Election of Central Council Officers

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

Return of the ICF Recipes Section

Recipes are something my mom and I, along with the women in our family before us, loved to collect, try out and improve on for that special dish. At a very young age I remember assisting them with raviolis, gnochis, sugo/gravy/sauce and more. When mom no longer wanted to cook, she loved collecting recipes and putting them aside for me to put together for us to sample. And because of this love for recipes, there are shelves upon shelves of cookbooks in the house. Mom loved the ICF recipe calendars and the recipe section in the Bollettino…before I could look at the Bolton, she had already confiscated it and cut out the recipe so she would not lose it. It never failed that the article I was reading with great interest happened to continue onto the page that was on the flip side of the

Want to Make a Difference? Make Plans to Run for Central Council or the Hospitalization Committee

Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of year has come again to consider running for Central Council. This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members. If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:

1) Central Council Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by August 1st. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.
3) Present Central Council Members attend the Convention as Delegates-At-Large.
4) The deadline for Candidate Photo and Statement of Purpose to appear in the Bollettino is also August 1.

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

Hospitalization Committee Candidates

That time of year has come again to consider running for the Hospitalization Committee. This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members with a two-year term on the Hospitalization Committee. If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:

1) Hospitalization Committee Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
2) Candidates for election to the Hospitalization Committee must declare their candidacy by August 1st. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.

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Relief Fund Established For The Earthquake in Nepal

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, Nepal was struck by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. The Nepal earthquake caused serious damage to villages across many districts (with some villages entirely flattened), killed more than 8,000 residents, injured more than 16,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

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

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

Catholic Relief Services is the relief and development arm of the Catholic Church in the United States and they are assisting a sister agency, Caritas Nepal, in coordinating the relief efforts. They are working to provide food, shelter, water and hygiene kits.

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

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

-- Executive Committee

Correction:

The Seminarian Night that will occur on Saturday, June 6 is the 5th annual Seminarian Night hosted by the ICF.

New Convention Room Rate:
The room rate has been decreased to $95.00 per night. Please see flyer on page 7.

Grand President’s Monthly Message

June has crept up on me. I cannot believe that 2015 is half over. Where has the year gone? I am receiving invitations to graduations from family and friends. Children I remember as babies and 10 year olds are now graduating from grade school, high school or college. When did kids get so tall so fast? I now realize how fast time flies by and yet I forget life is fragile. All these invitations, parties and celebrations create something’s life story that will be looked at in the future with great memories. I am reminded of the events of my life and the memories and lives of the people who have left me. I now realize how fast time flies by and yet I forget life is fragile. All these invitations, parties and celebrations create someone’s life story that is cherished and carried in memories for as long as we live.

Here in the United States, Father’s Day is celebrated in June. In Italy, it is celebrated on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph. Take the time to honor our fathers, not just in the month of June, but always. Our fathers spent the time to honor our fathers, not just in the month of June, but always. Our fathers spent their lives teaching and mentoring us. They created memories we fondly remember, and fun stories we share at our family events during our lifetimes.

This year is very bitter sweet for me, as it is the first Father’s Day without my Dad. He left me with many great memories, his grandkids and his great-grandchildren. I thank him daily for leaving me a great legacy. By setting the example, he raised me to be a loving father and grandfather. I know in my heart that he not only left his imprint on Diane, my sister, and me, but he managed to become a big part of my children’s and grandchildren’s lives. Two were too young to know him, so I will rely on my memories to tell them about him and how much they were loved. His influence and love was showed by the way my grandchildren idolized him every time they saw him. I look back and realize I was not as important as I thought because the kids flocked to him. I see

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Our Gift -- Our Responsibility

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
Spiritual Director ICF
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

Procreation is a beautiful and amazing gift from God! The very thought that people can cooperate with God in creating a new human being is truly miraculous. A sperm unites with an egg and, behold, a new human being begins to develop. The fertilized cell divides and divides and continues to divide, and in nine short months, forms all the intricate systems of a human body. A new human being is born, unique, unlike any other person in all of history. No one in the future will be born with this baby’s personality, this baby’s individuality, this baby’s “consciousness of self.”

We share in this miracle. Our consciousness of ourselves -- who we are, our thoughts, ideas, feelings, hopes and desires -- is special. These traits are personal to us, not known or shared by anyone else. Each of us is unique indeed.

In our uniqueness, we are also each chosen to serve the Lord uniquely. We each take different life paths, sometimes more than once throughout our lives: different jobs, different careers, different homes, different hobbies and where we live. We all have different life relationships. Yet still, we have one common goal and one common responsibility: to serve our God well, always with Him at our center, coupled with unconditional kindness toward one another. We are meant to embrace life and all its challenges with a big heart and a generous spirit. In this way, we honor the Lord and every unique and miraculous person He has created.

Because God made each one of us as a special human being, we thank Him for this precious gift of life. Along with this gift, we also recognize our responsibility to respect others as children of God, each one a grace in our lives, each one unique. Born, unborn, about to be born? Yes, procreation is a beautiful and amazing gift and carries great responsibilities.

What Does It Mean to be a Member?

Denise Antonowicz
Membership Committee

Membership

Membership: the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization.

The state of being a member:

All the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or a group.

That’s what the Dictionary says is the definition of membership but what is your definition? Is it that we pay our dues and that makes us a member of an organization or is it that we belong because we give our all to what becomes a “family.” We are so fortunate to belong to the Italian Catholic Federation, an organization that promotes the basic needs of everyone, Family and Faith. What we need to do is to tell others why we believe in the goals of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Most branches are struggling to enlist new members. There is no magic formula to gain members, but we all need to work together as a branch or district and figure out what works for us. We know of branches who have mega members and we wonder how can I do that? The Membership Committee is working hard to get you motivated to really start that spark that will inspire you to greatness. It might be as simple as inviting a friend or acquaintance to a branch function, pay their way and let them see the magic that happens when a group of people come together for a common cause.

It might be to become an Amici di Couri (a friend of your heart) - a mentor to a new member. Someone who calls that new member before a meeting, picks them up if they need a ride or to introduce them to the wonders of the Italian Catholic Federation. No matter what you do or how you do it, remember the Membership Committee is here to help you. Let us be there for your next Membership Drive, we are ready and willing to assist you in any way!

Figuring Out Our Finances –

The Apostolate Fund

Roselyne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

As we continue to learn more about the financial operations of the ICF, we will direct our attention to the Apostolate Fund.

From the yearly individual (not family) membership dues, $2.40 is assessed as apostolate dues. This amount is further decreased by the Executive Committee, when examined and decided by the Central Council, to $2.00.

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We appreciate your support in helping maintain our apostolate funds and promoting donations to our programs to ensure that we can fully support the needs of our Apostolate efforts.

High Five!

Top five districts and areas with increased membership:

(excluding deceased members)

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Membership Stats as of April 30, 2015: 10,454

Members as of July 1, 2014:

10,454 = overall loss of 371 members

New: 722

Reinstated: 34

Transfer in/out: 74

Deceased: 220

Cancelled: -686

Non-payment >12 mos.: -221

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with the Seminarian Night Fundraiser and is hopeful for continued private donations to this fund. It is from the Providence Fund that the Central Council gives a donation to each Bishop for the education of our seminarians. This year, we had to reduce the amount given to each diocese because finances were too low to fully fund our annual donations. The Central Council is hopeful that our Seminarian Night is successful and that donations return to past levels, so we may resume our usual annual donation to each diocese.

The easiest way to maintain our Apostolate Fund is through membership dues. With the decrease of members over the years, our funds have suffered. Meanwhile, our programs are receiving less money in a time when they can truly use more.

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Beginnings of the Scholarship Program - 1964

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

Since this is the time of the year when the Federation districts, branches and Central Council award scholarships, we thought that we would give you, our readers, a bit of history on the program. The ICF has always been interested in the education of Italian students. In 1964, under the leadership of former Grand President, Armond DeMartini, the ICF started its scholarship program. Eight scholarships of $250 each were awarded to deserving students of Italian descent. The winning applicants in that year were Elaine Giampoli of Chicago; Darlene Biaggi of Minden, NV; Susan Audap of Delano, CA; Rosalie Lopopolo of Orosi, CA; Frank Cetani of San Jose, CA; Frank Onorato of San Pedro, CA; Christine Collins of San Francisco and Suzanne Rocco of San Marcos, CA. We thought that we would try to see if we could find these winners 51 years later to see what they did with their scholarship money and what path they took in life. We have been able to follow up on three so far. Hopefully, we will be able to find some of the others. We are also trying to find the first winners of the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship and feature them later.

Frank Cetani
Frank Cetani used his scholarship money at the University of Santa Clara where he majored in philosophy. He received a graduate degree from Emory University and later studied at the University of Padua in Italy. He did post-graduate work at the University of Santa Clara and the University of Washington. He served as senior vice-president of Bank of the West; executive vice-president of Silicon Valley Bank and CEO of a Credit Union. Frank is married and has two children and three grandchildren. He is now retired, but is studying theology at Franciscan University. He says he is enjoying retirement and just “taking it easy.” Frank is a parishioner at St. Christopher’s in San Jose.

Frank Onorato
Frank used his scholarship money at St. Mary’s College where he received a degree in biochemistry. He went on to earn a doctorate degree in Pharmacy from the University of Southern California. For 45 years, Frank managed the Seaside Pharmacy in San Pedro, CA. He also credits his wife, Nancy, with helping him in his career. Frank is now retired and lives in Temecula, CA. He and his wife have three children and two grandchildren. He is enjoying retirement greatly and is spending his spare time becoming more proficient on the computer. He says that retirement is “great!”

Darlene (Biaggi) McRae
Darlene was from Minden, NV. She was the salutatorian of her graduating class at the Douglas County High School in Nevada. She attended the University of Washington and earned a degree in accounting. Darlene worked in the financial field with a number of health-related companies. Darlene was married to Bob McRae and had two daughters, Cheryl and Dianne. Sadly, she died in 2005 after an eleven-year battle with cancer. People remember her as a kind, thoughtful person who inspired all with her strength of spirit, courage, love and humor. She was very devoted to and proud of her family. Her 98 year old father still lives in Minden. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the remaining five winners, please contact Carmen at Carmensk@comcast.net. Hopefully, we can feature them in the future.

Congratulations to all the winners for this year, 2015.

Branching Out

Anne Interrante
CC Member, Public Relations Committee Member

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

Branch 441, Des Plaines, Illinois Raises Funds while Making Friends.
Branch members started several fundraising events, a way to raise money for their charities and to build their up their presence in the parish and local community:

- Sports Raffle which included tickets to a Chicago Bears game, limo transportation to/from the stadium and a dinner at a famous restaurant
- Monthly Italian Mass (collection goes to parish)
- Spaghetti Luncheon with wine and a raffle
- Christmas Party with dinner (free for members), raffle and entertainment - last year feauring “Elvis”, this year an Italian-American singer and accordion player

A future event is a bus trip to the Milwaukee Italian Festival. These events raised thousands of dollars for scholarships, parish and other local charities. Also, more importantly they are able to spread the word about the ICF programs and make many new friends and supporters in the process. Events are a great way to attract new members as well.

It must be noted that this branch has only 30 members. Although they may be small in number, they remain motivated to do all they can to make a difference in their community!

Save The Date

It doesn’t seem possible, but Grand President Bob Ba- suino’s term will come to an end at the 2015 Convention. To celebrate his two years of service to the ICF, there will be a testimonial dinner in his honor.

Save the date for Saturday, November 7, 2015.

More details will be available as the date draws near.

Thank you!

Heritage

Only 155 Days to Go!

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Committee

To what you ask? To the San Francisco Heritage Parade and the Italian Catholic Federation’s Trattoria del Pollo float! I’d like to share the interesting history of the parade with you.

1869- San Francisco’s First Columbus Day Celebration was held; marking the first time in San Francisco and America that Italian-American gathered and held a parade to honor the accomplishments of Italians, as well as the first Italian-American, Christopher Columbus. The Parade took place in San Francisco’s downtown featuring the bands and marching units of Italian fraternal organizations, including the Garibaldi Guard, Swiss Guards and Lafayette Guards. Four floats were showcased: the first hosted the statue of Christopher Columbus, the second featured two girls representing Isabella of Spain and America, the third depicted the “Santa Maria” with a sailor dressed as Christopher Columbus; and the fourth honored Italian gardeners featuring their agricultural achievements.

1915- The San Francisco Columbus Day Committee was organized by the Salesian Fathers of St. Peter and Paul’s Church in the heart of North Beach. The celebration grew to include activities such as the formal grand ball, and a ceremony where a young man and woman were selected as the Spanish Monarch’s Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. San Francisco’s “Ferdinand” and “Isabella” presided over the festivities. Roaring 20’s- The Parade grew to include marching units, bands, decorated automobiles and floats, with the celebration lasting over three hours and presented to a crowd of thousands. The new Parade route started at San Francisco’s Civic Center, traveled down Market Street through the Financial District, Chinatown and up Columbus Avenue to finish in front of St. Peter and Paul’s Church in the heart of North Beach. 1994- The Columbus Day Parade evolved into the Italian Heritage Parade in an effort to celebrate the accomplishments and culture of all Italians and Italian Americans.

This year marked the return of the Italian Catholic Federation’s entry into the parade. A traveling Trattoria del Pollo, featuring Mari Stalteri Antonowicz, dressed as a Chicken, leading the Chicken Dance, many Central Council Members and members from various branches around the ICF handing out information about our organization.

2015- This year marks San Francisco’s 147th Italian Heritage Parade, featuring Italian-American dignitaries, music, performances, floats, commerce and of course, our traveling Trattoria! See you all in San Francisco on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015.
**ICF Deadlines and Calendar**

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**Gifts of Love Donations**

**In Memory**
- Of Joanne Erba
- Of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basuino
- Of John Talia
- Of Mario Cassanego
- Of Joe Slavin
- Of Frank Basuino
- Of Frank Basuino (Daughter: Yvonne Kazmirich)
- Of Aldine Grisenti
- Of Aldine Grisenti (Daughter: Nina Malone)
- Of Aldine Grisenti (Daughter: Lorraine and Mike Nunziata)

**In Honor of**
- Of Marilyn Uzzardo
- Of Bob and Elaine Osorio
- Of Rita Baretta and Family
- Of Nella Bononimi
- Of Aldine Grisenti
- Of Aldine Grisenti (Daughter: Nina Malone)
- Of Aldine Grisenti (Daughter: Lorraine and Mike Nunziata)

**In Loving Memory**

**In Memory of**
- Of Marilyn Uzzardo
- Of Robert Speckert
- Of Sheila Bonito
- Of Peggy A. Assereto
- Of Joseph F. Assereto

**Scholarship Donations**

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**Scholarship Donations - 1st Year**

**In Memory of**
- Of Marilyn Uzzardo
- Of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nejamsich

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the I.C.F. Scholarship Fund and to those in the donated memory.
Children’s Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2014 and ends in August 2015. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children’s Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley’s Anemia patients whom they treat. I.C.F. donations make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org).

While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.

- Events and Outings.
- Patient Family Conferences.

Last year, the I.C.F. donated $2,625.00 and this year the I.C.F. wants to continue the program whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation, in whatever amount you are able to give, towards this very worthwhile program.

A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children/young adults or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help make fun and healthy experiences available to them. Please consider making a donation to help bring these events into their lives.

The deadline for contributions is June 30. Please make your check payable to Italian Catholic Federation, memo “Children’s Hospital Activities Donation” and mail it to the I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report on or before July 15, 2015.

Thank you.

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Cooley’s Corner

The Magic of Painted Turtle Camp

Rosalyn Skelton and
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Everyone deserves to experience the magic of camp. But what about children who need special medical attention in order to be away from home? That is where a place called The Painted Turtle comes in.

The Painted Turtle is a medical specialty camp that provides a year-round, life-changing environment and authentic camp experience for children with serious medical conditions. As a member of the Serious Fun Children’s Network, an international family of camps founded by Paul Newman, it is the only camp of its kind in California, serving children across the state with a variety of serious illnesses. The best part is that it is free! There is no billing department — campers and their families will always attend camp free of charge.

Located in the hills just north of Los Angeles, The Painted Turtle hosts eight week-long summer camp sessions and eleven family weekend programs for over 2,500 children, ages 7 to 16. In addition, The Painted Turtle reaches another 2,000 children each year in hospitals across California through its hospital outreach program, The Painted Turtle Outpost.

With the on-site support of some of California’s top pediatric medical professionals and a state-of-the-art medical facility, The Painted Turtle’s adaptive programming makes it possible for children with serious medical conditions to enjoy traditional summer camp activities such as fishing, boating, horseback riding, archery, high ropes, arts and crafts, woodshop, and much more. Through these programs, campers gain self-confidence and independence and form a community of friends with other children who face similar medical challenges, helping them to realize that they are not alone in their illnesses. Each session is medical-condition specific. Throughout the year, The Painted Turtle welcomes children with over 30 different illnesses.

Medical conditions served at The Painted Turtle this year include: cerebral palsy, spina bifida, kidney disease and transplant, liver disease and transplant, primary immunodeficiency diseases, rheumatic diseases, skeletal dysplasia (dwarfism), hemophilia, thalassemia (also called Cooley’s Anemia), inflammatory bowel diseases, neuromuscular disorders, genetic and metabolic conditions, and many more.

While camp is free, many children with thalassemia from UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland need assistance with transportation. The ICF has been instrumental in providing funds for these kids to make their camp dreams come true. Thank you, ICF! To learn more about The Painted Turtle visit their website at www.thepaintedturtle.org.

Interested in learning more about the ICF’s National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If your Branch would like members of the Cooley’s Anemia Team at Children’s Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885, ext. 5427 or e-mail: LLevine@mail.cho.org

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is – we are always willing and honored to come for a visit!
BOOK REVIEW

Robert J. Pachinger
Branch 413, St. Patrick’s, Angels Camp

The Mass of the Early Christians
By
Mike Aquilina
Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Divisions, 255 pages

A few months ago, I presented a report on the History of the Mass. This book provided an overview of 2,000 years of history. There were many topics brought up in the book that only served to increase my curiosity and focus my efforts on further reading. I found the practice of the early Christians to be very interesting. As such, I looked for more publications on early Christian history and found Mike Aquilina’s book. The Mass of the Early Christians is focused on exploring how Mass was celebrated in the first couple of centuries after Christ had established the Church. As Scott Hahn eloquently states in the introduction “The Mass we know on Sunday – the Mass you encounter in this book is where Tradition lives, where the Church’s memory is ‘in the Spirit.’

The exploration of this memory is the point of this book. The exploration is undertaken by a review of contemporary documents written by believers and non-believers. One must keep in mind that the Eucharistic celebration predates the compilation of the New Testament. Yet, the Mass is established in a form that we can easily recognize from the beginning of the Church. St. Paul’s letters to the Corinthians (1 Cor10-11) already contained instruction on the Mass. All early Christians understood what was meant by reading the memoirs of the apostles and breaking bread. It is impossible to find a complete description (play-by-play) of the Mass because the ritual and traditions had to be kept secret. The reasoning for this is two-fold. First, the early Christians had to survive persecutions and so met in secret. Secondly, the rituals had to be kept secret from the many people who promulgated various heresies. Early Church fathers encouraged the listeners gathered at Mass not to repeat the words to non-believers. Nevertheless, there was enough of a written record left that we can glimpse what was going on in the churches.

Mike Aquilina’s book is full of documentary evidence of early Church practices. It is interesting to read the account of Pliny the Younger who was a pagan governor of Pontus-Bithynia that is now in Turkey. He wrote a letter to Emperor Trajan of Rome, in the year 112, describing the practices of early Christians. He knew that Christians worshiped on Sunday and ate food of an “ordinary kind.” It is apparent that he did not find the practice of the Christians to be offensive. Yet, he did not hesitate to be in line with Rome’s conclusion that the practices were politically seditious and deserving of capital punishment.

The book has many other examples of early Church traditions. One of my favorites is the Eucharistic Prayer contained in the Apostolic Tradition of St. Hippolytus of Rome. This work was written around the year 215. Controversy surrounds the document, as there is no complete original copy, and the copies that we have are translations from the original Greek that have been revised and expanded. Nevertheless, one can see a close match to our Eucharistic Prayer II that we hear at Mass today.

One constant of the Church is the doctrine of transubstantiation. The early Christians did not have the vocabulary to describe and fully explore the theology behind transubstantiation. Yet, Ignatius of Antioch, in the year 107, clearly knew the Church’s Eucharistic teaching that the “Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ.”

I am always amazed at the depth of love for the Church and Mass that the early Christians had. These people did not have books. The Bible as we know it did not exist. These people did not have access to the sources of information that we have today. Yet, most of these people were willing to sacrifice their lives for these beliefs. Not all were willing, and there are records of people willing to renounce their faith to save their lives. The early Church struggled with how to let these people re-enter the Church. Throughout all this stress, the early Church practices have continued to be passed on through the generations without change. There have been some embellishments and some clarifications. But, we still read the memoirs of the apostles and break bread.

The Mass of the Early Christians is written in a form that is accessible to all. One does not have to be a scholar to enjoy the various documents presented in the book. The book is divided into three parts: How the Mass Began, The Celebration of Youth, and The Mass of the Early Christians. The parts all contain very short chapters that can be read in a short amount of time. I recommend this book to all who wish to explore our Catholic heritage.

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Roselynne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

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September 3, 2015

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Quick Minestrone (meatless)

1 can (1 pound 11 ounces) red kidney beans
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. garlic salt
1 clove garlic, minced
½ tsp. pepper
1 Tbs. oil
¼ cup chopped parsley
1 small zucchini, unpeeled and sliced
2 stalks celery, sliced
1 small carrot, sliced
2 green onions, chopped (if I don’t have I use yellow onions)
4-5 leaves swiss chard, chopped
3 Tbs. Butter (can be eliminated)
2 ½ cups water
1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce or 1 can of solid pack tomatoes mashed
½ cup Dry Sherry (optional…I make it without)
½ cup uncooked elbow macaroni (optional-I usually don’t add)
grated Parmesan cheese
Place undrained beans in a large kettle or saucepan, mash about 2/3 of the beans and leave the rest whole. Add salt, garlic salt, garlic, pepper, oil and parsley, stirring well. Then add all of the vegetables, butter, tomato sauce and water. Simmer one hour or more then add sherry, If desired macaroni can be added at this time. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes longer. Sprinkle with cheese before serving.
Serves 6

NOTE: If too thick, add water and salt. Mashing the kidney beans allows for it to be thicker, if you don’t like thick soup don’t mash as many of the beans as the recipe calls for, leave more of them whole.

Minestrone is an old recipe that used to take me all day to prepare, starting with dried beans and using all the leftovers in the refrigerator.
Several leaves of fresh basil, chopped fine, gives added flavor. Also can add ½ cup grated or cubed potatoes.
The longer the minestrone cooks the better the flavor.

This is a favorite of mine. I usually adjust the vegetables according to what is in my refrigerator.

Boun Appetito!

Minestrone is an old recipe that used to take me all day to prepare, starting with dried beans and using all the leftovers in the refrigerator. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net and include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

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biscotti/bake sale. He joined in 1950 and over the years, that is a lot of almonds. What would we do without these generous and hardworking members. God bless all of you.

The real secret of happiness is not what you give or what you receive; it’s what you share.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

We started our April meeting with the installation of our new member, Anita Dupras. Welcome Anita, and welcome to Michael and Teresa Weatherly and their daughter, Catherine and Elizabeth, who transferred from Branch 32, Our Lady of Victory.

Anita’s grandson, Kevin Ellis, is completing his first few months at Santa Clara University. He is majoring in Chinese and Japanese, along with Engineering on a complete four-year scholarship he earned from the Bellarmine College Prep School in Santa Clara, CA.

Jennie Campopiano’s grandsons, Jake and Marcus, have made it to the finals for their track team. They attend St. Phillips Elementary School in Pasadena. More news later about how they did in the finals.

Father Robert Borges, our Chaplin, enjoyed a week of scuba diving in Fiji. He logged his 200th dive while on the trip. He also celebrated Mass on the beach for his fellow divers and resort staff.

We need to keep praying for Beverly Travis and Vincie Jura. We hope to see them back with us very soon. They pray, too, for Maxine Johnson quick recovery.

Birthday celebrants this month are Carlene Christensen (6/14), Ken Gray (6/26), Dolores Guagniolone (6/28), Maxine Johnson (6/19), Wes Johnson (6/1), and Vincie Jura (6/20).

Happy Birthday, to you all.

Remember D-Day. During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 6 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany’s control.

Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers in our organization.

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

June is always a hot month here in Bakersfield, but we were fortunate to have a relatively cool May, which we were very grateful for; for the first time since we began Branch 281’s Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, the weather was not in the 90s! The event took place on May 16th, and we were blessed with weather in the 70s, a great turnout of enthusiastic participants, and a tasty tri-tip lunch. A special thanks is due to Allen Watts who organized the tournament and made it such a fun time for all.

The Fresno District bocce ball tournament was held May 23rd and was also a great occasion. It’s always wonderful to unite as a district for some fun competition at an event that contributes so much to our organization and its mission.

Branch 281 will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the masses on June 7th, so be sure to swing by for a sweet treat. This is also a great time to mingle with fellow church-goers who are not a part of the ICF Branch 281 and encourage them to join the ICF.

Also, our June meeting will be held June 11th. It’s the Salad Social, and our members never fail to provide many refreshing, delicious summer salads. Big thanks in advance to Jeff and Jan Lewis for putting this together!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Watts

Fresno

St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308

Greetings from St. Anthony de Padua!

Can you believe it’s already May? The months are just flying by. Our weather is constantly changing it has been cool in the morning, to very warm during the day, to cool again at night. But we finally got some much needed rain, hail, and snow in the mountains. Isn’t it great to have that smell after the rain, the beautiful sunshine that follows and its warmth. Thanks be to God. I love this time, to watch trees with new growth, watching our vegetables and gardens grow. Hopefully, our Branch will grow with new members as well.

On a beautiful Wednesday evening of May 13, 46 members enjoyed the annual Tri-tip Dinner, prepared by Jo Soligian, Russell Renna, Ed Girado, Bernie Squeo, Larry Pricolo, and Tim Solisppo. Jo and Paul Soligian also bought the buns for those wishing to do a tri-tip sandwich. The rice pilaf by Jo was terrific along with a salad, veggies, and beverages. The ice cream for our dessert was the perfect finishing touch. Many thanks for the delicious food and dedicated service.

On Thursday, May 14, our ICF member, Mary Ann Prody celebrated her 101st birthday. She is alert and full of spirit as ever. We wish this former teacher, continued health.

We are continuing to recruit for the May Bocce Tournament which takes place on the 23rd of May at San Joaquin Memorial High School. The registration on that Saturday starts at 8:30 a.m. We have four good teams so far, and hope to have more teams and are looking forward to this event.

On May 29-30 we will have our Italian Sausage Sandwich Sale. We will be selling them after the mass on Saturday, May 29 and after the morning masses on Sunday.

June 7 will be our ICF Deceased Members Mass at 8:00 a.m and any one who wishes may attend and join us for our breakfast. We especially remember also those who died in recent weeks.

Please mark your calendars for June 13th our Feast of St. Anthony de Padua.

It plans to be a big event again this year. There will be different types of food being served by the different ministries. Fruits and various desserts will be served afterwards. There will be entertainment, along with prizes.

Please pray for all our ill and injured members and their caregivers.

We also pray for safe travels for Antoinette and her family as they continue their journey to Europe. We wish her and all of our Sisters and Brothers Safe travels.

Remember Flag Day is June 14.

Happy Birthday to Carlotta Alvarez (May 18), Mary Ann Prody (May 14), Mary Ann Miller (May 18), James Lloyd (May 20), Susan Grilione (May 25), and Richard Cavin (May 27).

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Los Angeles Archdiocesan District

Los Angeles Region

The Next Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House is scheduled for June 7, 2015 at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Burbank. Open House will be hosted by the ICF San Gabriel Region. All Branches are encouraged to include the Mother Cabrini Open House in their respective Church Bulletins. This year the Mother Cabrini Chapel needs funds to replace the weather-damaged doors. Please ask members, parishioners, friends and families to help support the building restoration program. Your support is greatly needed to continue maintaining the facility that protects the precious artifacts of one of our ICF Patroness Saints.

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

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

Next Branch 108 Bocce BBQ and General Meeting on June 21st at the Children’s Field from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Parishioners welcome to play Bocce with members.

On May 4, 2015, Members, families and friends supported the biannual dinner Fundraiser at Jake’s Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia. Thank you Joan and Jerry Brascia for chairing this event. President Michele Silveri thanked the Brasias and dinner guests for supporting the fundraiser then celebrated the May Birthday of Member Jim Corati and the May Wedding Anniversary (51 years) of Joan and Jerry Brascia.

Save The Dates:

- June 7, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Open House at the Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Open House hosted by the ICF San Gabriel Region. ICF Chapel Committee meeting from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Chapel Library. Members and Parishioners invited to attend. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS WITH A SHORT ARTICLE IN YOUR CHURCH BULLETINS.

- June 21, 2015 - Branch 108 Bocce BBQ and General Meeting on the Children’s Field from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Parishioners welcome to play Bocce with members.

- July 5, 2015 - Branch 108 invites all members, families and Parishioners to the 28th annual Cooley’s Anemia BBQ Fundraiser in South Pasadena. Please RSVP to 626-403-6102 or 626-372-7812 for more information and to RSVP. Thank you ICF Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick, members, family, friends and Parishioners for a speedy recovery.

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

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Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti,
Greetings from ICF Branch 111. Hope every is feeling healthy and is ready for the hot Summer Days ahead... well at least for Southern California. Congratulations to our Filomena Divincenzo, Vince Veneziano, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce who celebrate birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to all. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115
Thank you to all who attended our May potluck meeting. Thanks to Nancy Donato for organizing the potluck and to all who brought such delicious food. At this meeting we learned that our scholarship winners are Michael Amalfitano from San Pedro High School and Mariangela Miseo from Mary Star High School. Michael and his parents attended our potluck meeting. Mariangela’s high school scholarship banquet happened to be at the same night as our potluck. President Neal attended the banquet and presented her with the award and then attended our potluck. Also congratulations to Roy Coote who won a scholarship from Gardena branch. His mother Nancy Coote and Grandparents Carmela and Carl D’Ambra are members of branch 115. We wish them success in their future studies.

At this meeting we learned that with all our hard work we were able to contribute $1000.00 to Cooleys anemia charity. Thank you to all who help to make our branch so successful. We also learned that our chaplain Father Bravo will be transferred. He has been our chaplain for the past 3 years. When he became our chaplain he had no knowledge about ICF. He has been a great asset to our branch and will be missed.

Please join our branch on June 30th as we try our luck at Pechanga Casino. Cost $23.00/person ICF members will receive a $3.00 discount. 9am departure with a 6 hour stay. Casino will provide $5.00 playing credit. These trips help fund our many charitable endeavors. Please call Pauline (310) 8320563 for reservations.

Our annual parish fiesta will be held on July 17th-19th. Once again we will host the pizza and hot sandwich booth. There are many ways to help. From making meatballs, setting up, working in the booth or cleaning up, volunteering a few hours will be greatly appreciated and fun at the same time. Please call Pauline (310) 8320563 for more information.

Our next meeting will be June 18th at 7:30pm. Also please return the convention raffle tickets. A book of tickets is $20.00. The branch keeps $10.00 per book which defrays the cost sending our delegates to the convention.

SAVE the date August 20-22 Tridium in honor of San Giovan Giuseppe. 9am mass on August 22nd. 6pm Prime Rib Dinner Dance $35.00 per person

Happy Father’s Day to every father. You are all so deserving and no one can ever replace you! Please remember all our sick and deceased members in your prayers.

Anita Gioiello Tragillo, Treasurer

La Canada Flintridge
St. Bede, Br. 374
Two St. Bede Elementary School students in La Canada Flintridge, California Branch 374

Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of the Madonna dell’Arco on April 19, 2015 at Mary Star of the Sea Church. Branch president Neal DiLeva and wife Anna DiLeva participated in the procession with many attending offering flowers to the Madonna.

Pictured left to right are: Cameron Carey, 8th grade; Mark Mannarelli, Branch 374 President, and Olivia Pieterse, 7th grade. Branch photo courtesy of Penny Baisley.
Members of Branch 218 at the ministry faire.

We were designated distinguished students this past week. Students in the seventh and grade grades who contributed essays and provided evidence of service were each winners $100.00 each. The studenants were selected by a committee made up of educators: past president Al Restivo, 2nd Vice president Diane Restivo, and Branch Secretary Mary Wynton, along and branch president Mark Mamarell who chairs the scholarship committee.

Students were awarded checks at the April general meeting of the branch on April 21, 2015 in the St. Pope John XIII room of the parish center. Each year ICF selects students from the school who submit essays and prove hours of service to the church, school, and the community. ICF also provides a $400 scholarship to a selected 8th grader once each year. Proud parents of the winners, Jill Pieterse, and Joyce Carey stood by as their children were honored.

San Gabriel Valley Region
Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218

This month we will be rewarding our scholarship recipients from Holy Angels School. As of this writing, we do not know yet who two of them will be. Scott Carrano’s son will be one of three recipients. Congratulations to whoever they may be.

Our next meeting is June 14 and I will be in charge of the luncheon after. Watch for Jean’s newsletter.

It was so great to see our President, Jo Ann, at our Mother’s Day celebration, which was very nice. Thanks to Karen Berardi and Audrey Luchetta for putting it together. Everyone very much enjoyed the catered luncheon and the handmade cards from the 2nd graders of Holy Angels. Father Michael was also presented with a check for the repair of a statue in the church. Summer is almost here and we will go dark for July and August, so I am going to wish everyone a cool and enjoyable summer and will see all of you in September.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

Thank you to our wonderful soup cooks for the March Lenten Dinner and meeting – Julia, Pamela, Gerry and Roxanne. Also we shall include in the April Newsletter the menu for our meeting night.

More details will follow in BOLLETTINO for April regarding our Holy Cannoli fundraiser on March 22

We really appreciate Barbara Northam accepting the chairmanship of this event. Her committee and Barbara did an awesome commitment.

We shall hold our Annual Arts and Craft Faire on Sunday, April 26th in the parish courtyard at $40 per space. All proceeds from the space rental will be given to St Denis “Building on Faith”. Once again Bea Yary chaired the very successful event. Thank you so much Bea.

We congratulate Gerry Hughes for her Leadership Award on March 7th. We are very proud of her and appreciate all she contributes to St. Denis and the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless,
Roxanne Perry, President

Members of Branch 169 at their bake sale on March 22 at Sacred Heart. A good time was had by all.

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

June is the month to remember all of the special fathers that have made a difference in our lives. Our next General Meeting will be held on June 24, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on June 7, 2015. The price for those 13 and up is $6.00 per person; those age 4 to 12 is $3.00 per person; and those 3 and under are free. This is a fundraising event and we need everyone’s help. Please support your branch and make this a successful event.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobis, Eva Arrighi, Hermenia Saez, Pat Buccola, Pete Costa, Mary Girillo, Annette Tombrello, Chuck Hernandez, Happy Anniversary to: Ann and Jack Buzak, (63 years), and Chuck and Lucy Hernandez (41 years).

“While all seems lost, and the future dim, The Lord will help, just turn to Him; When dreams are gone, and you can’t cope, God’s endless love will give you hope. He knows your needs, He’ll show the way to meet your problems day by day; His strength and help will be with you, just let Him in. His light shines through the dark night, He’s always there to hold you in His loving care.” (Ruth Moyer Gilmour)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region
Ventura
Sacred Heart, Br. 169

We celebrated our branch’s 52nd anniversary on April 26 beginning with a mass by Fr. Bill. We then went to lunch at Milano’s in Ventura harbor and enjoyed good food, good friends and a beautiful view.

Welcome to our newest member Mary Poe.

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch had a wonderful May meeting. A sumptuous potluck buffet was really enjoyed by everyone! We celebrated Mother’s Day with our annual Crowning of Mary. We also had a very informative presentation about the rosary presented by Decon Dave Laurence. The ICF kids made Mother’s Day crafts with Kierstyn and they did face painting.

We are making plans for the our upcoming meetings there will be a chili cook off in June and a bocci ball tournament and barbecue in August. An interest list is forming for those who might like to take a bus to a local casino in July. We are also looking for another delegate for the
Members of Branch 380 celebrated the Crowning of Mary.

ICF Convention in September in Las Vegas. Anyone interested in being a delegate please let the board know as soon as you can. Convention is a fun weekend!

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

Ciao Tutti,
Jean Fontana Bridges, Corresponding Secretary

Monterey
Santa Cruz
N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

Well, summer is here and as Nat King Cole once sang “Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.” It’s a great time to spend with friends and family, to work in the garden, and to take naps in your hammock. But in case your days get a little too hazy, we want to remind you of a few Branch 21 General Meeting dates. For example, this June’s meeting will be at Holy Cross Hall as usual; however it will be held on the 3rd Tuesday, June 16th instead of the first Tuesday. And, don’t forget that we do not have a meeting in July. That’s when you can get really lazy and crazy. However, don’t forget to come back to the following month’s ICF meeting on August 4th.

Some events that have happened since we last met: On April 19th, Branch 21 was host to the annual Central Coast District Meeting. It was held at the St. Joseph Oblates on West Cliff Drive, a beautiful setting overlooking the ocean. The food was delicious and the camaraderie was inspirational. Those ICF branches that attended included Capitola, Arroyo Grande, Hollister, Monterey, and Salinas. We would like to thank all those who helped with this event; you know who you are and we could never have done it without you. Thank you.

At our General Meeting on May 5th, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo. Enchiladas, tamale pie, Spanish rice, tortilla salad, and tres leches cake were served with Mexican flair! Everyone had a great time despite the delicious Margaritas! We would like to thank all those who brought food and helped clean up. Our Branch is blessed with many great cooks and among the usual suspects is Rosalie Campisi, who never fails to bring a delectable dish to every meeting and event. Finally, we can’t forget to mention that we acquired two new members that night: Nancy Prevedelli and Rebecca Rosser. Benvenute, Ladies.

In closing, we offer these reassuring words from Genesis 8:22: “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Salinas
Nosra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Our branch has approved a $400 donation to Sacred Heart School to support students for tuition and other expenses. President Julie Richards will present the check to School Principal Connie Rossi Raines at first opportunity.

The two scholarship recipients of our scholarship program have been announced. They are Joe Felice of Salinas High School and Sarah Nino of Notre Dame High School. Each will receive a check for $400. Congratulations to both students, and we wish them all success in their college years.

Congratulations to each student who worked hard to achieve their goal. Our future is in good hands!

The polenta luncheon date noted in the last Bollettino was in error. The Polenta fundraiser will be held on November 4th at Sacred Heart Hall. We will need help with preparation on the 3rd for cooking, decorating and setting up tables. Contact an officer if you can help.

Our delegate to the I.C.F Convention starting in Las Vegas on September 4th will be Julie Richards. An alternate will be named at the next meeting. Tickets for the raffle drawing are still available from any officer. Tickets are $2 apiece, or you can purchase a book of 12 for $20. First prize is $2500.

Topical comment of the day: “Spring is here and I’m so excited, I wet my plants.”

Important Dates:
August 2, 2015 - District Picnic at J&M Ranch
November 4, 2015 - Polenta Luncheon Fundraiser. Preparation on the 3rd

Ciao,
Roy Frontani
Capitola
St. Joseph, Br. 227

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 25th, for the annual barbeque at Delaveaga Park. This is always a fun event for members and their guests. Steak or chicken are on the menu. President Bob Montoney has headed up the barbeque for many years now, and he is looking for volunteers to learn how to set up for the barbeque and run the bar. Bob would also like a few members to learn how to set up for monthly meetings and special events.

Bob would like to establish a Membership Committee and needs two people to work with him on it. In addition to recruiting new members, the committee will also address retention of members.

Thumbs up to Bob Martinelli, a wonderful chef, who prepared Pork Scaloppine and the trimmings, topped off by a cannoli for each person at our May meeting. Many thanks to Bob and crew—it was delicious! Bob's presentation is always top drawer.

Prayers and get well wishes go to Lena Mungai, who is recovering after being treated in the hospital for pneumonia. Lena is the grandmother of our past President and Central Council member Franklyn Lopes.

Several of our members helped at the Anointing Mass luncheon in April by preparing food and helping serve and clean up. Thanks to Carl and Barbara Smith, Margaret Margo, Liz Cas, Deanna Musler and Christina Horvat for their participation.

In honor of all dads on Father’s Day, here’s a quote from George Herbert: “One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.”

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291

At our April General Meeting we welcomed special guests Jim Friebel and his wife, Mary Ann. We also assisted in initiating several new members to our Branch! Our newest members include the Munoz family – John-Jon, Christine, Jonathan, Cristian and Daniel – and the Orlando family – Anne and Vinny. Welcome to ICF Branch 291!

Our Branch was looking forward to co-hosting the Central Coast District Meeting on June 6th along with the Paso Robles Branch; however, due to a date conflict, the District Meeting has been rescheduled. We hope to host a District Meeting this fall instead. Stay tuned!

We would like to congratulate our members Homer and Dianne Clees on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! We wish them many more happy years together!

We have several ICF family members who need our thoughts and prayers at this time: Fr. Ken Brown, Sr. Carol Carter, Dianne Clees, Homer Clees, Tim Dutra, Annette Grunder, Steve Hall, Flora Lee Harris, Lorraine Spargo, Joanna Van Blarenic, Josephine Villanueva, Susan Wagner, and Jennifer Wagner. Also pray for the families and loved ones of Joe Slavin and Fr. Joe Butters.

Happy Father’s Day!

Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Paso Robles
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Our Pasta Feed on Feb. 7th was another success due to the hard work of the dedicated members and volunteers. We served over 300 dinners. A big thanks to all. At our Branch meeting on Feb. 13th our President David and his wife Ima treated us for our work with a dinner of pizza, salad and dessert. Thank you much.

We are happy to announce that we have two new members: Michael Federico, who is a transfer from the South Pasadena Branch and Marianne Cates from Atascadero, St. William’s Church. Marianne’s daughter previously won the 8th grade scholarship. Michael Federico was a great help at the pasta feed. Welcome!

Installation of Officers was Feb. 28th in Salinas and their menu was sumptuous. Everyone brought their appetite. Pete Gallagher reported on the fish fries in Arroyo Grande, Br. 291 they had in February and March. Dave Kosieda gave a report on the Knights of Columbus corned beef and cabbage dinner on Mar. 14th. We will continue our Branch Christmas Dinner at the Madonna Inn. It is so beautifully decorated each year and the food/service is excellent.

The Central Council is converting some of the quarterly mailings to a web based file. We have arrived in the 21st century and I’m still in the 20th. Our project regarding the chair repairs and replacement for the district meeting table along slowly but surely. We have 100 delivered and 65 out for repairs. We hope this will be advantageous for all. Looking good too.

Our Convention in Sept. will be in Las Vegas. Yahoo...hmm, I wonder if we will have time to gamble.

Easter favors are being done by Irma Zanini and her granddaughters, Hope and Brooke Ellsworth. They are terrific helpers at all times. Our prayers to all of our members who are ill or recuperating. Our friend, member and Corresponding Secretary, Theresa Sollazzo, who writes for the Bollettino, had hip surgery. She sends thanks to all who sent prayers, cards and for the calls. We pray for her quick return. We pray for the family of Deacon Steve Michalson. St. Rose of Lima had a Mass of the Resurrection for him on Feb. 21st. A reception was held in the parish hall. Deacon Steve will be missed for his great generosity in helping the poor and homeless. He and wife, Christine, have had a Sunday sandwich morning for the homeless. Our Branch will have a Mass for him.

To All, a very Happy Easter!

Evelyn Gandara for Theresa Sollazzo

Oakland
East Bay

District Council

Hope that you all had a glorious Mother’s Day and have put on your running shoes for the busy June the district is preparing to carry out. We will be off and running for our fun filled Day at the Races on June 4th. Heard that the tickets were a sell out! Now let’s have some winners.

The next big happening, and this is really important for all ICF members, is the leadership meeting day. Ours will be on June 14th at high noon at St. Albert the Great Parish. Lunch will be available, but we will need a head count, so let your branch president know if you will be attending.

The quarterly District Communion will be at Our Lady of Peace Parish on Saturday, June 20th, beginning with the 5 PM Mass. A light supper will follow, this is free, but once again we need a head count. Please let your branch president know if you are attending later than June 15th.

Welcome home all you brave sailors, hope Alaska is still standing.

Happy Graduation to all.

Happy Father’s Day to all fathers, grandfathers and godfathers and greats!

Hope to see many of you at one or more of our upcoming functions.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10
ICF Mourns Passing of CC Member
Fabiola Di Paolo
by Maria Di Paolo

There was a little voice that said “Remember Me!” As I spread the news about my mother, Fabiola Di Paolo passing, friends and families were repeating, “I was just thinking about her.” She wanted to celebrate Easter with her family instead she is celebrating Easter with all of us here.

Fabiola Cristina Di Paolo was born on July 24, 1928 in Mira Flores, just outside of Lima, Peru to Aurelio Julio Carvo Cruzate and Maria Constanza Urbana de Agualua. She was the 4th of five children, Constanza, Soto, Isabel, Carlo, and surviving brothers Carlos and Enriquc Carvo.

It was such a hard time in Mira Flores with poverty and depression that her parents sent her to a government owned boarding school. The school was managed by the Catholic nuns. There she met her best friend Lorraine Del Rey or Loli and learned to knit with her hands under the desk. Her Godmother awarded her a scholarship to continue on her education.

After graduation, she was employed by the Bank of Lima. It was there she met her first husband, Constantine von Starschedel of Germany. They were married in 1948 and gave birth to her daughter, Anne Marie in March 1949. Fabiola made the big move to America on July 4, 1956 to meet up with Constantine. When she arrived, she saw the fireworks and thought it was for her. They made Glendale, California their home.

Fabiola made America her beloved country. She learned English, learned to drive a Chrysler, and became an American citizen. She also worked very hard in the laundromat and a cookie factory before becoming a banker at Security Pacific Bank in Glendale. By this time, in January 1961, Fabiola gave birth to her second daughter, Helena Cristina. Suddenly, she lost her husband to a massive heart attack in December 1962.

Happiness was granted within the year when she met and married the “love of her life” Osvaldo Di Paolo, an Argentinean machinist in December 1963. They moved to a 3 bedroom house with a swing set in the backyard in Glendale. Joy came in March 1966 when Alberto Jose was born to the South American couple. A big surprise arrived in March 1971 when Fabiola’s third daughter, Maria Elena, and last baby was born to the family.

After the “71 Sylmar earthquake, the Di Paolo’s decided to move to Huntington Beach, CA. Fabiola continued to rise in the banking world to chief teller and was on her way to bank manager. However, she did not like Maria’s babysitter and decided to stay at home. Coworkers from the bank asked her if she could babysit their children, thus began her Day Care business for 30 years.

She began a very structured daily program of reading, craft making and music play that centered on Early Childhood development. In a few short years, “Faye’s Fine Finishing School” had earned a reputation among the teachers in the Ocean View School District as a safe and structured day care provider. The mothers to be had their names on a waiting list for future attendance. Through the day care industry, she became a member of the OCDayCareAssociation and worked very closely with Children’s Home Society and Crystal Stairs.

Tragedy happened in October 1983, when Osvaldo lost his battle with cancer. She continued her education at Orange Coast College with certificates in Early Childhood Education and Preschool Administration. Her greatest career accomplishment when she was accredited by the National Association for Family Day Care and received a letter from President Clinton, Fabiola also taught classes for new and Spanish day care providers.

One Sunday after mass in 1988, she went to a pasta dinner and signed her life away into the hands of Children’s Home Society. She was soon elected as an officer of the branch. Thirteenth level including President was not enough for her. Somehow she was elected as the Orange District President. In the Chicago convention, she ran for the first time for Central Council but it was in Santa Clara that she became a member. Through the Federation, she made many countless lifelong friends and acquaintances to various businesses (including Heritage Memorial). Her last event was the St. Joseph’s Table on March 15 of this year.

Fabiola did not lose her faith during tragedy but embraced it. She was a very active member at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. She helped in the H.O.P.E. office, the annual festival, a C.C.D. teacher, and made baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

She was also a St. Bonaventure School and Mater Dei High School parent. She was right there when Albert was in R.O.T.C. or Maria in Girl Scouts. Soccer was a big sport in the Di Paolo’s household. She was the soccer mom for Helena, Albert and Maria.

Fabiola was a very smart lady. Throughout the years, in our neighborhood, she would buy houses at the right time and have long-lasting tenants.

She traveled the world because she followed the teachers’ schedule. She took her children to Peru, Argentina, England, and Canada. When Albert stopped going, she would drag me to Australia, Europe, Greece and South America. She visited all countries in the United States and stayed with her brother in D.C. She even went to Disney World with me.

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We celebrated our 89th anniversary with a pork loin and risotto dinner in Monsignor O’Brien Hall on Saturday evening, May 16. Ben Ratto prepared the meal, and regulars Ken and Peggy Dorrance operated the bar. The program included accordion music played by Leonard Rossi and dance music presented by the Ramos brothers.

Next on our social calendar is the branch’s first-ever bunco party. Date and time are Sunday, June 28 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location is Monsignor O’Brien Hall at High and Van Buren Streets in the East End area of the Alameda “main” island. The $25.00 admission includes games and a box lunch. The $25.00 total proceeds will benefit Brithright, the Branch 10 charity headquartered nearby in San Leandro.

Less than two weeks later, on Thursday, July 9, we will sponsor our annual bocce and barbeque in Alameda’s Lincoln Park, which is located just one-and-a-half blocks from Monsignor O’Brien Hall. Bocce will be played on reserved courts within the park. Patricia (“Pat”) Pasquainelli, District Council president who in the past served as president of Branch 10. For information regarding times, prizes, and reservations you can send an e-mail to Jeanette Zugnoni, jeanne@zugnoni.net, or call Jeanette at (510) 523-8005.

In the July Bollettino we will announce the recipients of our annual scholarships. We award scholarships to two eighth-graders who will be entering a Catholic high school in the next school year. We also award a $500.00 college scholarship to a student who is graduating from a high school—public or private—located in Alameda. Alumnus of Branch 10 must be affiliated with the ICF through the student’s family or with the Catholic parishes or schools of Alameda.

The members of Branch 215 held a successful Bingo/Salad Luncheon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall on April 16. One picture is panned shot of people playing bingo. (Above) Branch President Fran LaTorre, along with many of the branch members who planned and worked the luncheon.

We have voted to sponsor our namesake hole (no. 10) at the ICF 15th Annual Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 24 at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. Details regarding the tournament can be found on other pages of this month’s Bollettino.

John Zugnoni, Publicity

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

June will be a busy month for Branch 215. By the time this article appears, Corpus Christi Church will have celebrated its annual parish festival on June 7th. President Fran, John and Shirley DeLucchi, Nadine Mattier and James McGee proudly presented our ICF Branch Banner during the procession through the downtown Niles District ending in an 11:00 a.m. Mass. Br. 215 also happily made a monetary donation to help with the purchase of food and condiments for the Hot Dog Booth. Nancy was able to enlist a local Boy Scout troop to help with the set up and take down of festival tents.

President Fran wishes to thank the seven Br. 215 members and all the other members of district branches for fully supporting the East Bay District’s Day at the Races held on Thursday, June 4th. Branch 215’s was pleased to have our 2015 First Year College Scholarship winner, Cara Castiello, and her parents, Ali and Kathy Castiello, join us at our June 9th branch meeting. Cara is a graduate of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont. President Fran presented Cara with a certificate acknowledging her achievement and Cara spoke to the members about her choice of college and her career plans. It is always a pleasure to meet our scholarship winner and their parents.

Don’t forget June 14th is the date for the East Bay District’s Leadership workshop. CC Member Vince Piro will lead this workshop from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at St. Albert the Great
Church Hall, Bay Farm Island, Alameda, CA. This workshop is open to all members, not just officers. Refreshments will be provided and President Fran is happy to provide transportation for members who do not drive. Please let President Fran know of your interest no later than June 8th.

The next East Bay District Quarterly Communion will be held on June 20th at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Avenue, Castro Valley. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by a light supper. Be sure to let President Fran know no later than June 9th if you plan on attending.

Our next bocce ball gathering will be June 28th, 3:00 p.m., City Beach Sports Center, Automatic Parkeway, Fremont. Call Jack Navarra at (510) 656-0258 no later than June 21st if you plan on joining us at the bocce ball courts. We usually play two games with a cost of $5.00 per game. Join us for dinner after the games. We usually decide the restaurant that day.

Happy Father’s Day to all our members who are Dads, Nonnos, Uncles, Godfathers.

Congratulations to those members celebrating wedding anniversaries in June. Happy Birthday to Lorraine Luciviero, Joe Mini, Stephen Damozonio, Andrea Senge and a special Happy 14th birthday to Jeannie Vaneck.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

We would like to say Grazie tante to all who helped us celebrate our 36th anniversary and making it such a success. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Our May dinner was something new for us, a late Cinco de Mayo dinner, Mexican cuisine with an Italian twist. It will be a Ravioli dinner in June at which we will announce the winner a scholarship, to a graduating 8th grader from OLG, who will be continuing their Catholic education.

Time to begin thinking about the ICF convention that will happen over Labor Day weekend. We need to elect delegates and sell those raffle books. Remember 1/2 of the proceeds from the sale remains with our branch, could be quite a money maker. Also, we had a big winner last month.

We will be hosting the quarterly district Communion at the 5 P.M. Mass on Saturday, June 20th. there will be a light supper to follow, for this we need a head count by June 15th. Success for the future to all those graduating this month.

Happy Father’s Day to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and greats.

Please keep our member, Liz Griffith, in your prayers.

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

At our May, Branch Anniversary Meeting, Ed Rocca took us on a “roll down memory lane” with a presentation of highlights from past years. Champagne and cake completed the pot luck dinner. A big “thank you” to Ed and our hosts for the evening, Judy and Dave Welleslaved. Our two First Year Scholarship recipients are Kelly Borden, from Granada High School, Livermore, and Shannon C. Leosard, from Livermore Valley Charter Prep High School. Our congratulations to the graduates and their parents!

Branch 285, is working on a new fund-raising event to take place next Fall. It will be a Polenta and Chicken Cacciatorni Dinner at St. Augustine’s Hall in Pleasanton, on Saturday, October 3rd. More details will follow in the coming months.

Important upcoming dates are:

Tuesday, June 9 – monthly bocce, 10 am - 12 pm, Pleasanton Senior Center
Friday, June 19 – branch monthly meeting... place and time to be determined
Saturday, June 20 – 5 pm Mass and Dist. Communion at Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley(contact Karen Rossi at 510-581-3246)
Tuesday, July 14 – summer bocce and pizza outing w/short meeting. 10 am - 2 pm at Senior Center and Gay 90’s Pizza.
Friday, August 7 – Italian Night at the Oakland A's!! (contact Carolyn Cardinalli at 925-846-0440)

We are all happy to see Elena Simi at our meetings after her long illness! Thank you for your prayers.

We wish all our dads a VERY HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!! And, we ask God to watch over all our members, their families and loved ones as they enjoy summer outings and vacations. Until next month, may we be mindful of and grateful for all God’s blessings in our lives.

Ciao,
Mary Merucci

Contra Costa

District Council

Our Contra Costa District will hold a workshop on August 1 in Crockett to be presented by the Central Council. Time and Menu will be listed in next month’s report.

During our April meeting we voted to make a donation for the Golf Tournament in Monterey this summer.

There are a few tickets left for the A’s baseball game on the 22nd of August. If you are interested call Roselyme at 925-957-0269

Message from our President: "Our next district meeting will be on Thursday, June 25th at 7:30 P.M. It’s always nice to see each delegate and to hear what activities the branches have going on. Delegates are encouraged to attend these District meetings in order to be kept informed and to vote on motions brought up on the floor.

Our last meeting of 2015 will be on Thursday, October 22. This is the meeting where nominations for District officers will be held. October may seem far away but will be here before we know it. Please consider becoming an officer. We need people to step forward and show their leadership because without good leaders we will not prevail.

It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help. Do you know a few people like that? Pray for them this month that they might learn humility. Peace.

Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

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We pray for our graduates, mothers, fathers, each other, and a peaceful summer. Branch #13 gathers again at our next meeting on Friday, August 28

Contra Costa District Council

San Carlos, Br. 14

In June, we honor our scholarship recipients, and once again, our faith in the future soars as we see and hear the optimism of determined young adults.

Our June meeting is Tuesday, June 9th. Mass is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and the meeting is at 7:30. Italian pasta will be served, in addition to salad and dessert. The cost for this delicious Italian dinner is $8.00. Imagine what it would cost at a restaurant!

You are invited in attend the June 19th Pedro and Card Night at 7:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served. Amid laughter and good-humored banter, most play either Pedro or Pay Me. A sincere welcome to our newest member, John Lira, of El Sobrante.

Congrats to Convention delegates Dee Carone, Vonda Egan, Helen Petersen and Tony Raffanelli.

We know they, as well as David Botta and President Donna Hoffmann, will represent Branch 14 well. Thanks also to Janice Burnett and Carol Lawson for agreeing to be alternates.

We send messages for improved health to Andrea Delsid, Marcy Morales, Joe Noe, Judy Pereria, Becky Pessagno and Tony Scardino.

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Branch 13 members congratulate officer and De La Salle graduate, Paul S. Cook, 2015 Recipient of the ICF First Year Scholarship. Best wishes for your future success!

When we celebrate the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients: our first year scholarship winner, member and officer of Branch 13, Paul S. Cook, a De La Salle High School graduate; and, the Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship winner, Melissa Plankey, a graduate from St. Catherine of Siena Parochial School. Come join us and bring a friend.

Ciao for now!

Mary Cook

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

It is time for those lazy days of summer. Join us at our fun filled events!

Upcoming:
Sunday, June 14 -- Meeting and Member appreciation potluck at 2pm followed by free raffle.

Thurs., June 25 -- District meeting in Danville at 7:30pm

Watch for a flyer with information about our branch picnic and swim party. It will be held at the home of Joani Thilgen during the month of June or July. You will not want to miss this.

Also, watch for a newsletter with details for our two fall bus trips. Joani is planning a turn around trip to the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey on Sunday, Sept. 13. On Sunday/Monday, October 11/12, we will go to Reno for the Italian festival for an overnighter. We will also have a luncheon fundraiser this summer.

The convention will be held in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend. Watch for details. Have you bought your convention raffle tickets? Remember the branch makes a profit off the sale of each book.

Member Connie Bochse died in April. Please pray for her soul and may comfort be given to her family.

Please pray for members Denny O’Laughlin and Shirley Joachim. They were in a car accident. Denny is better, but Shirley is still suffering with a separate major illness.

Branch 72 will welcome former Branch President Larry Bastian back. He will attend our meeting in June.

Happy Father’s Day!

Sempre Avanti,
Patty Jarrett

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The St. Raymond Branch is happy to announce our first year scholarship winners for 2015. The recipients and their families will be invited to our June meeting to receive their certificates of achievements. The winners are: Michella Beaegno, Northgate High School, Walnut Creek, Isabella Costa, Carondelet High School, Concord. Isabella is the daughter of Walter Costa, past president of St. Raymond, 154. Kaitlyn Enigh, Alhambra High School, Martinez.

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Buon Compleanno a Clarissa James, Rina Lisi, Lisa Bandacari and Susan Robison who are celebrating birthdays in June. Blessings and good wishes to all.

Happy Father’s Day!
Ciao,
Mary Jo

North Highlands
St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236
On Saturday, May 26th, our general meeting was held at the Parish Center. Members were treated to a delicious Mexican feast prepared by Vera Beine. A special thank you to Vera for cooking the meal and for graciously donating her time and costs.

Congratulations to Ann D’Antonio who won the half and half drawing.

President Nina Malone will be speaking at all the masses to kick off the 2015 ICF Branch 236 membership drive.

It’s Convention Raffle Ticket time again, so come on everybody, let’s sell, sell sell! If you need tickets, please see Nina Malone.

Please continue to pray for our sick members and their families.

Belated Birthday wishes to Jo Bertolucci (April 13th), Fran Foglia-Teglia (May 7th), and Tina Flanders (May 26th).

Happy Birthday to John Storelli (June 1st)

It’s that time of year to pay the remaining half (6 months) of your annual membership dues.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, June 5th, 6PM at Strings Italian Café 4848 Madison Ave., Sacramento.

Best Wishes,
Margie Burke

San Bernardino
Fontana
St. Joseph, Br. 210
We had a booth at Our Parish Feast April 25th & 26th. Saturday was cold and rainy. We were bundled up most of the day, but we had a great time! It helped when we had warm blankets to hand out to people. Our booth was located next to the Toddlers Area. We had a great turn out. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. Our next meeting will be held Saturday, June 6th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Our meeting will be moved up one week due to the Annual IHM Golf Tournament.

Buon Compleanno to Clarissa James, Rina Lisi, Lisa Bandacari and Susan Robison who are celebrating birthdays in June. Blessings and good wishes to all.

Happy Father’s Day!
Ciao,
Mary Jo
Branch 261 kitchen crew.

San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Branch 230 is alive and well and has been very busy for the last few months with two of its major fundraisers—the annual Fish Fry held on February 20th and Pancake Breakfast held on April 12th. Many thanks to all of our branch members, especially Richard Barker, Delfina Centanni, Theresa Cutri, Mary Lou Terramagra, Jim Cardinale-Hill, and the many supporters that helped to make both events very successful.

The proceeds from both of these two events have been donated to Our Lady of the Rosary Church and for the funding of two ICF $400 first year scholarships.

Congratulations to the branch's scholarship recipients—Evelyn Grimm from River Valley Charter School and Jessica Sperrazzo from Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230. Congratulations to our youngest Branch 38 members! He is our favorite question—“What was your most memorable moment?” We did hear that one of our members fell out of a rubber raft on the Truckee River. Luckily all he injured was his pride...

I found this story about Custer difficult to believe because I thought that there were no survivors at the Battle of Little Big Horn...

Well it appears there was one that went on to speak about his experiences...In 1863 Luigi Palma di Cesnola was the Company bugler, he spoke with a heavy accent and was not easily understood the SOS message was written on paper...When Luigi rode out of the area on the high ground he looked back to see Custer's army being destroyed...The note has been preserved and is on display...

Welcome to new ICF members: Jo Cryder – Francene Poirier - Mr/Mrs Striebel....

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

First, our Branch #38 is hoping all le Mamme, Nonne, e Zie of the ICF had a wonderful and memorable “Giorno delle Mamme.” Our branch will be celebrating this wonderful occasion next Saturday, May 16. We have lots of things planned! A wine party is in the works and maybe a song or two, such as: “Mamma” and “That’s Amore!” Thank you goes to our “Sister’s Trio,” Norma, Charlotte (eyes, just like the new baby Princess), & Dorla for making the arrangements at Tony’s Restaurant. We can hardly wait for lunch!

We began our “No Bake Sale” at our April meeting. All of our branch members have received notices in the mail regarding our annual fundraiser. Madeline Torre, our wonderful (homebound) Treasurer, said the donations are coming in very well. Thank you for bringing so thoughtfully to us. Our branch has members, we have actually exceeded last years’ total! I am so happy! As you know, our branch membership has decreased over the years, and every event we get helps us meet our annual obligations. However, if you forget to mail your check, you still can do so! Thank you, our loyal Branch #38 members!

We also celebrated Norma Tealdi’s “90th Birthday”! Dora decorated the PC with balloons and flowers. She was quite happy and appreciated everything. Her sisters, Lottie and Dora treated everyone to a delicious Strawberry Shortcake. Thank you Varacchi Sisters!

At our April meeting, Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, told us about a saint from Lucca whose feast day is April 27. Her name is St. Zita who at the age of 12 became a housekeeper. Her motto was: “A servant is not holy if she is not busy.” St. Zita was a very young and hard working girl! In a change of subject, Maria also told us this year in April, the Italian candy, “Gianduia Chocolate” celebrated its 150 year. The candy is a combination of chocolate & hazelnut. As always, Maria treated each member with a few candies and on behalf of our branch we say thank you for being so thoughtful to us. The Gianduiochi Chocolates were delicious!

*Exciting news: Congratulations to one of our youngest Branch 38 members! He is DOMINIC RAMSEY! He received his 1st Holy Communion at St. Teresa’s Church on May 2. We are so proud of you. We remember when you were born 8 years ago on April 15, when your Dad was our wonderful branch president. God bless you, Dominic.

**Announcement: Convention Raffle tickets will soon be arriving. Br. gets to keep 50%!

***HAPPY FATHER’S DAY to all the ICF Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, & Godfathers!

Ciao!

June 22nd: Meeting
June 29th: Mass
Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

San Francisco
Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Members,

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our only evening meeting on Thursday, June 18th. The meeting will be preceded by a delicious ravioli dinner at 6:00 PM in honor of Branch 290’s scholarship winners. Be sure to attend this most festive and enjoyable event.

Our condolences go out to Therese and Marco Calogaro on the loss of their mother, Nonne. May she rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

Please continue to pray for all our members who are not feeling well or who are recuperating from surgery or an illness.

Happy Father’s Day to all Branch 290 dads!

Ciao,
Jeanette

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365

La vita e bella!

Last month we had another successful garage sale. We want to thank all our workers and contributors that helped make this a successful event. They helped setting up the event, pricing the items, and helping make the sales: Anthony Joe Basuino, Ellenia Kelly, Italo/Liliana Zarch, Gary Gualco, Florence Omalley. Special thanks to Vince Russo and daughter, Lisa Hils, for the use of their garage for the sale; and providing us with great coffee and cake. We also thank our gracious contributors of items from bicycles to clothes, to wheelchairs to garden furniture: Mary Fe, eddy/norma Eremco, Mary Lobuglio, Mary Mendieta, Liliana Zarch, Vince Russo, and Father Joe Landi. We want to thank them all for their generosity of time and efforts and their contributions.

Ann Basuino
San Mateo District Council

Many thanks to Branch 7, All Souls Church for hosting Bishop’s Day, April 12. Special thanks to Kelly Egan and Marcela Toglia for all their work to make this day a great success. Many thanks to Bishop William Justice for celebrating the spirit filled Mass assisted by Branch 6 Chaplain Deacon Tom Boyle. Mass was followed by a delicious luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, August 9, Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City celebrating 90th Anniversary at San Mateo Elks Club. More information later.
Saturday, October 24, Branch 7 All Souls, South San Francisco also celebrating 90th Anniversary. This is a major milestone, so please try to attend.
Saturday, September 19, District’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William Justice at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame at 2:00 p.m. followed by dinner at St. Dunstan’s Parish Center, Millbrae. Price: $25.00. More information later.

Other Anniversaries in the District:

Branch 19—October 26
Branch 163—October 18, San Mateo Elks Club.

God Bless!
Anne O’Brien

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

The May dinner meeting was chaired by Gayle & Bill Mangini. As always, it was a wonderful dinner to celebrate “Cinco de Mayo”. Thank you Gail and all your helpers!
Don’t forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. The “Western BBQ Dinner-Dance” Fundraiser is scheduled for October 24th and will be our 90th anniversary. More info to follow.
Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 6th. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization. Our convention is coming up in September and will be held in Las Vegas this year.
Our dear Norma Steffen has stepped down as our dinner coordinator. We would like to thank and acknowledge all her hard work and the many years of service she provided to our branch. She really has been our “Rock of Gibraltar”! Thank you Norma and we wish you all the best!
Our branch needs volunteers to help. We cannot thrive without them. As our President Kelly said, “Many Hands Make Light Work”. Please consider helping to set up or clean up at our regular meetings, or helping with reminder calls, or partnering with someone to chair and cook a dinner. You may want to help manage the bar, sell raffle tickets, or solicit and make raffle prized. Please call Kelly at 650-589-4638 or talk to her at the meeting.
A little chuckle for your day… “Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called Witchcraft. Today, it’s called Golf!”

Sempre Avanti and Happy Summer!

Laurie Massetti

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!
Here we are into the month of June already. Everyone will be getting ready to celebrate Father’s Day, graduations and summer vacation. We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother’s Day with their families.
Everyone enjoyed the Mexican style dinner that was held and hosted by Christine Prudenciado and her crew. Also a big thank you for all those who helped with the Jefferson Baccalaureate Meal/Breakfast.
There will be the annual Columbus Day Reno trip on October 9, 10 and 11. Come join the branch and have a fun time. Make reservations with Kathy Trevizo at (650) 993-8336.
Don’t forget about the annual Spring Garage Sale.

Branch Schedule:
June 8th: 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting with social following.
June 22nd: Scholarship Recipients Dinner – Chair Person Cheryl Simon.
Make your reservation with Cheryl Simon 650-755-0878 or cas04015@yahoo.com.

Buona festa del papà,
N. Thurman

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Thanks to Branch 7, All Souls, for hosting Bishop’s Day April 12th. Ten of our members attended and had a very enjoyable time. Mass was followed by a delicious dinner at the Basque Cultural Center.
A special thanks to Steve Fuentes for cooking the tasty Paella Dinner we had in April and to Virginia Fuentes for buying and preparing supplies for the dinner.
Since our May meeting will be after this deadline, I will report about the Mothers’ Day dinner and Social next month. The men will pay tribute to the Mothers. We will elect the delegates to the Convention at this meeting.
Mark your calendars:
Thursday, June 11, 2015 – Meeting and Chicken Dinner. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – San Mateo District’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. Mass 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan’s, Millbrae. Price $25.
Sunday, October 18, 2015 – Our Branch’s 53rd Anniversary Celebration at the San Mateo Elks Club.
Remember to buy or sell your book of raffle tickets. Send check for $20 and the stubs to: Virginia Fuentes, 2414 Dekoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002. Branch keeps $10 for every book sold.

God Bless!
Anne O’Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We are looking forward to our May dinner/meeting and celebrating Cinco de Mayo with Mexican food including Beer, Wine and Margaritas. Thanks to our hostesses Brenda Wenzim and Lisa Martellini for co-chairing the dinner.
At our May meeting we will have a sign up sheet for helpers for our rummage sale on Friday June 19th and Saturday June 20th. It would be appreciated if we could have helpers for 3-4 hour increments. Also, if possible let us know at the meeting convenient times for small items to be picked up. Any large items should be dropped off on Wednesday 6-18 or advise Dorene (650-344-7870) ahead of time.
Our Annual Ravioli Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2015 with 4:00pm No Host Cocktails and 5:00 PM Dinner. Prices are:$22.00 Adults and $50.00 for a family of 4. Contact: Dorene Campion (no listed above) and we will honor our scholarship winners at the dinner. Thanks to our members and guests attending our fundraisers we were able to award two one year scholarships of $400.00 each to two high school seniors.
We will not have a June meeting and we will be electing delegates to attend the Convention at our May meeting. Save the date for our next big event on Sunday, August 2nd which will be held at Beresford Park in San Mateo. A flyer will be sent out with the July newsletter and it should be fun for everyone.
Our prayers go out to the family of Mario Cassagneo who passed away recently. He was the brother of John Cassagneo and brother-in-law of Rima.
God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our May meeting was cancelled since so many members could not attend. So, we are looking forward to our June 9th meeting, when will be honoring our scholarship recipient, Robert Chapman, and his family. Robert is the grandson of member Roberta Franchini, and he will be attending Sonoma State University in the Fall. We are looking forward to meeting him.
Don’t forget to send in your convention raffle ticket stubs and checks to Roberta. Our branch makes $10 for each book sold. If you need additional books, call Roberta 650-355-0813.
This is a great way to make some money for our treasury.
Hope you have the date of September 19th on your calendars. This is the date for the San Mateo District’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass is at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame and will be celebrated by Bishop William Justice. Dinner follows Mass at St. Dunstan’s Parish Center in Millbrae. Details have not been firmed up yet; more information will be coming.
Several of our members have been unable to attend our meetings and functions, so please let them know they are missed!!! Mary Rose Favell – 650-355-2482; John Considine – 650-685-1936; Fran & Chuck Baumann – 650-355-3205; Bill Houwer – 650-952-9403; Faith Hill – 209/848-2479.
Don’t forget! Our next meeting is on June 9, 2015 and will be held by Joyce Johnson and Renee Lee Mintun, and we will be honoring our scholarship recipient, Robert Chapman!

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16. We will be having our annual “pizza and scholarship” dinner. We have invited all the scholarship recipients and their families to join us for pizza and we will present the winners with their scholarships. Please plan to join us for this fun event.
Mark your calendars - no meeting in July.

On a sad note, we lost another member of our branch in March. Tom Brennan, former 2nd Vice President, passed away on May 6th, 2015. Tom was a long time member of our branch and the ICF. Tom had a real love for the Rosary groups as: Legion of Mary, CCD classes, schools in the Bay Area, Stanford Hospital and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital to name just a few who have asked for them. The notes of thanks received from the various groups are very heart-warming and can bring a tear to your eye. The rosaries are always appreciated. Our present rosary makers are: Rose Beall, Barbara Borra, Marie DeRosa, Ida Figone and Joe Sheehan, under the direction of Lorrie Boris. We should all be proud of the work they do representing our branch and the ICF.

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads!
Everyone stay happy and healthy!
Ciao,
Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our annual fundraiser “Spaghetti & Meatball” dinner prepared by our President Lorrie and Past President Carla was enjoyed by all attendees. We thank our ICF member John Muniz and his Millbrae Leos for setting up, serving and cleaning-up.
Our June meeting to be held on June 2, will be a KFC dinner for $10 per person. The dinner will consist of 2 pieces of chicken, with mashed potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit and dessert. For
reservations send check payable to ICF Branch #403 to Carla del Carlo, P.O. Box 852, Millbrae, CA 94030 by May 28, 2015. We have no monthly meeting in July, so we wish everyone a safe and fun-filled vacation.

Rose Marie Morando
Corresponding Secretary

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council

Our district meeting had all branches represented. Marie Antonowicz gave an opening religious reading. Central Council requested donations for the Nepal relief and a $100 was approved. Emily Corral reported that we have three scholarship winners. She plans to invite them to the District Mass & luncheon. Joe Delfino said nineteen scholarships were awarded within the Santa Clara area – three other scholarships were given to another district.

The flyer for the Seminarians Night promises Mangiare, Bere and Divertirsi but support has been tepid. President Denise Antonowicz (Chairperson) implored everyone to step up support and consider a donation if not able to attend.

Larry Marsalli gave high praise for the effort on Branch 4 and 5 90th celebration. He was happy to see Monsignor Milani who put aside his walker. Larry said that when asked why he attended he replied, “Why not these are our people!” Benvenuti e Salute Monsignore! Louise Vento’s heritage talk provided techniques to research your family ancestry. Using resources available online and via the bloodstream to research your family ancestry. The presentation was very informative. Roberto Canella

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4

The 90th Anniversary Celebration for Branches 4 and 5 was wonderful. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Congratulations to Branch 191 who will celebrate 50 years on June 28th! Hoping all Mothers’ had a great Mother’s day! June 3rd Fundraiser- Baby Back Ribs with all the trimmings. Invite your friends and families. Donation of 25% to adults. July 8- Picnic in the Park. Pot Luck dinner. Please bring your own chairs. Branch will furnish a beverage.

July 12- District Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Lunch to follow. More on the Luncheon later.

The Branch 4 Delegates to Convention are: President Anna Gonzales and David Ballard.

San Jose
St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

Branch 191 would like to congratulate Branches 4 and 5 on their 90th anniversary. Branch 4 started April 19, 1925 and Branch 5 started May 17th, 1925. This is a magnificent milestone.

Branch 191 will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary on June 28th at the 3 Flames Restaurant. For information please contact Denise Antonowicz or Aldine Grisenti.

Our annual Central Council Seminarian Night will be held on June 6th this year at St. Mary’s Church, Los Gatos, California. Saint Mary’s Branch 184 will host this important event and not only will it be loads of fun, a great dinner cooked by Debbie Piro (Vince Piro’s sister) and Robyn Piro (Vince Piro’s wife). You will also enjoy the music of a terrific band; Anthony Lany’s Band for entertainment and dance from Monterey. This is an important function with the proceeds going toward the support of our Providenza Seminaria Fund. Please try to attend. A wonderful opportunity to go on a date with your special loved one and the cost is only $40 per person.

Don’t forget our Lady of Peace outdoor Mass on July 12th at 11:00 a.m. in Santa Clara. Father George is our Celebrant. You can look forward to a fantastic day!

God Bless you all.

Jim Jones

San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

At our meeting on May 13 our branch enjoyed a delicious meal of appetizers, salads, sliders and desserts. Our thanks go to Judy and John Janini, Mary and Marcello Ridi, and Mary’s mother Rose Trana for all their hard work as hosts and hostesses for the evening.

Our congratulations and best wishes went to Santa Teresa High School senior Kyle Schmid, winner of the First Year Scholarship for 2015. We are proud of you, Kylie!

Besides electing our Convention delegates, we discussed these dates to remember:

June 6th, A Night for Seminarians; July 12th, Our Lady of Peace Mass at 11:00 a.m., that the whole district attends; and August 2nd, our district picnic.

Our pasta and meatball dinner on May 15 was a huge success. Joan Delfino’s famous homemade sauce topped our pasta, which was accompanied by a garden salad, dessert, and a beverage. Anne Cordoni and Mary Ridi, along with their many helpers, did an excellent job organizing, preparing, and serving the dinner. We look forward to presenting Father George with a fat check toward funding our new hall.

Benediciones a to all,

Judy Zahn

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Congratulations to our branch Chaplin, Fr. Abe, who is celebrating 20 years as a priest. May the Lord continue to guide and bless him on his 70th birthday.

Our Lady of Peace Mass at 11:00 a.m., that the whole district attends; and August 2nd, our district picnic.

Branch #391’s dinner was Mexican inspired, due to the Cinco de Mayo holiday. The team of “Holy Rollers” prepared the enchiladas, rice and beans. They even made extra enchiladas, which were sold after the meeting to raise additional funds for the branch. Thank you kitchen Crew, Jessie Romero, and the many Holy Rollers for making so many enchiladas!

At the meeting, the Heritage Report was presented by Louise Vento about Mother’s Day. Also, Louise set up a beautiful table which displayed pictures of the members with their mothers. Scholarship winners will be invited to the next meeting on June 2nd. Leslie Plaque reported on the annual Celebration of Life, which was a big success. Hawaiian dancers were the entertainment. Our branch President, Russ Ventre, reported that the branch received $250 from April’s fundraiser at Tony & Alba’s.

Reminder: the convention raffle tickets were passed out at the meeting, if you forgot to pick- up your tickets, we will mail them to you.

Sunnystile
Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to our 2015 ICF Scholarship Winner Paige Martin of Fremont High School. Paige has helped out at a number of ICF Blood Drives and has demonstrated a strong commitment to Community Sevvice in her High School Career. Paige plans to University of San Diego and to pursue a criminal justice career.

Please pray for Donors for our next ICF Blood Drive on June 14th.

The District Mass at Our Lady of Peace has been moved to Sunday 12 July 2015 @ 11 AM. Please make an effort to attend this Mass. Fr. George will be the Presider.

Monsignor Milani will celebrate his 90th Birthday and 65 years as priest at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph’s of Cupertino on the 14th of June.

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday 28 June in the Farana Center. Please Volunteer for this event.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers – especially for Monsignor Milani (who is walking now), Dori Biefari, Edith Novak, Al’s wife Syd, Carolyn O’Connor, Susie Quaglia, and Aldo Lucaretti.

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

Our branch had a very successful turn out at our fund raiser on April 25th. We all enjoyed a truly 100% Italian meal consisting of delicious montacello, sausage, many different breads, antipasti and yummy desserts. This feast was prepared by Andy and Sid Pappani George Guglielmo and many of Andy and Sid’s relatives. If omitted anyone I am truly sorry.

Our tables were beautifully decorated by Giulia Gallego who always amazes us with her lovely centerpiece.

We also were so fortunate to have some lovely, wonderful donated raffle prizes. Our members and friends were very generous buying many tickets to make it a big success. Denise and Sal Campagna were big winners, winning 3 great prizes.

For our May dinner meeting we will be catered to by Sid and Andy Pappini making their delicious enchiladas in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Last year they were outstanding and a big hit with all of us.

Please keep Joe Tacci, son of Johanna Tacci (who is walking now) in your prayers. I hope the Mother’s had a happy, blessed Mother’s Day.

God bless,
Donna Basil

Santa Rosa
Napa
San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our 88th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER held on Saturday, May 2nd was attended by 20 ICF members. Two friends, Joe and Joe and their families demonstrated the Cocrella Branch and our Deputy Linda Sherman and her husband Glenn attended. We enjoyed each other’s company and the delicious meal.

June 2015
Ciao,

Happy summer to one and all.
June Meeting, prepared by Pauline Seago. Secretary Laura Silva.

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arrive with our June Newsletter, good luck. Veterans Home where there is much need. Our fathers in June with a donation to Yountville homeless shelter for women and children and from recent surgery. We honored our mothers followed. Many thanks to host branch 12 for represented Branch 18. The District Meeting was shared. Martha Rusake and Marie Canale thanked in Napa. Much needed material who so superbly presented the Strategic Plan. Congratulations to the Central Council Team Grand President and Member of Scholarship Committee, Carmen Kilcullen, Joseph Luchetti and Caroline Sheppard. Not pictured: Nicole Cheda and Jacob Righetti.

Our 8th Grade Scholarship Committee has given information to Parishes in Napa with the winner being announced at the end of the May.

The ICF Central Council Scholarships went to the following graduating senior in Napa: Kate Anderson and Steven Bertolucci from Vintage High School and, Scott Silva from Napa High School. Scott’s grandmother is our Branch Secretary Laura Silva.

We will have a Turkey Burger Dinner at our June Meeting, prepared by Pauline Seago.

Happy summerto one and all.

Ciao, Julianna

Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Congratulations to the Central Council Team who so superbly presented the Strategic Plan Workshop April 19th in Napa. Much needed material was shared. Martha Rusake and Marie Canale represented Branch 18. The District Meeting followed. Many thanks to host branch 12 for the fine hospitality. Our get-well prayers to our District President, Dante Corsetti recovering from recent surgery. We honored our mothers with donations to The Living Room—a local homeless shelter for women and children and also to Life Pregnancy Services. We honor our fathers in June with a donation to Yountville Veterans Home where there is much need.

Our convention raffle tickets arrive with our June Newsletter, good luck. The income from these tickets helps cover convention expenses. The winners of our Branch 18 ICF scholarships; Victoria Dobkins and Grace Forsell, Cardinal Newman High School. Santa Rosa, these scholarships are in memory of Branch 18 deceased members, Emily Seely, Clear Lake High School won the scholarship donated by Marie Canale and Joseph Angelica in memory of their uncle, Anthony Nicosia. We look forward to meeting our winners at our August 8th pasta&kroast beef dinner dance, Scottish Rite Center, Santa Rosa, music by Showcase, $20.00, call Doreen, 707/525-0295 for tickets.

Healdsburg
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Our Mother’s Day Dinner / Meeting was a fun evening. Thank you to Peter Smederle, a new member, for cooking the delicious dinner. We honored mothers over 80 and our two scholarship winners. Photos will be in the next Bollettino. ICF Sunday on May 15th was also successful. We provided the lectors, greeters and Eucharistic ministers at the 10 AM Mass and had doughnuts after the Mass.

Upcoming Events:

June 10: Father’s Day Dinner. 6:30 PM. Carmen Puccinelli will be the chef. Reservations are a must by calling Mary Madden 431-0438, Nancy Seppi 433-4708, or Karla Lippincott 237-1308. We will take the annual branch photo for the ICF Convention Souvenir Book.

We are looking for members who are interested in becoming an officer. Please see President Nancy Seppi or one of the other officers if you’d like to be an officer. The branch is growing and needs to continue having effective leadership to keep prospering.

Happy Father’s Day! Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale
L’Annunciata, Br. 75

Please accept my apologies for not reflecting the hard work and dedication of our branch in The Bollettino. We have been so focused on the next event and our communication “here,” that I have forgotten to keep my communication going out “there.” The Bollettino is an important part of The Italian Catholic Federation landscape and I know branch members are disappointed to open our mail and not find our news represented in it. Please accept my apologies for not reflecting the hard work and dedication of our branch in The Bollettino. We have been so focused on the next event and our communication “here,” that I have forgotten to keep my communication going out “there.” The Bollettino is an important part of The Italian Catholic Federation landscape and I know branch members are disappointed to open our news represented in it.

Our February Citrus Fair Chicken/Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. It was downright scary watching so many people come through the doors and having to turn some away who didn’t have tickets. It turns out, all we needed was faith...the food didn’t run out and chairpersons Teresa DeRosier and Kristina Cataragu and a zillion relatives had everything under control both in the kitchen and the barbecue pits. The chicken was moist and tender and the spaghetti sauce perfectly delicious. A handful of kids from Washington School manned the dining room and our different members were scattered around the dining room and the bar keeping everyone happy. It was a happy, typically Cloverdalitarian vibe...in and out and off again to the Citrus Fair. Great fun!

The March, St. Joseph’s Day Banquet featured exquisite vegetarian/traditional feast day foods, salads and breads. Diane Heckenberg will never “chair” an event but does it anyway with her beautiful meal preparation and presentation. Our District Chaplain and Parish Priest, Father Fergal McGuinness said a special blessing in honor of St. Joseph, the father and protector of Jesus, ergo, the father and protector of us.

Unique to our parish is a vineyard with the fourteen Stations of the Cross off to the side of it. Also unique to our branch is the location of the Heckenberg’s home who live right off the fourteenth station! Last year they invited us to do the Stations of the Cross and pop in for dessert. We designed April’s meeting around this invitation and began with a light supper ala Teresa DeRosier in Realli Hall, we divided the leadership of the stations among its members and did the slow mournful walk of Calvary. The clear readings of the members, the prayers, and the canting at each station marked a very touching event.

Onward to our May 16th Card/Game Day. We hope to reignite the enthusiasm of the past for these events which have died out in recent years. So far with Cele Casiarri and Lori Schandell chairing this event, there are several Bridge Tables. We’re hoping for a wild and crazy variety of games and a Saturday of food, family and fun!

Patsy Buchignani

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I can’t believe I am writing for the June issue. This year is going so fast and I don’t know where all the time went. The weather has been unbelievable, we need the rain. Maybe we should be like the Indians and beat the drums and maybe, just maybe, it might rain. Pray for rain! The Branch will have held their chicken/ cacciatorre dinner by the time you get your Bollettino. Our thanks go to all the cooks and all who helped in any way and also to those who made an effort to attend.

Don’t forget to send in your donation for the Bakeless Bake Sale.

We are proud to name the recipients of the $400 Scholarship Awards. They are as follows: Isabella Cirelli, St. Vincent’s High School; Victoria Leoni, Petaluma High School; Jennifer Nelson, Casagrande High School; and the Sam DiGirolamo Scholarship went to Alexandra Gambonini, St. Vincent’s High School.

Congratulations to all of them. They have all been invited to our June dinner.

The next dinner to be held is the Shrimp/Risotto or Mushroom/Risotto, on August 15th in St. James Church Hall. The last one held was delicious and all who attended enjoyed themselves. Cost $22 for Adults - $10 children under 12 yrs. Call Louise for reservations 769-7389.

On August 2, our Branch will be holding its family picnic and the Day of Recollection for the District. There will be a mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Church. The presentations and the picnic will follow in the Courtyard. The menu will be chicken, salads, dessert, beverages. The cost is $10. Help will be needed by members. Make your reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

Quarterly Communion Mass for Living/Deceased is on June 7th at St. Vincent’s Church. We provided the lectors, greeters and Eucharistic ministers at the 10 AM Mass with a Breakfast/Lunch to follow at the Boulevard Café. Call Kathleen Walker for reservations - 763-7354.

Regular Meeting - June 8th - DUE TO VACANCIES IN OFFICES, THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION AT THE JUNE MEETING. PLEASE ATTEND!

Get well wishes to Rita Boynton and thinking of you wishes to Frank Cresci. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to all celebrating. A Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers. May God bless all of you with much happiness and love. Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao, Louise Vicino

(Above) Branch 198 scholarship recipients with judges Robert Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcullen honored at the May dinner.

(Right) Jacob Righetti receives his scholarship from Branch 198 president Robert Acquistapace.

2015 Scholarship Recipients of St. Eugene’s Branch 198 – from left to right: Branch President, Robert Acquistapace, Claudia Manni, Dante Felicicano, Ariana Fernandez, Adam Bates, Past Grand President and Member of Scholarship Committee, Carmen Kilcullen, Joseph Luchetti and Caroline Sheppard. Not pictured: Nicole Cheda and Jacob Righetti.
Ciao,
Happy Father’s Day!!

June 9 -- Regular Meeting – Father’s Day Dinner
June 10 – 7:00 pm – Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall
June 14 – Board Meeting
June 18 – Regular Meeting – Father’s Day Dinner

By the time you read this, Cesar Martinez will have been ordained a new Stockton Diocesan Priest. God Bless him and all seminarians on their faith journey.

Karen Rosson

Italian Heritage Night is our best night of the year at Branch 390. Top row l-r: (1) raffle table prizes, (2) feasting at all-Italian appetizer table, (3) hot cooks in the kitchen draining ravioli. Middle row l-r (1) Pam Dunn and Ronnie Gallegos checking out Italian members’ photo collages, (2) Sister Mary, Sister Martene and Ronnie, (3) Bianca Tuso, her father Chuck Tuso and Eileen Mont. Bottom Row l-r: parade of our very youngest members carrying Italian flags and decorations assisted by Anita Ridolfi.

Karen Rosson
Gala was held this year. In addition to the dinner, we raised additional funds with two auctions. ICF donated Italian items, including a six-foot wine tower/cabinet with wine, assorted food items for the live auction, and a gift certificate for a dinner of ICF monthly dinner tickets and to our annual polenta dinner for two for the silent auction.

Lots of upcoming events so mark your calendars:

June 30 - 7:00PM - Stockton District goes to the ball game, Stockton Ports vs San Jose Giants - tickets are still available. Contact Lucy Orsi 209-814-2189. Bring it on San Jose! We’re ready for you!

July 18 - 11AM-2PM - ICF workshop hosted by our branch - open to all in the District. Topics to be covered include leadership, officer responsibilities and encouraging new and young members to a greater participation. Contact Lucy Orsi 209-8114-2189.

August 16 - District Picnic at Escalon Community Park - wonderful steak barbecue and lots of food, games and raffle. All families are invited.

September 4-7 - Convention - Branch 390 delegates will be Lucy Orsi, Joe Bacchetti, Serena Martocchio and Steve Ridolfi.

September 18-20 - St. Bernard’s Church Parish Festival in Tracy. ICF mans the pizza and iced-limonade booth - all volunteers are welcome.

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton
Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Branch 395 has just completed hosting the Stockton District meeting on May 3. We served a delicious dinner to around 40 people and had a productive meeting. At our next meeting on May 14, we will be completing plans for our booth at the Festa Italiana to be held on May 31. We will be selling bracelets from Italy, Italian note cards and other items. Also at this meeting we will be presenting our pastor, Msgr. Larry McGovern with a check for $4,000 from the proceeds of our always-successful Polenta Dinner. Every year the funds go towards the projects and programs of the Presentation Church. This time it is intended towards the stained glass windows for the church. We will also present the certificate to our scholarship recipient Ted Lin-Cereghino for the first year scholarship Ted is the son of our Second Vice President, Geoff Lin-Cereghino. As we wind down for a summer break, we will have one more branch meeting in June and a fun activity, Stockton District Night at the Stockton Ports baseball game on June 30. We are also planning for the Annual convention in September. Upcoming events:

June 11 - Branch meeting
June 30 - Night at the Ports Baseball game
August 16 - Stockton District Picnic, Escalon Park

We hope you are enjoying the Springtime.
Many blessings,
Josephine Weber, President, Branch 395

Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413

Howdy, Howdy Y’all. Well it’s that time of year to mark your calendars for the big BBQ Western Dinner and Music in the Foothills. It will be on Saturday, June 27, 2015: Drinks at 5 and dinner at 6pm. Cost is $25.00 for BBQ steak dinner (or chicken if preferred) with all the ‘fixins’. Beer, wine, soft drinks and water included.

Come on out and make it a getaway weekend, weather is perfect this time of year. Call Annie Pachinger, President for tickets@ 209-754-9619.

Delegates for the convention will be selected at our next meeting. Don’t forget to sell your Convention Raffle tickets as our Branch profits from each book sold.

Hugs and prayers for Lorin and Pat Ramorini, hope they are on the mend.

Happy Birthday to our May babies: Joseph and Russ Pachinger and Giovanni Corsi. Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to Jon and Debbie Singleton.

Ciao,
Nancy Corsi

Tucson
Tucson Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Our fundraising accomplished...we spent the month of April on activities that bring us closer together as a faith family...a corporate communion followed by a brunch outing...a trip to the Sonota vineyards to observe the annual blessing of the vineyards...Sundays after 9 AM mass many of us enjoy a prayerful group breakfast at a local establishment. Some of us enjoyed a Mother’s Day brunch as a group. The May meeting is the annual picnic in Madera Canyon...an abbreviated business meeting...followed by brats and burgers with plenty of sides and desserts...followed by games. Funny how so many of our ICF activities involve food and fellowship...whether fundraising or fundraising.

With this report our activities dwindle to the gathering of the few desert rats that hunker down to cope with the Sonoran Desert summer and wait for the monsoon season that restores life to the desert. Our activities will resume in September as we seek to increase our membership... improve our fundraising efforts...seek out new opportunities to be of service. We are family.

Barbara Barton

Tucson
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

The new year has started out quite successful so far. In January, our branch held our annual 8th grade grad dinner to help raise funds for our kids. We served antipasto, roasted chicken with meatballs and pasta, salad and dessert. The kids were very successful in selling twice as many tickets than last year. We raised over $3200 for their class, which not only paid for all of their 8th grade graduation trip but also gave them the chance to go on a field trip to the U of A so all students would get an idea of what Arizona has to offer for college.

We joined Branches 425 and 433 in our Bishop’s Day and Installation dinner in February.

Father’s Day
“It’s only when you grow up and step back from him—or leave him for your own home—it’s only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it.”
Margaret Truman