that any plan balances our traditions with the change necessary to move forward.

As the Federation begins this journey, I want to assist everyone along the road the best I can. I want to be of service to our branches, districts, and the Central Council as the Federation moves forward along its journey.

Deborah Rodonci
Br. 19, Colma
I want to thank all of you who have helped and guided me through my journey as Branch Council Member; it has been an honor to serve; an adventure meeting members at the Branches/Districts, the friendships bonded are priceless; and enriching; as I have become more actively involved with the many layers of ICF.

As a Central Council member, I hold the office of Grand Secretary, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, member of Finance, Task Force and Convention Directors Committees. At convention I will be taking care of registration, Pedro Tovaro and Colma. Currently I am Secretary of the San Mateo District (6 years) and Treasurer of Branch 19 Colma (11 years).

For the past 15 years I have been the primary care-giver to members of my family: my Grandparents, Dad and finally Mom; not always an easy job but rewarding in so many ways. Mom (June) is the reason I became a member of the ICF, her love and devotion for the Organization fueled me to become a very active member and be I am today.

Mom taught me that we are individuals that work together for common goals: spirituality, apostolate, heritage and friendship. We work hard, yet have fun. We go out into the community promoting our faith and heritage.

By sharing our successes we can continue to make the Federation strong, active and move forward toward a future. With the support of Branch 19, the San Mateo District, my many ICF friends and you I hope to continue doing that as a member of Central Council.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Br. 281, Bakersfield
I have had the honor of serving you on the Central Council for the last six years. This has been a very rewarding experience seeing all that the ICF has to offer to the parish and communities throughout the Federation. You, the members, are to be proud of all that has been accomplished in the past and what we will continue to strive for in the future.

We need to focus our energy from this convention, put that drive into action to grow our organization, and to move in a direction that will best attract and keep all members, meeting not only our needs but the needs of new members as well.

For the federation to be viable in the future we will need to make changes in many ways, such as how we conduct our meetings and our events so that all feel welcome and included. Time is a valuable commodity in this ever-busy world, and we need to make sure that our member’s time is not wasted on trivial things.

All organizations such as the ICF have a life cycle. God helps us in many ways and he had a purpose for giving the foresight to our founding fathers in the creation of the ICF. Now is the time to build upon the foundation set forth by our past leaders and members. We can upgrade our organization by making the changes necessary to meet the next generation’s wants and desires, all while giving back to our parish and community.

We have received a great treasure in being part of the ICF, their life cycle, as a viable organization, is far from over and the future can be as bright as we make it.

It would be a privilege to continue serving you as a member of the Central Council.
Best Wishes to our 2013 First Year Scholarship Winners!

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Joshua De Lara
Br. 25, Salinas

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Gianna Brigantino
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Br. 36, Monterey

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Joanna C. Van Blaricom
In remembrance of the birthday of Earl E. Van Blaricom
Bruce and Lonnie Swarringim
Get well wishes for Joe Frankina
Bruce and Lonnie Swarringim
In memory of Terry Ann Gonwa
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In honor of the 50th birthday of Norma Nordstrom
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 07/31/2013

CRISTINA PESCE  Branch 115
ANNE KUTCH  Branch 130
HELEN M MINOTTI  Branch 213
ANITA GIUSTI  Branch 258
MARIO MARTINI  Branch 258
MARGARET CARUSO  Branch 291
CHARLOTTE M GIRARDI  Branch 357
DOROTHY A SMITH-STOFFEY  Branch 308
TERRY BUCKERODD  Branch 327
ANNIE M MANSOUR  Branch 367
MARY ANN L WEST  Branch 391
ANGELO SCIMEONE  Branch 416
JOAN BERNARDI  Branch 425
LORITTA J JOHNSON  Branch 435
The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) adopted Cooley’s Anemia (also called thalassemia) as its national charity back in the 1980s. Since 1992, the donations for Cooley’s Anemia have been going to Children’s Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, California, which is one of the six specialty centers for thalassemia in North America. Over that time period, the ICF has donated a total of $1,076,754. 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 ferrometer) 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 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 health fairs. 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 on our mailing list.)

The ICF has also funded state-of-the-art patients, as well as to search for a cure.

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**ICF Donations for Cooley’s Anemia**

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**Donations received by August 1.**

**Scholarship Donations**

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda
  - In honor of the 90th birthday of Mr. Melvin Rapozo
  - Jane Dianda
  - In memory of Shadow
  - Maurice Kaehler
  - In memory of Angelo “Angie” Rossi
  - Karen Rosson
  - In memory of Paul Vaccarezza

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**Cooley’s Anemia Donations**

- Branch 1
  - 403:
    - Branch 2
      - 48
    - Branch 4
      - 47
- Branch 4
- Branch 5
  - 52:
    - Santa Rosa District
    - 53:
      - Officers/Members of Br. 308
        - In memory of Charlotte Girardo
        - 41:
          - Officers/Members of Br. 308
            - In memory of Peter De Pasquale
            - Patricia and Louise Cordich
            - In memory of Richard Hoenc
            - Officers/Members of Br. 28
            - Roof and Kathy Santos
            - Roger and Kathy Santos
            - In memory of Linda Gireatti
            - Ronald and Roberta Gennini
            - In memory of Irma Gennini
            - In memory of Vince Cusella
- Branch 70
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      - In memory of Vince Cusella
La Celebrazione di Gioventù -- The Celebration of Youth

Scavenger Hunt

Please bring a camera or a phone with a camera to capture your convention scavenger hunt journey.

Complete 10 Tasks:
1. Play a ball game (tennis, basketball, croquet, golf, pool, or volleyball)
2. Pose in front of a La Quinta sign.
3. Take a dip in the pool.
4. Meet a priest or a nun.
5. Have your parent post a family photo on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Attend the opening ceremonies.
7. Visit a hospitality room.
8. Shake hands with the Grand President.
9. Make jewelry out of pasta.
10. Visit the ICF Heritage table.

Color a picture of one the ICF Patron Saints
Meet an ICF member from another Branch.
Take the Family Back Lot Fitness Tour

Your final task:
Submit your favorite photo from your family scavenger hunt. Please email the photo, along with a caption, to membership@icf.org before September 10th. The photos will be featured in the Kids Section of the next Bollettino.

Resort Activities

Arcade Court Sports
Indoor Theatre
Ping Pong Tables
Football Classes

Family Back Lot Fitness Tour
The tour includes history and information about the resort & surrounding areas as a fitness instructor guides you in a ½ mile walk through the Santa Rosa Cove. The tour takes place on Thursday and Saturday at 10:15am. Please meet at the fitness center 15 minutes prior if you wish to participate.

Golf
Test your swing at the putting green near the plunge pool.

Tennis
Twenty-three courts are available for you. An hourly fee applies. Racquets are available for rent at the Pro Shop.

Spa
The Spa offers junior packages for ages 8 and over. Treatments include massages, facials and nail services.

Swimming
The main pool and kids pool are available, but with over 40 pools to enjoy, chances are you will find one just outside your casita.

Local Activities

Shopping – Old Town La Quinta and El Paseo
Hiking – La Quinta Cove Oasis The Living Desert
Cycling – Lake Cahuilla or Earthquake Canon
Visit the Concierge for more local activities.

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Scavenger Hunt

Get to know the ICF and the convention site with your family. See the section to the left for details.

Crafts
Visit the craft table and create a masterpiece, located in the convention registration area.
Friday: ICF Coloring Pages (please look for the special “Living the Year of Faith” coloring page and leave in the marked box. They will be used at the Sunday Mass.
Saturday: Pasta Jewelry Sunday: Mosaic Crosses

Daily Trivia and Puzzles
Visit the craft table for trivia and puzzles to enjoy at your leisure. Friday – Sunday

Member Activities

ICF Convention Activities
Everyone is welcome to attend the convention activities, including:
• Daily Mass, Opening Ceremonies, Meet the Candidates/Hospitality, Workshops, General Sessions and Dinners (tickets required)

Fun & Games
Families are invited to hang out each day from 1-2pm. Stop by during this time to enjoy each other’s company.

Friday – Putting Green Saturday – Playground Sunday – Arcade

Attention Parents:
Please accompany your children during activities. THANK YOU!
BOOK REVIEW
Vince Piro

The Girl from the Hill: My Mother’s Journey from Italian to American Woman
by Patricia L. Mitchell

In The Girl from the Hill: My Mother’s Journey from Italian to American Woman, Patricia Mitchell writes about her mother, Dahlia, by sharing stories from her mother’s life through a series of essays. It is not quite a memoir, a complete biography of her mother, rather it is a sort of reminiscence, in which Mitchell thinks about and elaborates on incidents and periods in her mother’s life. In doing so, Mitchell begins to ferret out several themes from her mother’s experiences. These themes extend throughout the book, showing up overtly or more subtly through several of the essays.

One important theme that develops over the course of the book is the importance of connection, love, and communion between family members. When family members come together in supportive and loving ways, then life is rewarding and a positive force, but when family unity is torn apart or disrupted, due to tragedy or personalities, then the world is a cold, harsh, and indifferent place. This is seen in the comparison between Dahlia’s family, an over the top, demonstrative Italian family, full of love and acceptance, and her husband’s family, a more “serious and severe family”. As the youngest in a large family, Dahlia, as a child, was adored and supported by her parents and older siblings, who encouraged her antics and sunny personality. However, when her mother died from complications due to diabetes, Dahlia was forced to leave high school early and as Mitchell notes, “my mother’s life of laughter and indulgence never returned.” Dahlia married young and lived with her husband’s parents in a home where “criticisms and punishments were many and harsh, to necessitate proper decorum.” As and Mitchell writes, her in-laws placed “unachievable expectations upon her. Such pressure never existed in her life before, and she did not take it well.” She eventually suffers from a nervous breakdown.

Another theme that runs through the book is the importance of the bond between women, a sisterhood of sorts that nourishes women from generation to generation. This is seen in Dahlia’s sisters, who support and love one another, living together when they do not marry. However, this bond is most poignantly seen in the relationship between Dahlia, as a grandmother, and her granddaughter, Julia, as they sketch and draw together or create audio and video recordings together. Mitchell’s description of them shows the power and importance of this special bond: “They sit snuggled together conspiring to wreak audio and video havoc on the rest of the world – or at least the rest of the family . . . . They both giggle uncontrollably . . . . It’s their special nonsense, and no one understands it but the two of them. My father and I roll our eyes at each other and at the two of them, wondering what the heck they are talking about, grateful for their connection and the laughter therapy that my daughter provides her grandmother.” This bond of womanhood is also seen in Mitchell’s reflections about her mother’s life which often turns to reflections on her own life as she observes the connections between the generations.

Most important to the book is Dahlia’s own transition from “princess” to “The Old Crow.” Once spoiled and perhaps pampered, then struck by tragedy and turmoil, Dahlia eventually transforms into the “Old Crow,” tough, outspoken, and wise. As Mitchell writes, “Becoming a woman in any age challenges us to either stand up or sit down, to be heard or be stifled, My mother did both, by choice sometimes, but other times because ‘That’s the way it is.’ . . . The path to discover one’s identity is rarely an easy one.” However, Dahlia survives and eventually thrives, comfortable with her role as wise matriarch and loving grandmother.

Two life lessons emerge from The Girl from the Hill. One, it reminds us that we can survive life’s tragedies and turmoil; in fact, they often make us who we are, giving us strength and wisdom. Two, to quote Harvey Pekar, “Ordinary life is pretty complex stuff.”

Mitchell also includes several of her mother’s recipes in the book interspersed among the essays. Descriptions of food and family events fill the pages as well, bringing the reader back to a different era. Dahlia’s Italian American heritage is always present and the values that dominate the book - especially, family - are those valued among many Italian-Americans.

Like most self-published books, The Girl from the Hill could use a bit of professional editing as occasional errors appear throughout the book, but none distract from the overall story. Also, it would have been good to hear more of Dahlia’s voice throughout the pages, and while Mitchell does quote her mother, most of the book is Mitchell retelling or reflecting on her mother’s life. A bit more of Dahlia’s own voice would have strengthened her story.

Mitchell’s own biography reads: “Patricia Mitchell’s lifelong love of writing and desire to capture the story of her mother’s life prompted her to embark on her first professional writing project--A Girl from the Hill. She holds degrees in mass media and communication, English literature and creative writing. This work expresses her interest in Italian-American culture as well as the relationship between mothers and daughters. Patricia Mitchell lives in Smithfield, Rhode Island, with her husband Jeremy, daughter Julia and Beagle Trudy.”

Live to Give

2nd Annual Convention Blood Drive

“An Oasis in the Desert”

Friday, August 30
8am-1pm
La Quinta Hotel in La Quinta - Room: Flores 1

To sign up with Desert Blood Services for the Live to Give Blood Drive please do the following:
1. Go to www.desertbloodservices.org and follow the prompts to sign up.
2. Search for the blood drive by date and place.

If you have questions you can contact Desert Blood Services directly at 760-777-8844, or you may call the ICF office at 510-633-9058 for detailed instructions. You may also contact Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or llevine@mail.cho.org.

For more information, call the Live to Give Committee Chairperson Nina Malone at 916-759-3607.
Committee Reports

Workshop – Dante Galeazzi

- Workshops are a strong way to help others in the Federation.
- 1st Workshop committee gave was in the East Bay in April, pleased with the results.
- Fresno had a workshop the following week…learning to play Pedro.
- Upcoming workshops: Central Coast (June 15); San Diego (Aug 10).

Ways and Means – Franklin Lopes

- 4th Annual Seminarian Night: Chaired by Pat Mages, held June 1 at Our Lady of Grace Church. Thanks to Lisa Crudo and her branch for hosting the event. 75 attended. Income: $5,364.00, Expenses: $2,931.74 for a profit of $2,432.26
- Thank you to Chicago District for their first annual seminarian night, they raised $1,100.00.
- 2014 Calendar commemorating our 90th Anniversary deadline is June 28th to get your special dates in the calendar.
- Golf Tournament Friday, July 19th in Monterey. CC Members being asked for raffle donations.

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski

- Strategic Plan:
  - June: Sending out proposals to potential planners.
  - July: Proposals are due back from planners and will be sent to committee members for review.
  - August: Review plans and meet with planners.
  - September: present plan to Executive Committee.
  - October: Present funding request to Finance Committee. Present plan and cost at CC meeting.
- Planners being contacted are from many areas including Oakland, SF, Sacramento and Merced. Between now and October there will be meetings of some type about twice a month.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- Awarded 183 1st year scholarships (446 applications received). To meet in August to award the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship.
- 1,600 schools are mailed the application packet. The committee is trying to come up with ways to streamline the list and cut back on postage.
- Bob Aquistapace mentioned that Pat Mueller from the Livermore Branch went to the schools awards ceremony to present the scholarship. A great way to get people outside of ICF to know about us. Something to pass on to the branches that give scholarships.
- What about increasing the dollar amount of scholarship. Increasing amount may make it difficult for some branches to give a full scholarship; Deborah Rodondi suggested that the individual branch can certainly give more to the student when the branch invites the recipient to a meeting for certificate presentation. Several members commented that the students truly seem appreciative of the $400.

Public Relations – Vince Piro

- Bollettino: All articles must be in by the 10th of the month. Goal is to get the paper in your house the first week of the month. Recently found out that current printer has been farming out the jobs so that has put a delay on things. Committee/ staff will now proof the entire Bollettino. Remind Branches no more than 250 words for branch articles. It was suggested to look into smaller publication or less issues of the Bollettino. If getting multiple issues contact Charlene Kramer at CC office. Looking into hiring new printer. Plans to have a recommendation for new Bollettino printer at September Executive Committee.
- The website has fallen behind due to the passing of the webmasters wife. In process of being updating.
- Awards: the committee should seek the Pope John XXXIII award winner. This year giving a certificate to each branch or individual who nominated a winner.

Membership – Roselyne Jarrett

- We need to help our members not feel the burden of all we expect of them.
- Will have Workshop at convention.
- QR code for the ICF website, you can scan the code using your phone with the free QR app and it puts you on the ICF website.
- Shared some of the findings on the questionnaires that have gone out to members.
- Roselyne Jarrett is ready to retire as membership chair, time for a new face and new ideas.

Live to Give– Nina Malone

- Donor post card designed by Lisa Crudo and Laurece Levine for members wanting to donate blood or platelets in honor/memory of someone will be available at convention and in the office. Laurece Levine is donating the printing of them.
- So far have received 1 inquiry regarding setting up a local blood drive by a branch. Changing name of branch Live to Give Committee Chairperson to Live to Give Committee Liaison.
- 2nd annual convention blood drive Friday 8am to 1pm…need a minimum of 25 people for the blood mobile to come out. Last year 27 units of blood collected.

Hospitalization – Patricia Mages

- Committee presented a change in the CC statuses regarding when to decide on any annual distribution of funds to the CC general fund and/or charities. Meet in October prior to the finance meeting and present their recommendation at the October Finance and CC meeting.
- 440 members in plan, average 6 new members a year. Only 13 CC on plan.

Heritage – Nancy Corsi

- Reestablished relationship with the SF Consulate General’s office.
- Just finished oral video with Luigi’s grandson.
- Year in pictures book coming along, a sample will be at convention and can be ordered.
- Russ and Louise Vento will have display at convention.
- In process of judging heritage awards.

Gifts of Love – Andy Pappani

- Met on March 23. Processed 30 applications and awarded 13 for $16,000.
- Total donations received since inception $409,626.76; have given out a total of $355,886.10. So far this year $4,870.00 donations received.
- May 5th attended ceremony for hard of hearing class, the program takes them 2 years to complete.
- Have contacted Stockton, Reno, Oakland/Contra Costa and San Francisco Dioceses regarding the deaf/hard of hearing program. Also to check Fremont area.
- Next meeting to be in July or August. To discuss some changes in the application.
- The hard of hearing program is a major apostolate program, the ICF is reaching out into the community.

Finance Committee– George Bacigalupi

- 2013 CC Convention expense voucher reviewed. Voucher APPROVED
- Motion from committee regarding a CC statues change on the distribution of the $2.40 Apostle part of the annual dues to be divided as follows: Apostle Fund $.80, Charity Relief Fund $.10, Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund $1.50. PASSED
- Financial reports: 44 branches have not sent in financialals. Be sure that your Branch/ District has e-filed or filed tax returns and the CC office has a copy. Districts are now required to send in Financialals to keep them all in line with branches and allows us to have a record in case of an audit.
- Discussion followed regarding reservation money for an event going to a committee and not the CC office. Roselyne Jarrett made motion second by Nancy Corsi that all monies for any CC event go through the ICF office. PASSED

Expansion – David Botta

- Reorganizing Br. 75 Cloverdale, 8 members, on June 29-30 Bob Aquistapace and Carmen Kilekullen to do pulpit announcements.
- At Christ the King in Pleasant Hill, sent flyer home with students from the school and have received about 1 dozen inquiries. July 13-14 pulpit announcements.
- In Las Vegas to meet with 2 churches in September.
- New Banners are $600 for the way we ordered. Plans to have a smaller publication or less issues of the Bollettino. If getting multiple issues contact Charlene Kramer at CC office. Looking into hiring new printer. Plans to have a recommendation for new Bollettino printer at September Executive Committee.

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Bollettino Deadline Change

Michelle Feldman  
Bollettino Editor

Due to changes in printer and publication processes there is now the need to change the submission deadlines for all articles including all branch and district reports.

The deadlines for the upcoming months will be as follows:

- Sept. 10 for the October issue
- Oct. 10 for the November issue
- Nov. 10 for the December issue
- Dec. 10 for the January 2014 issue

If you have any questions please contact me at 925.693.0471 or email me at icfeditor@gmail.com. Please do not contact the ICF office as they are not involved with the deadline change.

Thank you.

CC Minutes

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to adopt new banner as presented seconded by Mike Cannady PASSED. Dante Galeazzi made motion to make and present at 2013 Convention the banners for the 2 branches that celebrate 2 year anniversary prior to convention, seconded by Vince Piro PASSED

- LisaCrudove suggested to give the new Chicago banner which will be 2 years in March 2014 their banner at their Installation/Bishop’s Day.
- Should put banner info in the Bollettino in case other branches want to buy a new banner.

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes

- Sunday night if you want a skit Steve Fuentes needs a chairperson…contact him.
- It will be hot. Dress code for Convention will be casual but presentable.

By-Laws and Rituals – Leonard Rossi

- One by-law proposal put before the CC to go to convention from Branch 210 Fontana APPROVED to go to convention.

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

- Monthly articles have been put in the Bollettino.
- Encourages everyone to accept our differences and pull together in unity; to support our programs; stay focused on our spirituality and our charitable giving; reach out and support our communities.
  - Three charities to consider for National Charity: Cooley’s Anemia, Downs Syndrome and Cancer Research. Mike Cannady made motion seconded by Vince Piro to accept Cooley’s Anemia as this years National Charity. PASSED.

Unfinished Business

- Convention Awards winners announced. They are as follows:
  - Pope John XXIII: Bruno Serato
  - Grand President: Roberta Franchini
  - Family of the Year: The Gillio Family
  - Mother Teresa: Father Michael Mahoney, OFM
  - Young Adult: Anna Greco-Gonzalez
- Dante Galeazzi voiced concerns regarding wine raffles possibly not in compliance with state ABC laws. Vince Piro suggests that GP appoints someone to check into. Carmen Kilcullen says just serving wine is $25 license fee, wine liquor raffle $125 fee. Be sure a child does not collect wine. Believed that on site and off site is the issue if you bring wine in it must be consumed at the site and not taken home.

New Business

- Motion made by Vince Picciola seconded by Pat Mages to give $150 to Our Lady of Grace for the use of the hall for today’s meetings. PASSED

Action on Communications

Catholic Voice ads are $2,000 to $125. Bob Basuino made motion for the $125 business card ad seconded by Dante Galeazzi. Leonard Rossi would like to see it a little bigger since it is our home office territory and convention is in Oakland next year he made it a friendly amendment to step it up one to the $300 ad. PASSED

Good of the Order

Santa Rosa Bishop’s Day is September 14, date was changed due to the availability of Bishop.

Al Teglia thanked Jane Dianda for her 2 years as GP.

Roselyne Jarrett reported Joe Donato had major heart surgery. Complications with infections but stable now and doing better.

Upcoming Event in Future Issues of the Bollettino!

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Closing Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli
The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

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St. Gertrude, Br. 181

Congratulations to the branch of La Quinta, California that hosted their 2nd year’s Convention and to all the recipients of the many awards. Happy September birthday to Angie Pascozia.

Important Dates:
Aug. 18 – Branch 181, after 7:30am mass and breakfast
Aug. 22 – District meeting – all raffle books must be turned in by then
Sept. 20 – Night at Maywood Racetrack and Buffet.
Please continue to pray for all our sick members and try to pay them a visit or a phone call.

Pray for world peace.
Barbara Miller

Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195

It is a time of both sadness and joy. Joy at the celebration of St. Victor Parish by the spiritually moving masses by our Pastor Rev. Pavlik and our Associate Rev Sprott, coupled with weekend festivities of Victorfest 2013, which by all accounts was extremely successful. Sadness as we mourn the passing of Frank Sidote. Frank was a Charter Member of 195 and was a true gentleman. He suffered complications following a fall earlier this year, which eventually led to his death.
We recently heard from our long distance member Sarina Papa, from Scottsdale AZ and she sends her love and condolences to all of us and to Frank’s family.

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LA District Save the Dates
- September 8, 2013 - Mother Cabrini Open House from 9:00am to 1:00pm hosted by the Santa Barbara/Ventura District. Board Meeting to follow at 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Members welcome. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.
- September 27-29, 2013 - ICF Booth at the San Gennaro Festival at the Jimmy Kimmel Theatre in Hollywood. All ICF Members are encouraged to visit the Festival on Saturday and join in the Mass and Procession of Saint Gennaro at 11:30am. All ICF Members visiting the Festival are invited to come to the ICF Booth and visit with Branch Members of the LA District. Call 626 372-7812 if you have questions.
- November 17, 2013 - ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles Districts to host the Annual Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles beginning at 10:00am Mass followed by a Luncheon to honor our Chaplains and Seminarians in the Cathedral Banquet Hall. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.
- September 18, 2013 – ICF District Valley Resource Center to host the Annual Cooley’s Anemia BBQ at the Sabatella House in Los Angeles.

Branch 417 at the home of the Sabatella Family in South Pasadena.

Los Angeles District Council
On July 21, the LA District Cooley’s Anemia BBQ was hosted by Branch 108 at the home of the Sabatella Family in South Pasadena. Thank you members who staffed and attended this event for supporting this worthwhile event. The 2013 Bishop Banquet Committee meeting was held on July 11 at Cafe Sole Trattoria in La Canada. ICF Branch 374 President Al Restivo hosted the meeting in the banquet room. Preparations for the November 17 event at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles are moving smoothly. All members of the18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to come and support the ICF and join in giving of the Seminary burse to Saint John’s Seminary while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members and Clergy. Please encourage your Clergy and Seminarians to also attend. Questions? Call 626 372-7812.

The District Board encourages all Branches to support each others events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed. Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm’s way.

Carmelo A. Sabatella, AA, President South Pasadena, CA 91030 626 372-7812

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- September 8, 2013 - Branch 108 Lunch Social and General Meeting from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Call 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 for more information.

Linda and Carmelo Sabatella and family at the Annual Cooley’s Annual BBQ at the Sabatella House in July.

From: President - ICF Branch 108

Fresno
Holy Spirit, Br. 417
Branch 417 had a wonderful Mother’s and Father’s Day dinner on June 19 to honor our ICF members. Our dinner was graciously provided by the DeRienzos and the Griccos. At our July meeting and Ice Cream Social, Msgr Logan made a welcome appearance and gave members an opportunity to chat with him in a casual atmosphere. As usual, there will be no August meeting. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 18 to hear the report on the convention by Fred and Gerry which will include the announcement of the new officers of the ICF Central Council. Recently the Membership Committee of the CC initiated a new program to have each branch visited by a CC member in the near future. Br. 417 will be visited by James Friel at a regular meeting on a date not yet scheduled. We want as many members as possible to attend so they can meet Jim and ask him any questions they have concerning the ICF and the Central Council. The meeting is meant to be a positive, productive experience about the branch’s successes and problems. We look forward to hosting Jim and introducing him to our members.

Please pray for our sick members, Maria LoForti and Betty Hubbard, and others who are ill.

Ciao,
Pat Duncan

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108
Branch 108 Wishes All ICF Members A Reward and to the sick members, family, parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

Our 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 “per cento anni”!

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108

Los Angeles

Los Angeles

ICF branches are greatly encouraged.

- October 23, 2013 – Trip to Pala Casino.
Call Pauline Iacono 310-832-0563 for reservations.


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Pat Duncan

Members of the LA District at the Annual Cooley’s Anemia BBQ was hosted by Branch 108 at the home of the Sabatella Family in South Pasadena.

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108
Branch 108 Wishes All ICF Members A Successful 2013 Convention At La Quinta Resort!
Thank you members for making the 27th Annual Cooley’s Anemia BBQ Fundraiser a success. Special thank you to event staff for your help.

The 2013 ICF Bishop Banquet Committee met at Cafe Sole Trattoria in La Canada on July 11 in preparation of this year’s ICF Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Downtown Los Angeles on November 17. Members attending will represent the 18 ICF Branches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. For more information and reservations please call 626 372-7812.

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Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108
Bollettino

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115
Dear Members,

As I am writing this article three major events have already taken place. The Mary Star Fiesta on July 19-21 and was a great success. Our ICF pizza, sausage and meatball booth did quite well, we brought in $4,800.

The other event was the Los Angeles Waterfront Summer Festival on August 3-4 celebrating San Pedro’s birthday of 125 years. We sold pizza and drinks in our booth.

On August 15-17 we celebrated the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross, with a Tridium Mass on Thursday, Friday night and Saturday morning followed with a procession with the statue around the block. Refreshment was served in the auditorium.

Later that evening a Dinner-Dance took place where a prime rib dinner was served. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Our four delegates, Anna and Neal Di Leva, Nicolina and Salvatore Mattera are on their way to La Quinta for the convention. Wish them the best!

On Thursday, September 19 is our pot-luck meeting and celebrating the branch 59th Anniversary, call Carmela Gioiello to sign up and what food you will be bringing.

Our next outing will be on September 23-26 to Chumash Casino, Napa Wine Country and San Francisco. If there is still availability enclosed in your agenda for details).

Additional calendar events:

October 10 -- Members meeting and election of 2014 officers.

Gardenia
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

A Year of Faith & The Year of Italian Culture are being celebrated!
We focus on the “new Italy” and its cultural/artistic contributions. We appreciate ever so much the bond between our American and Italian cultures. Viva America! Viva Italia!

We also commemorate World Youth Day in Brazil with Pope Francis I bringing the joy of Christ to youth from 50 countries. Viva Jesus! Viva IL Papa!

Elaine & Eleanor Bersano are happy to say that it was absolutely-wonderful—a worthwhile learning/sharing experience.

C. Scholarships: Chance Liu & Adeli Acosta, from St. Anthony’s, were recipients at an Awards’ Banquet in Torrance. Chance & Adeli will attend Mary Star & Serra Highs respectively. Kariamu Cross, a St. Catherine Laboure graduate, will attend Serra. Monica Marcelletti, a graduate of El Segundo High, was also our recipient.

D. Rose Moore, Don Bohannon, and Johnny Roa enjoyed their July B-days.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Augusta Aune (8-29), Rose Naso (8-30), Teresa Marino (9-17) & Michael Lopez (9-21).

Calendar:
August 29-September 2 -- Convention
September 2 -- Labor Day
September 5 -- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta/Board Meeting
September 23 -- St. Padre Pio Fundraiser: October 12 -- Our 44th Columbus Day Dinner-Dance. Highlights are: Lomeli’s Italian Restaurant; Vaughn Suponatime: Sinatra Tribute; DJ: Cherry Sound; Accordionist: John Dynice. Silent Auction! Donation: $40.00. Children 10 and under: $15.00.

Prayers needed for ICF members Don Bohannon, Gloria Castaneda, and Teresa & Angela Marino as well as parishioners Eleanor Campos and Raul Romero.

We mourn 3 members of our St. Anthony’s family: Monica Richtik, Joe Skelley, and
San Fernando Valley
North Hollywood
St. Charles Borromeo, Br. 382
Happy summer to all of our brothers and sisters.
The recipient of our 2013 scholarship is Brittany Recker, granddaughter of Joanne Figliuzzi, our corresponding secretary.
Dates to remember:
Sept 16 – Casino trip
Nov. 8 – Palm Springs Folles
Keep our troops in your prayers,
Clan for men
Rose Garcia, Pres.

Santa Barbara/ Ventura
Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380
With Summer ending soon, Branch 380 members enjoyed a fun event that included a bocce tournament and sandwiches from Jersey Mikes. Our bocce tournament had 32 players (16 teams). A big thank you to Remo Iezza for organizing the tournament.
In addition to our bocce event, our branch co-sponsored a showing of “The 13th Day”, a film about the Miracles of Fatima, thanks to the coordinating efforts of Genny Snedos and Greg Corricello.
As helping others is a huge part of what our branch stands for, volunteers from Branch 380 passed out shopping bags for parishioners to fill with food as a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Many thanks to Cathy Pantesco for organizing this charitable gesture.
We are proud to announce, with convention coming up, that our branch has won a heritage award and will be presenting at one of the workshops. Good luck to our branch representatives attending convention: Michele Inouye, the Interrante Family, Gino and Delia Spinelli, Emma Mayer, and Pat and Lou Mages.
Upcoming Events: Friday, September 6 (Auction Night), and Friday, October 11 (HaloWine)
Ciao!
Marisa Interrante
Corresponding Secretary

Las Vegas
Las Vegas
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367
Wow, what a year we are having. We lost another member, Anne Mansour, who brought in more new members than Joe Donato in the past five years. Anne dearly loved playing Dirty Bingo and all of our social events. Anne will be missed. May she rest in peace. Another member, Rosemary Gibson, is in a nursing home. Rosemary fell and hurt her arm and has many bruises. Our own daughter-in-law’s father died in Arkansas and was buried here in Las Vegas with a full Military send-off. Two long-time members at St. Francis de Sales died and will have funerals within a week of each other. Another long time priest in our Diocese also died the last week in July. Fr. Caesar was a pioneer in the Las Vegas valley. He actually started St. Peter’s in Henderson. It’s truly, truly sad.
Our branch can’t seem to get any social events together (thus, no photographs). A picnic at Super Summer Theatre was cancelled due to travel plans of members on the go. Even a trip to Tucalau, Utah to see a play fell through. And then we had a huge fire at the Pahrump side of Mount Charleston. Now THAT was scary. For days, all we heard was how many more acres were burning. However, the firefighters did such a wonderful job. They saved all of the homes in residential areas, and no one was hurt. It was the worst fire ever on our beloved mountains.
Our Bishop’s Day had to be changed to November 3. Bishop Pepe has to be back East for a meeting on October 28, so he has to travel on the 27th. Mass will be at 12:00 noon at Our Lady of Las Vegas, and lunch will be catered by our own members, Paul and Kathy DePatta of “At Your Service Catering” in the small hall immediately after mass.

Joe is improving slowly, but surely. He gets very impatient with his slow progress, but he’ll get there. We won’t be able to be at convention with all of you this year, but we sincerely hope Palm Springs has a very beautiful “resort”.

The nominating committee met during the summer and will present a slate of nominees at the next general meeting. The members will vote on the slate at our October Potluck and meeting.

Several of our members are busy working on the Relay for Life. It will take place on the grounds of the Andy Ausonio Library across from the church. The date for the event is August 24-25 with the opening ceremonies begin at 11:00am Saturday and the closing ceremonies will be held at 11:00am on Sunday. Our branch donated pasta for one of the fundraisers for the event. To all I.C.F. members please come and support this truly worthwhile event.

Loving God, thank you for being with us in all things and give us courage to face the challenges in our lives. With you all things are possible.

Ciao,
Leonora Barlow

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Salinas

**Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25**

Due to a new schedule for submitting Bollettino inputs, much of the reporting will be about a month later than in the past. The first example of this is the picnic which was held on August 4th, while this input was due by August 1st. So, though we can’t discuss any specifics on the picnic until the next issue, it’s not too much of a stretch to say that, based on previous history, it was a success, given the locale (the J&M Ranch) and the people involved. Thanks to Bob and Michelle Coyle for all they did to obtain and cook the chickens, and to those who brought desserts and appetizers. A special thanks to Julie and Joe for allowing us once again to share their beautiful “resort”.

We have a number of new members that have joined us in the past few months and we want to welcome them to our branch. They are Shirley Lewis, Jan Walker, Lou Martin and Gia Ussery.

The District Picnic is scheduled for November 13 with preparation on November 12. Please mark your calendars as we need your participation to make it a success. It is our major fundraiser that supports the branch scholarship fund and convention expenses.

Ciao
Roy Frontani

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Monterey

**Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21**

Hello again! We hope your summer has been wonderful and you are now getting ready for Fall. That is when God gives us the year’s most beautiful days in Santa Cruz. And we, at branch 21, are planning some fruitful days ahead.

On August 29, the ICF Convention will commence in La Quinta, CA. Our branch will be represented by delegates Roseann Costabile, Richard Puccinelli and Alverda Orlando. We pray that they have a safe and productive weekend and lots of fun, too. Once again, members are encouraged to buy Convention Raffle tickets.

On October 25, we will be having a Friday Dinner Event. Stay tuned.

Though it’s a few months down the road, on November 3 our Branch has the honor of acting as host for this year’s Bishop’s Day and our Bishop Richard Garcia. This is also the day of our annual Memorial Mass. A lovely brunch will be served in the Holy Cross Hall after mass.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the No Bake Sale. Many charities will be supported through your generosity. We also send out messages of love for those members who have lost loved ones, and many of you who have been able to attend our ICF meetings and events, including Marie Walsh and Russell Maro. We miss you.

Our next two meetings will be on August 6 and September 10. Come join us at 5pm at Holy Cross Hall. We appreciate you, one and all, and ask God’s blessings upon you.

**Patty Morelli**
Recording Secretary
Branch 21 – Santa Cruz

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Castroville

**Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51**

Our President, Pauline Bigby, is packed and ready for the I.C.F. Convention in La Quinta. I’m sure she will have a report on the fantastic time she had and bring some new and fresh ideas for the coming year.

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Ciao,
Betty Sollecito

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Capitola

**St. Joseph, Br. 227**

Branch 227, hosted our 2nd District meeting on June 15, a big thank you to Bob Basuino for conducting our Deputy Workshop with our District Deputy Sara Jane Amoroso. Also, to the workshop committee, David Botta, Dante Galeauzzi and Jim Friebel for doing a great job, on giving us all information on ICF and the various topics they discussed.

During our June meeting we gave out 8- $1,000 scholarships from our Perlino Scholarship Fund, it was so nice to hear from our scholars, and where they will be attending college in the fall. We would like to send a big thank you to Bob and Mary Montonye for chairing our Annual Branch Barbeque on Saturday, July 27, at DeLaveaga Park, 136 were in attendance, and a good time was had by all, also thanks goes to all the members who helped cook, set-up and tear down.

Congratulations and safe travels to our delegates for convention this year. They are Bob and Mary Montonye and Linda Calicano. Please pray for our sick members: Nancy Keran, Frank Locatelli, Mary Duchscher, Jim Musler, and John Rafelto.

Ciao:
Franklyn Lopes

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Arroyo Grande

**St. Patrick, Br. 291**

Branch 291 would like to wish everyone a fun and productive ICF National Convention! We look forward to a full recap from our delegates at our September meeting.

At our June and July meetings we were very honored to meet our 4 First Year Scholarship recipients. What a wonderful group of new college freshmen! We recently initiated new members Matt and Loretta Aguiar and Giovanna “Jane” Baker.

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CC Life Member Jim Friebel of Branch 25 and Julie Richards welcome new members Lou Martin, Shirley Lewis, Jan Walker, and Gia Ussery.
Our members who may be suffering with pain, Volanto, and Jens and Sonia Wagner, and all Jimenez, Joe Slavin, Dave Spargo, Josephine members who are experiencing health issues: can once again be with him in their heavenly passed away last December, and now Marge founding members of Branch 291. Tony Caruso. She and her husband Tony were the passing of one of our members, Marge It is with great sorrow that we inform you of Proceedings from the spaghetti dinners are encouraged to help, and everyone is welcome the St. Patrick’s Church hall. Members are be held on September 14 from 4-7pm in membership at our August General Meeting. and will present their proposal to the general and individuals we will be supporting this year/LR) are 1st Vice President Joseph Salmeri, scholarship recipients Anne Marie Smith, Sarah Salvini and Andrew DeSesa, and Helen Summerfield, Br. 291 Scholarship Chairperson.

(Below) At the July meeting, Br. 291 met one of our First Year Scholarship recipients. Pictured here are Branch Deputy Dave Zanini, scholarship recipient Joseph M. Hall, Scholarship Chairperson Helen Summerfield and Branch President Pete Gallagher.

At the June meeting, Br. 291 met three of our four First Year Scholarship recipients. Pictured here (L-R) are 1st Vice President Joseph Salmeri, scholarship recipients Anne Marie Smith, Sarah Salvini and Andrew DeSesa, and Helen Summerfield, Br. 291 Scholarship Chairperson.

Welcome to ICF Branch 291! Our Donations Committee will be meeting in August to confirm the charities, organizations and individuals we will be supporting this year and will present their proposal to the general membership at our August General Meeting. Our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held on September 14 from 4-7pm in the St. Patrick’s Church hall. Members are encouraged to help, and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a delicious spaghetti meal with all the trimmings and great fellowship! Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners are earmarked for our St. Patrick School Student Registration Assistance Program.

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing of one of our members, Marge Caruso. She and her husband Tony were founding members of Branch 291. Tony passed away last December, and now Marge can once again be with him in their heavenly home. Also, please pray for the following members who are experiencing health issues: Howard Clees, Bob and Floralee Harris, Trish Jimenez, Joe Slavin, Dave Spargo, Josephine Volanto, and Jens and Sonia Wagner, and all our members who may be suffering with pain or heartache.

Ciao!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Oakland
East Bay District Council

Two dearly loved East Bay District officers have recently gone through some medical woes. The end of May, Karen Rossi fell at home and broke her ankle. At the end of June, Dave Rose suffered a mild stroke. They are both on the road to recovery, but please keep them in your prayers. We love you Karen and Dave and please take care of yourselves! Despite undergoing surgery for her ankle, Karen Rossi joined Pat Pasquinelli in planning a testimonial dinner for the East Bay, Fran LaTorre, the East Bay District’s Immediate Past President. On July 21, a nice group gathered at Dino’s Restaurant in Castro Valley. No District President does the work all by herself. The East Bay District Officers and Delegates have consistently offered their support and hard work to Fran and all its

District Presidents, past and present. Thanks for being the best District ever! Thanks are also due to Branch 343 Castro Valley for hosting our recent District Quarterly Mass and Communion on Aug. 10. The ICF can always count on the support of the Augustinian priests at Our Lady of Grace Church. Once again Branch 343 has come through. Your branch presidents will have more information about the District’s annual picnic at your August branch meetings. Tentatively it looks like the picnic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. It will definitely be held at the home of Al and Deanna DeNurra in Pleasant Hill, CA. The East Bay District looks forward to hosting the 2014 ICF Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Oakland, CA. We have been planning and practicing a cute welcome for this year’s Convention delegates in Palm Desert. It is just so hard to believe that 2014 is not that all far off!

Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Our Branch Barbeque was very nice with lots of people attending. We had guest speakers from Birthright and we presented them with monetary donations, diapers, and the most beautiful hand knit afghans for babies. A big thank you to all those people who worked hard to make this event a great success. A special thanks to Vice President Gina Foster who filled in for President Dave (he is doing fine after his fall). Gina is like the energizer bunny. We are blessed to have her in Branch 10.

Our delegates to the convention are Dave Rose and Karen Harington. Alternates are Pat Pasquinelli and Jeanette Zagnoni. We expect lots of great feedback from them at our September meeting.

Mark your calendar for the next event, the Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, October 19th. More information in the October issue plus emails and flyers.

Until next time
Peace and Love to all
Jean McElroy

Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40

Hello to all. Summer is coming to an end and Autumn will be with us. Our ICF Convention will take place over the Labor Day weekend. Our good wishes for those who will attend. Our Branch will be celebrating our 81st Anniversary on Sunday October the 13th. It will be held at the Fratellanza Club, no host cocktails 4:30pm, dinner at 5:30pm. For reservations contact Anna Alberti at 510-562-1179. The deadline is October 7, cost $27. Menu is chicken, risotto, salad, vegetables and dessert.

Upcoming:
October 3 – Monthly meeting 7pm
October 13 – Anniversary Dinner
November 7 – Monthly meeting 7pm
Happy Birthday to Anna Alberti, Elma Casale, Anna Castagnini, Ralph Mossino and Tena Walker. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing of our branch.

Thought: “The measure of our holiness is not the perfection of our personality and the avoidance of all faults, but the extent of our love.” Fr. Joseph, SM.

Ciao,
M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Oakland
St. Lawrence O’Toole, Br. 91

We all enjoyed Mexican dinner thanks to Maria Raphel. Raffle tickets for the ICF convention in La Quinta are still available. Be sure to return the tickets that you have already sold at our August meeting.

Upcoming events:
August 7 – Italian Heritage night at the Giants.
October 13 – Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. Contact Nancy Corsi if you would like to volunteer or attend the event.
November 2 – Grand President Jane Dianda’s testimonial dinner at the Fratellanza Club.

Sincerely,
Donna Santich

Fremont

Corpus Christi, Br. 215

On July 9, 17 members of ICF Br. 215 gathered at Mezcal Mexican Restaurant for Taco Tuesday. We all enjoyed delicious soft tacos for $4.99, drank lots of margaritas and enjoyed each others company. Our next bocce ball game will be on Aug.
celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary to have “Cookie” Rossi feeling well enough for a wonderful affair. We were certainly delighted and especially to have who set up, cooked, baked, and tended bar, Etc.

Fran LaTorre

Our next Bingo/Salad Luncheon is fast approaching. It will be on Sept. 19 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall. The cost remains $10.00 per person and includes two bingo cards. Tickets will be available by the beginning of August. Make your reservations with Ralph Mariotti at (510) 656-0258 by Sept. 11. We need bingo raffle prizes, people willing to make salads, money donations if you can’t attend.

Congratulations to those branch members with August birthdays and to those couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in August. Those who celebrated included: Nancy, husband Jim, and son Joe, who visited their 60th. Congratulations and many more Happy & Healthy birthdays in the remaining year. Another loving welcome is remaining year. Another loving welcome is for Betty & Dick Young will give his spiritual talk right after Fr. Farrington, their 60th. Congratulations and wishes go out to LaVioli and the proud parents.

Our 46th Anniversary Dinner on July 14 was a wonderful affair. We were certainly delighted to have “Cookie” Rossi feeling well enough for a wonderful affair. We were certainly delighted and especially to have who set up, cooked, baked, and tended bar, Etc.

Fran LaTorre

Oakland
St. Theresa, Br. 223

Our 46th Anniversary Dinner on July 14 was a wonderful affair. We were certainly delighted to have “Cookie” Rossi feeling well enough to attend. We were honored to have St Theresa Parishioners, U.S. Air Force Commander at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota in August. Yoli Moglia

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

Summer brought us a number of fun events for our branch to enjoy. We enjoyed some great food and camaraderie amongst all our members and with other members from other branches.

The events for the summer have come and gone. Our last one was on August 11 at the Wirtenson’s home. As always, there was great food and a good time had by all. Thank you Helen & Dick for your gracious hospitality. The District Communion was on August 10 and our District Picnic will be on September 14. All members are invited to attend.

There were many anniversaries that were celebrated this summer. Those who celebrated included: Joe & Phyl Buonsante, their 50th; Don & Mary Merucci, their 50th; Bobbie & Carl Farrington, their 60th. Congratulations and God Bless you all.

Welcome Beverly & Ted Tegins as our new branch members our branch. Hope you will enjoy our group in upcoming events of the remaining year. Another loving welcome is for a new granddaughter for Betty & Dick LaVoi and the proud parents.

Birthdays blessings and wishes go out to Marlene Dianda, Rose Stack, Shirley Viada, Peggy Zanatta and Karen Rossi. May they be many more Happy & Healthy birthdays in the years to come.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery are for Rudy DiAngelo after his surgery and for Karen Rossi who suffered a broken foot. Time heals everything. For all others who are ill or suffering in any way, please know you are in our prayers as well.

Ciao Tutti! & Multi Saluti!
Pat Bellavia

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It’s the good old summertime! Let’s see now our branch started off with our hot dog and bean dinner, went to the ball game (go A’s) and then had our next meeting at the ice Creamery. So now we just need to plan a trip to the convention, and this is a very important trip. Yes it will be HOT, but we are masters of the layered look so we can be comfortable. While there we can support our own Lisa Crudo as she runs for reelection to the Central Council and donate blood to the blood drive and maybe even win some prizes if we bought the lucky chance. Not only that there will be dinners and entertainment to enjoy. When we meet again in Sept. we can continue summer a bit longer at the district Picnic on the 14th.

Lots of fun for all.

In the meantime hopefully many will have joined as we hosted the district Communion and supper on Aug. 10 here at Our Lady of Grace. It’s nice to be able to extend our hospitality and pray together as a family of ICF and meet other branches.

Safe travels to the convention.

Contra Costa District Council

Contra Costa District had many events to discuss for the month of September! Once again it is time for our National Convention, which this year will be held in the town of La Quinta, Ca. The theme is “Living the Year of Faith”, a great theme that can be complemented with “Living the Life of Faith”. Our Contra Costa District is well represented, and we thank our Delegates for their attendance.

Please make plans to attend our District Night of Recollection! It will be hosted by our Richmond Branch at the Salesian High School Hall In Richmond, Sept 11 2013. No host bar at 6pm followed by a ravioli dinner at 6:30pm District Chaplin Father Larry Young will give his spiritual talk right after dinner. Cost is $7.00 per person for dinner. Everyone should give their branch president their headcount and payment before Sept. 6, and then each branch president must RSVP to Walter Costa by Sept. 7.

At the last District meeting, based on the suggestion by our President Joseph Flores, it was decided to cancel the November 13 District meeting and have the meeting October 24 instead. The reason is that there is too long of a time gap between June and November without a meeting. In the theme of the convention! “Oh Lord, increase the gift of faith in me, for together we can overcome all adversity!”

Joann Martinez
San Martin, Br. 13

We toast our first year scholarship recipient, Carondelet High School graduate, Branch 13 Officer, Rosemary Cook, along with our Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship recipient Alexandra Ball. 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 Rosemary in her future college endeavors and to Alex as she continues her studies at Carondelet High School.

Tickets are now on sale for Branch 13’s Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 26, 2013, 6pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Millis Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) $17.00 per person, $7.00 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. P.S. St. Catherine Church has a Saturday 4:30pm mass. So, you can attend mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there.

Upcoming in Martinez:
September 14 – Bingo
September 27 – Branch meeting
October 5 – Oktoberfest
October 12 – Bingo

Colonel Lawrence Spinetta, cousin to Yoli and John Moglia of Branch 223, has been promoted to U.S. Air Force Colonel.

25. We gather at City Beach around 2:30pm and begin play at 3:00pm. Call Jack Navarra at (510) 656-0258 no later than Aug. 17. He needs to know an accurate count so he can reserve the necessary lanes. Remember, our goal is to have fun and not let our competitive spirits spin out of control. This has been a fun social meeting for our branch for the last four years. Please join us.

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(Left) ICF Branch 13 Officer Rosemary Cook, also a 2013 ICF First Year Scholarship recipient, presented Saint Catherine of Siena Graduate Alexandra Ball with Branch 13 Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship. Congratulations Ladies!

(Over) ICF Branch 13 Chaplains Deacon Don Hollands and Deacon Thomas Bogetti present Sister Moira Macpherson of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish at the recent Confirmation of ICF Officer Paul Cook by the Very Reverend George Mokkel, Vicar General of the Diocese of Oakland.
Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72
Everyone had a great time at the branch picnic held in Oakley. We thank Joann and Elaine for hosting this event. Good luck to those who bought raffle tickets. We thank Jane for once again being our convention raffle ticket chair person.
Upcoming:
Aug. 30 – Sept. 2 - ICF Convention in La Quinta Ca. Activities start with a welcome dinner by the host district on that Thursday. Our delegate this year is Jim Jarrett. Saturday, Sept. 7 - Bus trip to Monterey for the Santa Rosalia Festival. Call Joann at 925-625-0863
No meeting in Sept.
Wed., Sept. 11 - Contra Costa district night of Humanity and a salad for only $5. Walter Father Larry Young. Hosted by the Richmond Branch at Salesian high school hall. Social at 6:00pm followed by ravioli dinner at 6:30pm. Talk at 7:30pm. Send your check for 7.00 per person by Sept. 7 to Helen at 953 Veterans Dr. Martinez, Ca. 94553. Checks payable to ICF Branch 72.
Sat., Oct. 12- Turnaround Bus trip to Reno’s Italian festival. Call Joann at 925-625-0863 Due to the bus trip the meeting date in Oct. will be changed. Notification of date will be mailed in advance.
It is looking good for the opening of the new branch at Christ the King church. Details will be announced.
The branch has nominated Roselynne to run the branch at Christ the King church. Details will be mailed in advance.
Upon the order of Father Orlando, Walter announced that Father Al Mengon will replace him as our new Branch Chaplain. Walter informed members that this process has made $9800 charitable donations this year.
Connie Gatto’s Heritage Report “Why God Made Moms” was delightful and appreciated by all members.
June winners: Birthdays for June and July – Lorraine Acuna and Carmen Avila; Attendance – Lorraine Acuna, Merle Davis, Tom Jobe, Gina Martinnucci, and Eugenia Traverso - 50-50 – Pauline Traverso. Mark your calendars for the next Polenta Dinner on October 19 at St. Jerome’s Hall. Cost is $22 and reserve with Gloria Martinnucci at 526-8749. Remember Dee Rosier, Vickie Christie and George Chouza Stutard in your prayers.
Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432
By the time you receive this issue summer will be on the way out, the kids will be back in school, and the 2013 ICF Convention over.
We all know what follows next, our branch and district elections. I would like to suggest that all our members give serious thought to taking an active role in their branch. We all need new people with new ideas on our boards and heading up our various committees. We all know that is the only way any organization can grow and flourish. So please consider your role in your branch and ask yourself if you can give a little more to the success of your branch.
Our Annual Festa d’ Italia is around the corner, all the committees are busy with planning for the Pasta Dinner, raffle and auction items and of course entries for our big car show which is a huge part of this event. It is not too late to enter a car, or just plan on coming for the fun and the food.
The date is: Monday, Sept. 30
Place: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Time: 5pm-7:00pm
Dinner by the host district on that Thurs. Our history lesson on the origins of gelato. The ice cream also helped us wish the newest member of the family, Jerry Cipola a happy birthday! The next sausage/meatball sandwich and cannoli event will be on the weekend of July 26-29. This is always a big hit with the parish.
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and have been very supportive of the branch since they joined three years ago. We will miss him.

Ciao,

Janine

North Highlands

St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

For our July 6 general meeting, a BBQ was held at Branch President Tina Flanders’ home where members were treated hot dogs and hamburgers provided by our host. Branch officers and members brought the side dishes and desserts. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Tina for hosting and grilling the dogs and burgers for our July meeting and for all members for bringing such tasty side dishes.

This is Convention Weekend and here’s wishing IC F much success! Also, our sincere gratitude to our delegate, Natalie Malone, for representing Branch 236 at this year’s Convention. Natalie will be traveling to the Convention with daughter, Nina Malone. We hope Natalie and Nina have a great time and look forward to hearing about the Convention highlights at our October general meeting. Please continue to pray for all of our sick members, families and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday and Birthday wishes to Cam Smalldon and Melissa Keller (July 9), Mary Mencarini (August 16), Sabina Thiel (August 22), Angelina McElroy (September 2), Nina Malone (September 4), and Kristina Craig (September 16).

Our next general meeting will be on Saturday, September 7 at 1:00 in the Parent Center.

God Bless,

Margie Burke

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Most of the meeting was taken up planning for The Convention. Who will be there, who will bake cookies, how to car pool, and the cost and who will be reimbursed by the Branch and for what. We agreed that anyone that works at the Convention will be given $40.00 for Gas, and will receive $40.00 toward the Banquet or Thursday Night Dinner. Dominic Lazi, promised to bake 12 dozen pitzzelles, and many others offered to ply their Dolce talents. Nan Judge, Annette Carlo and Patsy Luzi, promised to bake 12 dozen pitzzelles, and Joseph Smith with us at Spanish Landing Park. Father Louis stopped by and Father Joe had a great lunch and played some real good Bocce Ball. Ramiro Castro went overboard once again, he put out quite a spread for his beloved brother Sergio’s birthday celebration. Even a few sprinkles of rain couldn’t cool down the hot time we had at the picnic. Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and for our servicemen and women.

Pace di Cristo

Richard Barker

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Cari Amici,

Branch 230 had a General Meeting on Friday June 21, that was preceded by a dinner social. Thank you to our chefs, Carolyne Koetchich and Sherry Thurston, and all who helped. At the General Meeting our members voted to make a donation to our ICF National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia. Our delegate Jim Cardinale-Hill and his wife Martha will take the check to the ICF Convention in La Quinta, CA Aug 30-Sept 1, 2013.

Roberto Angotti from the Convivio Center gave a talk on the legacy of Italian players in Major League Baseball. Kellen Brower and his Mom, Grandmother and Grandfather had dinner with us. Kellen, a First year Scholarship winner gave a brief talk during the General Meeting. Our members were thanked and told how they were appreciated. Our next General meeting will be Sept. 20 starting with a dinner social at 6:30pm. We had a great time at our Branch Picnic, July 21. It was wonderful to have Dan and Nina and Natalie Cardinale-Hill and his wife Martha will take the check to the ICF Convention in La Quinta, CA Aug 30-Sept 1, 2013.

First Year Scholarship winner Kellen Brower and James Cardinale-Hill of Br. 230.

Convention.

We had guests this month. Mafalda and Dominic’s daughter, Anna, and her two children Matthew and Carolyn were visiting from San Diego, and Velma Men’s Mother, Alicia, was visiting from Guatemala. We enjoy breaking bread with all of our guests. Get well wishes to Joe Batiste, who was in the hospital having an infected leg treated. Our prayers are with all those not quite up to par health wise.

Thank all of you that are helping at the Convention. For always on the Labor Day Weekend, but then again most of us are no longer in the work force. Happy Labor Day anyway!

Till Next month, God Bless and good health to us all!

Ciao,

Jack Grisafe

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. 25 – Branch Mass, ICC, 10:30am

Aug. 30 – Sept. 2 ICC Convention, Palm Springs

Sept. 4 – Monthly Meeting, Convention Reports, 7:00pm - Hosts: Toni Morsello and Mary Zadra

Sept. 22 – Branch Mass, 10:30am, ICC

Oct. 2 – Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm Nomination and election of 2014 Officers. Hosts: Ollie de Micheli and Anna Doyle Please continue to pray for Oretta Scaletti, Best wishes to President Vic Armando and wife Pat for a successful Convention!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

What a wonderful evening Branch 290 members enjoyed in June, with Scholarship winners Andriana Rose Suarez and Nico Scolieri. They were truly impressed by these intelligent, personable and appreciative young people. We wish them much success and happiness during their college years.

Now, we move ahead with some dates to remember.

August 15 - Summer time complimentary dinner at 6:00pm with meeting to follow at 7pm. Guests are welcome for $5.00. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939, and let her know if you’re coming.

September 19 - Spaghetti and meatball dinner at 6pm, followed by meeting at 7pm. Price of the dinner is $10.00. As in August, please call Mary Rowe, and let her know if you’re coming. Our next Champagne-Bingo Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 5. This event will be the last fundraiser for the year.

Our get well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery go out to all our members who are
not feeling well. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our August meeting.
Ciao,
Jeanette

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365
Hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to normal.
At our last meeting, Pres. George asked Joe Basuno to take over as chairman for our Sept. 28 luncheon, with George assisting. It was decided that the cost will be $18.00 a person. It will be held in the Lower Church at 12:30. There will be a door prize, a raffle and entertainment. The menu has not been finalized, but it will include wine and soda. In order for it to be a success, we need everyone’s participation. Now is the time to ask family, friends and acquaintances to join us. The more the merrier. Flyers will be available at our meeting.
By the time you receive this Bollettino, we will have met in August. Because there was no Bollettino for August, look for our garage sale photos in this issue.
Our next meeting will be on Sept. 11, at 7pm. See you then.
God Bless,
Ann Basuno

San Mateo
District Council
Greetings! Hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.
Many thanks to Branch 351, Church of the Nativity for hosting the uplifting District Communion and delicious luncheon.
Congratulations to the 2013 Convention Award Winners: Grand President’s Award to Roberta Franchini of Branch 213, South San Francisco. She’s been a member of the branch for 46 years and during that time has held every office there is. She’s always there to help not only her branch, but her parish and the district as well. Mother Teresa Award to Father Michael Mahoney, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame and Chaplain of Branch 173. He’s well known for always welcoming everyone to his “flock.”
Mark your Calendars:
Thursday, August 22, 2013, District Meeting at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, followed by dessert hosted by Branch 163.
Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013 the 2013 Convention will be held at the La Quinta Resort and Club, LaQuinta, CA.
We look forward to the new ideas our delegates will bring back to share with us.
Our next meeting is on August 20. Gayton, Marie and sons De Rosa will be making our delicious roasted chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert dinner.
Be sure to save these important dates. Our Hawaiian Barbeque Fundraiser will be Saturday, September 21 and our “Western BBQ Dinner-Dance” Fundraiser will be Saturday, October 26. Also, save the date for our Chicken & Polenta Dinner Fundraiser on November 30. These fundraisers are important as they allow us to give back to our community and help those in need. Now that’s what I call a winning combination…having fun while helping others! Look for more information to follow on these events as time draws near.
The business/dinner meeting for September will be on the 11th. Please note date change to the second Wednesday due to All Souls Festival.
To finish out the third quarter of the year for dinner/business meetings, they are: October 2, November 6 and December 4. Wow, this year sure is going by fast!
So, until next time…a little thought to ponder, “Faith is not believing God can, it is knowing God will…” “Never Underestimate the Power of Prayer”!
Sempre Avanti
Laurie Masetti

San Mateo
St. Matthew, Br. 163
There will be no board meeting and no general meeting in August due to the construction going on at St. Matthew.
Greetings! Hope you have been relaxing and enjoying your summer. Soon we will be back to business.
Many thanks to Virginia and Harold Fuentes for hosting our enjoyable River Rock Casino trip.
Mark your calendars:
Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013 – The 2013 ICF Convention will be held at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, CA. We hope our delegates will enjoy the convention and come back with new ideas to share with us.
Remember to buy and turn in your money and stubs to Virginia Fuentes very soon.
Congratulations to our dear friend Roberta Franchini of Branch 213, South San Francisco for receiving the Grand President’s Award.
Congratulations to Matthew Borland, a Serra High Graduate for receiving our Scholarship in memory of Jack D’Asaro.
Keep in our thoughts and prayers Father Frank Murray and the family of Nancy Van Tricht in our prayers.
Anne O’Brien

South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7
Our first dinner/business meeting back from vacation was August 7. Our thanks to all the cooks and helpers for the wonderful roasted chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert dinner.
By the way, our next dinner meeting will be on the 11th. Please note date change to the second Wednesday due to All Souls Festival.
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San Francisco
Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173
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South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213
Our thanks to Faith Hill for hosting our Pot Luck Summer Picnic on August 13. We all had a good time and plenty of food! Great job! Best wishes and good luck to Joe and Judy Crosetti, our first-time delegate and alternate to the I.C.F. Annual Convention in LaQuinta, Palm Springs. Hope you and all the conventioneers have lots of fun, make new friends, and learn some new information about the Italian Catholic Federation!
We are delighted to welcome into Branch 213, two new members: Gloria DeVincenti and Renee Lee Mintun. So happy to have you both join us!
Please keep in your prayers our members and family who have health issues: Redhen Barrera, John Cannon, Franco Franchini, Bill Houwer, Jackie Smith’s husband Jim, and Glorinda Dobelman’s husband, Dan. Also keep in your prayers, Jackie Smith and her family, whose father passed away on July 30.
There is not much to report, since we did not meet in July. Hope you all had a great summer and are getting ready to take on the holidays. They will be here before you know it!
Our next dinner meeting is Tuesday, September 10.
Hope to see you all then!

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327
Hi All,
We had our regular meeting in June. Our dinner was pizza, salad & cake for desert. We were able to give scholarships to five deserving children. Dominic Marques, Shaffer Kramer, Michael York, Grace Casarez, and Luke Widell. Celeste Finkena does a wonderful job as our scholarship chairman each year.
Our next meeting is on August 20. Gayton, Marie and sons De Rosa will be making their great BBQ Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Hopefully we will have a good turnout in August.
Dick Hogan & Carole Gianuario will be the delegates to the convention this year.
Unfortunately, we lost a couple of members this year. Laura Vittaci’s daughter, Nadia Holofe, who was a member of St. SF Branch, and Maureen Scully Rice, daughter of Tim and Kathleen Scully (Tim passed away recently). Kathleen and Tim were members for a great many years. We send our condolences to the families. Nancy Van Tricht also passed away. She was a member of the Mt. Carmel branch in Redwood City for many years and was the Treasurer of the District as well. She was a great member and did so much for her branch and the District as well. Nancy will be missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.
God Bless,
Carole

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403
Our August 6 meeting was preceded by a hot dog dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by our president Lorrie Kalos Gunn. It was a fun-filled evening enjoyed by all. The ICF annual convention will take place at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, California on Labor Day weekend, August 30 to September 2, 2013. Therefore there will be no meeting in September.
Save the date of September 22, 2013, which is our popular polenta dinner. The dinner will
include antipasto, salad, polenta with chicken and sausage, dessert and wine for $25. For reservations send check payable to ICF #403 by September 17 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. Raffle prizes will be available.

Corresponding Secretary: Rose Marie Morando

Marin
Novato
Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332
Just shy of 100 members and a few guests met last night at Our Lady of Loretto’s parish hall. After a social of cocktails and hors d’oeuvres (enhanced by the accordion music of Dave Garbarino) a brief but informative business meeting was held. An explanation of the role of ICF in the fight for a cure of Cooley’s Anemia was given by the president. As usual a plentiful dinner of pasta, ciabatta bread and butter, and a number of varied dishes were provided.

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council
Election of officers will soon be here so think about running for an office. Getting involved in your branch has many rewards. Membership is more enjoyable when you participate in as many branch and district activities as possible. Unfortunately, membership continues to drop throughout the Federation. Take a good look at your branch and objectively consider why this is happening. If you are going to the Convention, attend the membership workshop. If you are not going, ask your delegates what they learned and how you can help. Good luck to all CC candidates and convention delegates. Bring back renewed enthusiasm and great ideas! The third annual Morgan Hill Italian Harvest Festa is on September 7th and 8th this year. Great entertainment and great food!! Ask your branch president for details.

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4
Congratulations to Our Own Anna Greco Gonzales for receiving the Young Adult award to be presented at this year’s Convention. We are proud of you, Anna. You have really been an asset to the Branch.

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4
Our Annual Bishop’s Day is at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Lunch will follow at The Three Flames Restaurant. Most of the Seminarians come to the Mass and luncheon. It is a great opportunity to meet our future Priests. It is also a great chance for them to get to know the ICF and the great work we do. Come to the Mass even if you can’t come to the luncheon (but you might miss meeting the Seminarians!) Come show your support for Bishop McGrath and the Seminarians of our Diocese. Please see your Branch President for details.

Marcie Rossi

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5
A big thanks to all who helped and came to the ICF Br. 5 BBQ. Thanks to all those who donated baskets, bakery products, and other items.

August 22, 2013 – Dinner/Meeting – Menu: Coulotte Steak w/Sauted Mushrooms; Baked Potatoes; Tomato Basil Biscuit Soup; Salad; Dessert: Cost: $12.00 Member; $14.00 Non-Member. Time: 6:00pm Dinner/ 7:00pm Meeting.

September 26, 2013 – Dinner/Meeting – Menu: Baked 3 Cheese Lasagna, and all the trimmings.

October 27, 2013 – Annual Bishop’s Day – St. Francis Cabrini Church, Mass at 11:30AM, and Lunch at Three Flames on Meridian Avenue, San Jose. Costs: $30.00 per person. Signup and give your money and lunch selection to Mary Ann Ruiz at the September meeting. She can help our branch, parish & parish school for many years. She walked to church daily to say the Rosary before Mass. She was a member for 45 years.

Condolence also to Edith Baretta on the passing of her Father in Italy. Our branch will have a Walk-a-thon on Friday September 16 at St. Joseph School at 5:00. We want to thank all who made our picnic a success.

I am looking forward to the convention voting for a new president and other officers.

Happy birthday to August members: Angel Gonzales & Stephanie Kemph. Happy birthday to September members: John Canata, Elsa Hryndej, Abigail Riley, Joe Spinozzi & Joe Teresi.

Please pray for our members.

Sincerely in Christ,
Joseph J. Teresi

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184
Our Branch Appreciation Picnic was a special relaxing event at St. Frances Cabrini Bocce Courts. Priz. Denise stated that because we worked hard this year, we were able to donate large sums to scholarships, Cooley’s Anemia, and to our many charitable recipients. In 2003, Mary Poncato, sadly no longer with us, started an “Every Day Saint” Award.

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This year an emotional moment at the picnic occurred when Denise presented this award to a surprised Donna Pfaff! To end the delicious meal, Gaylord Green shared a beautiful cake in honor of Marcia Green’s 70th Birthday: Happy Birthday Marcia! Member Jan Hoy has moved to Apton, but still wants to serve as our “Sunshine Lady.” If you have news about a member, call Jan at 831-685-3665.

The ICF Italian Harvest Festa is planned for Sept. 7 and 8, 11am to 6pm, at the Usugi Farms in Morgan Hill. This will be the 3rd year of music, food and fun - see you there! Nonna Maria Antonowicz is proud to announce that grandson Justin Velez graduated from the Marine Corps boot camp on July 19 as a Private First Class - OORAH!!

You still have time to support “Team Valli Farms” as they participate in the Organ Donor Crusade. Their team goal is $500; let’s help them reach that goal!

Ladies enjoying a nice afternoon at the annual Branch 184 Lafayette Shower at the Monte Sereno home of Rose Arnaudo.

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San Jose
Santa Teresa, Br. 368

The men of 368 did a great job as hosting our July potluck. Everything was delicious as usual. Ed Wendler always gives an inspiring talk. His June topic was about he and his wife Jane’s experience in Normandy, France. He said it was very moving to be at the American Cemetery and remember the sacrifices made there. This past month, Ed’s topic was the “Swimming Hole” and how God holds onto us no matter our scars!

Noreen Gilio’s Heritage talk in June was about the “Ghost Army.” Thanks to her grandson for being able to share how these strategic tactics were used in WWII. Amazing! Mike Nunizata gave a Heritage talk about the late Father Andrew Greely and a study he did on the Catholic Church in Chicago.

There were positive and negative aspects that were representative of our American Catholicism.

Mike Nunizata introduced our newest member Robin Hayr. Welcome Robin.

Please keep Joe Dyer and Jerry Delfino in your prayers.

Important Dates:
August 16 – Branch 368 Casino Night
August 30 – Sep. 2 – ICF Convention in La Quinta, California

Ciao
Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

With July being a month with so many members traveling out of town, in lieu of the traditional dinner meeting, we had an outside family BBQ dinner. Everyone had hot dogs, chips, watermelon, beans, and John and Donna Rossi shared the massive avocados from their trees. It was a perfect summer meal, enjoyed in blissful summer weather, and shared with pleasurable company.

Some upcoming dates to keep in mind: August 4 will be the district BBQ at St. Clair, and our branch will be in charge of the raffle. Bring something to donate. Branch 391’s chicken BBQ will be August 18. On September 7-8, we will be selling Big Al’s Italian Beef Sandwiches at the Morgan Hill Italian Festival. See Marcie if you would like to volunteer.

Have a safe and pleasant summer.
Baci,
Bianca

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

At our last dinner meeting on June 20 our branch was treated to a wonderful dinner prepared by Richard and Joan Della Maggiore. A big thank you to them and also to Sal and Denise Campagna for their yummy dessert.

On July 14 our branch hosted Hospitality after Masses on Sunday. We had a good attendance and we are also having our branch quarterly Mass at 10:30 on July 28.

On July 18 at our last branch meeting and dinner we enjoyed a “Happy 4th of July BBQ” prepared by Jerry Caravelli and George Guigliemo. A good time was held by all.

August/September 2013 - 31
In honor of Father Eugene O’Donnell our former pastor at St. Catherine’s, our branch made a donation to the Providence Seminary scholarship fund. He has celebrated 40 years of priesthood. The annual Festa at Usegi Ranch will be of priesthood. Scholarships fun. He has celebrated 40 years former pastor at St. Catherine’s, our branch in honor of Father Eugene O’Donnell our Donna Basilin of Josie Talamo. Concilla, who passed away and was a sister his continued improvement and for Maria friend of Loretta Wilson, Father Mark for his continued improvement and for Maria Concilla, who passed away and was a sister of Josie Talamo. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa
Napa
San Giuseppe, Br. 12
Our July 7 Picnic was a great success with 31 members and guests sharing stories, laughter and smiles. Our thanks to Ernie and Eloise Rota for having it in their patio where there was plenty of room for all. Members brought delicious dishes – salads, two types of homemade baked beans, deviled eggs, and yummy desserts. Ernie grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. There was an iced bucket of different types of libation J as well.

Branch 12 scholarship recipient is La Hernandez and family with Deputy Linda Sherman and Pres. Juliann Fontana.

Headlands
San Francisco di Sales, Br. 52
Upcoming Events:
Aug. 30 – Sept. 2: ICF Annual Convention in La Quinta, CA. We wish our delegates a safe journey and productive Convention. Sept. 10: Harvest Potluck Dinner and Meeting. 6:30pm, Parish Hall. Our delegates will present their informative reports from the Convention. Please bring your favorite dish to share with members. Check the monthly newsletter for more details.

Ciao for now,
Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa, Br. 18
Keep your fingers crossed. We have sent the convention raffle ticket stubs and money to Central Council. Many, many, thanks to all ticket buyers. Good Luck to you. Those of you who kindly purchased tickets for our August 17 dinner dance may not realize the far-reaching good effect you help cause; donations to Cooley’s Anemia Research, Catholic Charities, ICF scholarships, Sonoma County Life Pregnancy fund, Handicapables, Resurrection parish Christmas gifts to the needy, Yountville Veterans Home Pathway House (a special facility for those veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.) Blessings to you all. We have turned in our annual Apostolatic/Charity form to Central Council, this past year we donated over $1,400 to charity and church. Congratulations to Branch 18 St. Rose. We have 23 members. Help!

Happy Days to all,
Marie Canale

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103
Some of our members have been enjoying the summer with much traveling both in the USA and abroad. Some of our bocci playing members joined guests from our sister city of Greve for bocci and lunch. Others who are Italian class members joined for a picnic, a dinner, and a meeting on Thursdays for Italian conversation. Then, let’s not forget our Casino trip and picnic at the Larson Winery. All in all our ICF group has been very active.

At our meeting in September details of our special project will be finalized and the Bollettino will be notified. Our September dinner meeting will be the chef’s favorite of salad, polenta with sausage, and dessert and wine. For reservations, call Lila Boragno at (707) 990-3448.

Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning

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Remember our next dinner meeting will be on Aug. 15. Please keep in your prayers Janice Perez, a friend of Loretta Wilson, Father Mark for his continued improvement and for Maria Concilla, who passed away and was a sister of Josie Talamo.

Happy 80th Birthday to my mother, Carmen Casale.

All in all our ICF group has been very active. Here’s to a successful Convention!

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Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning

New members Doug and Diane Hughes, along with the Lencions and the Buscos, enjoy Br. 391’s family picnic.

Br. 391 members were encouraged to invite family members to our family picnic.
Greetings from Petaluma!

Thanks go to all the members who are attending our meetings and supporting our dinners. Our Vice President Bruno Fomasi has done an outstanding job of conducting our meetings while our President has been on vacation. Thank you Bruno.

August 12 - Regular Meeting, Room 9 - 7:00pm.

The convention was August 30 to September 2. We will look forward to hearing about all of the activities at our September 10 meeting.

Other dates to put on your calendar are the Italian Festa on September 29, the scholarship dinner fundraiser on October 12, and the bocce sale on November 3. A great day prizes, so fun!!!

August 30 – September 2 – ICF CONVENTION – LaQUINTA
September 3 – Board Meeting
September 10 – Regular Meeting
September 15 – Quarterly Communion
Hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer!

Ciao,

Lena Bertoli

The summer months for our I.C.F. brought us a great and tasty!

It is really fun to hear when someone wins with the raffle or even the calendars. I had a relative in Ohio who had a calendar sent to them as a gift and they won one of the daily day prizes, so fun!!!

September will be our Mexican dinner hosted by Jef. Be thinking what you want to bring.

We slowed a bit for the summer but September will be very busy. Right after the convention we will have our monthly meeting on September 11, the St. Stanislaus Fall Festival September 27-29 and our bake sale October 5-6.

We hope are members will help at the fall festival where the church and then join us for dinner in the kitchen. The meeting will be at 1:30pm.

Please bring them up at the meeting.

September 27-29 and our bake sale October 5-6.

September 11, the St. Stanislaus Fall Festival Maze Blvd Community Center
Oct 5-6 Bake sale after all the masses maze bldv. church
TBA Oct or Nov District meeting

Cecelia McGhee

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The main focus of this article is to highlight the court yard of the Church. Cost will be $10 with details to follow at the meeting. Reservations may be made by calling Spence Burton - 763-9082.

ICF Convention is right around the corner, and I'm looking forward to seeing many friends from other ICF Districts and our Central Council members.

May God bless each of us with the will and ability to do His work through the ICF this year and the years to come. I ask all our ICF members in our prayers, and ask that you keep us in yours, too. God bless.

Ciao,

Annette Pachinger for Amy Schmid, Correspondence Secretary

Our members are out and about this summer as we take a break from our Branch meetings. On June 30, Branch 395 participated in Stockton's 1st annual Festa Italiana. Branch 395 had a booth at which we sold Italian note cards. They were a big hit and the Festa was well attended.

Members are looking forward to the Stockton District Picnic which I will tell you all about it in the next Bollettino. Many of our members will be attending the convention. The next District Event will be a meeting in October or November the date yet to be determined. It will be in Manteca, hopefully at Tony's Kitchen, the meeting will be at 11:30am.

All the branches and district delegates will receive a letter with all the details and a notice will be in the next Bollettino.

Ciao,

Josephine Weber

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On August 5, LA District President Carmelo Sabatella and wife Linda visited the LA Waterfront Festival and ICF Booth in downtown San Pedro along with Federated Italian Americans of Southern California President Ann Potenza, Branch 115 President Neal Dileva and 2nd VP Frank Colonna. Thank you to Branch 115 for participating in the LA Waterfront Festival serving pizza along with many other Italian Clubs of San Pedro and bringing ICF to the Community.

The Blood Donation Process

It will take approximately one hour for your entire blood donation appointment. It is advised that before your donation, you eat a well-balanced meal.

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You will be asked to provide some basic information (name, address, age, etc.) You must also present official identification with a photo or signature (driver's license, passport, etc.)

Step 2: Medical History and Mini-Physical
A medical history is taken and then a drop of blood is analyzed for hemoglobin content, then your pulse, blood pressure and temperature are checked.

Step 3: Blood Donation
A phlebotomist will cleanse and sterilize your arm before inserting a needle. The needle is steel, used only once and then disposed. After seven to 10 minutes, you will have donated the “gift of life”.

Step 4: Rest and Refreshments
Relax and enjoy fruit pieces, cookies and assorted drinks after your donation.

In the next several hours, your blood donation will be tested, typed and separated into various components to be safely transfused into a patient. You can donate blood every 85 days or six times a year.

After your donation, it is recommended that you continue to drink plenty of fluids and not do any strenuous exercise for at least four to five hours.

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For more information, call the Live to Give Committee Chairperson Nina Malone at 916-759-3607
Spiritual Bouquet Request

As part the Bishop's Day Celebration on Sunday, October 27, 2013, the District will be presenting to the Bishop a Spiritual Bouquet.

Please ask your members to record their daily Masses, the Rosaries they pray and their Novenas that will be used for the Spiritual Bouquet.

Please compile the totals on the form below and mail to:
Denise Antonowicz
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(No later than October 11th)

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Masses __________________
Communions _____________
Days or Nights of Recollection __________
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Sponsor a Seminarian

We are asking each branch to sponsor a Seminarian for lunch at our Annual Bishop’s Day. There are 16 seminarians currently at St. Patrick’s Seminary and our goal is to have all 16 join us for lunch.

The cost per person is $30.
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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

**83rd Annual**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Diocese of San Bernardino

La Quinta, California

August 29, 2013 – September 2, 2013

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Fiesta 6 - BOLLETTINO