ICF Ornaments Are Back

The Italian Catholic Federation is proud to announce the Fourteenth Annual ICF Golf Tournament on July 25, 2014, at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey, California. This golf tournament is always a favorite of golfers and friends from all over the country because of its beautiful golf course, four person scramble format, numerous prizes, and elegant banquet. The day starts at 7am with a hot buffet breakfast for all registered teams. A shotgun tee off begins at 8:45am.

The early entry fee for the tournament is $135 per golfer and includes the hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, and banquet following the tournament. After July 18, the fee is $150 per person. Don’t miss the deadline for the early entry fee, and sign up today.

The deadline for the next issue of the Bollettino is June, and all the excitement the ICF generated with our 90th anniversary celebrations. Our three roasts were indeed special. I had the privilege of going to Chicago to join in their celebration, and what a celebration it was! The event started with a beautiful Mass where Fr. Feccia’s message of how the Holy Spirit helped Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini in forming the ICF was so inspiring to all who attended. The Gala dinner was outstanding, and everyone there enjoyed themselves.

Antonietta Gerardi stated, “this was like a wedding, everyone is so excited and happy, what a wonderful thing for the ICF members to be able to come together for this wonderful event.”

What an honor it was to meet and spend time with Michael Providenza, the great grandson of Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta, who traveled from Boston, Massachusetts, to attend the celebration. In one of our conversations Michael stated, “there is still a need for organizations as the ICF, and we need to continue all the great works that we do.”

In San Francisco, the city of the birth of the ICF, we had 360 people attend the Mass and Gala. We started the day by going back to our roots and celebrating a mass of thanksgiving at The Immaculate Conception Church since 1969. The Gala dinner was outstanding, and everyone there enjoyed themselves.

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Make Plans to Attend the Annual Golf Tournament

Time to Plan For the 2014 Convention in Oakland

The annual Bocce Tournament will also be on Friday, August 29 with the shuttle picking up guests at 9:50am at the hotel and the tour from 10:30-11:30am.

The annual Bocce Tournament will also be on Friday, August 29. Registration time is 10am. Get your teams together because only 12 teams will be able to play. Cost per person is $18.00.

The Bingo Tournament will be on Friday, August 29 from 1-4pm. The entrance fee is $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Six Bingo games will be played with the final Blackout game paying $250.

The Pedo Tournament will be on Friday, August 29 from 3-5pm at the Marriott Oakland City Center, Oakland. The registration deadline is August 15. Entrance fee is $15.

If you have never played Pedo here is your chance to learn. On Friday, August 29 from 1-3pm you can take a free lesson and learn the “official” card game of the ICF.

The Sunday Night Dinner Dance will feature the In Full Swing Band with dinner at 7pm and dancing from 8-11pm. Price is $55 per person. Tickets for delegations and guests will be included in the president’s packet at registration.

Please check pages 8-11 for additional information on reservations for all of these events.
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90 Years and Counting

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

In 1924, Father Albert Bandini and Luigi Providenza were a godsend to the Italian immigrants. The Italians, new to this country, unable to speak English, immersed in a strange culture, were lost and scared in this new world. They experienced prejudice and bigotry on the part of some people. Some immigrants even strayed from the practice of their Faith. To help these Italians adapt to their new country, Father Bandini and Luigi Providenza founded the Italian Catholic Federation. The ICF gave the Italian people a place to go, a place to feel secure, and a place to practice their Faith.

Over the years the ICF grew in numbers, at one time as many as 23,000 members. It was, and still is, a haven for Italian immigrants. This group not only gained in numbers, but also in strength. Italians became influential in the workforce and the community. Their contributions to this country have enhanced the caliber and security of the communities in which they live.

Today, the ICF is still going strong. It has lost some members due to a variety of reasons. One is that the Italians immigrants are not coming into our country as they did in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. After 90 years, the ICF has evolved into a charitable organization. It reaches out to help people in need: seminarians who are training for the priesthood, the sick, the poor, and the physically challenged. It still stresses spiritual goals, the love of God and neighbor. The ICF also now has OPEN MEMBERSHIP; all Catholics are welcomed as members, and non-Catholics of Catholic spouses are also welcomed.

The ICF stresses family involvement, children, young adults, singles, parents, widows, and widowers. The ICF especially cherishes its senior members, who have much experience and wisdom.

As Jesus came to light the fire of love, so the ICF came to light the fire of love: love for God and love for our fellow human beings… and love for a big plate of pasta! Happy 90th Anniversary!

High Five!
Top five districts and areas with increased membership:
(excluding deceased members)

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Membership Stats as of May 31, 2014: 10,489

- Members as of July 1, 2013: 10,878 – 389 member loss
- New: 1016
- Reinstated: 24
- Transfer in/out: 38
- Deceased: -198
- Canceled: -1038
- Non-payment >12 mos.: -193


double your size

Dante Galeazzi
CC Life Member

The hot summer months are here to relax and celebrate with our families, and many ICF branches have decided to also take some vacation time to shut down and enjoy their summer. Now that the year is half over did your branch, your president, the members or yourself reach the goal set to increase membership, or did the branch lose members since January 2014? Your membership in the branch has the responsibility to all its members, especially if you believe in the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) concept of the five “F’s”- Faith, Family, Fellowship, Fun and yes, Fundraising.

Each branch president should immediately, after attending the annual Convention, select their best recruiter, motivator, creative and friendliest member to be the Membership Chair for the upcoming year, to develop new ways of recruiting members, and yes, to retain the new members who have accepted the concepts of the ICF.

Did you, along with others members in your branch “recruit a new member by 30 day, your branch can achieve its apostolic and charitable works are being achieved by your ICF branch. At least every month each branch should enroll and accept one new family or a couple or individual into the branch’s membership (increasing by 20 to 25 members annually or 100 new members in 4 years). Membership growth is fun and great for your chaplain to see the involvement and growth of ICF members in his parish. What a fantastic way to get the moral support from your pastor.

The three ICF branches that have been very successful are Branch 36 Monterey, Branch 52 Healdsburg, and Branch 395 Stockton with recruiting and doubling their size. The enrollment may take more than one year, but set the goal to accomplish what these branches have already achieved. Monterey has more than 750 members in 10 years and it initiates 50 to 70 new members annually during a Benedictine service; within several years Healdsburg has grown to more than 250 members; Stockton with almost 80 members has increased in a short amount of time where they sat at approximately 30 members.

The goal to increase membership can only be achieved by each and every member, from the president of the branch to the newest member who must also recruit! The Membership Chair is one of the most important positions in the Federation family, so now is the time to go and recruit your new members and show all the good the ICF does in the name of Jesus.

This is the time to finalize your goals and share this plan with the branch and your district, showing the benefits of growth and the increased membership in the parish community and to the Italian Catholic Federation.

Grand President
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YOU from the bottom of my heart to Lisa Crudo, Chairperson of Ways and Means, and the Committee: Dante Galeazzi, Teresa Helfand, Franklin Lopes Jr., Patricia Mages and Leonard Rossi. Without your hard work over this past year our Galas would not have been as memorable for our members and for myself. Thank You!!!

I am looking forward to many more great memories to come from our future celebrations. God Bless America on this the birthday month of this great country, and God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation! Happy 4th of July!

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**Museum contains a number of highly acclaimed exhibits on the history of Italian Americans.**

The Little Italy of San Jose, as part of its project, is trying to revive the original Italian settlement in San Jose. For the past 5 years they have been moving Italian business and residences into the project area and acquired some of the Historic Italian homes for a new museum and cultural center. They sold bricks for the walkway in the plaza and now are selling bricks for the new Little Italy Arch. We have a brick that reads “The Vento Family Alia, Sicily.”

A new modern Italian Center of Northern California is in Sacramento. Located in Carmichael, it is one of the newest museums and cultural centers. It contains several major exhibits on the Italians of the region like the Italians of the Gold Country and the Italians of Sacramento. It will also be used as a cultural center. If you are travelling around California this summer, take some time to visit these wonderful, historically rich museums.

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Thank you.

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**2014 Workshops Come to a Close**

Dante Galeazzi
Workshop Chairman
CC Life Member

The Workshop Committee had another successful year with four (4) workshops and serving about 270 members at the seminars this season. The Grand President appointed a committee from the Central Council with 150 years of service in the Federation. My committee is composed of Robert Acquistapace, Past Grand President (PGP), Life Member Emeritus; David Botta, PGP, Life Member; James Friebel, Life Member and myself Dante Galeazzi, Life Member. This committee is proud to have presented seven Workshops these past two years for the Federation.

We were given the privilege to participate in November in the Santa Clara Valley District under the leadership of John Gillio, Director President. The program offered training to all the newly elected officers in the District. James Jones, PGP, Life Member Emeritus, assisted me in the presentation for membership recruitment and retention.

This past month in May 2014, the Workshop Committee conducted three (3) more workshops. The first was in early May in the San Diego District with Robert Acquistapace and Dante Galeazzi presenting many topics of the Federation, with assistance from Jody Balestreri, Life Member Emeritus and Forrest Price, Member Emeritus. The other two Workshops were both presented on the last day of May. In the Central Coast District, they requested that their presentation be about Financial Reporting which Robert Acquistapace and Jim Friebel. The Los Angeles Archdiocese District requested through President Carmelo Sabatella the subject of “the good leadership of a non profit organization.” Again, Jim Jones volunteered and dedicated his time for the presentation. Both Jim and I supported this newly formed District with suggestions, additional tools, ideals and concepts for their valuable seminar on leadership in the ICF.

If your district has not had a Workshop in two years, then it is past time for the branch presidents to discuss at the district level how the district deserves the information to administer, update, enhance and motivate its’ branches to function at maximum efficient capacity.

For more information be sure to contact the chair, a committee member or the office on how, what and why for helpful hints to schedule a District Workshop.

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**May Calendar Winners**

**DAY** | **NAME** | **BR** | **CITY** | **WINS**
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6/1 | Enzo Martinucci | 154 | Richmond, CA | $30
6/2 | Mst. Rev. Jose H. Gomez | 60 | Los Angeles, CA | $30
6/3 | Paul and Suzanne Peterson | 442 | Pleasant Hill, CA | $30
6/4 | Linnie & Helene Chase | 330 | Pleasanton, CA | $30
6/5 | Maria Gloria | 38 | San Francisco, CA | $30
6/6 | Ann Baziaik | 326 | Temple City, CA | $30
6/7 | Dean Gualco | 27 | Tracy, CA | $30
6/8 | Katalin Antal | 28 | Covina, CA | $30
6/9 | Valerie Vanni | 28 | Gilroy, CA | $30
6/10 | Alice M. Mastagni | 354 | Paso Robles, CA | $30
6/11 | Allie Bondanza | 33 | San Rafael, CA | $30
6/12 | Msgr. Craig Harrison | 33 | Bakersfield, CA | $30
6/13 | Richard Barker | 230 | Lemon Grove, CA | $30
6/14 | Lisa Forner | 230 | San Bruno, CA | $50
6/15 | Laura Isaacs | 230 | San Bruno, CA | $100
6/16 | Teddy & Nita Fraguglia | 230 | San Francisco, CA | $30
6/17 | Mindy White | 230 | Bakersfield, CA | $30
6/18 | Louise Vento | 391 | San Jose, CA | $30
6/19 | Erick & Carmen Waddington | 10 | Alameda, CA | $30
6/20 | Gerald and Barbara Payne | 10 | Alameda, CA | $30
6/21 | Joan Silva | 425 | Green Valley, AZ | $30
6/22 | Richard DeFrancisci | 408 | San Jose, CA | $30
6/23 | Valente, Mari, Perata & Co. | 391 | San Francisco, CA | $30
6/24 | Roland & Katherine Codiga | 28 | Fish Camp, CA | $30
6/25 | Carol Salmeri | 39 | Merced, CA | $30
6/26 | Sal Lipari | 391 | San Jose, CA | $30
6/27 | Concejo Herrera | 108 | South Pasadena, CA | $30
6/28 | Patricia Richard | 230 | Torrance, CA | $30
6/29 | Linda & Betty Moore | 230 | San Diego, CA | $30
6/30 | Mary Lou Terramagra | 230 | San Diego, CA | $30

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**East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults**

Attention 21-35 year olds! There is a new group within the Oakland Diocese called the East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults. ICF members who are between 21-35 are welcome to take part in these activities. The group enjoys so far: Dinner and movie night, bowling, church services, dinners, and special functions.

Meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine, 510-428-3885 x 5427 or email: Levine@med.cho.org

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James Acitelli
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GET WELL WISHES:
Doris Onetti Officers/Members of Br. 161

HAPPY 22nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Rich and Marilyn Graham Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianza

HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Jack and Edelweiss Geary The Kilcullen Family

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 21 - Santa Cruz.***

*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providence Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

Correction:
The Stem Cell Conference in Rome article in the June issue was written by Jeanne Asdourian. Her contact for questions about the article is: jeanne.asdourian@sacredsf.org.

icfeditor@gmail.com
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Bruna Quilici: In memory of Lena Fontana
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Please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund for next year’s scholarship recipients.

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 06/11/2014

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Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by June 10, 2014

| San Gabriel Valley Region |
| Andy and Liana Cauz       |
| In memory of Lena Fontana |

Eva Stern: Speedy recovery wishes for Phil Robba
Aldine Grisenti: Get well wishes for Phil Robba
Get well wishes for Fred Giusti
Mary and Medoro Pagni: In memory of Lena Fontana
Anita St. Denis and M.J. Shulman: In memory of Sam Madonia

*In memory of Lena Fontana

Get well wishes for Fred Giusti
The Antonowicz Family

Live to Give

3rd Annual Convention Blood Drive

“90 Units for 90 Years”

Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 – 8:00am to 1:00pm
Marriott Oakland City Center – Oakland, CA

This year, as you know, the Italian Catholic Federation is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. For 90 years, our wonderful Organization has provided countless hours of service to its communities. To continue these great efforts and to commemorate the past 90 years, the theme for the Live to Give Committee’s 3rd Annual Convention Blood Drive is “90 Units for 90 Years.”

The past two Convention Blood Drives yielded a total of 50 units of blood. We need 40 more units to make our theme come true and to reach the magical number of 90. Donating blood at this year’s Convention in Oakland, CA is a great way for you to contribute to this significant milestone.

Give the Gift of Life...Donate Blood

Life to Give Committee: Chairperson, Jane Dianza; Committee Members: Jim Acitelli, Lisa Crudo, Nina Malone; Consultant: Laurie Levine

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Letters to the Editor:

Dear Mr. Robert Basuino,

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Please express my sincere thanks to the other Central Council Members that were in attendance, I know its very difficult to travel the distance just for one event, but I believe it was very much appreciated by the members here to see the affirmative intentions for the advancement of the ICF in the Chicago Area.

Happy 90th Anniversary to all ICF members!

Cordially Yours and with God’s Blessings,
George & Pauline Nicoletti

Time To Make a Difference and Run

Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

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If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:
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3) Present Central Council Members attend the Convention as Delegates-At-Large.
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Hospitalization Committee Candidates

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Thank You, Roselynne Jarrett, Grand Treasurer
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Submitted By:

*To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA
*To Dr. Vichinsky at Children’s Oakland

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1994-present Donations go to Dr. Vichinsky at Children’s Oakland

*To Dr. Vichinsky at Children’s Oakland
*To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA

ICF Donates Over $1.5 million to Cooley’s Anemia/Thalassemia
Pope Fiction

By: Patrick Madrid
Basilica Press, 338 pages

We all know who the Pope is. We also know some history about the Papacy. For many of us the Pope is the far-away leader of our church. Many of us have not seen him, and many may never see the Pope. Having such a distance and such little knowledge of the Papacy has left many of us disconnected from the Papacy. How can we adequately respond to those who question the authority that the Pope has in the Roman Catholic Church? Patrick Madrid’s book helps us to explore 30 myths and misconceptions that those who are not Catholic point to in order to validate the repudiation of the Papacy and the Catholic Church. Unfortunately for those who wish to dismiss the Papacy, their arguments are not based on well-founded points. Patrick Madrid shows us the error of their arguments.

The book begins by looking at misconceptions regarding the authority of the Pope and the establishment of the Papacy. Protestant denominations deny the primacy of the Pope by claiming that Jesus never established the office or meant that Peter was the leader. These issues are easily dismissed by studying scripture, in particular Matthew 16:13-19. With regards to the primacy of Peter, it is interesting to note that Peter’s name is mentioned in the New Testament more than 190 times. The next most mentioned Apostle is John at almost 30 citings. If Peter were not preeminent, why would his name be mentioned so much in scripture? Once we are faced with those who declare that Jesus did not establish the lineage of Popes. However, if one reads the letters written by the earliest church fathers, including Irenaeus of Lyon, Clement, and so on, it is clear that they understood the establishment of a succession plan. They understood that the Bishop of Rome was preeminent. Jesus established His church to last until the end of time. He also established a leader of the church. Unless the Catholic Church was going to last one generation, there had to be a succession of leaders, as no one lives forever.

Other misconceptions are with regard to the character of the Popes. There are those who misconstrue the doctrine of infallibility and point to Popes who were not good moral persons. The Doctrine of Infallibility applies only to declarations regarding dogmatic, infallible pronouncements under the following formula:

1. The pronouncement must be made by a lawful successor to Peter (a Pope).
2. The subject matter must be on issues regarding faith and morals.
3. The Pope must be speaking officially from the office of Peter.

If any of these items is missing, there is no infallible pronouncement. The many instances of poor judgment or poor execution are not instances where the Pope exercised the charism of infallibility.

In history, there have been many instances when Popes did not make good decisions or were not morally good men. Detractors point to many errors. One favorite topic of discussion is the Crusades. A closer look at this topic reveals that the Popes originally wanted to preserve the continuation of the ability for Christians to have access to the Holy Land. When the Crusades started, the Muslim leaders in the Middle East had begun an effort to expel the Christians and to destroy Christian holy sites. Unfortunately, the Pope’s intentions became the start of many wars. Atrocities were committed on both sides. Detractors only focus on atrocities committed by soldiers who claim to act in the name of Christ.

Another claim against the Papacy revolves around slavery and the treatment of the indigenous people in America. Detractors state that the Popes have supported slavery and the mistreatment of indigenous people. The author successfully refuted these claims by providing writings of the many Popes who condemned such behavior. In fact, anyone who was involved in the slave trade was automatically excommunicated.

Many topics are explored. The Inquisition receives its fair attention. In total, Pope Fiction contains 30 myths and misconceptions. Each one is presented concisely. The author acknowledges that addressing each misconception can take a book in its entirety. It is not the author’s intent to refute each misconception with a thoroughly complete argument. Enough information is presented to satisfy the rebuttal. However, it is understood that if the reader wishes a more detailed explanation, the reader is encouraged to do more research. The benefit of Pope Fiction is that the author is able to provide a great amount of information in a very concise form. Each misconception is clearly stated, the question is explored, and the rebuttal is fully explained.

This book is enjoyable and very easy to read. One can put the book down and pick it up months later and continue without having to go back to remember the story as each myth is independent of the other.

Monetary Donation Reminder
Roselyne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

When submitting donations to one of our programs (Providenza, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Cooley's Anemia, etc), please make the check payable to ICF or Italian Catholic Federation. In the memo, indicate the fund where you would like the donation directed.

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 depositary.

For stars: With there being no blue toppings, use other dark colors as a background, such as basil, olives or green pepper. Top with a few mushrooms or onions as stars or simply scatter olives and allow the white cheese to pop though as stars.

Patriotic Pizzas

Find the hidden images.
Instructions for Obtaining a Daily/Special Temporary Liquor License

Franklyn Lopes
Central Council Grand Trustee

You must fill out an ABC-221 form for any event that your branch holds that will include the sale of alcohol.

Form ABC-221 must be submitted to the local ABC District Office which has jurisdiction over the event location.

The form needs to be received, at your branch, within 10 days of the event.

Police Department approval may be required if your branch is hosting a large number of people, a casino night is held, or it's the first time an event is being held at the location.

If conducting the event on church property, you must obtain the signature of the business manager of the church, or whoever else may be in charge.

If conducting a raffle in which wine or liquor will be included in a basket or other gift item, a $100.00 Special Temporary License will be needed. This special license can be found in Section C on the ABC-221 form.

For any other questions you may have, please contact Franklyn Lopes at (831) 464-7570.

Cathedral of Christ the Light Walking Tour

Meet with Cathedral docents for a shuttle ride and short walk to the Cathedral. Experience the Cathedral on a one hour tour.

Friday, August 29, 2014
9:50 A.M. shuttle, tour 10:30 – 11:30
Return to Hotel via shuttle

Free tour for convention delegates and guests

Please make reservations by calling and/or emailing:

Peggy Lubeck
(510) 521-4687
petalpeggy@aol.com

Meet in front of Hotel. Cathedral docents will be wearing teal jackets and will assist you in boarding the shuttle, and accompany you on the short walk to the cathedral, where they will then guide you on the tour.

Deadline: August 15, 2014

84th Annual Convention

- Marriott Hotel – Oakland
- Friday, August 29, 2014
  1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Entry Fee: $25.00 (Advance Reservations)
- $30.00 (After August 15th, or at the door)
- 6 Bingo games will be played. For each game participants will be given a sheet with 6 Bingo Cards per sheet
- 5 Games – various Bingo games / $100.00 pot per game
- Final game: Blackout $250.00

To register: Make your check payable to the I.C.F., put “Bingo” on the memo line and mail it with your entry form to:

Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

Advance Reservations must be in the I.C.F. office by August 15, 2014.

Any questions, please call the I.C.F. office at (510) 633-9058.

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I would like to give a shout out to all members and delegates who will be attending the Convention this year in Oakland. Because we will be celebrating 90 years of accomplishments and looking forward into the future, I would like it to involve some of our younger members in our Friday Night Opening Ceremonies. If you have children between 5 and 18 who may like to participate, please contact Lisa Crudo at lcrudo5@aol.com.
**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**DATE:**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014**

**COURSE:**  
Laguna Seco Golf Course  
10530 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 –  
Delightful Four Course Dinner

**PRICE:**  
Golfers: $135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet)  
After July 18th, the price per golfer is $150.  
Banquet only: $50

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** JULY 16, 2014

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**2014 CONVENTION IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

**Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014**

**Honoring The Past As We Envision Our Future**

**HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS**

***OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL***

Marriott Oakland City Center  
Phone: (510) 451-4000 /  
Reservations: (800) 228-9290

1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607 -- Visit the link to hotel reservations  
or our website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

- Room Rate: $119.00 Single Occupancy plus 14.17% (subject to change)  
  tax. $119.00 Double Occupancy plus 14.17% (subject to change)

Oakland Int’l Airport is approximately 10 miles southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.oaklandairport.com

- Transportation to/from San Francisco: San Francisco Int’l Airport is approximately 20 miles west from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.flysfo.com.

Reservation Deadline is Friday, August 08, 2014. 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 website to make your reservations.

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**AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL**

Here are a few:

- Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522  
  www.alaskaair.com

- Southwest Airlines: 1-800-435-9792  
  www.southwest.com

- Delta Airlines: 1-800-221-1212  
  www.delta.com

- US Airways: 1-800-428-4322  
  www.usairways.com

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  www.jetblue.com

- American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300  
  www.aa.com

- United Airlines: 1-800-864-8331  
  www.united.com (fly into SFO)

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**RAILROAD SERVICE - AMTRAK***

Our Amtrak Convention Fare Code is X95R-987. It will give a 10% discount off the best available fare to Oakland, CA between August 25, 2014 and September 4, 2014. The reservation number is 1-800-872-7245 or call your local travel agent. The Amtrak station is approx. 1 mile from the hotel. Jack London Square - 245 Second Street - Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 238-4322. ***Please note: This code is valid for reservations made by phone only. It is not valid for reservations made online. There is no shuttle service but there is taxi service (curb side) and city bus service (Free B) - the bus stop is within walking distance (about 1 block). Visit www.meetdowntownoak.com for bus info and schedules.

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**PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR DELEGATES!**

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

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68TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
PEDRO TOURNAMENT
MARriott OAKLAND CITY CENTER - OAKLAND

ENTRY FEE: $15.00
INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
DEADLINE: AUGUST 15TH

PRIZES
FRIDAY, AUG. 29TH
1ST - $50
2ND - $30
3RD - $20
4TH - $10
5TH - $5
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

TO REGISTER: MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE I.C.F., PUT "PEDRO" ON THE CHECK LINE AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM TO:
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, 5233 CAMPBELL DRIVE, SUITE 110
OAKLAND, CA 94611

PEDRO ENTRY FORM

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YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 15TH

Italian Catholic Federation
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on board the beautiful Golden Princess
Sailing Fri, 9/25/2015 - Mon, 10/5/2015
Parts of call: San Francisco, Tracy Area, Hawaii,
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Contact: Julie Graham
julie@crossatramarinsCa.com 925-361-1157
http://www.grahamtravelinc.com/cruise/3627

The East Bay District welcomes you to
the Thursday Night Dinner
August 28, 2014
Put on your favorite team jersey
and celebrate with us!
6:00 pm No Host Cocktails
7:00 pm Dinner

Menu
Salad, cold cut rolls
Roasted chicken, roasted
tomatoes, carrots,
dessert wine and coffee
Raffle
Fratelli’s Marichi Club
1340 6th Street
Oakland, CA 94608
Adults $15.00
Children 8-12 $10.00
A bus departing at 5:30 pm will be provided for convention hotel guests.
Let’s kick off our 2014 convention with a great time together!

Name ________________________ Branch # __________

Your phone contact # __________

Number attending _______ Amount Enclosed $ _______

Will you be riding the bus to the dinner? Yes ___ No ___

Please make check payable to
ICE East Bay District.
mail with form to: Rosalind Condri
5228 Tyler Ct, Castro Valley, CA 94546
any questions, please call Rosalind Condri (510) 527-6657 or Pat Pasquinelli (510) 927-4505

ICF Annual Convention
Pedro Lessons

WHEN: Friday, August 29, 2014
WHERE: Oakland Marriott
TIME: 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
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, August 29, 2014
WHERE: Oakland Marriott
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.

Reserved Seating according to date of receipt of paid reservations.

We will be creating 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 15, 2014 - no later.

Number of Players

1. _____________________ Branch #_____
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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 PRESENTS
Dinner Dance
Featuring
IN FULL SWING BAND
“Come Swing Your Socks Off”
Sunday, August 31, 2014
Oakland Marriott

- Dinner: 7:00 P.M.
- Dancing: 8:00 - 11:00 P.M.
- Price: $55.00 (Children pricing upon request)
- Convention Raffle Drawing: 9:00 P.M.

Reservations: 1-888-423-1924
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Our June Meeting began with Millie Breclaw Crownin Mary while members sang Immaculate Mary as they circled Mary with votive candles. Trustee Mike Sawadski presented interesting ideas for Membership drives and fund raising. Discussion followed regarding 195’s needs and wants with a 3:00 p.m. Mass in Italian at St. Francis, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Ann, St. Martha, St. Vincent DePaul and St. Jerome, St. Thomas More, St. Elizabeth, St. Jerome, St. Ann, St. Martha, St. Vincent DePaul. We thank all those who donated proceeds from this event will help young seminarians studying for the priesthood. Contact Rita, Lydia, or Nick, for information on any upcoming events. Congratulations, Francis, for a job well done, and good luck to you in the future.

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Ciao,
Rita

Chicago
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439
On May 30, ICF Branch 439 celebrated May Crowning at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The mass honoring the Blessed Mother was celebrated by Father Augusto Fecchia. The crowning of Mary was accompanied by the lighting of candles for special intentions and placing flowers in vases in front of Mary’s statue on the altar. After the mass and crowning ceremony, the Holy Rosary was prayed. It was a beautiful and special evening of prayer to honor Mary. ICF Branch 439 members and their families are looking forward to celebrating the 90th Anniversary Gala on June 8 in Chicago.

Ciao,
Rita

Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32
Our summer bake sale on May 31 and June 1st was a huge success! We earned over a thousand dollars to the branch’s treasury! There were biscotti, cookies, cakes, apricots, squash, jams & jellies, live plants, and a carousel of greeting cards. Thank you to all of the members who contributed their goods and their time.

The Spaghetti Fundraiser chaired by Tom Marschall was successful! All proceeds benefited the Our Lady of Victory church renovation & building fund. Great appreciation to those who helped with this event.

Evelyn Nieto chaired Hospitality during the month of June for all Sunday morning masses. She organized the fried bread and Italian sausage sandwich sales, and provided donuts & coffee each week. Thank you to Evelyn and all of her assistants.

Please pray for better health and speedy recoveries to the following members: CleEs tria Lett, Maria Guglielmino, Virginia DePasquale, Giorgio Pisching, Olga Sulenta, Peggy Barbato, and Erma Bento.

Merced
St. Cecelia, Br. 39
Summer has certainly arrived here in the Valley. No activities for the month of June. We have our annual Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite at Rotary Cove on Thursday, July 24. We had to change the date so mark it on your calendars.

Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31
On April 21 we enjoyed Italian Meatballs and chips prior to our meeting. Our Polenta Dinner was a great success and our Branch gave donations to the following: St Joseph’s Church, Priest Retirement Fund, Cooley’s Anemia, CCD Los Banos, Our Lady of Fatima School and the Central Council Scholarship.

From the raffle sale, we donated to the Angel Tree and to Scholarship Fund. Next year the dinner will be held at the D.E.S. Hall on February 28, 2015.

On May 19 we enjoyed Cheeseburgers with the trimmings and macaroni salad prior to the meeting. We will have two delegates at the Convention in Oakland - Gary Caropreso and Terri Post. President Caropreso explained that any member is welcome to attend the sessions and/or the banquet. Suggestions for future fundraisers were made and after much discussion, it was decided to do a spaghetti sauce sale in July.

Convention raffle tickets were distributed. Our Branch gave 3 local scholarships of $250.00 each to Jenna Gilardi, Dominic Aguilar and Kayllyn Alanis. Jenna Gilardi and Dominic Aguilar also received the Central Council Scholarships.

Next meeting will be a pot-luck at the Post home on August 16. May our journey through life be filled with prayer and peace.

Ciao,
Germaine Orlando

Branch 439 celebrated May Crowning together.

(Above) Monica Ficher helping customers at the bake sale.
(Right) Evelyn Nieto, Elaine Lencioni, and Patricia Vivienzi setting up for the Branch 32 bake sale.
### Sanger
**Sant’Antonio, Br. 70**
Feb 11, 2014 was our regular meeting and was held at St. Mary’s Hall, in Sanger. We learned our officers were all re-elected. We celebrated Valentines Day with a delicious Polenta dinner. God bless the cooks, they did a great job.

We thank President Kay and her mom Josie for decorating the tables so beautifully with hearts and flowers.

President Kay welcomed our guests Virgina Larabae and her son Nick. President Kay closed the meeting with a prayer by our chaplain, father John Bruno.

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend Rosie Lencioni. our prayers and sympathies to the family.

Our prayers go out to our deputy Fred DeRenzo who is recovering from surgery. We hope he gets well fast.

**God Bless,**
Orsolina Casella

### Clovis
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help,**
**Br. 250**
One of the very deserving organizations to which Branch 250 contributes is “Get on the Bus”. This group organizes trips for children of inmates to visit their parents on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Jenny Campanello, a Branch member, and providing us with these trips. Jenny writes: “The Mother’s Day Get On the Bus trip was a wonderful event. Many of the children were ‘on the bus’ for 27 hours – and they were beautiful 4 hour visit with their moms.” Thank you, Jenny, for inviting us to be a part of this worthwhile project. If any other Branch or individual would like to be involved, please contact Jenny at 559-250-1565.

Our youngest member, Vincent Rodriguez, helped with the Heritage part of our meeting in May. He coloraded an Italian flag and held it up in front of the group while President Jessie Bueb read about how the flag evolved.

Mary Semas was surprised by her family with an 80th birthday party. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren came from long distances to be with her.

### Fresno
**St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308**
I hope you are all keeping cool. Can you believe how warm it has been? We are halfway through 2014. We have had a few busy months, June will be the last of them then our branch will slow down a bit to enjoy the summer.

At our May Dinner/Meeting we celebrated Mary Ann Prody’s 100th birthday with a big cake and ice-cream. This former teacher is an inspiration to all of us with her quick wit, twinkle in her eyes, always with a warm smile and a kind word, just a very charismatic person.

We started June with our dinner meeting with our President Dante Galeazzi in honor of Father Day and Father’s Day. There was a large variety of delicious salads, fruits, various kinds of beverages, desserts, along with the main entrée.

On Friday, June 13 we celebrated the Feast of St. Anthony d Padua our Patron Saint of our parish. All of the parishioners were invited to come and celebrate. It started with a mass at 6:30p.m followed by a procession to the large hall. There was four different ethnic entries to choose from along with lots of food and desserts. The music was great as well as the dancers. As you can imagine, much fun was had by all.

There will be no July meeting.

Please pray for Barbara Hiico, for all our members and friends who are ill and for their caregivers.

Pray also for Antonietta Pecora who was recuperating from knee surgery, when in the middle of the night a 21 year old drunk driver crushed his car into the entryway and kitchen of her home.

Birthday wishes go out to Regina Sheldrake (June 2), Patti Lometti (June 3), Sharon Ryno (June 5), Nancy Bianchi (June 6), Jack Camero (June 9), Toni Edwards (June 10), Mike Pukish (June 13), Carlene Christensen (June 15), Ron Pugliese (June 17), Annabella Pardun (June 20) and Ann Marie Corcióchi (June 24).

Have a Happy Fourth of July!

Maria E. Juarez-Garcia

### Bakersfield
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help,**
**Br. 281**
Our annual ICF Branch 281 Bocce Tournament was an exciting day filled with action, competition, lunch and fellowship. The day ended with team “Odd Balls” finishing in first place.

Congratulations to team members Kathy Scateri, Sandra Turner, Cindy pedigree and Tammy Austin. Team “My Sisters and You” with three Swettflager sisters and friend -- Betty Zasoski, Lea Ruggs, and Rachelle Flores-Yubeta -- came in second. Thank you to Allen Watts for chairing the annual event and all to who played and to the people who came out to cheer them on. Hope to see you next year, it really is a fun event.

Jeff and Jan Lemucchi hosted the Salad Potluck in their lovely backyard. Thank you for your generosity. Our dinner will be July 11, an Ice Cream Social hosted by George and Terri Carson.

Want to help make money for our branch without doing any work? Convention Raffle Tickets will be distributed and all you need to do is sell or buy the tickets and our branch will retain a portion of the sale. Easy! So please do your best and sell those tickets.

Congratulations to our 2014 Convention delegates Deborah Cerri Leary, Crystal Watts and Kristen Watts, The Convention in Oakland, California this year can be attended by any member and is a great learning experience. You can see what is going on with the Central Council and have a chance to visit with other branch members.

Congratulations and best wishes to Victoria Riley, this year’s ICF Branch Scholarship recipient.

**Batter i calore!**

### Las Vegas
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**St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367**
On April 22, a group from our Branch took a bus trip to Mercury, NV and the Nevada Test Site, the trip was only $10.00 per person, and that was really for the box lunch they provided - even gave a choice of a salad, or a small variety of sandwiches, a cookie and a drink. All those who went said it was a good time for all, AND very interesting and educational.

On May 25, twenty-three of our members caravanned to Lake Mead and had brunch while cruising on Lake Mead to the dam. Some members really enjoyed it, and some members said there wasn’t enough food, and the cruise was too short. But, all in all, a beautiful day to relax.

We usually go to the Pahrump Winery, but they are renovating and expanding this year and the owner wasn’t sure when it would be completed for us to enjoy it and accommodate us. So, we’ll wait until fall to do that.

Our Bishop’s Day has been pushed back to November 3rd. Bishop Pepe’s schedule is busy, we were asked to change our date. Everyone will be the same, and it will be held at the same caterer. Bishop Pepe will say the noon Mass, and we will have lunch immediately after mass.

We’d like to welcome two more new members, Victor VanHyfte, who was sponsored by our President, Frank Vatalare, and Arezou Negahdar, who was sponsored by Helga Levine at the Polenta Dinner.

Congratulations to District and Branch members who joined the Central Council Strategic Planning Retreat on May 27 and 28th in San Francisco. Members were presented with the Strategic Planning Process in some instances for the first time. More developments will be forthcoming and all Members are encouraged to join in when requested to help develop the future of the ICF. The next step in the CC Strategic Planning Process may include a webinar (online Seminar) to get more members involved. Call 626 372-7812 if you need more information.

**Save The Dates:**
July 20, 2014 - LAADC Cooley’s Anemia BBQ Fundraiser at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. This is a very special year and all 18 Branches in the District are to join members at poolside. Former Cooley’s Anemia Chairman Luigi Sabatella, who opened his home with his wife and children for this event, 28 Branches, would be especially proud that our District has come together again. All proceeds will benefit the ICF Cooley’s Anemia Program. Cost: $25 per person. Come for the food, friendship and fun. Space is limited; all seating first come first served. Please RSVP to 636 379-0629.
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San Pedro St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Greetings!
Happy Birthday to this wonderful country of ours! Hope you all enjoyed the festivities of the day!

The month of July will be a very busy time for our branch.

On July 9th branch will be hosting a day trip to Pala Casino. $20.00 for members $23.00 for non members. Please support our fundraising efforts. Call Pauline Iacono at 310-832-0563 for reservations.

Our monthly meeting will be held on July 10 at 7:30pm. At this meeting we will be discussing our upcoming parish fiesta and our 60th anniversary.

On July 17 the branch will be preparing our meatballs and sausages for our annual Parish fiesta. The fiesta will be held on Friday, July 18, Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20. If interested in helping to make meatballs, or helping Neal to set up and tear down or to work in booth during fiesta please call Pauline Iacono at 310-832-0563. I encourage our younger members to come out and experience what the ICF is all about. It is a lot of fun!!

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Please note there will be no Dinner/at the General meetings in July and August. August 18 is the Board meeting only.

We shall enjoy the summer after all our successful fund raisers in April and the past year to date. We thank our wonderful chairpersons Toni Werley, Laura Giello, Pat Lasko and Bea Yary.

For their exceptional efforts and dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation St Denis Branch 317.

We also express our appreciation to all our members for their continued support and presence at all our meetings and the many functions. It cannot happen without all of you. Grazie!

God Bless and enjoy the summer,  
Rosanne Perry  
President

Burbank  
Santa Maria Gioretti, Br. 102  
Hope you are enjoying your summer with new friends and experiences, July 19- regular meeting at noon in Cabrini Hall, very important.

Ciao,  
Joy

Santa Barbara/ Ventura Region  
Thousand Oaks  
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380  
Our branch had an excellent meeting in June. A wonderful dinner was served and our members participated in karaoke.

We awarded out annual scholarships. We hope to everyone at our next meeting.

Ciao,  
Jean Fontana Bridges

Branch 380 scholarship recipients: Left photo - Dominic Conti with mother Gina; Middle photo - Patrick Scott with parents Pat and Annie Scott and branch president Greg Corricello; Right photo - Kierstyn Spinelli
Monterey
Santa Cruz
Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21
We hope your summer has been going swimmingly. In case you missed the Mother’s Day Dinner and Dance on May 9, it was a great success. The food was delicious and there was lots of dancing to the swinging music of the Danceland Band. Thanks to all those who helped make this another successful event.

There are even more fun and interesting events coming up.

August 2 is the Italian Heritage Day San Jose Giants Game. Come watch good baseball where the ticket cost is low, the concession food is tasty, and those SJ Giants are super!

August 3 is the District Bar-B-Que in Chualar at the JR Ranch. This is always a fun day and the setting is beautiful.

August 24 is the Branch 21 Summer Picnic and Ice Cream Social. Stay cool and relax in the company of other members at Holy Cross Hall.

August 29 - September 1 is the annual ICF Convention to be held in Oakland. That’s not far away, so we encourage branch members to take a day trip and see what ICF is working to accomplish. For more information about any of these activities, call or email Roseann.

It’s not too early to think about the Italian Festival in Reno on October 10-12, 2014. Monterey Branch has planned a bus trip to this fun and festive weekend and those interested in going please contact Rosie Panneton. This is a great way to get your Italiano fix.

We hope to see you at our next general meeting on August 5 at the Holy Cross Hall. This will be a pot luck supper, so bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Also, enjoy the photos included in this issue from some of Branch 21’s past events.

In closing, we thank God for our many blessings; when one thinks about it, there are many.

Patty Morelli
Recording Secretary

Salinas
Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25
Our contingent attending the 90th Gala Anniversary on June 22 grew to seven as Ralph and Joanne Cristofano, and Thelma and Roy Frontani joined President Julie Richards, Rita Dominy, Marti Hayes.

A correction to last month’s input: Elizabeth Abluton received a $400 scholarship from our Branch. It would be hard to find anyone more qualified. Elizabeth has been very active in numerous school, community and charitable activities, played Varsity Field Hockey for three years, all the while maintaining a 4.265 GPA. She was in the National Honor Society her four years of High School. We wish her all the best of luck in her continuing education.

We were sad to hear that Olga Mazgai fell and injured herself recently, while on her way to our meeting. A speedy recovery to her and hope she can join us again soon. Our last meeting was special as Emil Mirandette was able to attend for the first time in many months. We have missed Emil’s counsel and hope that we will see he and Lorraine at future meetings.

We encourage all members, and those interested in joining ICF, to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the KoC Hall 270 Riana Circle Salinas. Bring a food item to share for lunch at noon; meeting to follow.

Important Dates:
August 3, 2014 - District Picnic and Branch Meeting at J&M Ranch.
November 5 - Polenta Luncheon Fundraiser at Sacred Heart, Salinas; Prep on Nov. 4.

Ciao,
Roy Frontani

Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36
Can you believe I forgot to wish our wonderful fathers a happy fathers day! I hope you had a great day surrounded by family. I will do better next year.

Before I forget, have a safe Independence Day, pray for our troops.

We had a delicious dinner-meeting in June prepared by J. P. Curatolo and his fabulous kitchen crew. Of course, all of our other volunteers were there, waitresses, student helpers (we love them, they are a great asset), bartenders, ticket sales (dinners & bar), and to all who help clean up. The highlight of the evening was when President Liz presented our mystery honoree for the month, (in this case it is honoroses), Peter and Clara Leece. Besides the gift of their family being there, they received a gift certificate, beautiful roses, and a certificate of appreciation. They are very deserving dedicated volunteers and have served on the Board.

85 and over birthday party this month, July 10. Each 85 and over member has received their invitation in the mail with all information on it, time and menu.

We have 38 men, 57 women, a total of 95 members who are 85 and over, of those 95 we have 15 married couples. The fact that we can do this party for them is heart warming, they have such a good time, and they are the glue that has held us together all these years.

Our deepest sympathy to Sal and Angie Cardinale on the death of their beautiful daughter, AnnaMarie Cardinale Sheriff, and to the Louis Rodriguez family on the death of their father. Lou was present and working at every event and always smiling. They are at peace with our Father.

Time is like a river, you cannot touch the water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Life is the same as the river.

Peace be with you,
Betty Sollecito

Pacific Grove
St. Angela Merici, Br. 206
After lots of visiting, the Members enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner at our last meeting.

President, Sarah Jane Amoroso, was elected as the delegate to the ICF Convention over Labor Day Weekend in Oakland. She encouraged the Members to attend this fun and informative event. If you have not been to a Mass at the convention before, it is an event not to be missed. ICF Members participate fully in the Mass, and the response song is almost thunderous. It is an uplifting and inspiring Mass, and we usually have a couple of Bishops and a number of Priests to concelebrate. Come if you are able.

Sarah Jane will be attending the Gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation starting with the Mass at Immaculate Conception in San Francisco on June 22, ending with the banquet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.

Sarah Jane attended the May 31st Central Coast District Meeting in Hollister. Julie Richards handled the meeting like a Pro, and she has decided to run for Central Council again this year. Congratulations, Julie and Good Luck! After the meeting and before the luncheon, Past Grand President and Central Council member Bob Aquistapace presented a workshop on finances and with his vast institutional and historical knowledge of the ICF, he put out a lot of great information and received a lot of interested questions from meeting attendees. Branch 26 then put on an excellent “Picnic Meal” beginning with “Specials,” with all the fixings you want to add!

Enjoy your 4th of July Holiday. God Bless.

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary
Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

June was membership appreciation month and our President, Pete Gallagher, and his wonderful wife Abby, hosted a delicious Tiip barbeque for all our members—free of charge! In addition, we invited our First Year Scholarship recipients, Sarah Castellino and Toby Tonascia, and their families to join us for dinner so we could present them with their certificates and meet these outstanding graduating seniors!

We would like to recognize and thank Trish Jimenez for her service to our Branch as Financial Secretary. Trish retired from her position as of May 31, 2014. We will miss her dedication to our Branch and her commitment to the ICF Family. Trish will continue to support our Branch as she is remaining on our Membership Committee.

Please continue to keep in prayer Sr. Carol Carter, Joe Franco, Annette Grimaud, Stevie Hall, Florleree Harris, Jan Hilton, Trish Jimenez, Jean & Emil Minicucci, Joe Slavin, Sonia & Jens Wagner. Also, please keep the McNeill family in your thoughts and prayers as Patrick recently lost his father. And continue to pray for all other ICF members who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July!

Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

The month of May was quite busy for us. The annual BBQ meeting took place at my home with David cooking sausage and hot dogs. Members contributed delicious side dishes, and we were treated to beautiful songs by Father Robert. The bake sale was very successful with many pastries and Italian goodies from members.

Thank you and parishioners for your time and donations to the Cooley’s Anemia Fund.

May 31st several of us went to Hollister for their district meeting. President Julie Richards discussed current and future plans for their club and how our branches may improve and increase membership and dues. He stressed that our parish priest is the most important person in contributing to the success of our clubs. So true! With Fr. Roberto’s help, we have been able to complete major improvements in all areas of our endeavors. He also discussed, “Where will the ICF be a year from today?” Changes will be coming, and we will be anxious to participate.

To quote Rosalynn Carter, “Do what you can today and are able to celebrate our Independence on July 4th.”

Alameda

Nostra Signora Della Grazia, Br. 10

Branch 10 members joined more than 400 other moviegoers for the showing of “Mary of Nazareth” on Sunday, June 8, in the Alameda Historic Theatre. Member Sheila Doan was instrumental in selling tickets for the event, which was also intended as a fundraiser for Saint Philip Neri/Saint Albert the Great Parish of Alameda. The motion picture was introduced by our pastor, Father Joy Kumarthussuri, mf, who was recovering from back surgery performed in early May.

We look forward to welcoming visitors for the annual Branch 10 barbecue and barbeque on Sunday, July 27 at Lincoln Park in Alameda. Bocce will be played on reserved courts from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and the steak barbeque will follow. Bocce players are asked to arrive by the 1:00 starting time. Lincoln Park is located at the intersection of High Street and Santa Clara Avenue, two blocks from Saint Philip Neri Church. We trust that early arrivals will be able to park in the park’s lot, which is accessible from Fernside Boulevard on the east. Street parking will be available on Fernside Boulevard and on High Street. Information regarding additional menu items, prices and reservations can be obtained through branch president Dave Rose, bunce@earthlink.net or (510) 522-6004.

We are looking forward to participating in the August 28-September 1 ICF Convention being held in adjacent Oakland. Four of our members will serve as docents for the Friday, August 29 tour of Oakland’s new Cathedral of Christ the Light. A free shuttle bus will leave Broadway and Ninth Street at 10:03 a.m. Guests will be escorted from the intersection of Broadway—Grand Avenue to the Cathedral and then back for the 11:57 return trip to the convention center.

Our other assignments at the convention will include assisting with Masses and the Friday night banquet, providing supplies for Friday afternoon Bingo and operating the information booth and the souvenir table. We are also bringing hors’oeuvres for the Friday evening banquet and cookies for the reception following Mass on Sunday, August 31.

We hope to enjoy the company of lots of out-of-towners at our July 27 barbeque, and we will see you all for the convention!

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy 4th of July. Raffle tickets have been mailed. Drawing will be August 31 at the Convention. Mail your ticket stubs (filled out) with your check by the end of July. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have questions or want more information regarding the convention contact Anna Alberti, 562-1179. Our 82nd Anniversary Dinner will be held Sunday August 18th at the Fratellanza Club. No host cocktails 4:30pm, dinner 5:30pm. Cost is $30.00. A fler is in the mail.

Upcoming:
July No meeting
August 7 – monthly meeting
August 10 – Branch 40 Anniversary Dinner
August 28-31 – ICF Convention
September 4 – monthly meeting 7pm
Happy birthday to Darrel Andrade, Lawrence Francis, Vito Muscardin and Betty Young. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing members of our branch.
President Fran had a pleasant surprise when she spoke to Beth Siegel, mother of Kyle Siegel, Br. 215’s 2014 scholarship winner. It turns out that Kyle is the grandson of Sam and Shirley Cesare, two of Br. 215’s long-time members. Kyle’s older sister Amanda was our scholarship winner about 5 years ago and she qualified for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th scholarships, too. Sam is a retired school teacher. It definitely sounds like the apple didn’t fall too far from the master tree. Kyle has a twin sister and she also is an ICF 1st Year Scholarship winner in 2014. Kyle and his parents will join us at our 8/12/2014 meeting.

There will be no branch meeting in July per usual, but that doesn’t mean we won’t be busy. July will be our time to create our two raffle baskets for the Thursday Night Welcome Dinner on 8/28/2014. We will all need to contact our local merchants for donations in kind and/or gift certificates.

For those wonderful members that volunteered to bake cookies, July will be the time to select your favorite cookie recipes. Your cookies can be given to President Fran or brought directly to the Marriott Hotel beginning Wednesday, 8/27/2014 up to Sunday, 8/31/2014. Your cookies should be covered with plastic wrap and placed on strong paper plates like Chinet.

Following the Convention over Labor Day Weekend, there will be the annual District Picnic at Deanna and Al DeNurra’s home in Pleasant Hill, CA on 9/20/2014. Flyers will be distributed in the near future with more details.

Be sure to mark 9/25/2014 on your calendars. That is the date of our Fall Bingo/Salad Luncheon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 40382 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538. Chairperson Carolyn Navarra will once again need our help planning and hosting this fun fundraiser. Flyers and tickets will be distributed soon.

Don’t forget our next date for bocce ball is Sunday, 7/27/2014. Be at City Beach Sports Center on AutoPark Mall Road by 2:30 p.m., We play two games and then grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant. Contact Jack Navarra no later than 7/20/2014 if you plan on coming. His phone number is 656-0258.

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during July, congratulations! If you will be traveling whether by car, train or airplane, may you have a safe and joyful experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Oakland
St. Theresa, Br. 223

Branch 223 is so fortunate to have an I.C.F. Scholarship recipient who keeps us up to date on her classes at Gonzaga University. Her name is Nicole Ratto. Of all the classes she has taken so far, the Italian 300-Level Class is her favorite. Next semester, she plans to apply for the Gonzaga Study Abroad in Florence, Italy; a trip she hopes to make in the fall of her junior year. Sempre Avanti Nicole and Mille Grazie for keeping us informed.

On June 5, our branch lost another member, Renna Repetto. When our branch started the Bake Sales, she was one of our wonderful bakers. Our condolences to all in her family, especially Linda and Bill. Her funeral Mass was held at St Theresa Church on June 10. May she Rest in Peace.

Our sincere condolences to our member Peter Nuti and his family on the passing of his father, Caesar Nuti. His services were held in May at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. May he Rest in Peace.

We look forward to the annual I.C.F. Convention, which will take place in Oakland this year. We are very proud to be a part of the Convention.

Our prayers and wishes for good health to our members who are ailing, especially to our sentinel, Nello Rossi.

Happy Fourth of July and have a wonderful summer.
Yoli Moglia

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Even though this is the month that we do not have a meeting, there was still a lot happening. On June 6, president Karen Rossi presented Jacob Wahbeh, of the 8th grade graduating class of Our Lady of Grace, with a scholarship to help continue his Catholic education. Melody Klever is still encouraging all to sell those raffle tickets. And we can be pleased at the large turn out our branch made for the 90th anniversary gala.

Hopefully there is time for a little fun before the convention as we celebrate Italian Heritage at the A’s game on August 1.

Don’t forget to get those secret family recipes out and begin baking cookies for dessert for the Sunday night dinner at the convention.

Have a safe and sane 4th of July and thank you to all those that helped make our convention a memorable experience.

Contra Costa
Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients, all high achievers who deserve praise and recognition. Branch 14 scholarships went to Haley Cappa, Clayton Valley H.S., Bianca Pavone, California H.S., and Gina Quinan of Carondelet H.S. in memory of John Reing.

Branch 13 members celebrate the graduation of Branch 13 Orator, Mina Pospishek.
Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

We have been notified that our scholarship recipient this year is Miss Christina Ortland. We look forward to meeting her soon.

At our June meeting we had a free raffle in honor of Membership Appreciation. Everyone enjoyed lunch as well.

On June 1 our branch had a membership table at the Good Shepherd parish festival. We would like to thank Roselyne for bringing and setting up the display.

Upcoming
No branch meeting in July.

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The May meeting opened with a Mass said by Father Al. It was a special mass to honor Mother’s and Father’s Day. Father Al said the mass in both English and Italian.

Mass was followed with a tasty potluck dinner.

Our branch has had a very good response to the sale of raffle tickets for the convention. Please return your ticket stubs to Terry Ventim, if you haven’t done so already.

The recipients were chosen for our scholarships and will be attending the June 09 Meeting along with their parents. The menu is ravioli and salad.

There will be no meeting in July! Vacation!! However, don’t forget the July 28 bus trip. Call Joe Meneghelli, for reservations.

August 11, 2014, is the next meeting. Hamburgers and Salad will be served, please reserve with Walter.

Don’t forget the convention! August 29-September 1, 2014, to be held in Oakland.

Lorraine Acutah

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

This month we are celebrating our Scholarship Recipients for 2014.

Branch 432 will be doing that at a special dinner on June 30.

We will be doing something a little different this year and holding a joint celebration with the Knights of Columbus of our parish to honor their recipients as well.

The following students who have received scholarships from the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 432 are as follows:

Victoria Barce
Jaime Velasco
Megan Galbon

They have each received a $1,000.00 1st year scholarship award. Emily Lilly and Sirena Burgueso each received a $400.00 scholarship award for 2014. Also, Chris and Virginia Bottino have sponsored Megan Brunello with a $400.00 scholarship award.

They are all very worthy recipients and we congratulate them all.

Planning is in full swing for our upcoming Festa d’Italia Car Show to take place the end of September. More details will follow in the upcoming issue.

Until next month, God Willing!!

Ciao,
Phyllis Lilly

Concord

St. Agnes, Br. 214

St. Bonaventure, St. Francis of Assisi and Queen of All Saints

Our Branch held a Wine Event at Viano Winey in Martinez. We had a wonderful turnout even though the weather made triple digits. We welcome our newest members: Janine Judge and Marian Armstrong. Congratulations go to: Nicholas Perry our scholarship recipient, his mom Veronica is a member, so this is exciting for all of us.

Members don’t forget a “free” BBQ at Roer-ta’s house on August 2nd. We are still selling “Raffle tickets” for “Money Prizes!!” - Drawing held at the Convention. Call Barbara for more tickets. Our prayers for our sick and eldely. We Thank Our Lord for his Goodness and Blessings Daily.

Ciao,
Christina, Correspondence secretary

Danville

St. Isidore, Br. 352

Our Branch held a recruitment day after all the Masses at St. Isidore’s on June 21 & 22 in an effort to publicize the ICF and obtain new members. I’ll let you know the results in the August issue.

We are having, by popular demand, another Champagne Bingo fundraiser on Saturday August 2 right after the 4:00pm Mass. Please make plans to attend this event, it will be a lot of fun.

The Annual Convention is just around the corner. Our branch is sending one delegate as required.

We did not have a regular dinner meeting in July but will have one on August 18, hopefully we will have the pleasure of your company.

We will have a special Barbecue dinner at our September 15 meeting. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chili and beverages will be on the table for your enjoyment.

For those of you who have been unable to attend our meetings, please know that you are missed, we enjoy your company. Try to make it next time and bring a friend or relative. WE NEED YOU.

October will be here before we know it, and it will be time to nominate the branch officers for 2015. Please consider becoming an officer, it’s a worthwhile endeavor.

Happy Birthday wishes to our members born in the month of July.

Let’s continue praying for all our members who have passed away. Pray for them and pray for them.

In closing: A smile is like a mirror, it reflects back at you.

Joseph

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

Our new branch had a great showing in our first year running the popular salami toss booth at the Parish Festival. We had long lines and exhausted our supply of salami all three days (next year we plan to stock up with even more!). Special thanks to Linda Del Vigna and Judy Dallari for organizing and coordinating signups for the booth, and tying up all the loose ends, and to all the members who volunteered over the weekend. Needless to say, parish organizers were thrilled with our showing.

Our branch welcomed summer with an ice cream social on June 8. Be sure to join us for our next branch meeting on Aug. 3 from 2 to 5pm in the Parish Hall. Watch for more information via evite and email. Please note the schedule for our other branch meetings over the next several months:

Sept. 7: 2 to 5pm
Oct. 5: 3 to 5pm
Nov. 2: 2 to 5pm
Dec. 7: 2:30 to 5pm
Jan. 4: 2 to 5pm
Feb. 8: 2:35 to 5pm
March 1: 2:35pm to 5pm

We continue to work on plans for our first fundraising dinner in September, and are looking for volunteers and committee chairpersons to lead the effort. Please email us at icfpleasanthill@aol.com if you are interested in helping out.

Ciao,
Diane Bottino Thomas

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Branch 442 Pleasant Hill sponsored the salmoni toss booth at the Christ the King Festival. Together, members raised $13,000 for the parish.

Do you have ideas about what kinds of activities and events you would like to see the branch organize over the next year, or ideas for branch meetings? Feel free to solicit your suggestions. We also will be sending out a survey in coming months to solicit your feedback.

We wish all our members a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Ciao!

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**Orange**
Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Ciao Amici,
Our May meeting was started with a wonderful Mexican dinner provided by Lupe, Hermi and Sylvia.

The following afternoon a ladies tea luncheon was held on Saturday, May 31 at Maureen Melvold’s home. The china was set; teapots filled with hot water; assorted nips on platters; a beautiful afternoon-the perfect setting for a tea luncheon. The tea was a wonderful social gathering for the ladies of Branch 423. Various finger sandwiches, scones, salad, and other nibbles were served, along with teas of your choice. Dessert was also served. Maureen’s daughter Cheryl assisted with the festivities. Thank you Maureen for organizing the tea and hosting a lovely afternoon.

We will host a sausage/meathall sale after all masses on the weekend of June 28-29.

The annual branch picnic will be held on July 20. A new location is being sought and will be announced at the next meeting.

The Jordan’s will host a summer dinner for members of Branch 423 on August 23 at 12:00pm. More details at the next meeting.

Fino al prossimo mese.

Miranda

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**Sacramento**

St. Mary, Br. 45

Hello to all from Branch 45!

Hope you are staying cool now that summer is here and we reached our first 100 degree days last month. It was 104 degrees on the day of our last Chicken & Polenta Dinner, yet Giovanni Hall was pleasant and cool and we enjoyed the always excellent dinner in comfort! We offer congratulations to Clarissa James who was presented with the first annual scholarship that evening; Clarissa, a branch member, was also the recipient of the 8th grade scholarship four years ago.

We invite everyone to our “Monte Carlo Games and Pasta Dinner Night” on Sunday, July 13 at 4:00PM in Giovanni Hall. For the gamblers, “CASINO 45” will feature a variety of games, Blackjack, Texas Hold’em, Bingo, Bunco and Roulette with a cache of valuable prizes for the winners.

The games will be followed by a delicious dinner of two types of pasta, salad, bread and dessert. The cost is $20.00 for the FUN and the FOOD. Please make your reservation by July 7th; call Janine at 916-714-6967.

Attending this year’s convention in Oakland will be branch president, Janine Orsi and vice president, Tina Tallman with secretary Bonnie Lally as an alternate. Don’t forget to return your convention raffle tickets; great prizes for the winners as well as the sellers.

Buon Compleanno to members Albert Lo- votti, Marie Leonard, Livia Hannah, Sheryl Cecchettini, Antonette Bonanno and Mary La Tona who are celebrating their birthdays in July.

On the horizon: August 3, District Meeting hosted by Branch 45; September 14 and November 9, Chicken and Polenta dinner with meetings at 4:30PM and dinner served at 6PM; October 26, Bishop’s Day. More news to come! Happy Fourth of July! Ciao!

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**Reno**

St. Albert, Br. 135

On a very warm Sunday evening of June8, over 30 members and guests enjoyed a delightful potluck dinner where the Branch furnished toasted chicken and dessert, with attending members providing their favorite dishes for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks to all for such a delightful and festive occasion.

Before the meeting an extensive sick report was provided asking the members to lift up the following people to The Lord’s healing touch: a) Father Mike Mahone is continuing to recover from heart surgery; b) Joe Saiz had shoulder surgery recently, with no report yet on his progress; c) Ella Marini (Capurro’s granddaughter) is in her third week of an eight week therapy program – she is eating well and she is also talking; and d) Eugenia Howland’s grandson is still in a coma, but is receiving physical therapy at a rehabilitation facility.

Meeting items included: a) a vote for Convention Delegates Vonnie Ramos and Charlyne Facini to attend this year’s convention, gratis the Branch for registration fees, hotel fees and travel expenses; b) a progress report from the Polenta Dinner

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**Roseville**

San Vito, Br. 73

The angel of death visited Branch 73 twice in April. On the 22nd, Connie Mirtoni, our oldest member, died at 98; she had joined the branch in 1971. Nine days later, Keller died. Bill was a member of Branch 236, but had been Deputos to Branch 73 for several years. We extend our condolences to the families of Connie and Bill. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace.

The afternoon of June 8, some 25 members and friends attended a dinner at Strings Restaurant in Roseville. A special guest was Rosemarie Di Pinuto, who was awarded the first year scholarship donated by Branch 73. A recent graduate of Woodcreek High School, Rosemarie will attend UCLA in the fall, majoring in biology; this major may lead to a medical career. Rosemarie attended the dinner with her parents.

Members are reminded to return the convention raffle tickets by 1 August. We are also reminded to pray for the speed recovery or Bruno Novi who recently underwent two interventions due to heart problems, and Terri Terrio, whose convalescence continues.

The next meeting of Branch 73 will be at 7:00 in the Convent on 19 August. Buon compleanno to members Albert Lo- votti, Marie Leonard, Livia Hannah, Sheryl Cecchettini, Antonette Bonanno and Mary La Tona who are celebrating their birthdays in July.

On the horizon: August 3, District Meeting hosted by Branch 45; September 14 and November 9, Chicken and Polenta dinner with meetings at 4:30PM and dinner served at 6PM; October 26, Bishop’s Day. More news to come! Happy Fourth of July! Ciao!
Branch 428 members and friends had a great time on the Bocce courts.

George and Lacey cooked up a delicious feast for one and all!

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

On June 20, Branch 438 celebrated its third anniversary! All members enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner catered by Original Pete’s in Roseville. Board members had decided that this should be a fun and relaxing evening for everyone, especially for our members who volunteer to cook at many of the meetings. We’ve accomplished so very much in three short years and look forward to many more years together!

Branch 438 will continue to be busy and have fun this month, as we are in the midst of planning a special “Date Night” to be held July 26th. We are hoping for much success, as we present “Tommy Ventanas Sings Sinatra’s Greatest Hits!” It should be a fun-filled evening with great food, as well as live entertainment and dancing in St. Clare’s Morris Center.

Our scholarship winner this year is John Hynes. He just recently graduated from Oakland High School in Roseville and will be attending Santa Clara University in the fall. His grandparents, Gene and Betty Nunziati, are members of the branch and he is the second Nunziati grandchild to win an ICF scholarship in the past three years. There are no Nunziati grandchildren graduating next year, but we understand there is one in the wings for 2016.

Our Membership Drive will be held on the weekend of September 6th and 7th. It is being spearheaded by 2nd Vice President Angela Sullivan and Trustee Pat Brown. We expect this membership drive to be a great success.

We will take our summer break from meetings and fundraisers in August this year. President, David Brill, and First Vice President, Joe Fisher, will be attending the ICF Convention in Oakland this year. We’ll look forward to hearing their report on ICF Convention news at our September meeting.

Ciao!

Jack Grisafe

San Diego

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

Happy 4th of July! Hope you all enjoyed the holiday!

The big event of the summer: a “Night in Napoli” which is a pasta dinner and dance on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 6:00 to 10:00pm at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. Ticket purchase includes raffle entry. The planned menu includes antipasto, pasta with meatballs and dessert. It will be served family-style so bring an appetite!

Also mark your calendars for the following events:

- Branch Picnic – July 27, 2014 – General Meeting at noon, followed by good food and a Bocce tournament.
- San Diego District Bishop’s Day – scheduled for October 12, 2014, 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Rose of Lima, followed by a catered lunch at the Parish Hall. Cost is $20 per person.
- Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, 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!

Ciao!

Karen Judson
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Fratelli in Cristo,
Father Louis Solcia led members of Branch 230 in prayer to open the general meeting held May 16 at Our Lady of the Rosary in the Little Italy neighborhood of San Diego. President Sherry Thorston delivered the sunshine report. Two “Get well” cards were sent: one to long-time member Tom Zolezzi, another to our Bishop Cirilo Flores, who was recovering from a stroke.

After a letter from the ICF office thanking the branch for two scholarship donations of $400 was read, treasurer Mary Lou Terramagra reported on branch finances (healthy,) and a current membership of 114 (room for growth.) On that note, former president Richard Barker conducted the installation of new members Patricia Vigli, and the Piconi, Paluso, and Lopez families.

Discussion regarding sending a delegate to the ICF convention (August 29-September 1, Oakland) was postponed until the June 20 meeting.

Luke Vinci led the closing prayer, and Sherry, long-time mainstay of the parish choir’s alto section, led the singing of the anthem.

Thanks to Pietro Vella, Carolyn Koebrich, Carmen Lemus, and Sherry for the pre-meeting dinner.

It’s picnic season, amici. We will hold our annual branch picnic on July 20 at Spanish Landing Park. The district picnic falls on August 3 at Allied Gardens Park.

Mantente la fe!

Ernest Pinamonti Grimm

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Please note the following events as we start the second half of 2014: July 27 – Branch Mass ICF 10:30 am

Aug 6 - Monthly meeting 7:00 pm Host: Olga Basso

Convention tickets have been distributed. Cost: $2.00 each or $20.00 for a book of 12.

Return stubs (stapled together) with money to Pres. Vic Arnaudo, Fairway Drive, Daly City, Ca. 94015. Half of the proceeds go to

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Well because of the conflict scheduling due to Mother’s Day, we didn’t have a meeting in May. We did have a meeting this Month.

Our assistant priest, Father Fernando, came over after the 12 o’clock Mass and enjoyed a meal after blessing our dinner. As usual there was a good selection of food and Nan Judge provided homemade bread, decorations and token gifts to celebrate Father’s Day. At the meeting, Mauro, our president, read a thank you letter from the Scholarship Committee acknowledging our award to an Aquinas High School Student. He encouraged members to buy and sell the raffle tickets for this year’s convention. Mauro, as President, will be one of our delegates and Pat Grisafe will be the second one. I will be the alternate. We voted to buy a full page in the Convention Booklet and Pat Grisafe, our Treasurer, took the names and donations for the Memory Page and Sponsor Page.

Our Branch Deputi, John Guerin, attended our meeting and sang Happy Birthday to Angie Teal and Nan Judge, who celebrate their Birthdays this Month. We will not have formal meetings in July and August, but will get together for a barbeque in July and make plans for August.

Be sure to join us for hot dogs and hamburgers at the July 13 meeting. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Bishop’s Luncheon at Noon on October 8 at Napoli Restaurant.

Happy Independence Day! God Bless America, Always.

Ciao!

Jack Grisafe

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San Francisco
Corpus Christi, Br. 290

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365

San Francisco
St. Jane, Br. 150

San Francisco
Santo Stefano, Br. 50

San Francisco
St. Michael the Archangel, Br. 5

San Francisco
St. Paul, Br. 328

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San Francisco
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San Francisco
St. Joseph, Br. 5

San Francisco
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Branch 163 scholarship winner, Giuliana Enea with her family and President Harold Fuentes.

San Mateo
St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Many thanks to Steve and Virginia Fuentes for planning and preparing our Mothers’ Day dinner in May, and to Frank Venturelli and his helpers Jim Loman and Harold Fuentes for planning and serving the Mothers’ Day Social for the women members. It was a lovely event. Our Jackson Casino Trip in May was enjoyed by everyone and it was a fun day for all.

Happy 90th Anniversary to the ICF. Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini organized it in June 1924. We thank them for their vision in creating this great organization built on faith, love and family.

Virginia Fuentes and Frank Venturelli were elected to be our delegates to the ICF convention this year. The convention will be held on Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center, Oakland, California. The Theme for this year’s convention is “Honoring the Past as We Envision Our Future.”

Our branch will be celebrating our 52nd anniversary this year with a lunch at the Elks Club, San Mateo on Sunday, October 19. Save the date. More info later.

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

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We are happy to report our convention representatives will be our president, Norm Bennett, and 2nd V.P. Dorene Campanile. Darlene Wigler, trustee, will be the alternate.

We are looking forward to our Ravioli Dinner Fundraiser on 6-29-14 No-host social: 4pm/Dinner: 5pm. Reservations must be in by June 25, 2014. Ctc: Bea Tomasello 1348 Paloma Ave., Burlingame, CA. 94010 Adults: $22.00 Children: Under 17: $5
We are not having a meeting in June or July. Those members who come to the meeting ahead of time to set up tables, etc. can also get a break. Special thanks to Jean Waterton who chairs the setup and helps Jim and Lucy Witherpoon, Bob Bacich and Robert Zlatic.

Upcoming events:
Picnic and Bocce -- Sunday, July 13, 11am-4pm, Washington Park, 850 Burlingame Ave. Burlingame - Rsvns by: June 30 2014 Dorene Campanile, 1620 Howard Ave., Burlingame, CA. 650 344-7870 chks to Branch #173 $22.00 Adults, $5.00 Age:13-17, $2 Age 12 & Under,$5 for adults not eating but attending.

We wish speedy recoveries to Eileen Angeles, Dave Mayer and Diane Magner. Also, prayers to the family of our long time member Anna Crisafi who passed away recently. Last of all but the highest priority given is to all Fathers on their special day and in memory of those of us fathers who will be in our hearts forever.

God bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213

We were delighted to have our scholarship recipient, Kelsey Hardey, as our guest at our May 10 meeting. Kelsey came all the way from Oakland to receive her certificate and meet our members. She is the granddaughter of our long time member, Faith Hill. Congratulations, Kelsey!

The most important item on our agenda right now is our upcoming MAGIC SHOW on Saturday, August 2nd, starring Patrick Martin, an amusing illusionist and comedian. This is a first for us, so we are hoping for a good crowd and successful show.

Remember, this is our only annual fundraiser and we expect all members to help and support us.

Please remember in your prayers, our members who are “under the weather”. And especially pray for the healing of Renee Mintun who had a nasty fall requiring stitches. Don’t forget Glorinda Doblerman, who we haven’t seen for many months. After a long hospital stay, she is finally recuperating at home. We miss you, Glorinda!

Please note: We will have a July meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, to finalize plans for our August 2 Magic Show. Dessert and coffee will be served!

Happy Summer!
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San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327

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Gayton DeRosa, Corres. Sec.

Menlo Park
St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thursday, July 3 - 5:30pm Mass for our Living and Deceased Members. *****NO DINNER OR MEETING!!!!!!*****

Thursday August 7 - 5:30pm Mass for our Living and Deceased Members followed by Dinner at 6:30pm and short meeting

*****SAVE THE DATE***** Wednesday September 17 - Get ready to spend some money and have a fun day!!! Casino Bus Trip to CATCH CREEK CASINO - $35.00 per person. $5.00 match play and $2.00 towards your food. Call Theressa at 650-324-0421 for reservations ASAP, as the seats sell fast!

Please remember our many sick members, especially Mary Riviello, Aurelio and Annunciata Maestrini, Anna Maestrini and Bernice D’arcy. Hope all the Dad’s had a good Father’s Day!!!

Barbecue Raffle tickets on sale through August.

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403

There were 10 members from our Branch in attendance at the ICF 90th. Anniversary. What a wonderful event!

There is no Branch meeting in July. Our next meeting will be held on August 5, 2014 in the parish center at 6:30pm.

A hot dog dinner with chili beans, salad, and dessert will be served. Cost is $10.00. For reservations send check payable to ICF Branch 403, to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. Reservations due by July 31, 2014.

Carla Del Carlo and Dan Capodanno are the Delegates from our branch attending the ICF Convention in Oakland on August 29-Sep-10, 2014.

Rose Marie Morando
Corresponding Secretary

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St. Charles, Br. 327

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Bistro, 502 South Park Dr., Hamilton Field in Novato. Cost of the brunch is $32 per person, everything included. For reservations call Marlene Farber.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Norma Capella who recently passed away. She was an ICF member for over 45 years.

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

We wish everyone a Happy and safe 4th of July.

There will be no meeting in July or August.

Ciao,
Anna Biggio

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council

July already!! As always, a big thank you to everyone involved with our District’s Our Lady of the Peace Mass and luncheon. Besides the list below, check individual branch reports for more opportunities to support our charities, eat great food, and make new friends. We are all looking forward to a wonderful convention in Oakland. I hope you have made hotel reservations. Convention raffle tickets help with convention costs and make money for your branch. Sell to family and friends!

Branch and district and CC events:
If you want your event published in the future, please let me know.

7/18/14 -- District Day at the Races at San Jose Fair Downs Turf Club $22.00 includes buffet lunch Bill or Maria Greco (408)226-7820

7/26/14 -- Donate Life Run/Walk at Great America benefits CA Transplant Donor Network $30.00 Denise Antonowicz (408)347-0563

8/2/14 -- San Jose Giants - Louise has tickets $5.00 - ICF information booth only

8/18/14 -- District Golf Tournament

10/25/14 -- Br. 184, St. Mary’s in Los Gatos, dinner/dance/auction to celebrate their 50 anniversary - details to follow

10/26/14 -- Br. 391 St. Martin of Tours fundraiser – details to follow

Have a great summer!
Marcie Rossi

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4

I hope all dad’s had a great Father’s Day.

Thanks to Bill Greco and crew for a delicious BBQ baby back rib dinner. It was enjoyed by all.

August 3- District BBQ, Pasta and Chicken! For further details, call President Anna.

Sept 3- fundraiser= Pasta, sausage, salad bar and dessert. Wine included, soda and water available. Get your friends together for a great dinner!! Donation, $20.00. Call Ann at 408 266-2549 for reservations. Dinner at 6:30pm.

Sept 9- district meeting to be held at Branch 4 at 7pm. All officers and members are invited to attend. Come learn how the District operates!

School is out... Children will be out playing... remember to drive carefully!

To all our sick members, our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery. Our deepest sympa-thy to the family of Catherine -Rina- Fuentes who passed away. Rina was a long time member of Br. 4, with her family donating to Holy Cross Church for the Christmas baskets

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Two of Branch 28’s scholarship winners: Zachary Fishler on left and Beau Haygood on right with president Roger Santos. Beau Haygood is the grandson of Roger and Kathy Santos and Zachary Fishler is the grandson of Viola Carr.

for the needy. May Rina rest in the arms of the Lord.

Blessings,
Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Food! Family! Fun! Fundraiser for ICF Br. 5! Sunday, July 13, 2014. Chicken BBQ, pasta, salad, etc., in the St. Clare Church BBQ area. Noon to 3:00pm. Cost: $12.00 for adults; $6.00 for children 5-12 years of age; 4 and under free.

Raffle baskets, cafe, and other sweet yummies from our Branch 5 members, would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Everyone welcome.

ICF Br. 5 wishes the best to Father George Aranha in his new assignment as Pastor of Santa Teresa Parish, and with ICF Br. 368. He will be greatly missed at St. Clare.

Thanks goes to Lisa J. Blanchard, who spoke at our May meeting about her “Grateful Garment Project,” which helps to provide clothing for victims of sexual abuse, since they need to surrender their own clothing as evidence, when they are brought to a medical facility.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy!
Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Happy 4th of July everyone.

Our President Roger Santos wishes to thank everyone who supported the Mark Santos memorial Motorcycle run on May 31. It was a tremendous success and over $3,000.00 was earned and will be donated to Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) research. And special thanks to Laurice Levine for attending again this year.

Our upcoming event will be our Family Picnic on July 19 at the Santos Residence, 1195 Buena Vista Ave., Gilroy. Please bring your families and friends as there will be food, fun and games for all, adults and especially kids. Remember there are the bocce ball and horseshoe courts and some new surprises for all to take part in. Mass will be celebrated at 11am. The branch will provide water and coffee. Members need to bring table service and their drinks, and a dessert to share. The menu information will be given out by the calling committee. The price will be $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children.

Los Altos
St. Nicholas, Br. 186

August 7 meeting will be at the school, but we will probably meet in the Library as a raffle, so if you can please donate a gift. You know friends can pool their resources together and come up with some nice prizes.

Our August dinner meeting pot luck will be delayed one week to the 25th of the month due to the finishing of the gym floor.

We need to get those convention ticket stubs and money in to Frank Segreto as soon as possible. Remember $10.00 from each book stays with the branch.

Ciao,
Lucy Amico

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184

By the time you read this Bollettino, the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation will have passed, but what an exciting time for this organization! The concept of the early founders was to keep faith and pride in our Italian heritage alive. After 90 years I would say that they were successful!

The 50th Anniversary of our St. Mary’s Branch will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. Stay tuned for details.

This year the “Layette Shower” will be on July 18, at 12 Noon. Please RSVP to Rose Arnaudo at 345-4017 so she can prepare for the luncheon. The gifts can be cash or unwrapped layette items in size 0 to three months.

The ICF Convention takes place at the Marriott in Oakland, over the Labor Day Weekend. The theme is “Honoring the Past As We Envision Our Future.” Our delegates are ready to go, and bring new information back to us. Look for raffle tickets in the mail.

Our Prayer Request Hotline has been working out very well. Prayer requests are sent to all on our email list. Are you on the list?

News Flash just in: In our own Marie Antonowicz will be performing the Chicken Dance, in full costume, at the San Jose Giants Baseball Game on Italian Night, August 2, 2014. Tickets are $8 per person, and Louise Vento is in charge of tickets. Her phone # is 356-5671. Try to come out to support Marie!

Do plan to attend our branch BBQ - Bocce Party on August 17 at the St. Frances Cabrini Courts. Time is 4pm and we ask you to bring a side, salad or dessert. Please call Denise at 356-2435 to RSVP! It is always a lot of fun! Please keep our members and their loved ones in your prayers. Have a safe summer.
Ciao,
Lucy Amico

San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Members Carol and Steve Schrephehrman, the daughter and son-in-law of Jack Spiner were initiated at the April meeting. Grand President Bob Basuino and Deputy Mike Nuñezita did the initiation.

Before our May meeting members gathered in the bocce ball court for the crowning of Mother Mary. Betty Antuzzi crowned Mother Mary as members joined together in a hymn. After the crowning, Jo Bertaccini led all in reciting the Rosary.

the rummage sale will be using our regular room. This will be an important meeting that will determine the future of the branch.

Congratulations to Carolynn Boyen our St.Nicholas Scholarship winner. She will be attending St.Francis High School in the fall. We know she will enjoy her experiences there.

The District Mass at Our Lady of Peace was inspiring. Monsignor Milani was as always wonderful, Thanks to all who made the effort to attend.

Congratulations to Bernadette and Chuck Tapella who celebrated their 55th anniversary. Happy Birthday to members celebrating birthdays in July. Anna Barbieri, Geri Burns, JoAnn Cole, Angelina Herceg, Anna Petro, Bernadette Tapella, Stefano Targino.

As always remember our members who are not feeling well. Rita Fraguglia has moved to Villa Siena. We have many members who are living there: Nella Lera, Richard Burguillos, Babe Fraguglia. They would all enjoy a visit from you.

The District Picnic will be Sunday August 3. Serving Noon to 2pm. Adults $15.00; Children 12 and under $7.50. St.Claire’s Picnic Grounds. Menu chicken, pasta, salad, garlic bread.

“What do we see in the flag on high, that we bare our head as it passes by, that we thrill with pride, our hearts beat fast, and we cheer and cheer as the flag goes past, the flag that waves for you and me? Flag of our country, flag of the free!”

Happy 4th July,
Elaine

San Jose
Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Thank you to our hostesses, Rose Noack, Ilario Nuñezita & Mary Barbara Zorio for our KFC night.

Mike Nuñezita distributed a questionnaire “Where do you see the ICF organization three years from now?” He encouraged all members to input their ideas to that question.

Our Heritage talk was about “How the Irish Saved Civilization.” One of the many things that contributed to our current civilization was how the scribes translated and saved everything.

There was a call for delegates to the ICF Convention and Rose Noack volunteered and was nominated to attend.

The branch voted to send $100.00 to the Cooley’s Anemia Foundation to help support the Oakland Children’s Hospital’s Summer Camp.

It is with a heartfelt sadness that Father Christopher Bennett will be leaving Santa Teresa at the end of June. We wish to express our gratitude for his devotion and support to our ICF family. May God bless him as he continues his service to God and his new parish.

Please pray for Phil Robba who is recovering...
Award was made to Jason Pereira on Friday June 6th. Jason has been an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul food distribution during his school career. This year only a single award was made by the Resurrection Principal.

Our next District Event will be the Outdoor District Mass at the Our Lady of Peace on 22 June at 11am. This Mass will be held under the statue of Our Blessed Lady. Come to the Mass see the new outdoor Shrine and Statue to one of our new saints - Saint John Paul II. This is a beautiful Mass with Mgr. Milani Presiding. Luncheon will follow at Mike’s at Shoreline. The price will be $24/meal with a choice of Pot Roast, Chicken or Baked Cannelloni. Please Contact Mary Jo DiMuccio (650.969.4399) by June 20th if you are interested in attending.

Remember to purchase Convention Raffle tickets.

Italian night at the San Jose Giants is at 6pm on 2 August – see Ric for tickets. Our District Picnic will be held at Saint Clare’s Picnic Grounds on 3 August form noon – 2pm.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for a Special Intention, Larry Quaglia and Aldo Lucariti.

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

Greetings from Morgan Hill! At our last dinner meeting in May our branch had a wonderful Mexican feast. We were fortunate to have some wonderful cooks in the kitchen. Many thanks to Andy and Sig Pappini, Mary Ann, Anna, and Jim Frisbe and Peter Cassidy for making the most delicious enchiladas and all the trimmings. It could not have been any nicer.

Our next dinner meeting will be on June 19 and in July our dinner meeting will be a BBQ at the Gugliemo winery. George Gugliemo was kind enough to offer his winery. Yummy, a steak barbecue is on the menu. Our branch is proud to announce that Caroline Rose Seifert is the recipient of the ICF college scholarship. She is a graduate of Notre Dame high school and is the daughter of Brian and the late Lisa Seifert. She is also the granddaughter of Giulia Gallego and the great granddaughter of Louise and Rose Mammini who were members of Branch 28 in Gilroy. Caroline will be attending Cal. Poly at San Luis Obispo.

Please keep Mai Talamo daughter in law of Brandon Talamo in your prayers. She was injured in a car accident. Many special prayers to Jerry and Pat Carravelli too.

Peace and good health to all.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Join us August 16, 2014 for our Summer Dinner Dance; Scottish Rite Center, Highway 12 and Acacia Lane, Santa Rosa. Good food, pork-krisotto dinner by Randy Apel, good live dance music by Showcase and last of all but best of all, good company. All Cash Raffle. Tickets at $20.00, call Doreen, (707) 525-6295 for reservations. At this gala event we will present our scholarship winner with her certificate and look forward to meeting her and her family. We are making a great effort to increase our advertising for our fund-raisers. Please contact Butch Bondi, our stalwart

Marie Canale

Healdsburg
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Br. 52 had a great Father’s Day Dinner on June 10. The weather was nice, so we dined outside. Thank you to Richard Cafferata and crew for cooking the delicious chicken cacciatore dinner.

Upcoming Events:
No branch meetings in July or August.
Sept. 9: Potluck dinner and meeting, 6:30pm. Make your favorite dish to share with branch members. The Convention delegates will give their reports from the Convention.
Oct. 12: Golf Tournament at Tayman Park Golf Course. John Torres is organizing a great event for the branch. Space is limited. Nov. 1: Our first Polenta Dinner of the season. Mark your calendars!!

At the June dinner, Treasurer Dee Rochester reported that in the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year, Br. 52 has donated over $14,000 to charity. We are able to do this because we get fantastic support at all our dinners and events.

The Convention delegates are Pres. Nancy Seppi, John and Mary Del Monte, Lauren Kilcullen, Teri Rolleri and Mary Madden. We’re sure they will come back inspired and with new ideas for our branch. Mary is a first time delegate.

Congratulations to Will and Brandy Seppi on their birth of their son, Oliver. Also, congratulations to grandparents Karl and Nancy Seppi.

Happy Fourth of July and have a great Summer!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale
L’Anunciata, Br. 75

Sal and Ceil Casciato brought their family vineyard wine and meatball recipe to our fun filled, full service, all-down, post- Mother’s Day dinner. The dads, led by Robert Aquistapace, were in charge of the cuisine but we noticed a couple of women unable to relinquish control jumping in to help. Our own personal event planner, Francesca Gialalone, topped things off with a delightful tiramisu dessert.

Father Fergal McGuinness relaxed his du-
ties as ICF District Chaplain long enough to mix up some delicious Prosecco Cocktails for the moms. Awesome, Samantha Stewart, our youngest and newest Junior member, fulfilled service hours for her school by playing music, selling raffle tickets, serving tables, and mastering the use of a commercial dishwasher. Guests from Healdsburg, Petaluma, and Sebastopol blessed us with their presence and added so much to the event. Thank you so much!

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103
Our branch is happy to announce the 2014 scholarship winners: Lily Shapiro, Madeline Cline and Chelsea Krause. More photos next month.

St. Mary, Br. 144
Sadly we canceled our Mother/Father’s Day Progressive Dinner. Our Biscotti Sale was very short of normal, but thank you to all who participated. It was suggested that we change it to an “Italian Bake Sale.”

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127
Greetings from Petaluma!

Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145
Our May 13 meeting was called to order by Father Michael Culligan our Chaplain. Scholarship Award Winners and their families, with Father Michael Culligan our Chaplain. She will be attending Humboldt State to study environmental science. Upon graduation she will pursue the peace corps to further her higher education studies. Congratulations Camille for all of your hard work. Also congratulations to mom and dad!

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198
Dear Brothers and Sisters, I hope this Bolletino article finds all of you well and happy.

Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145
Our May 13 meeting was called to order by President Joe Bonino. After opening prayer and flag salute Mariano Griffen read the minutes of the last meeting; approved as read.

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144
It was mentioned that member Phil Minor moved to Sisters, Oregon. Marian sent him a birthday card for his April birthday. We will miss seeing you Phil!

President Wurst and friends at Branch 103.
The girls spoke briefly of their future college plans. Also joining us this evening was our longtime member, Mercy Medrano. Mercy lives in Yuma, AZ and comes back to this area each year for an extended visit with her family. We are sorry to report that our member Louie Cesaretti is ill. Please remember him in your prayers.

The recent Bocce Tournament hosted by Branch 209 was won by Bud & Tia Polley and Candy & Pete Peters. Congratulations!

Our Quarterly Communion is scheduled for June 29th at St. Sebastian’s 8 a.m. Mass. As usual, breakfast will follow. Also on June 29th, our District Meeting will be held in Cloverdale.

Upcoming:
July -- No Meeting!
Ciao,
Lona Bertoli

Members of Branch 198 enjoy a wonderful potluck dinner to kick off summer at their June monthly meeting."

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Stockton
Stockton District Council
It’s summer and it’s time for our Annual Picnic – BBQ Steak Dinner – August 17, 11am to 5pm (lunch around 1pm) 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. Bocce 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. 2014 Convention in Oakland – Make your reservations at the Marriott Oakland City Center by Aug. 8 for the special room rate of $119/plus tax. Arrive Friday morning to participate in the 3rd Annual Convention Blood Drive. Bocce, Bingo and Pedro Friday afternoon. Friends: Will eat at your dinner table and leave. Italian Friends: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together.

Karen Rosson

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48
We had a very successful bake sale thanks to Presentation Branch 395 in Stockton who helped us. There help is very much appreciated. With their help we raise enough funds to meet our obligations. A reminder to the members that we need to sell the convention raffle tickets. We get to keep five dollars from each book sold. I know some of the members cannot come to the meeting but call Cecelia (209)524-7866 and I will get the tickets to you.

I thought things were going to be a little slower after the June meeting but it is not working out that way. Tom Silvaggio put together a Chicken Cacciata & Polenta dinner for Father’s Day. At the June 11 meeting we will be finalizing the details.

Some of our members will be attending the June 22, 2014 Anniversary Celebration with other members of the district. We also have the district picnic August 17, 2014 so things have not slowed down yet.

Tom Silvaggio will be our delegate to the convention and a couple other members will be attending as guests.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday July 13, 2014 8:00am and Sunday August 3, 2014 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:
July – No meeting
Aug - No meeting
Aug 17 - District picnic 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Cecelia McGhee

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Two scholarship recipients were named this year, Dalton Gualco and Giacomo Oliveri, and they each received a local branch award as well as one through the Central Council and one from the Stockton District Council. Lucy Orsi acknowledged letters of thanks received from these two very deserving recipients.

We are sending four delegates to the August 29-September 1 Convention: President Lucy Orsi, Treasurer Serena Martocchio, and delegates Steve Ridolfi and Anita Ridolfi.

Our Branch boasts two charter members that have reached the ages of 99 and 100! Assunta Gaia reached the age of 99 on May 5, and was honored on Heritage Night in April, as reported here previously. Not to be outdone, another charter member, Albert Emhoff, turned 100 years old on June 9!

We were pleasantly surprised by the response to the 90th Anniversary Gala and filled two tables for ten at the San Francisco event. 20 of us made the trek from Tracy at the crack of dawn early Sunday morning June 22.

June 26 dinner meeting was well-attended with a nice change: Italian Roasted Chicken with an assortment of salads on a buffet - all salads as well as desserts were provided and donated by ICF members and their guests.

Carpools are planned to travel to the Stockton District Annual Picnic on August 17 at Escalon Park. Any members and their guests interested in driving or riding should let any board member know in advance.

Ciao everyone and have a safe and happy summer,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Church of the Presentation, Br. 395

Branch 395 had our last meeting before the summer break on June 1 with our quarterly Communion/meeting. After attending mass and communion together, members met in a meeting room and shared coffee and breakfast items. Our Pastor, Msgr. McGovern reported on the status of the stained glass window project for which Branch 395 is a donor. Delegates to the Convention were selected – President Josephine Weber and District Deputy Karen Rosson.

Congratulations to Bob and Ruby Zanoni who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

August 17 – Stockton District Picnic/District meeting at Escalon Park
August 29 – Sept 1 – ICF Convention in Oakland

Have a safe and wonderful summer! Hope to see you all at an event this summer. Joe Weber, President

Bob and Ruby Zanoni, members in Branch 395, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

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