It is hard to believe, but the Italian Catholic Federation has now held its 5th Annual Seminarian Night. As always, all proceeds go directly to the ICF Providenza Fund. As of press time, the total profit was $6,800.00.

Saturday, June 6, 2015 was a beautiful evening to hold such a special event. St. Mary’s Church, Branch 184, Los Gatos graciously hosted the evening's festivities. The parish hall was decorated in classic black and silver with the walls adorned with streamers and beautiful herbal table decorations as center pieces.

Congratulations to Russ and Louise Vento, Branch 391, San Jose. Seen here at the Seminarian Night, they are the 2015 recipients of the Grand President’s Award.

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The 102 people in attendance were treated to an evening of being served by many Central Council Members. Co-hosted by CC Member Denise Antonowicz and Franklyn Lopes, Jr., those in attendance said the evening ran very smoothly, and was a great night.

The ICF was honored to have one seminarian in attendance. Mario Rizzo attended the evening and spoke of his appreciation for the ICF and its focus on seminarians and how positive of an experience he has had at ICF events.

“It was good to see the awareness the ICF puts into the seminarians,” said ICF Spiritual Director Monsignor Daniel Cardelli.

The dinner was prepared by head chef Robyn Piro, Sgt. at Arms Vince Piro’s wife. The kitchen crew included Grand President Bob Basuino, Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani, Past Grand President Jim Jones, Seminarian Mario Rizzo, Grand Treasurer Roselynnne Jarrett, John Kreslake and Grand Trustee Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

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People were amazed at how fast the food was coming out of the kitchen,” Anne Interrante said.

The evening’s libations were courtesy of Past Grand President Jane Dianda, who was not only the evening’s bartender, but she donated all supplies for the bar.

The dance floor was set for an evening of dancing. With music by the Anthony Lane continued on page 11

Grand President’s Monthly Message
by Bob Basuino

The year has just flown by. I cannot believe it is already July. Our children and grandchildren, for some of your great-grandchildren, are out of school enjoying the summer vacation. If they are anything like my grandchildren, they are also looking forward to the 4th of July. Did you know that the 4th of July did not become a Federal Holiday until 1941? But it has been celebrated as a very special holiday since 1776. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of Independence on July 4, 1777, while congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of Independence.

Part of our culture is to celebrate great days in our histories such as birthdays, anniversaries, Birth’s etc. Last month we celebrated the 11th Anniversary of our beloved ICF and we also celebrated our Seminarians with our 5th annual Seminarian Night held in Los Gatos. At times like this, we all become one big family enjoying each other’s company. This is what the Italian Catholic Federation is all about. We celebrate our religion, our heritage and our culture. As you and your families prepare for your BBQ’s, swim parties, and picnics this 4th of July, take a moment to thank God for your family, friends, and all the traditions that we continue to share.

God Bless America on this the birthday month of our great country and God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY.

Strategic Plan Notes
As we move into the summer, the Strategic Plan implementation phase is well under way. As to the date of this article’s submission, there have been workshops in four districts with three more scheduled in the next two months. The Task Force is currently working on scheduling more workshops in the near future and will continue throughout the year until all districts and all areas have been covered. These workshops are open to all members who wish to attend and be a part of enhancing their branch and district. Please encourage your members and current officers to participate. For more information about the strategic plan or an upcoming workshop in your district, please contact Vince Piro or Leonard Zasoski at lefaskforce@gmail.com.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
**Life is a Climb**

**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
**Spiritual Director ICF**  
**ICFSpiritDir@aol.com**

Rock climbing is a special and dangerous sport. A climber has to train for a long time and be in perfect physical condition to get to the top alive and in one piece. Mistakes are not allowed. One mistake could be fatal. It is not a sport for the careless or the lazy. The cliff is straight up and a challenge even for the best of climbers. Fear is not thinkable. Determination and meticulous planning permeate every waking moment. The goal is set. The prize is exhilarating.

**Reaching Out to Other Parish Organizations: Religious Education and RCIA**

*Originally Written By: Teresa Helfand and Maria Tolleson*  
*Updated by: Nina Malone  
Membership Committee Chairperson*

As a Catholic organization, it is beneficial for our ICF branches to be involved in the activities and programs taking place within our parishes. When our members are part of parish life, they become part of a community. Ministries and organizations vary from parish to parish. There are two, however, that you will find in all parishes: RCIA and Religious Education (also known as Faith Formation). Both programs can benefit from the participation of our members in the Italian Catholic Federation.

The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens and candidates. Catechumens undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Candidates already baptized and wishing to be in full communion with the Catholic Church participate in a separate but similar RCIA program.

How can the ICF contribute to the RCIA?

- **As a branch, attend the various First Communion ceremonies as well as Confirmations.**
- **Host a reception, dinner or special events for children making their sacraments; First Eucharist Ceremonies.**
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How can the ICF contribute to Religious Education programs?

- **Adopt a RE class.** Each month, sponsor a grade level and ask the teachers of that level how the ICF can help. Perhaps teachers can use an aid one week or maybe a member can do an activity with the children.
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How can the Religious Education (RE) program benefit from the participation of our members in our parishes:

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**Cruise News**

Lisa Crudo  
Ways & Means Committee Chair

Happy Summer to one and all! The cruise that the ICF sponsored was well attended! We had 19 people sign up to enjoy a lovely voyage to Alaska on May 22. We sailed out of San Francisco for 10 days to the beautiful and scenic ports of Alaska and Canada.

I am happy to report that this event earned the ICF $2,200.00. We give special thanks to our cruise planner Julianne Graham, (daughter of life member emeritus Leroy Taddei) for planning and organizing this trip, and for her generous donation.

Look for more notices in the *Bollettino* of future trips and cruises! Feel free to share with me any ideas of destinations and what time of year you’d like to see a trip planned, and I’ll do my best to work a deal or two. This is a fun and easy way to earn money for our wonderful organization without having to do any work!

Thanks again to all the members who joined us on this trip, and we look forward to more travel memories!
Heritage

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

I would like to tell about some of the sons of emigrants, John Brucato and his family came from Palermo, Sicily to the United States during the fury of 1908 in Europe. That is when the majority of people migrated to the United States. Most were illiterate. John’s family lived in New York and he was educated in Brooklyn. He overcame the stigma of being called Mafioso, a name people called him only because he was Sicilian. He came to the San Francisco Bay Area and became a pillar of the Community. He was involved in Victory Gardens, the Farmers’ Market, Fish Industry, the Water conservation districts and many more projects. He always remembered what his father said when they came to America. “It is time to start a new and better life”. He was able to accomplish a lot during his lifetime. He said “It was never easy and he always had to fight the odds.” The Stigma of being Sicilian was always there.

Now A.P. Giannini was born in 1870 in San Jose, Calif. His parents had just come from Genoa, Italy. His father was only 22 and his mother a child of 16. His father took over a hotel in San Jose and had to learn the hotel business and learn to speak English. Two years later his father was killed over a debt of $1.00. His mother married a fruit broker in San Francisco and he was raised on a ranch between San Francisco and San Jose. Many Italians coming to the West Coast came as seaman and worked to pay their passage on ships and after arriving would send for their wife and family. Many purchased ranches or opened businesses and rose to wealth and became prominent figures in the community. A.P. Giannini loved San Francisco, the water front and the market places. Much like Mr. Brucato, he too had big crazy ideas. His philosophy in life was I don’t want to be rich, for no man owns a fortune, it will own him. He became founder of the Bank of Italy which became the Bank of America. To learn more about these two men read (A Sicilian in America) and (The Biography of a Bank.).

Relief Fund Established For Nepal Earthquake

The Federation has started a relief fund for the people who were devastated by the earthquake in Nepal. $250 has already been donated from the Central Council funds. We encourage all Branches and Districts to donate to this relief fund to help the people of Nepal who were affected. Individual donations are also welcomed.

Please send your donation to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Nepal Earthquake Relief on the memo line. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to Catholic Relief Services. The deadline for donations is July 15, so we can forward the money on to help the victims and their families as soon as possible.

Catholic Relief Services is the relief and development arm of the Catholic Church. They assist working to provide food, shelter, water and hygiene kits.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who were impacted by this terrible disaster.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.

— Executive Committee

Branching Out

Anne Interrante
CC Member, Public Relations Committee Member

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

Branch 365, San Francisco, California gathers all members for their Annual Garage Sale Fundraiser.

Three years ago, branch members had a goal of increasing their treasury in order to raise additional money for their charitable programs. The idea was to sponsor a garage sale at a member’s home.

All members and friends start dropping off items (i.e., clothing, household, garden, furniture, etc.) one month prior to the sale. The event is publicized in the local newspaper and the parish bulletin. All members spread the word among family and friends, and of course, there are neighborhood signs.

Members then meet up the night before the sale to collectively price items and make final preparations. The sale is scheduled for two days, Saturday and Sunday. One blessing for the branch is that the garage is right across the street from the church. Leftover items are given to a local charity.

Over the years, since it began, the annual garage sale has more than doubled in profits. This is a great fundraiser to pull all members together to donate and volunteer!

Branch 390, Tracy, California promotes Annual Italian Heritage Night.

Branch members go all out for their heritage night! They begin selling tickets in January for a big raffle comprised of literally 1,000 one dollar bills, a spa package and another cash prize. The drawing takes place in April at their heritage event. There are a limited number of tickets sold and proceeds are donated to the scholarship fund.

There is also a children’s parade where each child carries a flag – American and Italian – around the room to Italian music. They do so proudly and are encouraged by clapping and cheering of all adults in attendance.

Italian-themed appetizers are provided by the board and other members volunteering. A big map of Italy is set out where members can place pins on their ancestral beginnings.

Decorations in the room consist of poster boards spaced throughout the parish hall which contain numerous photo collages of branch events over the years.

This event attracts members of all ages and the children especially enjoy getting involved in all the festivities. What a brilliant way to raise money for scholarships while also celebrating Italian Heritage!
Want to Make a Difference?  
Make Plans to Run for Central Council or the Hospitalization Committee

**Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election**

That time of year has come again to consider running for Central Council.
This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members. If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:
1) Central Council Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by August 1. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.
3) Present Central Council Members attend the Convention as Delegates-At-Large.
4) The deadline for Candidate Photo and Statement of Purpose to appear in the Bollettino is also August 1.

Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

**Hospitalization Committee Candidates**

That time of year has come again to consider running for the Hospitalization Committee. This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members with a two-year term on the Hospitalization Committee. If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:
1) Hospitalization Committee Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
2) Candidates for election to the Hospitalization Committee must declare their candidacy by August 1. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.

Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

**Election of Central Council Officers**

This is a follow up to a discussion at the Open Forum workshop at Convention last year. A question was asked why the Convention delegates do not directly elect the Central Council Officers. The answer is stated in the Central Council Statutes which say: “The Central Council shall elect the Officers at the Annual Convention.” As is common with almost all other organizations and corporations, the governing board is elected by the members or shareholders, then the governing board elects the officers.

**Ways & Means Update**

Lisa Crudo
Ways & Means Committee Chair

Greetings to all of you! I’d like to take a moment to update you on a few of the wonderful events and promotions sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee.

Friday, July 24, will be our annual Golf Tournament. Please see the Bollettino for details, and spread the word to your family and friends. Golfers and non-golfers are all welcome to attend. We always have a wonderful banquet and raffle afterwards! I’d like to thank my Committee Member, Past Grand President Leonard Rossi, for his wonderful organization of this annual event, as well as, the members of Branch 36, in Monterey for the fabulous dinner and raffle afterwards! I’d like to thank those of my Committee Members, Past Grand President Leonard Rossi, for his wonderful organization of this annual event, as well as, the members of Branch 36, in Monterey for the fabulous dinner and raffle afterwards! I’d like to thank to those of you who submitted names and biographies.

We also invite you to participate in the listing of not only birthdays (yourself, your children, grandchildren, parish priests and chaplains, or even friends) but also anniversaries (weddings, Branch founding, Priest’s ordinations, etc.) You may include your branch and district events as well. Please share your thoughts and ideas of what famous and infamous Italians you’d like to see represented. I would like to take the opportunity to thank those of you who did submit names and biographies.

We now have some very special and memorable people to include. I know it will be a fabulous calendar full of our colorful history! Convention raffle books have been distributed. We look forward to a successful event and many lucky winners at this year’s convention in beautiful Las Vegas.

**ICF Deadlines and Calendar**

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**Cooley’s Corner**

**Patient Perspective:**

**My Experience With Gene Therapy**

Interview by Mint Bhetraratana
Submitted by: 
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Imsub Monmeesin is a 22-year-old student from Thailand. She has beta-thalassemia and recently concluded her participation in Bluebird’s Northstar Study at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland. This experimental gene therapy involves inserting a functional human beta-globin gene in the patient’s stem cells ex vivo — meaning that the cells are altered outside the human body — and then reinserting these modified stem cells into the patient’s bloodstream. This process is also known as autologous stem cell transplantation (www.bluebirdbio.com). I was able to sit down with Imsub — or “Ae,” as she is known to her friends — to talk to her about her journey. The following is an excerpt from an interview translated from Thai.

**MB:** Hi, Ae, let’s start with the basics. How would you describe your home?

**IM:** I have a one-story home. I have a big family and I live in the country where we raise pigs.

**MB:** What do you study in Thailand, and what are your career goals?

**IM:** I am in my second year studying pharmacy at Sirirakhanwirot University. When I finish school, I would like to become a pharmacist. But I would also like to own my own café and sell pastries.

**MB:** How old were you when you were diagnosed with beta-thalassemia?

**IM:** I was diagnosed with thalassemia at two years old, because I was sick for a long time. I went to the doctor and was treated at the Ramathibodi Hospital from then until now. Also, my sister was tested for the disease, and we found out she also has thalassemia. We both were treated.

**MB:** What was one of the challenges you faced growing up with beta-thalassemia?

**IM:** Oh, well, I don’t remember much from when I was a child, but what I do remember is that I had to see the doctor every month to get blood transfusions and take my medications.

**MB:** Can you describe what your treatment is like in Thailand?

**IM:** In addition to getting blood transfusions and medications, I also have to get lab work done as the doctor orders. For instance, I have to get MRIs and other tests done that the doctor recommends to check my overall health. When I was younger, we looked into the possibility of getting matched for a bone marrow transplant. There was no match in my community, so we sent my blood work to Taiwan, but there was still no match.

**MB:** Do you know a lot of people who have thalassemia in Thailand?

**IM:** I do not know of anyone else close who has thalassemia [other than my sister], but I became friends with the other thalassemia patients I met at the hospital.

**MB:** Why did you want to participate in the Bluebird Bio Northstar study?

**IM:** In the beginning, it was hard. At first, I didn’t want to participate in the study, because I didn’t want to miss school and fall behind in my studies. At that time, there wasn’t a lot of information about the therapy, because it was new, so I wasn’t sure if it would be safe or what to expect. It was a hard decision. But my parents wanted me to do it, and after speaking to a lot of doctors and getting more information about this therapy, I decided to do it, because we thought this could be a possible cure.

**MB:** Had you been to the United States before? When did you first arrive and who did you come with?

**IM:** This is the first time I have been to the United States. I came to the States in April 2014; this is also my first time outside of Thailand! I came with my mother. When I arrived in the United States, I thought my English wasn’t that good, but I wanted to visit this country.

**MB:** What other places did you visit in the country?

**IM:** I went to San Francisco and visited Pier 39. [She also visited Oakland, Los Angeles, and Arizona.]

**MB:** What was your favorite place?

**IM:** [Imsub turns to ask her mom this question.] My mom liked many places! I liked San Francisco and L.A. the most.

**MB:** Can you explain the timeline of the gene therapy process?

For the first two weeks, I had to get a physical exam and other medical tests. Then my stem cells were collected over four days. My stem cells were then sent to the lab, which took about five to six weeks. Then they had to collect my stem cells for a second time, so it took longer than expected. After my stem cells were modified, I had to stay in the hospital for 40 days to get them transplanted. Overall, I will have stayed in the United States for almost nine months. [She went back to Thailand at the end of December.] I thought it would only take five to six months.

**MB:** Overall, was the gene therapy what you expected?

**IM:** Yes, it was what I was hoping for. All of my lab work is okay now, I’m not sure what to expect in the long run, but I believe I will get better.

**MB:** Were there any challenges with the gene therapy?

**IM:** I am uncertain because this was an experimental treatment, and the results are not yet known.

**MB:** What does completing gene therapy mean to you?

**IM:** I hope to be cured of thalassemia, which means that I wouldn’t have to get monthly transfusions or take medications. If this treatment is successful, I will be cured, and others will be, as well!
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The Italian Americans
http://www.pbs.org/the-italian-americans/home/

This column usually reviews books; however, I thought that this month I would review a television series as well as the companion book and website that offer much information and entertainment to those interested in Italian-American culture.

In February of this year, PBS aired a two-part series entitled The Italian Americans. The series focused on the rich history and culture of Italian Americans. Broadcasting over the course of a couple of nights, the series contained four episodes: “La Famiglia,” “Becoming Americans,” “Loyal Americans,” and “The American Dream.” The series is now available in DVD and as a digital download from services such as Apple’s iTunes store and amazon.com.

As described by the producers, the series “reveals the unique and distinctive qualities of one immigrant group’s experience, and how these qualities, over time, have shaped and challenged America. Unlike other immigrant groups, many Italians did not come to America to stay. At the turn of the 20th century, most came to work, earn money to support their families, and eventually return home. Nearly half of the first generation Italian immigrants did return to Italy.

For those that made America home, their struggle to maintain a distinct Italian culture was guided by remarkably powerful ideas of family that had always been at the center of their lives. In the Italian family, the needs of the collective came before the individual — a value system often at odds with American ideals of freedom and personal choice.

While the power of the Italian family became a source of strength, it also bred suspicion, popularized in popular media as a dark, criminal element. This clash of culture echoed through generations of Italian Americans and, as they entered positions of political, social and cultural influence, it has left its mark on the American landscape.”

The book Italian Americans: A History is a companion to the television series. In this meticulously researched and richly illustrated book, Maria Laurino describes the complicated and complex story of the Italian-American experience without resorting to nostalgia or clichés.

Laurino eschews the stereotypes and images of Italian Americans presented by the popular media and entertainment industry in favor of the more complicated and richer lives of “real Italian-Americans.” “The Italian-Americans working on sugar-cane plantations in Louisiana to those who were lynched in New Orleans; the banker who helped rebuild San Francisco after the great earthquake; families interned as “enemy aliens” in World War II. From anarchist radicals to “Rosie the Riveter” to Nancy Pelosi, Andrew Cuomo, and Bill de Blasio; from traditional artisans to rebel songsters like Frank Sinatra, Dion, Madonna, and Lady Gaga, this book is both exploration and celebration of the rich legacy of Italian-American life.”

The companion website is a compliment and extension of the PBS series, The Italian Americans, which aired earlier this year. Besides giving you information about the series, it is full of interesting features, such as an interactive timeline of Italian-American history, a collection of photos and memoirs, lesson plans for educators, and videos that highlight different aspects of Italian-American culture.

One video tells the story of Roseto, a small town in Pennsylvania, founded by Southern Italians in the early part of the 20th century. It holds an annual festival (“The Big Time”) that celebrates Italian-American heritage and culture. It is also a town that scientists researchers studied because it had a exceptionally low death rate due to heart disease. What did they find out? They found out that the residents felt “emotionally safe” and secure within their families. Doctors and researchers found that “social cohesive communities,” such as the Italian American community of Roseto, are good for one’s health. Another video focuses on the stereotypes that Italian Americans have faced and are still being perpetuated in popular culture.

The website also provides a section entitled “Being Italian” that is full of photos, videos and brief memoirs about Italian-American culture. This site was created with the submissions of Italian Americans from all over the country. It contains touching and inspirational stories and memories that will enlighten and inspire viewers.

The series as well as the accompanying book and website are excellent ways of teaching your young grandchildren or yourself about our rich Italian-American culture and heritage.

Family Recipes
By Deborah Rodondi
Grand Secretary

Many of you that read the “Return of ICF Recipes” in last month’s issue of the Bollettino were probably scratching your head wondering who was the “I” in the story, although the detective in you may have figured it out with the help of my email address. My apologies for any confusion.

My maternal nonno and nonnìe had this amazing vegetable garden in the backyard of their home in Pleasanton, CA. Things grew so well that overnight a zucchini would grow from almost the perfect size to monster sized. We found we could stuff or fry only so many of them until we had to come up with a great recipe to use them in. Their neighbor shared a county fair award winning relish recipe with them and now we intentionally let those zucchini’s grow extra large.

Since the discovery of this recipe, none of my family likes to buy relish in the stores, and they love to see a couple jars of it in their Christmas stocking. Now that we are in the summer months of picnics, BBQ’s and family reunions, this is a great compliment for anything that calls for relish…from your burger and hot dogs to deviled eggs and potato salads.

Zucchini Relish
10 cups chopped zucchini
1 cup chopped green peppers (4-5 medium)
1 cup chopped red peppers (2 very large)
4 cups chopped onions
1 cup chopped green onions
2 Tbsp. celery seed
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 Tbsp. whole mustard seed
1 Tbsp. dry mustard
2 Tbsp. salt
2 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. vinegar
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. vinegar
1 Tbsp. turmeric
2 Tbsp. water
2 Tbsp. dry mustard
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. vinegar
1 Tbsp. salt
1 Tbsp. water

Add the zucchini, peppers, green onions, celery seed, cornstarch, salt, sugar, vinegar, and turmeric to a kettle with water. Simmer uncovered until it begins to thicken, about 30 minutes. Then can. Makes about 8 pints.

Since a mess is being made in the kitchen, make 3 or 4 batches of the recipe. The canning process is easy enough. Boil water in a small pot to put the canning lids into and to soften up the seal. Clean the jars (make sure they have no chips) and put them into a warm oven about 225 degrees. When ready take a jar out, fill with relish (leave at least ½ inch open at the top), wipe top of jar clean with damp towel, place a lid from the water on and tighten down with a sealing ring. Place them together under a towel (to keep the heat in) and let cool slowly and seal. Store in cool place until ready to use.

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

Buon Appetito!

Gifts of Love Gratitude

Pat Mages
Gifts of Love Chairperson

It is that time of the year when our branches and members are preparing for convention. The Gifts of Love Committee wants to thank you in advance for your generous donations to this program.

The program has grown and continued to expand its services to those in need of assistance to improve their quality of life. The Gifts of Love program is unique in that it is a Central Council Chaired committee that is made up of over 20 volunteers, from the general membership, who judge and determine the recipients. It is you, the membership, making the donations and the decisions. One hundred percent of the donations go to the recipients. There is no portion or percentage used for overhead or administration of the program.

There will be one more meeting before Convention. This time of the year we receive more requests for educational scholarships (which the Program does not cover) than for the necessary equipment those with special needs require. Currently, there are approximately 8 eligible applications. There is still time to send in those applications. Remember, the need can be as simple as gas cards, batteries, help with medical bills and on up to assistance with van conversions, specialized bicycles, or special software.

If you prefer to read the Bollettino online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, please send an email to newsonline@icf.org to sign up. Please include your full name, branch number and email address.
La Celebrazione di Gioventu --
The Celebration of Youth
Happy Fourth of July!
Submitted by Roselynne Jarrett
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Roselynne Jarrett
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Additionally, when making donations to multiple programs, please write a separate check for each donation as there is an individual account for each fund.

Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.

These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

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Italian Catholic Federation Fifteenth Annual

**Golf Tournament**

**DATE:**
FridaY, july 24, 2015

**COURSE:**
Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940

**Format:**
Four Person Scramble

**Start:**
Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

**Banquet**

2:00 -
San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 -
Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

**price:**
Golfers: $165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet) After July 17th, the price per golfer is $180. Banquet only: $45.

**Reservation Deadline:** July 17, 2015

**“If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!”**

**Sign up:**

Name ____________________ Handicap ____________________
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Banquet only

Make check for total amount ($165 per player plus $45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 17th deadline. Remember: $180 per player after July 17th.

The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!

**Italian Catholic Federation 15TH Annual Golf Tournament**

**Hole Sponsorship**

A professionally made sign will be made and placed at the hole of your choice. Sponsorship fee $100.00

Sponsor Name:________________________________________
Contact Person:________________________________________
Telephone No._________________________________________

Wording on Sign:

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Please make your check payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

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**2015 Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada**
Friday, September 4, 2015 to Monday, September 7, 2015
Glorify the Lord by Your Life

**hotel and Travel Highlights**

***Official Convention Hotel***

Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino
Phone: (702) 732-5111 / Reservations: (800) 635-7711; 3000 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109 — Visit the following link to hotel reservations https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SICF5R on our Web site for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

► Room Rate: $95.00 Single Occupancy plus 12% (subject to change) tax; $95.00 Double Occupancy plus 12% (subject to change) tax

► Use Group Name “Italian Catholic Federation” or Convention Code “SICF5R” when booking your reservation

► Complimentary Self Parking

► Transportation to/from McCarran Airport: McCarran Int’l Airport is approximately 15 minutes southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.mccarran.com. Bell Trans has a location at the airport and the hotel.

Reservation Deadline is Thursday, August 13, 2015. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability. To avoid lost reservations and reservation errors, we will no longer provide reservation forms. You must call the hotel or go to their Web site to make your reservations.

***Airlines - No Contracts - Just Go Online or Call Direct***

If you have any questions, please call the I.C.F. Office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924

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**Save the Date**

**Late Nite Catechism**

by Vicki Quish & Marjorie Downey

Coming October 25, 2015
Holy Names University
Regents theater
2:00 PM Matinee

Late Nite Catechism is an uproariously funny play that takes the audience back to their youth. The irrepressible Sister teaches class to a roomful of “students.” Throughout the course of the class the benevolent instructor rewards the “students” for correct answers with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and other nifty prizes. Naughty students may well find themselves on stage sitting in a corner reflecting their actions. However, even the most reluctant “students” will be clamoring to get into this Sister’s class. Now in its 20th year, Late Nite Catechism has brought its nostalgic kick to every state in the U.S. as well as to Canada, the U.K., and Australia.
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*We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the I.C.F. Scholarship Fund possible:

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**Las Vegas Branch 367 invites you to attend**

Thursday Night Dinner September 3, 2015

Our Lady of Las Vegas
3050 Alta Drive
Las Vegas NV 89107

6:00 pm No Host Cocktails
7:00 pm Dinner
Raffle

**+ MENU +**

- Green Salad
- Baked Ziti Neapolitan
- Chicken Sauté Sec
- Filo Wrapped Salmon
- Italian Roasted Potatoes
- Mixed Garden Veggies
- Home Baked Rolls
- Berries & Cream
- Iced Tea
- Lemonade
- Coffee

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A bus departing at 5 pm will be provided for convention hotel guests.

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Registration Deadline: August 1, 2015

Please print clearly

First Name: ______________________________ Last Name: _________________________ Branch #: __________

Contact Phone #: (_______)__________________ Email:  _______________________________________________

Number of persons attending: ________ X $39.00 per person Total Amount Enclosed: $__________

Make checks payable to: ICF Branch #367

Mail form with payment to:

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6301 BRISTOL WAY, LAS VEGAS NV 89107
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Located in front of the Convention Meeting Rooms.

Come check out all the fabulous items available to purchase!

Aprons... Baby Clothes... Hats... Polo Shirts... T-Shirts,
and a variety of other items - many with an Italian theme!
ICF Annual Convention
Pedro Lessons

WHEN: Friday, September 4, 2015
WHERE: Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino
TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
COST: FREE!!

COME AND LEARN HOW TO PLAY
WHAT SOME SAY IS OUR "OFFICIAL" CARD GAME.
JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
AND
SEE WHAT PEDRO IS ALL ABOUT!!

ICF Annual Convention
Bocce Tournament

WHEN: Friday, September 4, 2015
WHERE: Westgate Las Vegas Resort
TIME: Registration 10:00 A.M.
COST: $18.00
*Only 12 Teams (48 Players) - Timed Play.

We will be playing inside the hotel on the rug with the lines taped. NO wood boards.
Teams will be created randomly and announced at registration. First, Second, and Third place medals will be awarded.

Reservations must be in the I.C.F. Office by August 14th, 2015 - no later.

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Mail to: I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621  Phone #1-888-423-1924

Italian Catholic Federation
85th Annual Convention

Pedro Tournament
Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino

ENTRY FEE: $15.00
INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
DEADLINE: AUGUST 14TH

PRIZES
1ST - $50
2ND - $30
3RD - $20
4TH - $10
5TH - $5

TO REGISTER: MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE I.C.F., PUT "PEDRO" ON THE MEMO LINE AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM TO:
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, 8393 CAPWELL DRIVE, SUITE 110
OAKLAND, CA 94621

Pedro Entry Form

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YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 14TH

New Sponsor Opportunity!
Full color 1/16th page sponsor ad for only $25!!
EVERYONE should be doing this!
(This is the actual size of the ad.)

Italian Catholic Federation Convention Souvenir Program

This is Your ICF Convention Book! We’re making this book one you’ll want to look through over and over. It will tell this year’s story of the ICF.

To do that it needs your participation! What’s YOUR part of the story?

Did you know that each person who brings in a commercial ad gets a 20% commission check?

COLOR!
We are now offering color ads to bring some WOW to your images. Here’s an ad that appeared in black and white last year. They could have had it in color!

What a difference!
and his Band from Monterey, even those who danced at their seats enjoyed themselves. Monsignor Daniel Cardelli commented on how good the music was.

"The music was very, very good," Msgr. Cardelli said. "Everybody was engaged in the music, whether they were dancing or not."

As with all events, an end must come and somebody has to clean up. The Antonowicz family: Denise, Marie, Germaine and Michelle, with Franklyn Lopes, Jr. stayed until the bitter end to make sure all was cleaned and returned to where it was found.

When the 2016 Seminarian Night date is announced, make your reservations so as to not miss out on this successful, and fun, fundraiser for the Seminarians.

If you see a veteran in a café or restaurant, thank them for their service and pick up the check.

Janet Tramelli is celebrating her birthday on the 18th.

Judith Schweickert, Br. 358

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Welcome new members Gina White, Elizabeth Ford, Carmela Marrico and daughters, Kiara and Antonia. We hope you will enjoy being members of our branch—we’re excited to have you with us.

Our branch is honored to have two scholarship winners: Katarina Martucci and Alisa Lerario. Congratulations and best wishes to these fine young women as they begin their college education.

As part of our branch’s Apostolic work, we will be going to the “Feed Our Starving Children” facility in Schaumburg to pack boxes of food for the poor, on Friday, July 24th. from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. We welcome members from all Chicago district branches to participate along with us. Please call Rita Bratta for additional information.

Our branch picnic will be on Aug. 9th. at the
Members of Br. 418 enjoying a picnic and cruise at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles. A beautiful day enjoyed by all.

Madison-Meadow park in Lombard. Contact any of our officer’s for more info.

Prayers and get well wishes to our ill members, we wish you all a complete and speedy recovery.

Rita

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The May 12th pot luck was filled with many delicious homemade entrées, sides, and desserts. Thanks to the May committee, Chairmen Frank and Louise Brunolli; and committee members, Eileen Foster; Anna Raviscioni; Edward Pia; Nancy Pond; Norma Fontana and Lydia Galassi. Everything was delicious and I know no one left hungry. On May 3rd we had our semi-annual bake sale. Parishioners look forward to our bake sales because they know they will get yummy home-made desserts. We made almost 500.00.

The kitchen crew at the chicken take-out dinner. From left: Art Berryman; Theresa DeFrank; Elsie Bottorff; Cari Beveridge; and Gary Cavallero.

The money was donated to Father John which he will use for the Seminarians. The take-out chicken dinner was held on May 31st. As in the past it was a huge success. The barbeque crew was very busy cooking over 200 chicken halves. A great big ICF Thank you to everyone who worked in the kitchen, cooked, baked, and cleaned-up. We couldn’t have done it without you. On a sad note our Chaplin, Sister Thomas Marie Heavey was reassigned to Washington, D.C. We will miss her very much but count our blessings that we had her in our lives and our chapter. Get ready for some parties, Sister! We wish everyone a safe and restful summer.

Please continue to pray for better health for Irene Jelmini, Cc-Estrai Lett, Maria Guglielmino, Deacon Kurt Neuhaus, Virginia De Pasquale, and Joann Christian.

We were saddened by the loss of our dear member, Vinto Scarabelllo. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, Vinto had been attending a few meetings this year. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy is extended to member, Mannie Mortillaro, recently lost her brother.

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Hip-hip-hooray! Team Checkmates, aka Dan, Annette, and Alan Husak and Joann Christian were the second place winners at the Fresno District Bocce Tournament. Team Vivenz, with patriarch, Eddie as their leader, came in third place. Way to go! The weather was perfect and everyone sure had a great time.

The Bake and Mice Sale brought in our projected sales quota. Thank you to so many wonderful volunteers, donations, and bakers. Our Famous Italian Fried Bread was excellent this year. Newer members were mentored by the veteran staff on how to manufacture these delectable treats. Again we are grateful for the mentors and volunteers.

Evelyn Nieto, Hospitality Month Chairperson, has fundraisers planned for each Sunday in June. It’s amazing how she gets everything accomplished.

Our next planned event is our annual Salad Bar Luncheon. Keep your eyes and ears posted for upcoming news.

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Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

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Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Everyone who attended our District Picnic/Bocce Ball Tournament May 23rd had a good time. None of our four teams made it to the finals, but we enjoyed the activity and seeing old friends from other Branches.

Branch 250 -- Spaghetti and Meatball Take-Out Dinner cooks and crew: (Back L-R) Wes Johnson, Kathy Christensen, Mary Zanarini, Isabel Ronzano, LeAnne Lavagino, Rich Zanarini, Tony Rainaldi, Sylvia Dalton, Ron Travis, Jesse Budd, Sarah Stanziale and Madeline Conatser. (Front l-r) Jeanette Shriver, Shane Attolico, Frank Pimentel, Mark Budd, John Rainaldi, Linda Stockwell, and Angelo Lavagino.

Our Take-Out Meatball and Spaghetti Dinner and bake sale were very successful. A big ‘thank you’ to the cooks, the kitchen crew and all who worked so hard to make them successful.

Also at the May meeting, Deputu Flora DePasquale initiated six of seven new members, Jacqui and Luis Ramirez and Mark and Dee Schlutz and their two children, Nathaniel and Rachel. Mark and Dee’s older son, William, will be initiated later. We extend a warm welcome to each one.

Prayers and condolences to Glory Spatafore and her family for the loss of her husband and our friend, John, who passed away May 16. The family had a beautiful grave-side ceremony in St. Peter’s Catholic Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 24th, the VFW hosted a backyard BBQ at the VA Community Living Center for the residents and their families. Jennie Campopiano’s dad has been a patient there for 2½ years. Thank you to our veterans for guarding our country’s freedom.

Happy Birthday to: Fr. Robert Borges (7/18); Madeline Conatser (7/22), LeAnne Lavagino (7/5), Rachel Schultz (7/27) and Michael Weatherly (7/1).

Have a safe and happy 4th!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Our branch’s Annual Summer Salad Social was a great event, and the Lemucchi residence was a beautiful setting for our June meeting. Everyone brought tasty contributions, and with such good company, it was time well spent. A
special thanks to Jeff and Jan for hosting this event once again.

Convention Raffle Tickets have been distributed, and members are now encouraged to sell or buy them! This is a simple and easy fundraiser, and $10 of every $20 packet will stay with Branch 281. Thanks in advance to all members who will be doing their part to generate funds that we all know are so important to the success of our organization.

Congratulations are in order to this year’s delegates, Allen Watts and Becky Collins, who will accompany President Deborah Leary and represent Branch 281 at the 2015 National ICF Convention that will be held in Las Vegas. This is a great weekend to enjoy the company of ICF members across the country. Also, congratulations to Matt Pandol, this year’s recipient of the Branch 281 Scholarship; good luck with your educational endeavors, Matt!

Our next meeting will be the Annual Ice Cream Social at the Carson’s. It will be on July 9th, and here in Bakersfield, we know that nothing is better to save us from the July heat than ice cream! Come and join us for this fun event. Thank you to our gracious hosts, George and Terri.

Baci e abbracci,
Kristen Watts

Fresno
St. Anthony, Br. 308

Happy July to everyone in ICF-Land. I hope everyone had a wonderful Father’s Day. Graduations (if any), and I hope you had a safe Fourth of July 2015, with family and/or friends. Can you believe we only have six months left this year? Hope you are all keeping cool because we have had very hot days.

On Sunday, June 7th the branch had an 8 o’clock morning mass for ICF Deceased Members and for the 40th Anniversary of St. Anthony de Padua’s ICF. On Friday, June 12th, we celebrated a day early the Feast of St. Anthony de Padua, our patron saint of our parish. All of the parishioners were invited to come and celebrate. It started with a Mass at 6 p.m. followed by a procession to the large hall. There were different ethnic foods and various various desserts. The music was great as well as the dancers. As you can imagine, lots of fun and fellowship was had by all. There will be a respite in July and there won’t be a meeting until August.

Please pray for all of our ill members, friends, and especially for their caregivers. Also, please include those having surgeries and or recovering from surgery.

Our condolences go out to Cynthia Oliphant on the loss of her mother, ICF member Amelia Frances Paul. She is a great loss to our Branch and our community. Our condolences go out to Cynthia Oliphant on the loss of her mother, ICF member Amelia Frances Paul. She is a great loss to our Branch and our community. Our condolences go out to all of the people that have been a part of ICF Los Angeles throughout the years.

Los Angeles
Archdiocese District

District Council

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

As part of the overall Strategic Planning Initiative, the District is working to expand the number of Branches in each of its four Regions by opening new and expanding existing Branches. One Branch was recently discovered to be cultural significant not only to Italians and Americans of Italian Ancestry but also to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To this end, several District Board Members have joined the Branch 67 Board to help reorganize and maintain Branch 67 at Saint Peter’s Catholic Church in Los Angeles. St Peter’s is ranked as an Italian National Church and the District is making a major effort to support this significant historical and cultural facility.

As part of our faith and heritage commitment, the District maintains the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank. Support from ICF Members, Affiliated Mother Cabrini Groups and Friends of Mother Cabrini, is growing. A Monthly Madness Raffle is underway and continues to bring in funds necessary in the repair and replacement of the existing doors on the Chapel and Library.

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

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

Las Vegas
St. Francis De Sales, Br. 367

Soon you will be coming to exciting Las Vegas for the 2015 convention. Some of you haven’t been back here since the 2002 convention. If not, you will be amazed at how much has grown. Even though the recession really hit us hard, our comeback has been astronomical – even our population has hit almost 2.5 million!

I think the Convention Committee and our local branch have put together an exciting time for those of you arriving a day early, beginning with our Thursday Night Dinner where we will have a buffet dinner, a cash bar, and a basket raffle – even a bus ride to and from the hotel! No worries about a designated driver! On Friday, you can play Bocce in the morning, and Pedro in the afternoon OR you can even donate blood to the 3rd annual convention blood drive – all at the hotel. Our hospitality and welcoming committee will be present to guide you anywhere locally. There will have a monomural and brochure available to you, plus flyers listing all of the free things you can see and do as well as the shows available. Do you know Las Vegas has many day time shows? Our novelty tables will be open all day for your shopping pleasure also.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Ciao for now,
Jackie Donato

Los Angeles Region

District Council

Branch 440 at St. Cornelius parish in Long Beach hosted the board of directors of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles District, as well as a presentation of the ICF Strategic Plan on Saturday, May 30th. The nine branches of the Los Angeles Region were well represented by branch presidents and members.

A workshop covering the elements of the new plan were presented by Central Council officers Vince Piro and Leonard Zasoski. Central Council members Pat Mages and Anne Interrante, members of Branch 380 in the Santa Barbara-Ventura Region also participated. Representatives of many of the 18 branches in the Archdiocesan District attended and came away remarkably favorably about the elements of the new long term plan and the possibilities revealed that indicate how ICF will achieve growth over the near-term coming years.

Host branch members of Branch 440 were thanked for providing breakfast and lunch for members who attended the workshop and the board meeting that followed. Among the many items covered by the board was a vote to present a gift to long time ICF Archdiocesan Director Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti in celebration of his Silver Jubilee.

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

Funds are still needed to restore the Chapel and Library doors, frames and weather proofing. Mother Cabrini is one of the ICF’s Patron Saints and this is the Chapel she built to pray to Our Lady Help of Christians. The Mother Cabrini Committee of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is holding a “Monthly Madness Raffle” – eight more chances to win $200.00. One drawing per month for the next eight months. Only $25.00 per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. We NEED every Branch’s support. Buy one for your Branch! Individual members welcome to purchase tickets, too! Please call Theresa Sabatella Shaw at 626-379-0639 to reserve your ticket. Donations also accepted.
Branch 111 - May Birthdays Filomena Divincenzo, Vince Veneziano, Salvatore Sorce, and Alfred Viera.

which marked the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Antonio is the pastor of Branch 374 in La Cañada Flintridge at St. Bede the Venerable parish. Branch 374 is one of the branches of the LA region. His anniversary Mass was held on June 14th at St. Bede and attended by many members of the Archdiocesan district.

The pastor of St. Cornelius, Father Mike Gleeson, shown pictured on the left, visited with the ICF members and showed support for his branch and ICF at the Long Beach parish. Shown here with Father Gleeson are Los Angeles Regional Vice President Al Restivo, and LA Archdiocesan District President Carmelo Sabatella.

Che Dio ti benedica,
Al Restivo
Vice President, Los Angeles Region

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

Congratulations to this year’s ICF Branch 108 Frank Bratta Scholarship Recipients Isabella Edmundson (going to La Salle High School) and Kevin Sarbaum (going to Loyola High School) recent Eight Grade Graduates from Holy Family School in South Pasadena.

On July 19, 2015 - Branch 108 invites all members, families and Parishioners to the 28th annual Cooley’s Anemia BBQ Fundraiser in South Pasadena. Please call 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 for more information and to RSVP.

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

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

May God bless and keep you healthy “oper cento anni!”
Carmelo Sabatella, Past President
ICF Branch 108 Email: cs1810@aol.com

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,
Hello everyone in ICF-land! May you all be having a wonderful Summer. Lots on camping, beach parties, vacations, and all around Framily FUNtastic gatherings! (yes, the last three words are spelled correctly)

Congratulations to our May Birthdays Filomena Divincenzo, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce. Also congratulations to Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scorfia, Ed Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi and who celebrated their birthdays in June. Happy Birthday to all. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Stay tuned for more updates next month. This month’s I leave you with a quote from Albert Einstein — “I learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.” Always Believe.

Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano

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

It’s time again for our annual Parish Fiesta. What better way to support our church and help our branch out by volunteering a few hours with this event. Please call Pauline Iacomo (310) 832 0563 for more information. All help will be appreciated.

Our branch was happy to donate and sent $250.00 to Ischia for the yearly feast of St. Anthony. It is a wonderful tradition that many of our members remember.

Our annual St. John Joseph Triduum will begin on Thursday August 19th, August 20th and commence on Saturday August 22nd. Father Anthony Patalano will be the Predator for 9am mass on Saturday August 22nd. The festivities will end with our annual prime rib dinner dance at 6:30pm. $35.00 per ticket. Call Neal DiLeva for tickets (310) 433 1044

Our delegates to the ICF Convention this Sept will be Neal and Anna DiLeva, Frank Colonna and Nancy Donato. Congratulations to them. Don’t forget to turn in convention raffle tickets. Ticket sales are used towards delegates expenses.

Thank you to all members who contributed to San Pedro’s Relay for Life American Cancer Society Fundraiser. With your help San Pedro raised over $140,000.00. Hopefully one day soon we will put an end to cancer!

Please note our next branch meeting will be held on Thursday July 9th at 7:30pm as we will be making meatballs on Thursday July 16th.

Congratulations to our Chaplain Father Manuel Bravo. He has been assigned as the Pastor at St. Madeleine Catholic Church in Pomona. While he will be missed we are thrilled with his promotion.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers
Anta Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Branch 115-San Pedro participated at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life fundraiser at the San Pedro High School on May 16, 2015.

San Pedro Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva presented the scholarship certificate to Mariangela Miscio of Mary Star of the Sea High School.

Gardena
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Congrats to all the scholarship winners and best wishes for a great future. Our Branch 237 was please to present the college scholarship to Roy Cootes of Palos Verdes High School. Roy is an outstanding CIF finalist in Golf and will be attending Pepperdine University in the fall. We also awarded scholarships to several high school students, their names will be available next month. Again congrats to all!!

In July we will be taking the train to San Juan Capistrano, it drops you off at the front door of the mission. All are welcome to reserve a seat, contact Connie for details.

We are gearing up for the convention, our district will be donning new attire to identify the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. Be on the lookout for us!

Remember to keep October 10th on your calendar for our annual Columbus Day Dinner and Dance. This is our major fundraiser and your support is appreciated.

Biographical Notes on St. Padre Pio
Born Francesco Forgione, 5-25-1887 in Pietrelicina
Invested as a Capuchin Friar 1-22-1903
Canonized a Saint by St. John Paul II 6-16-2002

“Pray with perseverance, trust, and a serene and calm mind” St. Padre Pio
Respectfully,
Micheal Bohannon Roa

San Pedro Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva presented the scholarship certificate to Michael Amafflitano of San Pedro High School.

Roy Cootes Branch 237 scholarship awardee with president Connie Bohannon.
La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Carly Spina, a June graduate and Alhambra resident of Flintridge Academy of the Sacred Heart in La Cañada Flintridge was awarded the ICF College Scholarship at our May meeting. We were also honored to have Father Greg Dongkloore, our associate pastor, talk about his beloved home in the diocese of Wa, Ghana. Father Greg will soon be returning to Ghana after a long and happy residency at St. Bede.

Father Greg received a decorate in education from Claremont University.

President Mark Mannarelli on behalf of Branch 374, presented two students with the Father Lawrence Signey High School Scholarship at the St. Bede School graduation ceremony. Students composed essays on the value of a Catholic education, their heritage, and the service they provided to their church, school and community. A committee of branch members including Mark Mannarelli, Al and Diane Restivo, Mary Wynton, and David Capurso selected the winners.

August 16th at 5 P.M. has been selected as the date for the Annual Home Mass and BBQ. This year it will be held at the home of Sandra Richardson, 4111 Woodleigh Lane. Mark your calendars for this great event. Monsignor Cacciapuoti will be the celebrant. A committee was formed to plan and execute the event. It is made up of Paula Cinnin, Anthony Portantino, Diane Restivo, Mary Wynton, Eric Richardson, Mark Mannarelli, Al Restivo, and David Capurso.

A second round of Italian Classes began on June 6, 205. The classes are being conducted by University of Bari Professor Patrizia Zambetta and are being provided for seven weeks in June and July.

Our branch presented our chaplain Monsignor Cacciapuoti with a sterling silver depiction of Jesus in prayer after a joyful Jubilee Mass and Cacciapuoti with a sterling silver depiction of Jesus in prayer after a joyful Jubilee Mass and Cacciapuoti with a sterling silver depiction of Jesus in prayer after a joyful Jubilee Mass and Cacciapuoti with a sterling silver depiction of Jesus in prayer after a joyful Jubilee Mass.

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courtesy of Mountain Rose Hill

Members of Branch 326 at the Pancake Breakfast.

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Summer to all of our members!

There will be no July meeting.

Our next General Meeting will be held on August 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Thank you to all of the members who worked the event and those who supported us.

Congratulations to St. Luke 8th Graders, Erendira Maye Vironantes attending Bishop Amat High and Justin Marlow attending Providence High, who were awarded our ICF Branch 326 Scholarships. Also, at this time the Board voted unanimously to rename our scholarship fund the Italian Catholic Federation Branch #326 Frank Buccola Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Herminia Saez, Pat Bucciona Pete Costa, Mary Girillo, Annette Tumbrello, John Perfetto, and Ann Promising. And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy July Birthday to: Frances Bonura, Peter Costa, Mary Girilo, and Mae Rosenkranz.

Happy Anniversary to: Josie and Anthony Basile (61 Years), Pete and Cal and Val Magro (38 Years). Congratulations!

“The source of every blessing is God, who reigns above; A God of love and mercy and infinite care. …To all who seek for mercy, He reaches out with arms of love, with compassion and infinite care. …To all who seek for mercy, He is just a prayer away.”

(Frances Culp Wolfe)

God Bless;

Roxanne Perry

San Gabriel Valley Region

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

July or August – No Dinner/General Meetings

August 08 – Taste of Diamond Bar

August 17 – Board Meeting

Congratulations to St. Denis, Branch 317 members and officers for an awesome 6 months of successful fundraiser, hardworking, dedicated chairpersons – Patty, Barbara, Bev, Gerry, Don and everyone who contributed their time and energy. We have been truly blessed and sincerely appreciate each and every one of you.

More news regarding the September meeting; convention details in the BOLLETTINO and for future plans for the balance of 2015.

Enjoy the summer. We look forward to the Taste of Diamond Bar on August 8.

In closing, as you all know we lost Henrietta Lewinski on April 25. For all who knew her, loved her – we were blessed by sharing our lives and fond memories with Henrietta. Thank you Jesus – her spirit lives on in each of us. Also we mourn the loss of Stella Hatzfeld our dear member who passed away May 15. Many of us attended the Memorial at Memory Garden on June 5. She was loved and will be missed by many.

God Bless;

Roxanne Perry

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

Ventura

Sacred Heart, Br. 160

The following are the events happening in June:

We held a potluck for members and families at Sacred Heart Church on May 28th, and thank you to our members for their efforts. The food was outstanding and everyone had a good time.

We will have a membership drive following masses at Sacred Heart Church on June 13 and 14 assisted by Lou Mages. On July 12, we will hold the Chapter picnic at Sacred Heart Church.

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch had a wonderful June meeting. Our members Linda and Remo prepared a delicious dinner of homemade ravolli which was heartily enjoyed. What a treat!

We had a new member orientation prior to our meeting. We are so happy to initiate 18 new members to our branch this month!

Our branch awarded three college scholarships at our meeting. Longtime member Marissa Interrante who has been a member since she was 3 years old was one of the lucky recipients!

Our branch is happy to announce that we have two members from our branch running for Central Council again this year, Pat Mages and Anne Interrante! GO Pat and Anne!!! Please consider going to convention to support our delegates!

We look forward to seeing all of our members at our next meeting!

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

Buona estate, tutti. We hope you are having lots of good summertime adventures, even if they’re only in your backyard. Branch 21 has been enjoying some little adventures of its own. Several of our members were happy to share the good fun they had at the Annual Seminarian Night which was held at St. Mary’s Church in Los Gatos on June 6th. They reported that the food was great, the table décor was lovely and original, and the live dance band was fabulous.

This was the 5th annual fund raiser for the Seminarians, and after such positive reviews hopefully more of us will attend next year.

The proceeds help to fund the studies of future priests.

Upcoming Branch 21 events include a possible summer social in August; please stay tuned for more information. And then, in September we will send our delegates to the annual ICF Convention. This year the convention will be held in Las Vegas and will begin Friday, September 4th and end September 7th. Remember, beside the delegates, any ICF member may attend the convention as an observer. It is a great way to see your ICF in action.

Finally, we are saddened to know of the sudden passing of Fay Carrasco. Fay was a member of both Branch 21 and Branch 227; her ready smile and sweet nature will be missed.

In closing, here’s a perspective on happiness: “A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery even while on a detour. “See you at our next meeting on August 4th at Holy Cross Hall.

God Bless You.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21
Principal Connie Rains for tuition assistance recently presented a $400 donation to Circumstances dictated that our Annual Picnic. Our picnic this year will be a bit different. Correction to my article last month - Gus Asello's brother who passed away was JOE Asello, not Sal as I reported. We have 85 and older annual birthday party will be over by the time you read this, I will report on this special event, hopefully with some pictures, in the next article. We have 100 members who are being honored, they are so special, we love and respect each one of them.

CALENDAR:
July 4th, Independence Day for us because of our military. Lord hear our prayer for our troops who gave their lives, they gave all they had and paid the ultimate sacrifice, and God bless those still fighting.

July 24 - Central Council Golf Tournament Hosted by Br. 36
Aug. 6 - Monthly Dinner Meeting.
Sept. 11-12-13 - Santa Rosalia Festa Italia.

Peace be with you,
Bette Sollecito

Capitola
St. Joseph, Br. 227
The June meeting is always enjoyable because that’s when scholarships are awarded. Recipients of $1,000 Perino scholarships were Nicholas Ambiel, Keith Dorab, Nathan Lomazzi, James Schaarschmidt, Krista Schaarschmidt and Kevin Shay. In addition, the following $400 scholarships were presented: Ben Christensen, from the Don Bonnel Scholarship Fund; Madeleine Marlett from the Otto Ambiel Memorial Fund; Ian Loustaltot from the George and Barbara Airollot Fund; and Kelly Mccimn received the ICF scholarship. Congratulations to all.

August 1 is the last day to buy your raffle tickets for the Annual Convention. Treasurer Jim Smith will be happy to take your money.

Condolences to the family and friends of Fay Carrasco, who passed away last month. Fay and her late husband, Manny, joined Branch 227 in 2008. At her funeral, members from Branch 21 joined us in carrying out our traditional rosary ceremony. Hope to see you all at the Annual Barbecue on July 25th at DeLaveaga Park. You’ll be receiving a flyer with all the details from President Bob Montoye. Deadline for reservations is July 22.

Have a safe and happy summer!
Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291
Fr. Ken Brown, beloved pastor of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Arroyo Grande and I.C.F. Member of Br. 291, passed away on May 23, 2015. Fr. Ken was a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. Fr. Ken will be buried at St. Louis Cemetery #3 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

May Fr. Ken rest in peace, and we take comfort in knowing that he is singing gloriously in the choirs in heaven!

Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354
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Paso Robles
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354
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In the meantime, let’s celebrate the 4th of July in a safe and sane manner, and thank God for the freedom to do so!

Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40
Happy 4th of July. Raffle tickets should have been mailed by now. Mail your completed ticket stubs with your check by the end of July. Drawing will be at the convention. If you have questions or information regarding the convention contact Anna Alberti, 562-1179. Our 83rd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Sunday August 16th at the Fratellanza Club. No Host cocktails 4:30PM, Dinner 5:30PM. Cost is $32.00.

Upcoming:
July -- No meeting
August 16 -- Our Anniversary Dinner
August 18 -- Monthly Meeting 6:15pm
September 4-7 -- ICF Convention, Las Vegas
Happy Birthday to Darrel Andrada, Lawrence Francis, Vito Muscadin and Betty Young. Please remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing members of our branch.
Thought: “The measure of our holiness is not the perfection of our personality and the avoidance of our faults; But the extent of our Love.” Fr. Joseph S.M.
Ciao,
M.A Francis and I Francis

Oakland
St. Lawrence O’Toole, Br. 91
We all enjoyed a delicious pesto dinner thanks to Sir Robert Dianda and his helpers Michael and Donna Santiach. The ‘Day at the Races’ was well attended and everyone had a great time. Raffle tickets for the ICF convention in Las Vegas are still available. Be sure to return the tickets that you have already sold at our August meeting.
We are very saddened by the loss of our long time member, Jeannette Basso. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.
Upcoming events:
• July 24th -- Monterey Golf Tournament
• Sept 4th – 7th -- ICF Annual Convention in Las Vegas

Happy 4th of July! Donna Santiach

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215
On June 1, Br. 215 lost one its beloved members, Al Grasseschi. We were happy to join Al’s family on June 18th and 19th for his Rosary and Funeral Mass. Al’s generous spirit and big smile will not be forgotten. He joins Norma Damozonio and Adrian Lampre as our special angels in heaven.
Happy a fun, but safe 4th of July. There will be no branch meeting during July, but don’t forget to sell your convention raffle tickets. Mail your ticket stubs and money to our Branch Financial Secretary, Ralph Marinelli no later than August 8th. Maybe this year one of our members will be a lucky raffle prize winner.
The 2015 Annual Convention will be held in Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino. President Fran will once again be your convention delegate. If you never have attend an ICF Convention, you are in for a wonderful surprise. You will learn a lot, make new friends and come away with lots of energy and enthusiasm about helping the ICF grow. Give some serious consideration about going to the ICF Convention this year. All the convention activities are listed in the upcoming issues of the Bollettino.
We will have a special guest at our August 11th branch meeting. Donna Marie Ferro is a retired English professor and College Administrator. She has written a memoir/travel book entitled Italy, the Embracing the Circle, Il Circolo. She will read a bit from her book and share her adventures when she first visited the villages of her grandparents in the mountains of Liguria and the wonderful bond she developed with her cousins. It will be at time for all of us to share our family stories of our grandparents or great-grandparents lives in Italy as well as the how and why they immigrated to America.
Seven members will be celebrating birthdays in July. Happy Birthday to Enis Havey, Ralph Marinelli, Sandy Marotta, Jack Navarra, Gloria Pianetta and Andrea Sengo! Enis, Ralph and Gloria are all celebrating milestone birthdays! The 99th Birthday, Enis! Happy 85th Birthday to Ralph and Gloria! Congratulations to those celebrating wedding anniversaries in July, too.
Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285
We were thrilled that both of our First Year Scholarship recipients and family members were able to attend our May meeting. Both are such lovely, gracious young ladies who seemed to enjoy us as much as we enjoyed them. We wish Miss Kelly Borden and Miss Shannon Lessard all God’s blessings and our best wishes as they head off to college.
Our thanks to Pauline Kirk for organizing our June 19th dinner and meeting at the Rock House Restaurant in Livermore. Pauline is always ready to help whenever she can. July is here and 2015, is already half gone! Time slips by SO quickly! There will be no monthly meeting in July; however, we may need to vote on a couple of items at our bocce lunch. Our summer Bocce Ball Outing with Lunch at Guy’s Pizza will be held Tuesday, July 14, 10 am - 2 pm. If you haven’t signed up yet, call Don Merucci at 925-846-8436. We always have a good crowd and great food. See you there!
Many of our members have already signed up for the Oakland A’s Italian Heritage Night on August 7th. It’s always a great evening of fun, food, fellowship and baseball! Thank you, Carolyn Cardinalli, for hosting this!
We have received word that Branch 285, and Fremont Branch 215, are to be in charge of the East Bay District Installation and Dinner, to be held on Sunday, January 17, 2016. Presidents Elaine Meier and Fran LaTorre are already working on a venue.
Sunshine Report: Pat Mueller is doing better after being hospitalized in May with pneumonia. Ed Rocca is still recovering following a nasty fall in May. And, Anna Yocham will have knee replacement by the time you read this. Our prayers are for a full recovery for them all.
In July, we remember America’s beginnings and the people who fought for independence and freedom. May we never forget them and all those who have since given their time, talents and often their lives to preserve these freedoms. May God bless America!
Ciao,
Mary Merucci

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343
Well, we all returned safe and sound from our cruise to Alaska and Alaska is still there. Thanks to all who went and had a good time.
From the boat it was off to the races and now we are getting down to business again. First order of business, Pres. Karen Rossi attended the 8th grade graduation at OLG, and was able to award 2 graduates with scholarships to continue their Catholic education. These two young ladies were, Erin Graham and Laura Kurtz. Then at our dinner/meeting in addition to enjoying ravioli, we met our 1st year scholarship winner from CVHS, Kimberly Barclay. She just happens to

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July 2015
be the granddaughter of our branch members, Liz and Byron Griffith, and will attend Santa Clara University in the fall.

Delegates to the ICF convention will be Pres. Karen Rossi and Financial Sec. Al Proietti. In the meantime let’s get those raffle books sold! Remember we, the branch, benefit from the proceeds.

We were pleased to host the quarterly district Communion on June 20th and are looking forward to the next one.

On July 1, 2015, the members of the OLQ parish, will welcome our new priests. As we say goodbye to the Augustinians, who served the parish for 35 years, we will say hello to the Franciscans who will take over this awesome task.

Finally, let us thank God for having the freedom to come together when we please in these United States. Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July! God Bless America.

Contra Costa
District Council

Happy Birthday wishes to all members born in the month of July. May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live.

By this time each branch must have chosen the delegates to the convention to be held from Friday, September 4 to Monday September 7 in Las Vegas.

Have any of you considered running for Central Council or the Hospitalization Committee? It’s a great way to practice your stewardship and to serve your fellow members.

Have you bought your convention raffle tickets yet? Each branch makes a profit off the sale of each book.

If you would like to get a ticket for the “Contra Costa District’s Night at the A’s” game and post-game fireworks show; contact Roselyne at angelis8199@aol.com.

There will be a district workshop on the morning of Saturday, August 1st in Crockett at the St. Rose Hall; with free continental breakfast. See your branch president for details. Please plan on attending this event which will be presented by the Central Council Workshop Committee.

Our District Communion will be on Sunday, Nov. 15 at Good Shepherd Church in Pittsburg. Mass is at 12 noon followed by a no host lunch. Flyers will be sent with time and details.

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

On June 14 we had our meeting and membership appreciation potluck. Everyone had a nice time. We discussed many topics and voted on our convention ad. We also talked about our bus trip on Sept. 13 to Monterrey.

Upcoming:
Sat. Aug 1--- District Workshop with free continental breakfast will be held in Crockett at St. Rose hall. Call Patty at 925-228-0810 for details. This will be presented by the Central Council workshop committee.
Sunday, August 9---Branch meeting and lunch. Flyers will be sent with time and details. Saturday, Aug. 15---Branch swim party and potluck at the home of Joanne at 4661 Tealwood Ct. Oakley at 5:30 PM. Bring your dish to share and your towel and swimsuit for swimming.
Saturday August 22---District night out at the Oakland A’s game. 3:30 PM pizza tailgate party in lot A---5:15 PM enter stadium--6:05 PM first pitch. Star wars fireworks after game. A few tickets remain. Call Roselyne at 925-957-0269 for tickets.

Sept. 4-7 Annual Convention will be held at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas.

Congratulations to Madison Serena and Tiffany Buss in receiving scholarships from Branch 14, Crockett. They enjoyed an Italian dinner with the branch members scholarship recipients.

It was good to see a recovering Carl Heller at the meeting. Knee replacement surgery is no fun! We send “thinking of you” greetings to members who have been unable to attend for a while.

Celebration time! On Tuesday, July 14th, Branch 14 commemorates its 88th Anniversary with a Western Night. Cowboy garb isn’t mandatory, but a pair of boots, a plaid shirt or a cowboy hat would be kind of fun. Chef Johnny V will prepare his famous, delectable barbeque tri tips. Complete dinner for only $8.00. There will be no tickets or membership, but following dinner, members can enjoy an evening of fun and games at the free Casino Night.

There are still a few tickets available for the ICF District A’s Baseball game on August 22nd. Contact Donna if interested. Also, there is no August meeting, but members are invited to the Branch Picnic at the DeTomasi home on Sunday, August 23. This is always a special treat.

As we celebrate July 4th, remember the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom. May the Stars and Stripes forever wave, and may God Bless America!

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Branch 214 thanks Mia Basarich for her $50 hat.

Concord
Todors Santos, Br. 214

Includes: St. Agnes, St. Bonaventure, St. Francis of Assisi & Queen of All Saints churches

Happy 4th of July!

Membership is growing; we can attribute some of that to our Hospitality after masses and membership recruitment. Our 7th Annual TEA was a marvelous success; Sandra Debrichy played her piano beautifully throughout the day, our Scholarship recipient was also present to receive her certificate.

Fr. Johnson (our chaplain) blessed the meal, & sat at the gentlemen’s table and all enjoyed his company. It is exciting to see Our guys enjoy the Tea. Thank you to all helpers including 6 students; know that this couldn’t have happened without you. Also 3 of our long standing members came to mind: Mia Basarich for her $50 hat, Anna Raefield & Mary Ann Furco for their generous standing donation.

Our Annual BBQ at President Roberta Healy’s home will be held Aug 2. Membership turnout is always great, nobody wants to miss this extra fun day.

*Save the Date: Sept 20th, Sunday. We will have our Wine Event at Viano’s Winery in Martinez. 1-4pm. Call Cristina Artale (925)827-3713 for reservations.

Remembering our Elderly, Military and sick; especially John & Lillian Whalen, Marie Ascatigno, Wanda Smithson. God is Awesome, let us Thank Him Everyday.

Christ the King, Br. 442

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all. Let’s start off with another successful pancake breakfast. ICF hosted the June breakfast: 350 plates of pancakes, sausages and eggs. All washed down with free tea and orange juice. The pancake breakfast is now in its second year. With the Knights of Columbus hosting every other month, it is becoming a tradition for families to enjoy breakfast at the Parish Community Center.

Once again the monthly meeting was held at Mountain Mike’s Pizza. Our guests were the ladies from the Pittsburg Branch: Anna Ellenberger and JoAnne Tuligen. They commented on how their Branch has been declining in membership and are currently down to 14 members. They opened a discussion on the possibility of the Brentwood Branch annexing them. To be continued.

It’s that time of year again, time to think about the officers for 2016. For our Branch and other Branches also, it’s a case of who’ll volunteer to take the positions, especially the President. Thinking back to a few meetings ago when our guest, David Botta (IFC Board of Directors, Contra Costa County) discussed the closing of some ICF Branches. He was emphatic about the primary reason, no one will take the officer’s positions. If members will not step up eventually that Branch will begin to have problems. This writer believes, to solve this problem, possibilities like the Presidents should have assistants to handle some of the work, much like businesses do. It’s a thought.

Smile more, you’ll feel better about yourself. la vita è buona
the branch for dinner at our May meeting on the 28th. We enjoyed chicken cacciatore, salad, and dessert. Darian has been very accomplished in high school, and we wish her all the best in college.

In May we also participated in the annual St. Bonaventure Church Ministry Fair with a display table. The event is an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about our many parish ministries and hopefully find one to get involved in. We are happy to welcome new members Miguel and Rebecca Rodriguez and their children Alexandra, Amanda and Michael, who signed up at the Ministry Fair.

On June 7 we assisted with the Donut Ministry during the morning masses. We are sad to remember our recently passed member Joan Furtado, 1928-2015. Joan served as our Orator for many years. Joan could always be counted on to bring her pineapple upside down cake for dessert at meetings. Her bright smile and enjoyment of our meetings will be missed. We ask for prayers for our three deceased members this year: Anthony Mattazzaro, Fabiola and Joan.

Arrivederci,
Karen Paz

Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

We have had a busy spring at Branch 423. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo during our May meeting with a delicious dinner of homemade chicken, turkey, and beef empanadas, rice, beans, salads, and desserts. Muchas gracias to Sylvia Garcia, Lupe Montejano, and Herni Gonzalez for the wonderful meal!

Member Linda Pianta gifted our branch a handmade wooden cross engraved with ICF and the branch number. The cross is to be kept by the current branch president and handed down to each successive president.

Member Nancy Shanafelt shared her recent trip to Turin, Italy. She saw the Shroud of Turin and brought back stickers depicting the Shroud of Turin.

We had our ice cream social in lieu of dinner at the June meeting. To make it fun and exciting, we played bingo for fun. We will be presenting an award and scholarship from the Central Council of ICF at an awards ceremony at Rosary High School in Fullerton.

Mark your calendars and save the date! Annual picnic will be on Sunday, July 26 at Northwood Community Park at the corner of Bryan and Yale from 12 to 5. Please RSVP as we will need to know how many will be attending. Members are to provide sides. We will have our annual bocce tournament and lots of fun. Hoping you all have a safe and wonderful summer season!

Ciao,
Miranda Gibson

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

Thanks to all who attended our Monte Carlo fund raiser in May. It was a great success and we appreciate your support.

This year Branch 45 was pleased to be able to offer an 8th grade scholarship to a deserving student continuing their Catholic education into high school. The winner of our $500 8th grade scholarship is a St. Mary’s student, Elizabeth Mayer, who will be attending St. Francis High School this fall. This additional scholarship is made possible by the generosity of Lee and Shirley (Pasquini) Bennett, offered in memory of Leda Pasquini.

No activities are planned for July but Branch 45 will be hosting the Second Sunday Social at St. Mary’s Church on August 9th.

Convention time is here! Attending this year’s convention in Las Vegas will be branch president, Janine Orsi and secretary Bonnie Lally. Watch your mail for those great convention raffle tickets; great prizes for the winners as well as the sellers.

Plan ahead for the next Chicken and Polenta Dinner coming on Sunday, September 20. As an added attraction, we’ll be playing BINGO before the dinner. Times are branch meeting at 4:00pm, BINGO at 4:30pm and dinner at 6pm.

Cost is $13.00 for members and $17.00 for non-members and guests. Make your reservation by September 15; call Janine at 508-1199.

Buon compleanno to Albert Lovotti, Marie Leonard, Sheryl Cecchettini, Antonette Bonanno and Mary La Tona who are celebrating birthdays in July. Good wishes to all.

Ciao,
Mary Jo

Orange
Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

Branch 379 is pleased to announce our first year scholarship winner this year is Darian Ginsberg, granddaughter of member Jane Wescott. Our scholarship is awarded in memory of Fabiola Di Paolo. Darian attends Irvine High School. Darian and her mother Barbara Ginsberg joined the branch.

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On the evening of 16 May, Branch 73 for the first time held a polenta/chicken dinner in the spring. The event was very much a success and some 250 persons enjoyed the excellent food and companionship. We thank Tony Barsotti and those who assisted him in the kitchen for the fine meal, and also thank those who contributed to the evening’s success by selling dinner, bar, and raffle tickets, preparing the hall, and serving at the bar.

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Buon compleanno all’ America il 4 luglio. Buon compleanno agli Stati Uniti il 4 luglio.

Robert Deligpippo

San Vito
Br. 73

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Robert Deligpippo

North Highlands
St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

Our general meeting was held at 3pm on Sunday, June 7th in the Hall, only 9 members plus our deputy attended.

It’s set, the District Mangiamo Dinner, featuring Monte Carlo Night, will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at St. Rose Church Hall in Roseville. Monte Carlo will take place from 4-8pm, followed by a pasta dinner at 8pm. The cost for dinner is $20 and will include Monte Carlo dollars, in addition to dinner. Each branch will donate a basket for the Monte Carlo Night prizes. Additionally, our branch will be responsible for the table decorations.

Just a reminder that Convention Raffle Ticket stubs and money are due no later than August 15th, so please turn in your stubs and money at either the July or August meeting.

Natalie Malone was elected as our Delegate for this year’s Convention, which will be held in Las Vegas over the Labor Day weekend. Please continue to pray for our sick members and their families.

Happy Birthday to Melissa Keller (July 9th) ! 172
Just another reminder that payment is due for the remaining half (6 months) of your annual membership dues.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, July 6th, 5PM at Brookfield’s Restaurant.

Best Wishes,
Margie Burke

Auburn
San Vito
Br. 342

-A big thank you goes out to all who helped to make our annual Member Appreciation Dinner a big success! It was wonderful to see so many members bringing food for the potluck, donating desserts for the bake sale, purchasing raffle tickets and pitching in where needed. It

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Making spring baskets. Br.#438 members assembling spring baskets for Chemo patients and dialysis patients.

was great to meet our scholarship winners and their families and an honor to be able to initiate new members. Colleen and I would also like to thank you for choosing us to receive the member appreciation awards for this year. We were both tickled pink to be selected for such a wonderful honor!

We also want to thank all those who attended and helped at our annual member picnic. I think everyone there had a great time visiting and playing games. A huge thank you to our chefs who prepared such a yummy lunch and all the members who brought the awesome sides and desserts. Hope to see you all next year!

All are invited to attend the Mangiamo Dinner featuring a Monte Carlo Night on July 25th at St. Rose in Roseville. This is the main district fundraiser for the Bishop’s Seminary Bursary that we donate to him each year, so we would like as many members as possible to attend. For $20, you will be able to play casino games, win great raffle prizes, and enjoy a delicious pasta dinner. Please contact MaryAnn Mikles (916-759-8466) for your tickets.

Pam Andersen
Bollettino Contributor

San Diego
Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

Happy Fourth of July!!

Upcoming Events:
Festa Italiana Pasta Dinner/Dance: July 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Cost is $15 per person. The dinner menu is as follows: pasta, chicken cutlets, salad and dessert. Dancing (with a DJ) will follow dinner (beginning between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.). There will be a raffle for lots of great prizes. Seats are limited! Hope to see you there!!!

Italy Trip: Scheduled for October 14-21, 2015, visiting Pompeii, Pietrelcina (St. Pio’s birthplace) and San Giovanni Rotondo in Foggia. $2,500 per person. If interested, contact President Bob Maruca. Seats are limited.

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, for the unemployed, and for those in need.

When you see a man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military! God bless America! God bless the ICF!!

Ciao!
Karen Judson
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

With summer approaching, the bocce ball courts are busy as members are practicing for both the branch’s picnic and the San Diego District picnic. Our Lady of the Rosary will hold its branch picnic on Sunday, July 12, at Spanish Landing. Branch members have been promoting the picnic after Sunday Masses with the hopes of enticing parishioners to attend and enjoy in the camaraderie. On Sunday, August 2, the San Diego District will hold its annual picnic at Allied Gardens Park. Fr. Bill Stevenson, District Chaplain will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by the very competitive bocce ball tournament. Both events should once again prove to be fun-filled.

At the May general meeting the branch was very proud to present to Fr. Joe Tabigue, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, a check for $6,000 which represents the profit from the annual Fish fry dinner to help with the recent repairs on the church. The last general membership meeting before the summer break will be on Friday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be provided by Cupid Catering. Have a restful summer and looking forward to the annual ICF Convention in Las Vegas come September.

God Bless,
Maria Tollefson

San Diego
St. Theresa, Br. 261

We would like to recognize Nicholas Tallarida -- true humanitarian...He is the son of Tim & Denise ...Nick’s Dad is our Sausage Chef....

Nick is an ICF college student scholarship awardee while he was attending the University of Notre Dame...Nick went on to UC Irvine in pursuit of a doctorate... While at school he volunteered to be a blood marrow donor... He was soon called to assist a baby boy who was suffering from leukemia... He was a perfect match and did provide the needed blood marrow...

All Nick knows of the patient is that he is a baby boy...

Months after the procedure Nick was again called... the baby - probably because of the chemotherapy treatment - was in need of blood platelets. Nick drove down to UCSD and had the procedure to provide his blood...

We pray to God that the baby boy gets well and lives a full and healthy life... . We do have a few members who have recently had surgeries...Tony Anthony - heart surgery; Irene Zenz – eye surgery and Rose Tallarida – hip surgery... Thank God they are all recovering...

Special thanks to the Kitchen Crew that prepared the sauce – meatballs and sausage for our Sunday sale... Also “Thank you” to the members that sold the items in Murray Hall....

Our June meeting was held at Gaetano’s in Lakeside... Since they provide an excellent brunch we had a good turnout of hungry eaters.... We trust that our bocce players are practicing for the upcoming tournaments in July and August... Branch 261 has been the Yankees of the games – many first place wins...

Vic Tallarida

San Francisco
San Francisco
San Francisco
Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:
Please note these upcoming events as we start the second half of 2015:

July 1 -- Spuntino & Raffle, 6:30pm, cost $15.00. Chairperson: Vic Amaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a raffle prize.

July 26 -- Branch Mass, 10:30 am, ICC.
August 5 -- Monthly Meeting, Host: Olga Basso
Prayers and get well wishes Inez Ertatti.

Enjoy the summer!
Ciao,
Tony Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Dear members, as you read the July’s ICF Bollettino, you will remember our Branch #38 is on VACATION! Hopefully, we will be enjoying this time of the year relaxing, reading a good book, or visiting with family and friends.

Our June regular meeting has not taken place yet. We will be meeting at the PC next Saturday, June 13. We will be celebrating “I Giorno del Papa,” even though we’ll only have one Papa present!! Or, maybe what would do without you? But, our thoughts will also include all our other Dad members who are not present. We will also have, hopefully, a surprise NEW member. I spoke to her by phone, and she sounds very eager to join our ICF Branch #38. We’ll be happy to meet Erin Costigliola! We are also planning a nice luncheon for our meeting: Minestrone Soup, green salad, salami & cheese muffins, fruit cocktail, & cookies. So loyal members bring your appetites!

We invited our Branch #38, 2015 Scholarship Recipient, Matilde Begliomini, to our June meeting, but she is currently visiting her grandmother in Italy. However, she’ll attend our August meeting when we can present her with a...
San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

July 22nd: Florence has a beautiful outing to the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition. Tour of the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. Then lunch at Delancy Street Restaurant. Price $74.00.

We want to CONGRATULATE Alessandro Di Modica, Katrina Loza and Sarah Mehawein on receiving their Italian Catholic Federation $400.00 Scholarships. We are very proud of you and we will honor you at our Pot Luck lunch on July 8th.

September 11th: we will honor our 44th Anniversary at the Basque Cultural Center. If interested call Mary Perata @ 415-239-5936.

Birthdays: Robert Imbellino, Aug. 10th; Mary Perata, Aug.10th; Maria Pachini, Aug. 12th; Irena Crescio, Aug. 14th; Fr. Suan, Aug. 12th; Ida Paccini, Sept. Happy Birthday to all of you and many more years of much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers.

We wish Elisabetta a speedy recovery from her recent fall.

Happy to report that Nora is much better. Hurry back! We miss you. Hope all our Fathers had a great Day. Remember these dates:

July 6 -- Officers Meeting
July 26 -- Mass
July 27 -- Meeting

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

San Francisco
Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Members,

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our June Champagne-Bingo luncheon, with special thanks to the members who donated Raffle prizes. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all in attendance. The profit from this luncheon was given to Corpus Christi Church.

Kindly return your Convention Raffle ticket stubs and money to Lydia Marciano before August 15.

Remember, there will be no meeting in July. However, we will convene on August 20 for a summertime lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by our meeting.

Finally, please continue to pray for all members who are experiencing health issues.

Happy summer to all!

Ciao,
Jeanette

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Preparations to attend the Convention are being made. Those planning on attending are the Pagans, Basuinno and Father Landi. President George will be our delegate, with Joe as alternate.

A huge welcome to our new member, Robert Valdez, who was invited by Prez George. This is a good time for each of you to invite a friend or relative to join our group. Our numbers are shrinking as we get older.

There will be no meeting in July. Our August 9th meeting will be in the Serra Room. Please be sure to attend.

Please keep Nancy Pagni in your prayers. She is having a difficult time with a virus. Also, our prayer go out to anyone else who is not well. Salute a tutte e Dio vi benedico.

Ann Basaino

San Mateo
District Council
Greetings! How time flies. ICF was 91 years old this past month. Can you believe a whole year has gone by since the big celebration.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, August 9, Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City is the first of our Branches to be celebrating their 90th Anniversary at the San Mateo Elks Club with a luncheon. More later.

Saturday, October 24, Branch 7, All Souls, South San Francisco will also celebrate their 90th Anniversary.

This is a major milestone for both Branches so please try to attend and help them celebrate.

Saturday, September 19, Branch 50’s 53rd Anniversary celebration. Save the date.

Friday, September 4, to Monday, September 7, 2015 ICF Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year’s theme “Glory the Lord by Your Life”. Reservation deadline Thursday, August 13, 2015.

Other Anniversaries in the District:
Branch 19, October 26 and Branch 163, October 18.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers, Father Frank Murray. His new address is: Nazareth House, 245 Allison Way, San Rafael, CA 94903. He would love to hear from everyone.

Happy 4th of July!
God Bless!
Anne O’Brien

South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Just in case you missed this information, at our March meeting members voted to give one first year college scholarship in the amount of $400, two $400 scholarship to an eighth grade students at All Soul’s and St. Veronica’s who are going on to Catholic High School.
San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327
There will be no meeting in July. We will meet again August 18th for our annual BBQ chicken dinner prepared by Gayton and Marie DeRosa and sons.

Our May potluck meeting was a big success. And your generous cash donations allowed our ICF branch to donate $500.00 to St. Charles’ upcoming Mexico trip.

Don’t forget to return your raffle ticket stubs or money to Marie DeRosa, 856 Bauer Drive, San Carlos 94070. Also, return unused tickets to Marie as other members may be able to sell them. We want to do our best to get them all sold. Our branch keeps $10.00 of every $20.00 sold. Remember, Nancy Woodfill from our branch was the big winner last year.

Looking ahead: Because of the deadline for the July Bollottino our June “pizza and scholarship” dinner will be reported in the August Bollottino.

Also save the date of September 19th for the San Mateo District 50th Anniversary Mass and dinner - more info to come in the August Bollottino.

Happy 4th of July!!! Everyone stay happy and healthy until we meet again.

Ciao,
Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403
We have no monthly meeting in July.
We may have a little more time to relax, spend time with our families, enjoy a trip or vacation, reconnect with neighbors and friends and enjoy the great outdoors.
August 4 - Our next monthly meeting. A hot dog dinner will be served at 6:30PM, which will include salad, chili, hot dog, dessert and refreshment for $10 per person. For reservations send check payable to ICF #403, to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose, Millbrae, CA. 94030.
Reminder - Convention Raffle Tickets are due by August 14, 2015. Please send your check and ticket stubs to Dunice Danil, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA. 94030.
Rose Marie Morando
Corresponding Secretary

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161
On Tuesday, May 19 we started the evening with Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a mini spaghetti in the hall. We honored two scholarship recipients, as well as two new members and two special members. The spaghetti in the hall was very good. Thank you to everyone who helped put it together.

On July 19 will be our summer dinner at Chalet Basque Restaurant in San Rafael. No-host cocktails start at 4:00 with dinner at 5:00pm. Entry tickets $20.00. Enter the great outdoors. The dinner includes pate, soup, salad, dessert, coffee and wine. Send your check reservation to Lorraine Magia. We also need donations for basket raffle, send check to Phyllis Rybensky.
Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren’t feeling well.

We wish all our fathers, whether living or deceased, a very Happy Father’s Day.
See you next month,
Ciao,
Anna Biggio

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley District Council
ICF Branch 184, Los Gatos put out a wonderful welcoming dessert table for our District Meeting. Thanks to Marie Antonwicz and helpers. Typical to this time of year reports and business was very light. Emily Corral reported that she made follow-ups with our Scholarship winners and will have at least two attending our District Mass/Luncheon.
Pat Cordich stress the importance of membership. This topic is one that has to be emphasized constantly because it is our lifeblood. We should never become complacent.

The Seminarian’s Night was an excellent event. Franklin Lopes and Denise Antonwicz (co-chairs) supported by Andy Pappani, Jim Jones and other Central Council members worked tirelessly to make it very special. Forgive me for not listing all that were involved.

Marie Antonwicz’s heritge talk was a pithy breeze on seldom facts about various Italian icons, i.e. pizza, how to drink Italian coffee, etc. We learned from Marie Greco that Holy Cross will be torn down and a new church is planned. It will take years for this to happen.

Regrettfully we were all sadder with the loss of Joe Teresi, Vince Calla, and Fr. George’s Mother, Cecilia. Nice to see Larry Marsali in attendance and on the mend.
* Our Lady of Peace Mass – 11 am, July 12th. (Note Change)
* District Picnic – 8/2/15 – St. Clare’s
* Central Council Leadership/Membership Workshop – 7/25/15 Location TBD
* San Jose Giants Italian Night – Saturday, 8/25/15
* Casino Night 9/12 (need a venue)
* Next Meeting: St. Catherine’s – Morgan Hill – Tuesday, July 14

Mike Nunziata

Branches 4 and 5 Celebrate Their 90th Anniversary
Anna Gonzalez, President Branch 4

Branch 4 Holy Cross and Branch 5 Saint Claire’s celebrated their 90th Anniversaries on April 25, 2015. These 2 branches began their journey’s only weeks apart and were honored to celebrate 90 years of service to their communities together. There was a lovely mass and luncheon celebrated at Mariani’s Inn & Restaurant, a historic Italian landmark in Santa Clara. Thank you to Fr. George Aranha, Fr. Ernmo Montovani, Fr. Paolo Gobbo, the Italian Choir from Holy Cross Parish and all who participated in this beautiful celebration, it was truly memorable! We had a wonderful committee who did a great job preparing this wonderful event! Thank you to Branch 4 members Bill & Maria Greco, Patti Phillips, Anna Gonzalez, Branch 5 members Bea Cunha, Janet Glubbke and Judy Hare! This committee worked incredibly well together and we look forward to working together again

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4
Our Baby Back Rib Dinner was a great success. Thanks to Bill Grecco and his helpers for all of their work. And Many Thanks to All of you who supported this fundraiser!
July 8- Picnic in the park- Pot Luck dinner. Please remember to bring your own chairs. Branch will supply beverages.
July 12- District Mass at Our Lady of Peace. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Lunch to follow. Please call president Anna for lunch reservations.
Aug. 5- Dinner meeting. Menu Later
Sept. 2- Dinner meeting
Sept 15- District Meeting hosted by Branch 4
All officers and members are encouraged to attend. Come see how the District functions!
To all of our sick members, we pray for your recovery. On a sad note, My Brother, Vince Cala, passed away in May. Vince was an incredibly hard worker for our Branch and for Holy Cross Church. From the 1960’s, Vince worked on and cooked for all of the Church Festivals. He and his wonderful crew did the Sunday Chicken and Pasta Barbeque, which was one of the highlights of the festivals. Vince was President of Branch 4 for many years, and was President of the Retail Clerks Union #5 for many years. Vince was a great friend to many, and will be sorely missed.
To his family, we send our deepest sympathies, and we will keep them in our prayers.

God Bless,
Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5
The Italian Sausage Sandwich Booth at the St. Clare Parish Festival was a sold-out event for three days. Thank you to all volunteers, help, and especially to Matt and Tina Dutra, for making themselves available at the last minute.
Our congratulations go to David C. Taylor, the winner of the $4000 First Year Scholarship, donated by the members of Branch 5. Best wishes go with you, David.
The ICF Br. 5 Chicken/Pasta BBQ is scheduled for July 12, 2015 at the St. Clare Parish BBQ area in Santa Clara, from Noon until 3PM. Come one, come all, to a wonderful afternoon of food, friends, and games. Raffle baskets and baked goods for the cake booth, are needed for the event.
Remember to sell/buy the ICF Raffle Tickets, and return stubs and money to Mary Ann Ruiz, as soon as possible.
There will be no Br. 5 dinner/meeting in July, so it would be great to see all our members attending the BBQ instead.

Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo
San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Hard to believe that 1/2 of the year is gone, kapoof, fiotoo! Seems like yesterday that we had our Installation of Officers.

This year, branch 191 is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Mass will be celebrated at St. Frances Cabrini Church, Grand President Bob Basuino will present our Branch President Jo Benincasa with a 50 year sash to present on our banner. All Past Presidents will be recognized and after Mass, we will enjoy a wonderful lunch at the 3 Flames Restaurant. Our branch is doing well and we are looking forward to the next 50 years.

Last month our branch donated money to send a SFC youth to the Youth Ministry Retreat Program at Lake Tahoe. The recipient is Garin Ballard, a parishioner of SFC, who is an altar server and plays trumpet at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. At the Mass, Garin told us that he plans to attend the Seminary after graduation.

Independence Day is a day of family celebrations with picnics, barbecues and travel. Have a wonderful 4th of July and be safe.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

We have good news and we have bad news. The good news is that our fundraiser was a huge success. We served over 250 people, a record for us, and raised $4067.56 for our new parish hall. The bad news is that our dear friend, Father George Aranha’s mother, passed away on May 31 at the age of 95. Our pastor at Santa Teresa, Father George is also chaplain for our Santa Clara Valley District.

At our June 10 meeting, beautifully hostessed by Jane Wendler, Anne Cordoni, and Mary Movroudis, Bob Osorio presented the branch two statues, one of St. Frances Cabrini, and one of Elizabeth Ann Seton. Thank you, Bob! Ed Wendler’s spiritual reflection was on building bridges of friendship, as we are all called by God to do. We welcomed our newest member, Ed Lukus, and congratulated our convention delegates, Noreen Gillio and Joyce Robba, and alternates Joan Delfino and Elaine Osorio. For our heritage element, timely in June, Noreen told us about some medieval Italian marriage customs. Did you know that no weddings were allowed during Lent, Advent, May, or August? Or that there is an Italian proverb that says that a house without a woman is poor?

We thank Tony and Connie Clancy for accepting their roles as chairs for our Monte Carlo night on August 14. We also thank Jerry Delfino for encouraging us to attend the district mass on July 12th. Our next meeting will be on July 8th.

Ciao

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Congratulations to Branch 391’s scholarship winners. Sal Lipari presented the scholarships to Stephen Lencioni (attending University of Nevada, Kinesiology major), Megan Chamberlain (attending Dominican University, Occupational Therapy major), and Anthony Guttadaro (attending Foothill College, Finance major). We wish them the best with their education and beyond!

June’s dinner was a perfect way to heat-up the summer! Bob and Rachel Gorini BBQ’d ribs with the coleslaw, beans, and garlic bread prepared by the Kitchen Crew.

President Russ Vento announced that convention delegates will be couples who can share hotel rooms to save on convention costs. Russ/Louise Vento and Al/Diana Vallorz will be delegates, and Marcie/Mike Rossi will be alternates. Louise’s Heritage Report was about Memorial Day, or as it used to be known, Poppy Day. Branch Deputi, Pat Cordich, congratulated the scholarship winners, but sadly reported the decline in membership from 19 out of 22 districts. Branches will be working hard to raise membership.

Mark your calendars! The August meeting will be cancelled due to construction in the gym, and the August BBQ fundraiser will be moved to September. As always, July will consist of only an outside dinner and no meeting.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic summer,

Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to our Resurrection School 2015 ICF Service Award Winner Jolie Nguyen. Our winner was chosen by the School Principal as the student who has best embodied a commitment to service to others. God bless you in your High School Career!

Our Summer ICF Blood Drive was held on June 21st and was well attended. Thank you to our Volunteers.

The outdoor District Mass at Our Lady of Peace has been moved to Sunday July 12th at 11 AM. Please make an effort to attend this Mass. Fr. George will be the Presider.

Monsignor Milani celebrated his 90th Birthday and 65 years as priest at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph’s of Cupertino on the 14th of June. It was a joyous celebration.

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday 19th July in the Farana Center in conjunction with our Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter . Please consider Volunteering for this event.

The District Picnic will be held Sunday 2 August with Mass @ 11 AM and serving from 12 noon to 2PM. Please make an effort to attend.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Monsignor Milani (who is walking now), Dori Belfari, Edith Novak, Al’s wife Syd, Carollyn O’Connor, Susan Quaglia, and Aldo Lucarrati. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. George’s mother who passed at the end of May.

Congratulations to our Resurrection School 2015 ICF Service Award Winner Jolie Nguyen.

Ciao, Ci Vidamo il 18 de Luglio

Christine Andrade and Ben Pappani on the 18th.

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Such a delightful way to start our meeting in May - President Denise Antonowicz asked Barbara White to lead us in singing “Immaculate Mary” while she crowned a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother with flowers.

Marie Antonowicz and Donna Pfaff were chosen to be our delegates to the annual Convention in Las Vegas. Hope you have fun! They will be checking their checks and ticket stubs for the drawing. You may be lucky!

We awarded scholarships to two graduating Eighth Graders from St. Mary’s School. They are George Nikolaos Babalis and Ella Mireille Oleschowski. We also awarded scholarships to three college bound students. They are Maria Andreotta of Notre Dame High in Belmont, Amanda Margua of Mittys High School and Andrea Sandiri of Bellarmine College Prep. Congratulations and God Bless you all in your future.

The ICF has established a Relief Fund for the victims of the April Earthquake in Nepal. Our Branch discussed and voted to donate $200 to this fund through the Catholic Relief Services.

Our annual Bocce BBQ/Potluck will be Sunday, August 23, at St. Frances Cabrini Courts. I hope our members plan to attend. Denise has invited our scholarship recipients to join us. Call Denise at 356 2543 for details.

I must mention Brambah High’s Key Club members who served at our Polenta Dinner Dance in March. We paid them $200 for their services, and they were so appreciative that $400 was donated in tips! Instead of dividing that money, they are adding it to their fund to purchase a non-profit gift. We are so proud of these young people!

It is with a heavy heart that we said farewell to Frank Felice, husband of member Fran Felice. I pray the Lord watch over all of you and keep you and your families safe in your travels and adventures.

Ciao for now,

Lucy Amico

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

We enjoyed a truly, delicious Mexican feast prepared by the Pappani’s and their crew. Our meal was outstanding and the Enchiladas and all the extra food along with meal and dessert was sooo good. Thank you to all the cooks.

We also had a small raffle with wonderful decorated baskets filled with all kinds of goodies.

A big THANK YOU to the members of other branches who came to our dinner and supported us that night.

For heritage, Fran Scalzo gave an interesting talk about where autopsies were first originated in Italy. We all learned about many enlightening facts.

Congratulations to the 2015 IFC Scholarship recipient, Garrison Grisdale.

The raffle tickets for ICF were sent in the mail. Please support this project. We thank you in advance.

Our next dinner meeting will be on June 18th, with a meal prepared by the Valenti’s.

Please keep Loretta Wilson, Gail Wess, and Ken Ravizza in your prayers.

This saying is so true. Surrender what is, Let go of what was, Have faith in what will be. Peace, and God bless.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our Branch had a fun June dinner with Pauline Seago preparing Turkey Burgers, pasta salad and tossed green salad along with dessert.

The Scholarship for an 8th Grade student entering a Catholic high school in Napa Valley will be given on Tuesday.

We are taking a break from our dinner/meeting for July as we prepare for the Napa Town & Country Fair July 8 - 12. You are all invited to join in the excitement of the Fair.

Have a great summer.

Ciao, Juliann

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

We proudly hosted our District Council Meeting June 14th at St.Rose Hall 200 P.M.Marie Canale has the honor of serving as Branch 18’s delegate for the Labor Day weekend National Convention in Las Vegas. At this time, we are considering holding extra dinners, no dancing, just good food and good company.Speaking of good food, keep in mind our August 8th BBQ. We will be serving ribs with the coleslaw, beans, and garlic bread prepared by the Kitchen Crew.

It’s been a great summer, has it?

Marie Canale
Branch 52’s budding Van Gogh’s show off their painting creations, which were crated after a fun night of painting, wine and socializing!

Branch 52, Healdsburg, Pres. Nancy Seppi presents two scholarship winners, Chris Pedroni and Joseph Carroll, with their certificates.

Branch 52 member EB Canalis and family speaks about the ICF at the ICF Sunday on May 17.

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Our Father’s Day Dinner / Meeting was a fun evening. Thank you to Carmen Peccinelli, for cooking the delicious dinner. We honored fathers over 80 and took our yearly branch photo for the Convention Souvenir book. We also elected our delegates to the ICF Convention: John and Mary Del Monte, Terri Rolleri and Marie Butler. We’re sure they will come back inspired and with new ideas for our branch.

Upcoming Events:
September 15: Potluck Dinner and meeting. Start thinking of the delicious dishes you’d like to prepare and share with other members. More details in the next Bollettino.

For those of you looking forward to our polenta dinner, the first polenta dinner of the season will be May 17. Happy Fourth of July! Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L’Annunziata, Br. 75

Our May 16th Game Day/Card Party Luncheon chaired by Ceil Casciaro was wonderful. Her team, made up of Lori Schandel, Teresa DeRosier and Kristina Catreregl, were successful in selling raffle tickets to attend the July 13th picnic. The branch picnic will be at the ICF Sunday in the courtyard. They are selling tickets at the May meeting.

Barbara Vanni is handling our Convention Raffle Tickets. Each member is asked to sell at least one book, so please get them in to her soon.

Thank you to Kathleen Walker for bringing the group together for our Deceased/Living Members Mass and Brunch on Sunday, June 7. Mary Ann Ciabattari, Chairman for the Convention Raffle will be collecting your stubs for the raffle.

Don’t forget to make your reservations for the Shrimp Risotto or Mushroom Risotto Dinner to be held on August 15th in St. James Church Hall. Cost $22 for Adults - $10 for children under 12 yrs. Reservations: Louise 769-7389.

Branch 103 President Kosta.

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

The Branch is celebrating its 63rd anniversary this year! Our grand celebration also honored the 2 student winners of our scholarships—Nicholas Fantozzi and Annie Thornton, both graduating from Sonoma High.

The membership decided unanimously to have their meeting at a winery, where members can enjoy bocci and other games besides enjoying excellent food and wine. The exact date has not been determined, but will be during a weekday.

All members are encouraged to attend our branch Mass at St. Francis Solano Church on June 14 at 9 a.m.

All are invited to attend the Six Flags Clubhouse with a surprise menu. For reservations call Lila Boragno, (707) 966-3448.

Branch 103 Scholarship winners.

Branch 103 Secretary Lila Boragno.

Happy Fourth of July!

-we drink a Little rum
and sing a Little song.

-we work for a Little while
and eat a Little food.

-we rest a Little while
and sleep a Little rest.

-we play a Little game
and laugh a Little laugh.

-we love a Little girl,
and kiss a Little girl.

-we dance a Little dance
and love a Little dance.

-we dream a Little dream
and love a Little dream.

-we kiss a Little girl,
and love a Little girl.

-we sit a Little while
and listen to a Little music.

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Eureka Branch 145’s booth at the monthly Old Town Arts Alive event. Lora Canzoneri, Marian Griffin, Suanna Rowell, Joe Bonino (I to r in photo), Jerry Colivas, Mary and Ken Griffin, and Jerry and Evie Colivas staffed the booth and made the publicity/heritage event a success.

Br. 144, Arcata. She plans to attend Thomas Aquinas College, in Ojai, to pursue a Liberal Arts Degree. Angie Gearheart, the recipient of the Santa Rosa District’s Scholarship, was also introduced. She will attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and will study Food Science. A Big Congratulations to all three students and, of course, their parents as well!

Our next meeting will be July 14th. More details to follow.

Keep all of our members and their families in your prayers.

Peace and Good Health to All.

Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As we move into the busy Summer months it was nice to see over 40 of our 71 members at the June potluck. The food and the meeting were both outstanding, it shows that the ICF at St Eugene’s is alive and well after 49 years.

Our Branch will be well represented at the Los Vaqueros Convention. First Vice President Gene Zingarelli and Secretary Kathy Acquistapace were selected to attend and both accepted.

THANK YOU

Bill Scinto, our treasurer, is selling raffle books for $5.00. From the $20 our branch keeps $10.00 so please buy yours at the next meeting.

We know that our 50th Anniversary celebration will start with Mass at 4:30pm in the Cathedral and then move to the Villa restaurant for cocktails and dinner on Saturday January 9, 2016. Mark your calendar now. Financial details will be voted on by the members at the July 6th the meeting.

Please pray for Deacon Mike Heinelman and any of our members who are ill and need our prayers.

Remember:
July 6- meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by ice cream social
August 3- Hamburger night at 6:00 p.m. followed by our meeting
September 4 - Pizza night at 6:00 p.m. held in the Parish Life Center
Happy Independence Day!
Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol
St. Michael, Br. 209

Yvonne Watson and Pam McAlvain prepared a delicious ham dinner for our Father’s Day celebration. Berry pie with ice cream was served for dessert. Thanks, ladies, you did a great job!! Thanks, too, to Leona & Roy Spadoni, who donated beverages.

First, there is a correction regarding last month’s article: Scholarship winner, Jason Righetti, is the grandson – not the son - of our members Regina & Val Accio. I apologize for the error.

Branch 209 does not meet in the month of July, so please make a note of those activities coming up in August.

On August 2nd, the Santa Rosa District Day of Recollection and Annual “Tyler” Picnic will be held at St. James Church in Petaluma. Branch #127 will host. Cost is $10/person in advance. After July 27th, the price will be $15/person. Mass - 11 a.m. followed by “The Joy of the Gospel” by Fr. Michael Culligan, Branch #127 Chaplain.

BOCCI TOURNAMENT – Sunday, 8-23-15 – 10 a.m. – St. Sebastian’s - $10/person - Potluck – Call: Tia Polley (823-4971) or Candy Peters (824-9467). RSVP by 8-16-15.

Up coming:
July – No meeting
August 2 – Day of Recollection – Host: Branch 127, Petaluma
August 23 – Bocce Tournament
Ciao,
Lora Bertoli

Stockton
District Council

The Stockton District was represented by three of its branches at A Night for Seminarians in Los Gatos at St. Mary’s Church Hall. Good food, drink, dancing, and raffle. Thank you Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Denise Antonowicz and your committee for a fun evening.

Please attend the Strategic Plan Workshop on Saturday, July 16, at the home of Annette Esllissagaray at 18424 Queirolo Rd, Tracy. The event begins with a continental breakfast at 10:30 a.m. followed by the workshop and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is $5 for a sandwich, salad, drink, and dessert. The workshop will cover many topics that are we will have with members, fundraising, etc. Presidents, please send your branch check to Ida Queirolo, 18424 Queirolo Road, Lathrop, CA 95330

It’s summer and it’s time for our Annual Picnic – BBQ Steak Dinner – August 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (lunch around 1 p.m.) Escalon Community Park, 1051 Escalon Avenue, Escalon. Bring your own drinks. $15/person (Children under 12 eating hot dogs only are free) Bring your families and friends. Cook Ball and playground area for the kids. Don’t miss this fun day of food, games, and raffle. Make your reservation and mail your check to Ida Queirolo, 18424 Queirolo Road, Lathrop, CA 95330.

Have you made your reservations for Convention? Viva Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino!

Karen Rossom

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Though we have slowed down somewhat there are still many things going on that we can participate in. The two big events coming up are the district picnic and the convention.

We also have a parish picnic that you are welcome to attend on June 28, 2015 at 1200 Maze Blvd. on the school grounds.

We encourage you to bring your family and friends to the District Picnic, where we always have a great time. The steak dinner and all the trimmings are always very good. There are games to play or you can bring games of your own to play in the park. It will be August 16, 2015 in Escalon.

The convention is in Las Vegas this year and it would be a nice trip even if you are not a delegate.

We will not have a meeting in July or August but will meet again September 9, 2015. Then we will be busy again.

Mass for our deceased members will Sunday, July 5, 2015 and August 2, 2015 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:
July – No Meeting
August – No Meeting
August 16 – Stockton District Picnic - Escalon Park
September 4-7 – Convention in Las Vegas
Cecelia McGhee

Manteca
Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

May was a busy month for our branch. Over 160 people filled St. Anthony’s gymnasium of our ninth annual “All You Can Eat” shrimp dinner on May 17. Branch President Frank Re introduced Central Council members Grand 2nd Vice-president Andy Pappani, James Friebl and our main Marco Galeazzei. Stockton District Deputy Karen Rosson was there. A very special guest, Most Reverend Stephen Blaire, Bishop of Stockton, enjoyed the evening. Also present was our pastor, Father Pat Walker. Italian music was provided by Don Garibaldi and his accordion. Dinner co-chair Anna Mello gained the services of Chef Tony Queirolo who provided a delicious dinner of pesto pasta, salad and “all the shrimp you can eat,” Dessert, raffles and much socializing followed.

Our branch picnic was held May 17 on the spacious grounds of the home of Dino and Sharon Cunial. Our popular bocce tournament preceded the lunch. Chef Tony barbecued the steaks which were accompanied by salads and desserts.

We all look forward to the Festa Italiana to be held in Lodi on May 31.

The sympathies of our branch members go out to Yvonne Watson and her family. She is a child, his parents sent Father Charlie and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer when he was a child, his parents sent Father Charlie and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer and his siblings off to Italy to spend the summer. His Feast is May 31 and we are proud to celebrate it with him that evening, May 28th, which happened to be the anniversary of his ordination as a priest 27 years ago.

How blessed we are here at St. Bernard’s Church in Tracy to have an ITALIAN priest! Father Charles S. Fermeiglia has recently joined us and is speaking to ICF Branch 390 at our most recent monthly dinner meeting, introduced by president Lucy Orsi (right). In August 16 is our annual District picnic at Escalon Community Park, where we will feast on wonderful bbq steaks and lots of food, games and raffle. All families in the District are welcome.

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

Have a fabulous summer everyone!

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton
Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Branch 395 had a beautiful booth at the Festa Italiana held on May 31 which was designed by member Mary Ann Prana Chapman. It really stood out among the booths there. We sold bracelets from Italy, Italian note cards and other items. It was very successful. At our May meeting we presented a check to our pastor, Msgr. Larry McGovern for $4,000 from the proceeds of our always-successful Polenta Dinner to go the projects and programs of the Presentation. We also presented a certificate to our scholarship recipient Ted Lin-Cereghino for the first year scholarship. The son of our Second Vice President, Geoff Lin-Cereghino. Members enjoyed a wonderful pot luck dinner. Our June meeting is our last for the summer but we have activities throughout the summer. We will be having Pizza and discussing our convention donations and other donations.

Upcoming Events
July 18 – Workshop at District President Annette Esllissagaray’s Home
August 16 - Stockton District Picnic, Escalon Park
Tuscan

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

Here at Branch 434 we are coming upon another hot summer. We had a beautiful spring with our St. Joseph’s table, bake sale and a fun night at the playhouse seeing “Toy Story”. We are looking forward to Convention this year. We have a lot of our members going to check out what convention is like, along with those who once they’ve gone, they love to go back. Happy Summer to all! Stay cool.

Please contact me if there are any problems.

President Josephine Weber, Branch 395, Scholarship Recipient Ted Lin-Cereghino, second from right with his family, Joan and Geoff and sister Grace.