Funding Needed For Children’s Hospital Desferal Activities

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2012 and ends in August 2013. 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, Oakland Children’s Hospital sponsors several activities for the Cooley’s Anemia patients which they treat. The hospital has redesigned their program to better fit the needs of patients and families as they deal with changing demographics and an aging population. Due to your generous donations in the past, we have participated as a sponsor for their wonderful programs. Last year, we were able to donate $2,225.00. This money is used to help with a Patient BBQ in July and a Teen/Adult Weekend Retreat in the Fall. There are also small gatherings at the Day Hospital for when the children receive blood transfusions. This year we want to continue our program whereby we offer support, but we need to once again ask our districts, branches and individual Members to take part 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.

Happy Anniversary ICF!

Districts Wrap Up First Wave of Bishops’ Days

Chicago Bishop’s Day and Installation
The Chicago District celebrated its Bishop’s Day on Sunday, April 28, and its installation of officers on Thursday, April 25.

Oakland Bishop’s Day
The Oakland Diocese held its Bishop’s Day, combining the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts, on April 21 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Point Richmond, CA. The Most Reverend Alex J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle Diocese and Apostolic Administrator for the Oakland Diocese presided.

Grand President’s Monthly Message

This past month my district -- the East Bay District -- had the pleasure of having the Central Council Workshop Committee present at our District Meeting. The committee is led by Chairperson, Life Member, Dante Galeazzi, and includes Life Members and Past Grand Presidents, Bob Acquistapace and David Botta, as well as Life Member Jim Friebel.

The topic my district was most interested in was finance; however, the history of the ICF, heritage and membership were also included in the workshop. Each one of these members gave a great presentation that was well received by all members of my district, and the majority of us came away learning something new.

I urge all districts to please consider having the Workshop Committee give a presentation during one of your meetings. It gives officers and members who are not able to attend the Convention workshops the opportunity to learn a little more about the inner workings of the ICF and our history.

With the Convention in mind, all branches should have or will be electing your delegates for this year’s Convention in La Quinta. I’ve been working closely with Convention Director Steven Fuentes and his committee, and once again, this year’s Convention will prove to be a great experience for all who attend.

On a more personal note, on behalf of me and my family, I wish to thank you all for the prayers and get well wishes for my mother. The power of prayer is an amazing thing and it does work. My mother is recovering well and feels and looks great.

To my father, Sir Robert Dianda, I love you and appreciate all you have done and continue to do for me. To all ICF fathers, may you have a wonderful Father’s Day and know how special each of one of you are.

There are two fathers that we should all give thanks to, especially in this month of June. Let us not forget Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini, the Founding Fathers of this amazing organization.

Fraternally,

Jane Dianda
Grand President
June is Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Open Our Hearts to Jesus!

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

The heart is the traditional symbol of love. It plays a great part in our lives. There are songs and poems written about the heart. On Valentine’s Day, the heart is displayed in a variety of different ways to express love. We say sometimes to a person, parent, child, or friend, “I love you with all my heart.”

We ask people to open their hearts and minds to help and give support to a cause or a need. We may use the expression, “That person has a big heart!” or, “That person has a closed heart!” We want to be people with big, open hearts. June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Open our hearts to Jesus! Adore Jesus in His most Sacred Heart. Jesus loves us with all His Heart. We want to return that love, not only now, but every day of our lives.

As members of the ICF we go forth to new challenges, new experiences. Always carry the love of Jesus in our hearts. He will guide and protect us. He will inspire us to increase the love and the work of the ICF. We do this for the good of the Federation, its members, its goals. We do this for the good of the Church and the love of people.

Members of One Catholic Family

Membership Reminders:
- The membership year ends June 30. Please forward all applications to the ICF office before June 30 to be included for the correct year.
- Membership surveys are available on the ICF website. There is no due date, however highlights of the surveys returned prior to August 1 will be shared at the convention membership workshop.
- June is Member Appreciation Month. Some branches celebrate during other months. If no plans have been made, please consider adding a membership appreciation event to your branch calendar.

Membership Stats as of July 1, 2012:
11,212

Membership as of
New: 817
Reinstated: 21
Transfer in/out: 43
Deceased: 238
Non-payment: 211
Cancellations: 789

High Five!
Top five districts/areas with an increase in membership. (Deceased members are not calculated in these figures).

Top Five Districts with Increased Membership
(Deceased Members are not included in these stats)
+39 Los Angeles
+39 Central Coast
+37 Contra Costa
+15 San Gabriel
+9 Blessed Sacramento

Congratulations to the Chicago and Santa Barbara-Ventura districts for also achieving increased membership.

Fundraising Workshop at Convention
Franklyn Lopes
Way & Means Chairperson

Attention Branches and Districts, the fundraising workshop this year at Convention is looking at how you as a branch and district, do fundraising. Send us your ideas, how you like to get down and have fun, but at the same time raise money. We will use these ideas at our workshop this year. Send your thoughts to Franklyn Lopes, stewartslfloral@aol.com, or call 831-464-7570. Thank you and see you at convention.

CONCEPT OF THE LOGO

The logo is composed of a square, bordered field on which a boat, symbolizing the Church, is represented as sailing on a graphically minimal representation of waves. The main mast of the boat is a cross from which sails are displayed in the form of dynamic signs which compose the trigram of Christ (HJS). The background to the sails is a sun which, associated with the trigram, refers also to the Eucharist.
Letter to the Editor:

Franklyn Lopes’ March Edition article on the benefits of Lenten Dinners to the I.C.F. membership is SPOT On. This is why I am adding an offer to help any Branch interested in starting Lenten Dinners in their parish. I think if you check on it, you’ll find that the branches that serve Lenten Dinners add to their membership numbers. I’m taking Roselyne Jarrett’s advice and sending this article in for publication for all to read, because these dinners ARE a great vehicle for adding new members in your Parish. Our Branch has been able to add anywhere from 40- or so, up to 70 members a year and mostly due to exposure from Lenten Dinners.

My Dad started Lenten Dinners in Monterey with Knights of Columbus over 30 years ago. The Knights quickly got tired and “retired” from that job but then Past Pres. John Cardinal and his I.C.F. members took over and the rest is history. Following past Pres. John came past Pres. Tom Fama and his “Giovannottis.” Since Tom, I have been in charge for the past 13 years and have now left it to my nephew Peter John Curatolo, who is doing an excellent job. “Better than Uncle.” My son George who has been by my side over all these years, also remains in the kitchen. Between them both, and along with the crew of Br. 36, they run a smooth operation.

No organization can bring a Parish Community together like the I.C.F can. With good food, hard work, good nature and hospitality -- the I.C.F. is hard to beat!!

Start now to line up your calendar—put your “aches and pains” aside—get some new aprons—but first of all —get the backing of your Parish Priest—then secure a facility and then give me a call if you need any help/advice at all @ 831-372-4791 or email elnardaro@ sbeglobal.net

Ed Leonard 1st. Vice Pres.
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36, Monterey

Thoughts to Ponder

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love the most is soap-on-a-rope -- Bill Cosby

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

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SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for Grand President Jane Dianda’s testimonial dinner on November 2, 2013.
In memory of Pat Trinchero
Molly and Jim Trinchero

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

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Cooley’s Corner

Thalassemia and Blood

Laurice Levine
MA, CCLS
Children’s Hospital Research Center Oakland

Thalassemia, also called Cooley’s Anemia, is one of the most common genetic blood disorders. Dr. Thomas Cooley and Dr. Pearl Lee first diagnosed thalassemia in 1925 when they discovered that the disease was prevalent among people from the Mediterranean region, including Southern Italy, Sicily, Cyprus, Malta and Greece. Thus, it became widely known as “Mediterranean Anemia.” Today, thalassemia has a wide geographic origin, occurring also among people from the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Southern China, and parts of the Pacific Islands and North Africa. Worldwide, almost 150 million people (or 2.9% of the population) carry the trait for thalassemia and approximately 100,000 children are born with severe forms of thalassemia every year. In the U.S., 2,000,000 people are estimated to be trait carriers.

Thalassemia trait, also known as thalassemia minor, developed as a protection against malaria. There is no scientific evidence that thalassemia trait causes symptoms and a person with thalassemia trait will never get the disease in the major form. However if two trait carriers have a child, that child has a 25% chance of inheriting thalassemia major, which is the severe form of this blood disorder.

People with thalassemia major are unable to make hemoglobin, which is the protein in red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of the body. This lack of hemoglobin production causes severe anemia. Consequently, the primary treatment for thalassemia major is routine blood transfusions every 2-4 weeks. People with thalassemia require blood transfusions throughout their lifetime in order to survive. A person with thalassemia major receives approximately 6 units of blood each year. As a result of routine blood transfusions, patients with thalassemia are at risk for iron overload. Consequently, patients must undergo a nightly infusion of the drug Desferal. Desferal is administered subcutaneously (in the fatty tissue) or intravenously (in the vein) using a needle attached to a small pump. Patients must wear the pump for 12-15 hours, 5-7 nights a week in order to remove excess iron from the body. If left untreated, excess iron causes severe toxicity and organ damage, especially to the heart, liver, and endocrine system. Compliance with Desferal therapy, although challenging, is often the key to a person’s health and long term survival with thalassemia. There is no universal cure for thalassemia, but some patients may be cured by a bone marrow transplant (BMT). However, finding a matching donor is very difficult and a BMT is a high-risk procedure.

The Thalassemia Center at Children’s Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO) is one of six Thalassemia Treatment Centers of Excellence in North America. Along with patient care, research is a primary focus at CHRCO. As a result of improved technology, research, and a healthy blood supply people with thalassemia are living longer than ever before.

Getting tested for thalassemia trait is an easy process and a simple blood test. Ask your provider to check the following:

- Hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F.
- Complete Blood Count (CBC).
- Iron Studies (free erythrocyte protoporphyrin, lead, ferritin, and/or other iron studies).

If you have any questions about thalassemia or our comprehensive program, please feel free to visit our website at www.thalassemia.com; contact us at 510-428-3885 x 5427; or email LLevine@email.cho.org.

As a blood recipient, I want to thank all the blood donors. It is because of you that I am alive. My gratitude is beyond measure. Please know that I hold a sacred place for all of you deep within my heart.

Live to Give

A Look at the Good We Do

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

As we approach the compiling of our Apostolic/Charity Report, it is a good time to review all the good that we have done in the past year – both monetarily and with our faith.

A perfect example of how our Apostolic/Charity work helps others is found in the story of Fr. Joseph Landi, the Parochial Vicar of St. Cecilia Parish in San Francisco as told by Rissa Sinsong in “Out of the World and Into the Kingdom.”

In 1981, Joe is a wealthy and successful man, whose life is changed by a dream from God. God tells Joe there are many roads to travel and for the first time, Joe articulates what is wrong with his life.

When Joe wakes from the dream, he is not sure where the line lies between the spiritual and the secular. When Joe wakes from the dream, he is not sure what more he needs to do?” Jesus replied, “If you wish to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor...then come and follow me.” That’s exactly what Joe did.

It took him three years to free himself of all business obligations, selling all his possessions but during that time he attended the University of California at Berkeley to get the educational units he needed and took a teaching job for which he refused to receive payment.

It was only when Joe received a letter from the archdiocese saying he had been accepted did he tell his friends and family.

Following this dream and having given up all worldly possessions, Joe enters the minor seminary 1984 and then in 1985, St. Patrick’s Seminary for 4 years. At age 51, it wasn’t easy for him to become a student again but there he found peace and joy that can’t be compared to anything with this world has to offer.

His deep faith made him victorious in the trials he encountered at the seminary. In 1990, Fr. Joe was ordained at the age of 57. His experience has definitely been a boon to the Church. Besides his parochial duties, Fr. Joe is the archbishop’s liaison in the Charismatic Renewal, edits “The San Francisco Charismatics” and on his vacations he serves as a chaplain on Holland America’s cruise ships.

While Fr. Joe can lay claim to many achievements as a priest, his most meaningful one would be bringing his family to the Lord. Two years after his ordination, Fr. Joe baptized his two brothers, two nephews and two grand-nephews—three generations all in one day!

Perhaps you might not find this a remarkable story except for the fact that Fr. Joe states he would not have been able to finish his last year at St. Patrick Seminary without the donations of the... continued on page 6
Esty: A Novel/Memoir by Lawrence W. DiStasi & Margaret Weisz DiStasi
Mal Occhio: The Underside of Vision
by Lawrence W. DiStasi

As a writer, Lawrence DiStasi has always examined the influence of the past on the present. His works (Una Storia Segreta, Mal Occhio, and The Big Book of Italian American Culture) explore how the stories and culture of Italian Americans influence the way we see the world today. However, his latest book, Esty, is his most intimate and personal writing to date, and it is because of this intimacy that it is, I believe, his most insightful and touching work.

In a recent email, he explained the unique origins of the book: “My latest book, Esty: A Novel/Memoir, . . . is in many ways a tribute to my mother. Years ago she handed me a manuscript about her early life in Hungary and before (the title, Esty, is her nickname for her mother, Esther, whose secret romance she begins her ‘novel,’ and herself, with) 1, in turn, added commentary and episodes from her later life, plus an imagined dialogue between us, to make a book of it. As a working mother, she had no time to learn about fictional techniques, but she eventually found time to create this, her cry of liberation, her detailed account of how and why she escaped her orthodox Jewish father to marry an Italian immigrant, my father. The full account turned out to be more stunning than the legendary romance we children were weaned on.”

This distinctive book can be read on so many levels, all of them both penetrating and entertaining. On the one hand, this is a memoir of a young woman’s liberation from her abusive father, her rebellion and escape as she marries an Italian immigrant, who becomes her savior. It is also a family memoir as it recounts the family’s origins in Hungary and immigration to the United States. It is also a romance. Actually it is a couple of love stories, for we learn of the romance between Esty and her Hungarian Duke and of the romance between Margaret, DiStasi’s mother, and his Italian immigrant father. It is also the story of America, rich with immigrants who boldly cross ethnic lines to form new families and a new world. It is also a dialogue between a mother and her son as through the book DiStasi inserts his own commentaries, reactions, and responses to his mother’s memoir. All of these work together — each aspect of the book informing and giving insight into another. The various stories from the past and the reactions to them in the present influence one another and begin to blend together so that we see that past, present, and future become one story similar to a tapestry with an intricate weave, one thread of the story adding color and depth to the whole.

And while the book has a complexity to it that gives it depth and perception into the universal human condition, it is also entertaining, a page turner. The reader gets caught up in the stories of its various characters, their challenges and victories, their lives. DiStasi also is also able to capture the voice and tone of different eras. For example, early on, the book has an almost fairy-tale tone while, later on, the book takes on a more modern voice. For example, the book begins with “In the foothills of the Black Mountains in a little village called Hadud in Hungary, there was a beautiful estate that belonged to the Duke of Von Ripacoff, who was given this place when he got married.” Later in the book, the tone changes to a more modern style: “Ella asked me what I was crying about. I should be happy. But I couldn’t tell her. Papa threatened me: If I told her he would beat the hell out of me and I knew he would.” This ability to shift voice and tone draws the reader even further into the story.

Readers will find Esty both insightful and entertaining and well worth reading.

DiStasi’s 1981 book, Mal Occhio: The Underside of Vision, has recently been reprinted. This book investigates the superstition of the evil eye in Italian culture as well as other cultures throughout the world. He explores how different cultures have perceived this phenomenon, explaining its roots in ancient societies to more modern ones, its influences on child-rearing, families, and neighborhoods. He analyzes the symbolism of the eye in art and culture and comes to understand what the eye says about how we view ourselves. It is an engaging exploration into the human psyche.

To order either Esty or Mal Occhio, one can contact the author by email at hadistasier@bceglobal.net or by phoning (415) 868-0538.
Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of the 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 the start of the Convention General Session on Saturday, August 31. All necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the 2pm start time.
(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 Thursday, August 1, 2013.

TO LA QUINTA, CA

The San Bernardino District is hosting a Welcome Dinner for our Delegates and Guests.

- When: Thursday, August 29, 2013
- Where: La Quinta Resort - Convention site
- No-Host Cocktails: 6:00 P.M.
- Dinner: 7:00 P.M.
- Price: $45.00

An Accordion Player will provide the wonderful music

Live Auction for Gift Baskets

The Menu will feature:
Salad, your choice of beef or Chicken or vegetarian with trimmings, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

If you would like to enjoy a great dinner and a fun and relaxing evening, please send your reservation in by August 16, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Roberta Craig at (760) 328-3373

Name________________________  Branch #______  Total
Reservations____________

#1______________________  Entrée Selection    Circle One
Beef  Chicken  Vegetarian

#2______________________  Entrée Selection    Circle One
Beef  Chicken  Vegetarian

Phone #___________________                   Total Enclosed
$_____________________

Please make your check payable to the San Bernardino District ICF and mail with the reservation form to:
Roberta Craig
227 Settles Drive
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Golf Tournament Registration

It is time to make your arrangements to attend the Annual ICF Golf Tournament. This year it will be held on Friday, July 19, 2013 at Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. There will be no-host cocktails and a sumptuous four course dinner starting at 3pm. Price for golfers is $135 and includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet. After July 12, the price per golfer is $150. If you would like to only attend the banquet the price is only $35. Reservation deadline is July 12, 2013 so don’t delay!

Italian Catholic Federation Thirteenth Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE:  FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013

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

FORMAT: Four Person Scramble

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

BANQUET
2100 - San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940

No-host Cocktails

300 - Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

RAFFLE: Live Auction for Gift Baskets

PRICE: There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!
Golfers: $135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 12th, the price per golfer is $150. Banquet only: $35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 12, 2013

SIGN UP:

Name________________________  Handicap
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Banquet only

Make check for total amount ($135 per player plus $35 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 12th deadline.

Remember: $150 per player after July 12th.

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

ICF Families

Headed to the convention? Check out these family friendly resort activities and stay tuned for more information on ICF family activities that will be available.

Resort Activities

Arcade  Indoor Theatre*  Football  Court Sports  Ping Pong Tables  Classes*

*Visit the concierge desk to learn which classes are being offered and the movies being featured.

Family Back Lot Fitness Tour

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

Golf

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

Tennis

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

Spa

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

Swimming

The main pool and kids pool are available, but with over 40 pools to enjoy, chances are you will find one just outside your family’s casita.
ICF Annual Convention  
Bocce Tournament

WHEN: Friday, August 30, 2013  
WHERE: La Quinta Resort  
TIME: Registration 11:00 A.M.  
COST: $18.00  
*Only 12 Teams (48 Players) - Timed Play.

We will be playing inside the hotel on the rug with the lines taped. NO wood boards.

Teams will be created randomly and announced at registration.
First, Second, and Third place medals will be awarded.

Reservations must be in the I.C.F. Office by August 16, 2013 - no later.

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION PRESENTS
DINNER DANCE
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT
STARRING THE CENTRAL COUNCIL PLAYERS

Sunday, September 1, 2013  
La Quinta Resort, La Quinta

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

Reserved Seating according to Date of Receipt of Paid Reservations

Name______________________ Branch #______ Total Reservations______  
Phone ______________________ Total Enclosed $________

Please list additional reservations on the back.  
Mail Reservations to I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621  
Reservation Deadline: August 16, 2013

Tickets for Delegates and Guests will be included in the President’s packet at Registration.

2013 Convention in La Quinta, California  
Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013  
Theme: LIVING THE YEAR OF FAITH  
HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

***OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL***  
La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA  
(Phone: (760) 564-7111 / Reservations: (800) 598-3828  
49-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253 -- Visit the link to hotel reservations on our  
Web site for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.  
❖ Room Rate: $105.00 Single Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & $5 - Resort Fee  
❖ $110.00 Double Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & $5 - Resort Fee  
The resort also charges $3.00 per room, per day Housekeeping gratuity to your guestroom folio and  
recommends a gratuity of $12.00 per person. Parking Charge includes both check-in and check-out.  
❖ Use Group Name “Italian Catholic Federation” or Convention Code “ZIC” when booking  
your reservation.  
❖ Complimentary Self & Valet Parking  
❖ Transportation to/from Palm Springs Int’l Airport:  
  • Palm Springs Int’l Airport is approximately 23 miles southwest from the resort.  
  For public transportation (taxi/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit  
  www.palmspringscvb.com  
  La Quinta Resort does not offer shuttle service from  
  Palm Springs Int’l Airport.  
❖ Transportation to/from Ontario Int’l Airport:  
  • Ontario Int’l Airport is approximately 91 miles northwest from the resort. For  
  public transportation and rental car information, please visit www.lawa.org.  
❖ Transportation to/from LAX:  
  • LAX is approximately 145 miles west of the resort. For public transportation  
  and rental car information, please visit www.lawa.org.

Reservation Deadline is Monday, July 29, 2013. After this date, reservations will be accepted  
at the best available rate based on availability. To avoid lost reservations and reservation  
errors, we will no longer provide reservation forms. You must call the resort or go to their  
Web site to make your reservations.

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Here are a few:  
Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522  
www.alaskaair.com  
American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300  
www.aa.com  
Delta Airlines: 1-800-221-1212  
www.delta.com  
www.usairways.com  
United Airlines: 1-800-241-6522  
www.united.com  

For more information on flights and approx. prices/contacts for services, visit  
www.palmspringscvb.com

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Tickets $5  
$7 at the gate  
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More Info:  
209.  
983.4375

Sunday, June 30th, 2013  
10 AM—7 PM  
4343 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton  
www.festa-italiana.com

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Live Music featuring Pasquale Esposito
Chicago
Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195

Prior to our Meeting and every Tuesday during the month of May members are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour at 7pm in the Church. Our May Meeting began with our Crown- ing of Mary by Elaine Malenki as we sang and placed votive candles around our beautiful statue of Mary. After which, our orator, George French, led the prayers of the Rosary. Reservations were taken for our day of Recollection, June 9, at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana. The Carmelite Priests will dedicate the 10am mass to the Italian Catholic Federation, Br. 195.

Following mass we will have an opportunity to tour the Carmere ground and cata- combs. A beautiful statue of Pope John Paul has been added to the grounds and those who had not previously visited this lovely Monas- try were most appreciative of this opportu- nity to explore the area. Following the tour, a delicious luncheon was prepared especially for our group in the banquet hall of the Monas- try. Condelones to 195 Member James Merlo, whose wife, Barbara, succumbed fol- lowing illness.

Please pray for Leonard Longawa and Frank Sidote, to be restored to good health.

God Bless,
Jo Merlo

Itasca
St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

The Chicago District Bishop’s Day dinner and dance, on April 28, welcome to our Council Member, Lisa Crudo. Thank you, Lisa, for your stay in Chicago. More than 150 members attended the following and enjoyed the dance, on April 28, welcomed Central Council Member, Lisa Crudo. Thank you, Lisa, for participating.

Merced
St. Cecília, Br. 39

Happy Mothers and Fathers Day to all. We had a great May meeting. Robyn Piro and Estella Reta prepared a great Mexican dinner of beans, rice, chili verde, salsa, chips and sherbet to cool us all down. We had special prizes for our mothers and fathers and our 50/50 raffle of $281.50 was won by Maria Giampaoli. She generously donated it back to the branch. Reports were given on our Casino trip with a profit of $600.00 and our Bocce club’s annual profit of $1,800. Thanks to all those who donated money or cookies. We voted to give Deacon Bert Mello $100 for his ordination in June. Delegates elected were: Josephine Fragtino, Evelyn Way, Blanche Unti and Tom Polliccia. This will be Evelyn’s first convention. We always make an effort to send someone new. They come back to our meetings excited to be part of our great family. Mark your calendars for our Annual Convention, September 17th.

Concluding the month of May members are invited to attend the 5:00pm mass.

Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31

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No meeting in June and July. Our “ANNUAL” potluck will be in August at the home of Rick and Terri Post.

Pray for each other.
Ciao
Germaine Orlando

Fresno
Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The annual May bake sale was held on Sunday, May 5 and was a sell-out after only 3 masses. In addition to the yummy homemade baked goods there were beautiful aprons made by Carol Espinola and cookbooks. The May 14 meeting was a potluck with so many delicious choices it was hard to decide what to eat. Thanks to the May committee chairman Frank and Louise Burnolli and their commit- tee: Linda Galatti, Eileen Foster, Anna Ra- viscioni, Joe and Mary Pistacchio, Beverly Cereghino, Rick and Janet Farinelli, Edward Pia and Nancy Pond. Great job guys!

Congratulations and a warm a welcome to our new members: Lupe Valdivinos and Jeff Dal Cerro.

Our own Rose Meister was honored at the Madera Chamber of Commerce “Salute to Education” event as a friend to Alpha School for her numerous volunteer activities and hours there. Presenting her with this honor was another ICF member Dr. Cecilia Mas- setti, Madera County Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you to our Chaplin, Sister Thomas Marie, for the inspiring and informational talk about our new Pope. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Des Plaines
St. Zachary, Br. 441

Our president Marco D’ante and his wife Arline, our sentinel, are moving and have resigned their positions although they will remain members of the branch. It was these two people who were the leading forces to bring an ICF branch to St. Zachary in Des Plaines last year and the beginning of our monthly Italian mass. Arline also serves as the Coordinator of the Ministers of Care at St. Zachary. It is obvious that we will miss their leadership but more importantly, their friendship. A reception was held June 1 after the 10:00pm mass.

Branch 441 has three summer events on tap for its members. On June 23, members will gather at a local eatery to swap stories. Festa Italiano in Milwaukee, just 90 miles north of Chicago is next on July 21. It is a wonderful festival on Milwaukee’s lake front and has been held for years. The group will leave from St. Zachary Church in a motor coach and arrive in time to attend mass in the Italian language and then enjoy the music, food and culture offered afterwards. Then, on August 18, members will attend a Schaumburg Boomers baseball game in the Frontier Independent League, enjoy some hotdogs and other ball park foods and have some fun.

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Ciao
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Fresno
Lady of Victory, Br. 32

We had a great time playing bocce, with Br. 32’s “The French Connection” winning the championship with no losses. Jim and Nata- lii Clark, relative novices, took the top prize with nearly 100% movie passes and Macaroni Grill gift certificates for each member of the team. That’s about a $125 gift.

Congratulations! We extend our appreciation to Alan Watts and his committee for their hard work in putting the tournament together.

Br. 32 is hosting Hospitality at Our Lady of Victory Church during the month of June. Each Sunday, Evelyn Nieto and her many helpers will be selling Coffee and Pastries after the 8, 10, and 12:00 masses. Also, we’ll kick off our Membership Drive the first weekend, June 1 and 2, followed by a Bake and Miscellaneous Sale on June 8 and 9. Ey- elyn will be there for Father’s Day, too. Sau- sage Sandwiches will be prepared on June 23, and Egg Burritos are planned for June 30. Every member is encouraged to support our branch’s effort.

Good news! Our chaplain and parish pas- tor, Mag. Moreton continues to build up his strength after a lengthy illness. Best Wishes for continued good health.

Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33

Our May birthday mother’s, Josephine Co- lombana, Judy Walsh and Barbara Crea, led us to a delicious dinner prepared by the men of our branch. We ended the evening play- ing Bingo. Winners won raffle tickets for the convention. I’m sure one of those tickets is a lucky winner.

We’d like to welcome Mary Peddoulous to our branch. Originally from Fresno Mary has now moved to Bakersfield to live with her sister Rita Bertolucci in their new house. Our branch scholarship was presented to Mark Steele, son of Tom and Maria Steele. Mark an honor student will be attending the University of Portland.

At the recent St. Francis BBQ our branch sold 1,190 tickets for wine. Thank you to Tom and Maria Steele, Christina Fanacuchi, Mike Cerr, Antone Chica, Barbara Crea, Gene Garabaldi and Charlie Linnenbrink who worked the booth.

We return your raffle tickets and money to me at the next meeting or in the mail. We only have a few out and we’d like to mail them in as soon as possible.

Madeline Ciccacci won $60 in our raffle drawing and Lori Rizo was absent on the at- tendance drawing.

Our Father’s Day meeting will be June 12. Wishing everyone a Happy Summer!

Barbara Eyherabide

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St. Cecilia, Br. 39

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July 10 Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite. We will have hot dogs, salads, and “make your own” sundaes. Bring a cake/pie for the cake walk and something for the white elephant raffle. This celebration is free and is a way of saying thank you for all of your support for our branch. Join us for a lovely evening overlooking the lake. Happy 4th of July to all. “I’ve learned that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.”

Sanger
Sant’ Antonio, Br. 70
May 14, Branch 70 celebrated Mothers Day at Di Cicco’s Restaurant. President Kay Lopez introduced Sanger’s Mother of the Year, Kim Takemoto, and asked her to say a few words about herself. She was raised in Sanger, went to school here and became minister of a local church. She also prayed with the Sanger High Baseball team who were having a team dinner that evening also. Kim is a very deserving lady of our community. A month ago we had a yard sale which raised money so we could give two deserving Sanger High School students each a $500.00 scholarship. We thank all the members that donated items and worked on it. We will be honoring the recipients at our June meeting. July 17 will mark our branches 70th anniversary. We will be celebrating this, also, at our June meeting.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to our long time member Richard Manfredi. Our thoughts are with him. We also thank Kay Lopez for doing a great job.

God Bless,
Orsolina Casella

Clovis
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250
Our 2013 Annual District Picnic was held May 11 at San Joaquin Memorial High School. Our Branch had two teams competing in the bocce ball tournament, The Saints and The Holy Bowlers. The Saints came in 3rd or 4th from the top. Really an impressive team considering two members, Mark and Jessie Budd, were playing for the first time. Ernie and Sylvia Dalton traveled to the Philippines in January. While there they participated in three different outreach programs to help feed the needy. Before leaving the States they helped raise $500 to help finance the programs. On Saturday April 12 Michael Quiroz completed his first Double Century, a 200-mile bicycle ride in one day. Quite an accomplishment, Mike.

A very dear member Mary Perkins Rouah passed away in March. Please pray for her and her family. Also pray for Lena Daddino and Ernie Dalton who are undergoing difficult health problems.

Birthday greetings to April celebrants Jennie Campopiano, Mary Beth Mueller, President Jeanette Shriver and Mary Zanarini. A very happy birthday to our only May celebrant and very first president in 1970, Al Daddino.

Ciao!
LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281
As our branch activities slow down for the summer, we are busy planning for conventions and our traditional fun outdoor meetings. We enjoyed the pasta dinner prepared by Allen Watts for our May meeting. Our June meeting will be a salad potluck at the home of Jeff and Jan Lemucchi, always a wonderful evening. In July we will gather at George and Terri Carson’s for an Ice Cream Social evening, always a fun time! Our branch scholarship was won by Jessica Watts, she plans to continue her education in theater arts at Bakersfield College after graduating this year from Garces Memorial High School. She was also the recipient of the Sheila O’Connell Roussel Theater award from Garces.

Delegates for the ICF convention were selected. Donna Marquez and Craig Collins, along with President Deborah Leary will be representing Br. 281 in August.

We welcomed new member Jamie Arias-Aguilar and plan on a membership drive in June after all masses. We will serve Italian snacks and drinks. Our opportunity drawing was won by Maxine Scatena. The rollover of $110.00 was won by Donna Marquez.

We are continuing to keep Robert Lencioni’s wife in our prayers. Michael Curri continues to help representing Branch 33’s deputy. Congratulations to all our winners and we will see you in June.

Ciao,
Mindy

Los Angeles
District Council
On June 30 the Annual District Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada. Mass at 11:00am followed by a festive lasagna luncheon immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall. The principal celebrant will be Rev. Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, ICF Archdiocesan Director for
District Calendar

- June 9, 2013 - Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank.
- June 30, 2013 - LA District Communion Sunday at St. Bede the Venerable Church in Los Angeles.
- May 2, 2013 - ICF Archdiocesan Director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- May 6 at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ.

the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. ICF Members are encouraged to bring family, friends and parishioners. We will especially honor all ICF members who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year. Please call for more information and to make reservations. We would love to have you join us.

On June 9, 2013 visit the Mother Cabrini Open House which will be hosted by the San Gabriel Valley District. The Chapel and Library is a special facility and is always ready to receive visitors by Chapel Committee Volunteers in reverence to their favorite Saint and ICF Patroness of Immigrants. Chapel may be opened for special group tours upon request. Call 626 372-7812 for reservations.

On April 28, ICF Mother Cabrini Committee President Carmelo Sabatella introduced the Boccadori family to the Mother Cabrini Chapel Board Members at the bimonthly ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Officer Meeting. Clara Rossi, Leslie Boccadori, Rita Boccadori and Larry Boccadori (see photo) traveled to California from Pennsylvania to visit daughter Leslie and make a special visit to the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank.

On May 2, 2013, the ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles Bishop Day Committee held an excellent food and service throughout our meeting. The next 2013 Bishop Day Committee luncheon meeting will be held on June 13 at Portofino Restaurant in Whittier from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Members welcome. Call 626 403-6102 for information and reservations.

Special prayers for the passing of Matilda Tillie Faille mother of Branch 108 Board Member Larry Boccadori visit the April 2013 Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank.

LA District President, Carmelo Sabatella (center), is joined (left to right) with Diane and Al Restivo (no relation to owners), Vince Restivo (Owner) and Steven Restivo (Owner), CCM & Santa Barbara/Ventura District President Pat Mages and SB/V/VD Deputy Lou Mages and LA District Deputy Theresa Sabatella Shaw at Vitello’s Trattoria in Thousand Oaks.

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

Many thanks to Branch 67 President Nick M. D’Egidio and his committee for the wonderful time enjoyed by all during the second Polenta Dinner and Dancing held on April 22, 2013 at the Casa Italiana! The food prepared by members of our Branch was delicious, the music by Ross Creation inspiring and the company of so many members, many of whom have not been around for a couple of years, contributed to the success of this event.

We appreciate the many donations made by the members that made possible to charge only $25 for adults and $7 for children. The good job of the members spreading the word of what the Italian Catholic Federation’s goals are and the many ways that our organization helps the community through their charities is attracting many new members.

Grazie tanto a tutti.

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On June 30 the Annual District Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada. Mass at 11:00am followed by a festive lasagna luncheon immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall. The principal celebrant will be Rev. Monsignor Antonio Cacciputo, ICF Archdiocesan Director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please call 636 403-6102 to make reservations and for more information.

Thank you Joan and Jerry Brascia for coordinating the ICF semi-annual dinner on May 6 at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia was fun. Members, families and friends enjoyed great BBQ in the relaxed environment.

Congratulations to Member Tony Mattazzo winner of the Br 108 Bocce Practice Tournament on Sunday, May 5. Members also celebrated the May Birthdays of Patricia Richards & Maria Petruno shown with 1st VP Sandra Fielding (Center) and the May Wedding Anniversary of 1st Vice President Sandy and husband Paul Fielding at the General Meeting. The theme of the May 5 Branch Lunch Social was “Cinco de Mayo” celebrated with delicious Enchiladas, refried beans, rice and a host of other good food in celebration of the El Dia de la Batalla de Puebla.

Save The Dates:

- June 23, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Annual Bocce BBQ Luncheon and General Meeting on the Holy Family Church Children’s Field from
ICF Branch 111 Montebello’s members Alfred Viera, Filomena DiVincenzo, and Salvatore Sorce with Rocco celebrated their May birthdays.

2:00pm to 4:00pm. Bring family, friends and neighbors to this beginning of Summer event. Parishioner’s welcome. May God bless and keep you healthy “per cento anni!”

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108
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Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti,
Happy Mother’s day to all. Hope all the mothers out in ICFland had a great Mothers’ day. Congratulations to Filomena DiVincenzo, Vince Veneziano, Fabrizia Mauro, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Rocio Campos, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce who celebrate their birthdays this month. Come join us for cake and wish them a Happy Birthday. Buon Compleanno a tutti! We wish everyone a happy birthday!

ICF Montebello Branch 111 volunteered on the weekend of May 17–19 at the Annual St. Benedict’s Parish Spring Festival. We manned the Pizza booth. It was such fun and such a great turnout. Thanks again for all who participated to make this event a success.

This month’s quote comes from Los Angeles Lakers Magic Johnson – “You’re the only one who can make the difference. Whatever your dream is, go for it.”

Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115
Dear Members,
I regret to say that we have lost another wonderful member of our Branch, Filomena Colonna. We will miss her wonderful bubbling personality. May she RIP. We extend our condolences to her family.

We had the Scholarship winners and their family as special guests for our annual Pot Luck Meeting on May 16. Neal presented them with their certificates. We wish the very best to these two girls, Alyssa Bristol (Port of Los Angeles High school) granddaughter of member Titina Iodice and Elizabeth D’Ambra (Palo Verde High School) granddaughter of member Carmela D’Ambra. Agenda as follows:

June 20 – Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm
June 30 – Monthly Communion Mass
July 11 – Monthly Meeting: 7:30, this meeting is on the second Thursday due to the St. Anthony’s Anniversary poster being held by Branch 237 officers Elaine & Eleanor Bersano.

San Pedro Branch 115 enjoyed a great side trip to the old mining town of Oatman, Nevada located on the famous road “Route 66”. The outing was part of the four day trip to Laughlin. They watched an original Western shoot out and fed the wild donkeys that come down from the surrounding hills every day.

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237
April:
We remember fondly: Our parish was very happy that Father Mario Conte brought the relics of St. Anthony from Padua. He gave a wonderful talk about the Saint of Miracles. The devotion to this saint filled the church with a joy that continues.

May:
We celebrated our annual Strawberry Fiesta: with good eats, fun, entertainment, games, rides and camaraderie. June-July: Our turn-around trip is in the works. Special activities’ coordinator Rose Moore is finalizing details and also planning our September Laughlin trip.

August-September: We are also looking forward to our Convention starting in August. Looks like a swank hotel: La Quinta Resort and Club near the Santa Rosa Mountains, Palm Springs. Our delegates this year will be Eleanor.
We will be awarding 6 scholarships to the 8th night we all have been working so hard for. had a good time. Thanks you all who helped. Congratulations Br. 362! The Hawaiian Bingo School as well as various charities in the LA area. It is always a pleasure to be handing out the checks to these deserving ministries. Keep July 14 open for our next Bingo Luncheon. July 21 is the date for the Cooleys Anemia BBQ at the Sabattellas. Please notify Charlene or Laura if you plan to attend. Please remember in your prayers all our sick members. May everyone enjoy a wonderful summer. God Bless, Aline Amatisto

La Cañada Flintridge
St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Our branch continues to focus on service as its mission. One of this year’s objectives is to evangelize young people with emphasis on the words of St. Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at All Times: Use words if necessary.” The Distinguished Service Award is designed to emphasize these words to students in our school. Mark Mannarella is leading the service award effort for the branch as well as managing the annual scholarship program. This year we awarded a $400 scholarship to high school graduate Madison Teodo, a June 2013 graduate of La Cañada High School. Our branch also awarded scholarships to St. Bede Elementary students Mark Scarsi for $250.00 and James DeRose received $100. Our “Rush 374” membership drive has been rescheduled for the Fall in order to provide more time for planning. “Rush 374” will be a major membership drive initiative and is being planned under the direction of Joe Layton, our youngest member and a member of our board of directors where he serves as membership chairman. The objective is to recruit young members of the parish community into our branch. Mark your calendars, as June 30 is the day for our Los Angeles District Communion Mass to be held here at St. Bede. LA District chaplain, Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, who is also chaplain for Branch 374, will celebrate the Mass. A lasagna lunch celebration of ICF’s 90th anniversary will be held in the Parish Hall following the Mass. Contact LA District Secretary Theresa Sabattella Shaw at (626) 379-6629 to reserve space. The luncheon will be $15.00 a person and will include wine, soft drinks and dessert. (Che Dio vi benedica)

Al Restivo Branch President & First Vice President of the LA District

San Gabriel Valley
Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317
June 8–9 – Relay for Life
June 14 – Father’s Day Dinner/General Meeting
Our Participation in the Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society will take place on the weekend of June 8th & 9th at Lorbeer Middle School in Diamond Bar. Our chairman for the St. Denis Parish is Kelli Bennett (909) 964-0967. We wish to extend our appreciation to Bea Ybar for chairing the recent Arts & Craft Fair held on April 28. She did a fantastic effort notifying the vendors and all the requirements for the courtyard with tents, etc. We had 22 vendors participate and all revenue from the tables went to St. Denis “Building on Faith.” We especially wish to thank Toni Werley and Laura Giello and committee for the wonderful cannisus, which brought in more revenue for our branch. They were delicious treats and a great idea. On June 14 we will celebrate the Fathers of our branch with a delightful dinner hosted by Gerry and Don also a new member. The San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday held on May 19 was a great event and we thank everyone who participated with a mass at 12 noon and a delicious luncheon which followed. More details in the newsletter. Have a wonderful and safe summer. Mark your calendars for the Taste of Diamond Bar in July at St. Denis. Please support this annual event with St. Denis and all the restaurants volunteering their delicacies and treats. Happy Father’s Day and God Bless.
Roxanne Perry President

Branch 102 celebrated the birthdays of its members turning 80+. Congratulations!

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326
June is a month to remember all of the special father’s that have made a difference in our lives.
Our next General Meeting will be held on June 26, 2013 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu for dinner has not yet been decided.
Our quarterly mass will be held on June 9 at the 8:00am mass.
Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, and Mary Girillo. And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members.
Happy June Birthday to: Jim Alderete, Tony Farinella, Mary Ann Law, Cal Magro, Lena Merendino, Rose Marie Perfetto, Annette Tombrrello, and Chuck Hernandez.
Happy Anniversary to: Ann and Jack Baziak, 61 years, Fran and Pat Buccola, 65 years, and Chuck and Lucy Hernandez, 39 years! Congratulations!

San Fernando Valley
Burbank
St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102
We celebrated our octogenarian birthdays on May 11,2013 at our regular meeting. In the photo left to right. Mary Massucci 96 on May 26. Dina Tomei, Phyllis Davalco, Joy Gallagher and Bert Gallagher. Our polenta dinner is postponed till October June 19,2013 – 5-8pm-Shaky’s fund raiser July 13-noon photo for book, regular meet-ing-cabrini hall President Don Lee will attend the convention in June 19,2013.

Santa Barbara/Ventura
Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380
In May, we honored our Mothers by giving them a long-stemmed rose and acknowled-
May you have a fun and safe summer!

(Above) Our lovely Branch 380 Mothers at the May General Meeting.

(Left) Branch 380 Member Genny Sneed with grandchildren Sam, Charlie, and Ellie at the May General Meeting.

(Santa Barbara) Santa Barbara, Br. 26
Hi everyone from Branch 26. We had a very nice enchilada dinner made by Rose Ortiz, in celebration for Cinco de Mayo. Thank you to her crew, a lot of work went into making this meal. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Cheri and Lewis Huntley, Jim Friebel, Jennifer Frusetta and Paul Caetano traveled to, Manteca, to ICF Branch 139’s “All you can eat Shrimp and Pasta” fundraiser! It was wonderful. The food and music was great and we had the opportunity to chat with other members and meet their clergy and even win a few raffle prizes! We hope to do this again next year. Our new scholarship recipient is Gianna Brigantino, granddaughter of Ralph and Maryellen Brigantino long time ICF members. We congratulate her and wish her well in her studies. We are glad to see a lot of our members back to our regular dinner meetings. We hope everyone can try to bring

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Members of ICF Branch 36, Monterey, California
We would like to thank the Madonna Branch all our friends in the Vegetable Industry for like to express our Branch's appreciation to the funds for our students. We also would worked hard and put in many hours to raise Our April Scholarship Fundraiser was a July 11 - Birthday party for our 85 and older Benech. Mary donates her time constantly Liz introduced our mystery honoree Mary $3,000.00 for Parish Hall maintenance, presented the same seven students with a check Check for $600. Then Anna Panetta, Co-President, introduced our seven recipients and our annual scholarship meeting for Perlino June 15. Our June 9 branch meeting will be at the beginning of August. Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers! We would appreciate it if you would bring an unwrapped gift for a newborn baby for the Birthright Organization. Bocce Ball has not been confirmed as yet. You may ask JoAnn when you call if you are interested in playing Until Next month Peace and Love to All Jean McElderry

Oakland Santa Rita, Br. 40
Happy Fathers Day. Wishing Fathers and Grandfathers a beautiful day with your families. Convention Raffle books will be in the mail. Please make checks payable to ICF Branch 40. Thank you and good luck.

Upcoming events:
- June 6 - Monthly meeting 7pm
- June 16 - Fathers Day
- July - No monthly meeting
- June 4th - Happy Fourth of July
- August 1 - Monthly meeting 7pm
Happy Birthday to Ida Scodella, Ida Reggi, George Piombo, and June Ratto. God Bless you all. Please feel free to contact the convener of the branch especially Anna Alberti, Leroy Casale, and Clemente Zanata. Thought: “Happiness is someone to love. Something to do and something to hope for.” Ciao, M. Francis

Oakland St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91
We all enjoyed a great pesto dinner thanks for our chef, Sir Robert Dianda. Combined our branch and individual members gave 41st year scholarships this year. The scholarship recipients will be invited to our next meeting.

Raffle tickets for the ICF convention in La Quinta are still available.

Upcoming events:
- June 1 – Seminary Night at Our Lady of Grace, cost $50.00 sponsored by the Central Council.
- Aug. 2 – Italian Heritage night at the A’s game.
- June 16 – Super Bowl party.

Carol Ann Cavaliere, Mark Gaul, Carla Gaul, Mary Anne Catanzarite, Arnie Espos, and Tristan Bruni.

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291
Since Branch 291 did not have a General Meeting in March, we celebrated our St. Joseph’s Table at our April meeting. Kathleen Sullivan, Rose Haupt, Joanna VanBlaricom, Lorraine Sparago, Sylvia Nasholm, Trish Jimenez and Emily Smith did a wonderful job putting together our beautiful St. Joseph’s Table! ICF member Father Alphonse (aka: Fr. Mario) blessed our St. Joseph’s table and all the food our members generously contributed, that was later donated to the Outreach Program at St. Patrick’s Church.

At our April meeting, we initiated new members Jack and Suzanne Kress. Welcome to Branch 291! Jack got a jump start on his ICF “initiation” as he helped out at several of our fish fries this past Lenten season! We will soon be selecting our National Convention delegates to represent our Branch in Palm Springs this Labor Day weekend. We’ll announce our delegates soon! Our fall Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers are right around the corner. The dinners will be held September 14, October 19 and November 16. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners go towards our Student Registration Assistance Program.

Please keep the following ICF members and their families in your prayers: Marge Caruso, Trish Jimenez, Joe Slavin and Jess and Sonata Wagner. And please continue to pray for all members of our ICF family who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Happy Father’s Day!
Keevy Sanchez

Oakland St. Theresa, Br. 223
Benvenuti (Welcome) …to our two new members Michael Bamrick and George Casselson.

Congratulations …to the recipient of the ICF Scholarship from Br. 223, Nicole Ratto. Nicole is a student at Bishop O’ Dowd High School in Oakland. She is looking forward to meeting her when she receives her award at our June 6 meeting.

Felice Anderson (Happy Anniversary), to all Br. 223 Members. Branch 223 has been in existence since 1967.

Our recent Dinner and Bake Sale were both wonderful successes! We wish to thank all who participated. Special thanks to Chefs Peter Nuti and Bill Curotto, and kitchen crew: John Taggart, Diane Splendorio, Ross Catanzarite, Arnie Espos, and Tristan Bruni. Thanks to the following who helped with the Dinner and/or Bake Sale: Lorraine Alberti, Alfreda Baroni, Maureen Barbari, Michael Bamrick, Ann Bavoso, Cecile Cutitta, Caryn Carriere, Mark Gaul, Carla Gaul, Mary Anne Giuntoli, Elise Giuntoli, Ann Goslee, Marlene

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Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36
Our initiation of new members, scholarship recipients, checks from Lenten dinners’ proceeds, and mystery honoree all took place at our 82nd Anniversary Dinner. After benediction by Fr. Peter at San Carlos Cathedral, the following Central Council members were present to initiate our forty new members: Jim Frielich (wife Mary Ann), Dante Galeazzi, Marco Galeazzi (wife Diane), Franklin Lopes, Andy Pappani (wife Sitra), David Botta, Michael Cannady (wife Donna). We always welcome them and they are so gracious.

After dinner Ted Ursino, scholarship chairman, introduced our seven recipients and President Liz presented each one of them a check for $600. Then Anna Panetta, Co-President of the Italian Heritage Foundation presented the same seven students with a check for $200 each. Two students from San Carlos School each received a check for $350. President Liz presented Fr. Peter with a $15,000.00 check for the Cathedral, $3,000.00 for Parish Hall maintenance, $800.00 for Loaves & Fishes, then President Liz introduced our mystery honoree Mary Benech. Mary donates her time constantly for many other community activities. Our hearts and prayers go out to wife Jan and all the family. May John rest in peace. Our annual barbecue (which John and Jan always cooked for) will be Sunday, July 28. St. Philip Neri church hall. Social hour 4pm Dinner 5pm. Adults $20, children 12 & under $10. Call JoAnn Dorn, 510-710-6959 or email jodonnard@yahoo.com by Monday, July 22. We would appreciate it if you would bring an unwrapped gift for a newborn baby for the Birthright Organization. Bocce Ball has not been confirmed as yet. You may ask JoAnn when you call if you are interested in playing. Until Next month Peace and Love to All Jean McElderry

Oakland

Ciao,
Jennifer Frusetta
Corresponding Secretary

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227
Branch 227 is hosting the District meeting June 15. Our June 9 branch meeting will be our annual scholarship meeting for Perlini and ICF scholarships.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our faithful, hardworking members who helped make our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners such a huge success. Thanks are also extended to members who volunteered for set-up, cooking and clean-up for St. Joseph’s Seder dinner, including Richard and Valerie Vote, Carole Driscoll, Gary Janice Podesto, Franklyn Lopes, Jolene Smith, John Searich, Mary Christensen, and others. Without your help, it would not have been the overwhelming success it was.

Thanks to Dolores McCarthy, Helen Bonnel, and Loretta Reaves, for the delicious chicken and potatoes served, and Loretta Reaves, for the delicious chicken and potatoes served. We still have 15 – BOLLETTINO

Castroville Santa Caterina Da Siena, Br. 51
Our April Scholarship Fundraiser was a success! Thank you to all our members that worked hard and put in many hours to raise the funds for our students. We also would like to express our Branch’s appreciation to all our friends in the Vegetable Industry for the fresh vegetables they donated to help our Scholarship Fundraiser. God Bless You! We would like to thank the Madonna Branch 25 for the donation of limons, pots, coffee pots and several other items. Their kindness is very much appreciated.

Our Scholarship winner is our very own member Gregory Stefani, Jr., son of members Greg and Cindy Stefani. Congratulations and good luck in your future education!

Our membership Chairperson has been busy recruiting new members. We have five new members they are Diane Ausonio, Chris Brown, Linda D.L. and Gino Grier. Welcome to our Branch 51 Family. (Cindy has been one busy lady!) Please keep in your prayers, members Denice Amerson, Carl Armento, Eva Barcellos, Carrie Holbrook and Hugo Tottino.

Our Branch will not be meeting during the months of June and July. Our next meeting will be at the beginning of August. Happy Father’s Day to all the Fathers! Congratulations to all graduates! Have a safe and blessed summer.

Ciao,
Leonora Barlow

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291
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Happy Father’s Day!
Keevy Sanchez

Oakland Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10
We must report on how very sad Branch 10 members are on the death of our wonderful John Rosa. He was so active in our Branch along with so many other community activities. Our hearts and prayers go out to wife Jan and all the
McShane, Nildo Mussuco, Ezio Maioini Al Musante, Marie Mahaffey, Yoli, Ann, Holly and Al Raineri, Debbie Rubin, Ron Smith, Kristie Smith, Mary Ann Smith, and Father Robert McCann.
We missed Branch President Nancy Carriere at the dinner as she was attending Funeral services for her Father-in Law in Paris, Illinois. We extend our condolences on the loss of family Patriarch Joseph H. Carriere, beloved grandfather of Joe Carriere, father of Jim Carriere, and father-in-Law of Nancy Carriere. Happy Father’s Day Yoli Moglia

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285
Summer will soon be here and the warm weather will be here to stay. Sunshine (Vitamin D) is good for your body. But, the lord is good for your heart AND your soul. Just a second accounting and special “Thank You” to all that made our wonderful and beautiful baskets, and “Silent Auction” that were raffled off.
Our Scholarship Award winner this year is Fitz Patrick Ryan of Granada High School, Livermore, Ca. Our upcoming events for the summer months are: Bishop’s Day, June 16 at Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley, CA. Mass at 10:30 and a Lunch to follow at Stack Hall (Lunch is $30 per person). ICF Golf Tournament, July 27 in Monterey, CA. Happy Birthday wishes are being sent to Chuck Bellavia, Phyllis Bocciferi, Jennie Pezzana, Ed Rocca, Mary Ann Smith, and Father Fitz phosphoryl and thank you for your support of the Contra Costa District Communion Branch.

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Branch 343’s First year College scholarship winner, Joseph Tognolini, with his mom and our branch President Karen Rossi.

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343
What a nice way to begin our May dinner meeting with the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary to honor Our Blessed Mother. Thank you, all who were able to join us. And thank you all to the cooks who helped put a wonderful ravioli dinner together, “it takes a village”!
After dinner we were able to meet our scholarship recipient and his mother, congratulations to Joseph Tognolini of Castro Valley High School. We wish him success in his studies of civil engineering at Cal Poly Tech, San Luis Obispo.
Glad to have Bryon Griffith on the road to recovery and able to join us for dinner. Keep up the hard work, Byron.
Hope all who attended the Night for the Seminarians had a wonderful time here at OLG and thank you for your support of the Central Committee and their fundraiser. President Karen Rossi and secretary Pat Grasso are Br. 343 delegates to the convention in September.
Happy Fathers Day to all fathers, grandfathers and godfathers and about to be fathers. See you in July, no meeting in June.
Pat Grasso

Branch 13 members gather at Wedgewood Country Club in Pittsburgh for the Contra Costa District Installation of Officers. Pictured from left to right are newly installed officers: Sentinel Paul Cook, President Tom Cook, Financial Secretary/Treasurer Mary Cook, Recording Secretary Rosemary Cook, First Vice President Patty Jarrett, Trustees Mary Lynn Rogers and Peggy Hagerly, and Chaplain Deacon Albert Dizon from St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez.

Contra Costa District Council
Branches in The Contra Costa District are busy preparing for the ICF convention this September. At the April 25 District meeting Roselyne Jarrett (Grand Trustee of the Central Council and member of Branch 72 in Pittsburgh) gave us information regarding the agenda, finances and travel. We are grateful to her for this information.
We want to thank Walter Costa and the Richmond Branch for a job well done in hosting the recent Bishop’s Day honoring the Most Reverend Alex J. Brumett, Archbishop Emeritus of the Seattle Diocese and Apostolic Administrator of the Oakland Diocese. It was held at Pont Richmond at Our Lady Of Mercy church on April 21. The Bishop was presented with a seminary bursar at the luncheon following the mass. Walker, thank you for your efforts in making the day so pleasant! Thank you Roselyne for your help.
Our district voted to sponsor a hole at the ICF Golf Tournament to be held in July in Monterey.
The next District meeting will be on June 27 at Saint Isidore’s in Danville. Happy Father’s Day!

Martinez
St. Catherine, Br. 13
Great company for Sunday morning Mass and breakfast at Saint Catherine Church for the Contra Costa District Communion Breakfast on Saint Patrick’s Day! Thanks for the attendance of our wonderful Chaplains Deacon Dave (born in Ireland) and Deacon Albert (born in the Philippines) who still think the “I” and “F” in our initials stand for Irish and Filipino! And, to all those in attendance from around the District who supported our Faith Formation Program. May and June bring the opportunity to remember mothers and fathers, both living and deceased. Please remember them all in your prayers. And, we have a special request from our ICF greater family: please keep in your prayers our friend and parishesioner, eighty year old Dominic who is battling brain cancer. We are praying for a miracle. Thank you.
Ciao for now! Mary Cook

Crockett
San Carlos, Br. 14
Whether we call it a Mother’s/Sfather’s Day Celebration or a Cinco de Mayo Festival, our May meeting was filled with delicious Mexican food and much laughter. Bravo to our talented cooks, and special thanks to Richard Haisley and Vonda Egan’s family. Get well wishes to Wanda Abbondonza, Vicki Cristephe, Jim Dooley and Bonnie Leal, and our sympathy to Pat Mueller on the death of her sister.
In typical Branch 14 fashion, we initiated new members Ron and Jackie Blair of Tracy and David and Mary Jo Townsend of Crockett. All told interesting life stories, as did Andrea DeSild Carrington, who joined in April. Unfortunately, the June 21 card night has been cancelled. Save those dollars for the
Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72
Our remembrance Mass was held on May 25 at Good Shepherd church. We went to dinner afterwards to celebrate the lives of our deceased members. Our scholarship recipient this year is Montel Brown. The scholarship was made possible by Joan’s bus trip. Thanks Joan! The next bus trip is the Reno overnighter. We will leave Pittsburg on June 23 and stay at the Nugget. We will return on June 24. For reservations call Joan at 925-625-0863.
Convention raffle tickets can be purchased by calling Jane at 925-432-7889. The branch gets a kick back on the ticket sales.

Concord
St. Agnes, Br. 214
Our 5th Annual Tea was a Fun & Successful Day. It was a sell-out. Special thanks to Sandra Debrech for playing the piano so beautifully throughout the event. We also thank everyone who helped, we could not have done this without you.
San Bernardino
Fontana
St. Joseph, Br. 210
Well we haven’t had a meeting yet this Month since Mother’s Day fell on the second Sunday. So I have to get this out to make the 15th deadline. Our President and his wife are on vacation in the British Isles so our Vice President Tony Selvaggi will lead the meeting. We will elect our Delegates for the Convention and make some other decisions and plans for hosting it. Our Branch must supply at least 24 dozen cookies for Sunday Night and we will need help staffing the various areas and planning the Thursday Dinner.

Nan Judge and Pat Grisafe are making the baskets for the Dinner Raffle if anyone wants to help. Things are working out pretty well at the District meetings in planning the tours and other activities. Bob Coyne Vice President from Branch 303 is doing a bang up job out there in the desert. Their President never too many cooks in an Italian kitchen! Branch 217 cooks during the annual sausage sale include: (left to right) Barbara Keough, Johnny Walker and Carmen Hynds.

Redlands
Sacred Heart, Br. 217
Well, Branch 217 in Redlands is certainly booming! We successfully raised over $1,000 at our annual Italian sausage and bake sale, thanks to the many wonderful cooks and bakers among us. (See photograph) The sausage sandwiches were swimming in flavor, smerothered with marinara sauce and topped with a mixture of sautéed onions and delicious bell peppers, all wrapped in a soft Italian bun. (I am drooling just thinking about it!) There ARE never too many cooks in this Italian kitchen!! We were saddened by the passing of Paul Nardella, the brother of one of our beloved members, Luann Wegener. We had a beautiful memorial mass celebrated in his honor and donations flowed in from his family, friends and loved ones. Our members are gearing up for the upcoming annual convention versus practically in our backyard. We are baking cookies and putting together gift baskets for the event. We also celebrated birthdays this past month, including Barbara DiMaria, Harriet Mooney (birthday on the same day), We are looking forward to the June birthday of Rosa “Meline” Gilpatrick who will soon celebrate her 100th BIRTHDAY! Happy birthday Meline! Finally, we congratulate our president, Craig Cremer, on his marriage to his high school sweetheart, Jennifer on March 30. Congratulations, both of you! Thanks! Barbara Keough Secretary, Branch 217 Redlands, California

San Diego
St. Therese, Br. 261
Congratulations to all who assisted at the April – Spring Dinner Party. The cannoli and pizzelles were especially delicious! A few of our members have been ill… Special prayers go out to Mike DeViac and Vince Osterberg. We understand that both are doing much better now. We truly missed them in our kitchen at the April Party… It was a surprise to have Sean… Pamela Carrocio’s son… volunteers to help in the kitchen. We also had two other helpers… Jason & Margaret … who were working to obtain points required by our grade school parents… Our Raffle Committee did such an excellent job. One guest purchased $40 of raffle tickets… One prize was most attractive. Thanks to KayMarcantoni for chairing the Raffle Committee. Our March meatball sandwich sale was a sell-out… Over 200 sandwiches were sold… Our Treasurer – Pamela Carrico Tallarida has introduced a double contribution – relative to our major events. The Excel printout was presented at our officers’ meeting. The usual 30 minute critique took less than 10 minutes… Members have requested that our branch investigate the possibility of arranging a San Diego District bus trip to the Sunday Convention Mass in Palm Springs. Victor Tallarida Sr.

San Francisco
San Francisco
District Council
Remember these dates:
June 11 – No Meeting
July 6, 2013 – Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser with raffle. 12:00 Noon cocktails, 1:00pm lunch with raffle to follow
July 2013 – No Meeting

San Francisco
Maria S S Immacolata, Br. 1
Dear Members,
Our Mother/Father Spuntino was enjoyed by all.
Please note the following upcoming events:
June 23 – Branch Mass 10:30am ICC
July 3 – Spuntino and Raffle. 6:30pm Cost $15.00 Reservations Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a Raffle Prize.
Please continue prayers for Oretta Scaletti. Happy Fathers Day to all Branch 1 Fathers!
Ciao, Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
Our regular meeting on May 11, the day before Mothers’ Day was very well. Our meeting luncheon theme was “Pizza Party” and the pizza came from Tony’s Restaurant. Thank you Dora and Norma for making the arrangements with the restaurant and Lottie for making and donating the salad. Cosmo bought the ice cream and picked up the pie from a certain Maria Gloria gave each one of us a beautiful flower made of beautifully colored soap and a Perugina Baci dolce. A great big “grazie” to everyone who helped so much.
Again, our Heritage Chairlady Maria Gloria had very interesting subjects prepared for us. She first spoke to us about St. Jemma Galgani, the Patron Saint of Lucca. Her Feast Day is May 16. Maria gave each one of us a copy of St. Jemma’s life story. Did you know Fr. Landi at St. Cecilia’s Church is related to St. Jemma? She also spoke to us about Mothers’ Day. This year Mothers’ Day is also celebrated with a beautiful photo of St. Jemma.

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St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229
The May highlight for Branch 229 was the dinner given by the branch for the benefit of our Mamma Dee Out Reach Program. At the yearly Gala we auctioned a dinner to be prepared by Branch 229 and served at the rectory with our two priests Fr. John Dolan and Fr. Jacob Bertrand. The meal auctioned for $400! Many members were very much looking forward to make it worthy. With ‘chef’ Chris Geis (co president) at the helm preparations began, several members acted as servers, servers, bartenders and sommeliers. An atmosphere which was decided on Chris and his co chef did the honors, spending two days preparing the meal. The evening was phenomenal and all present were happy with the outcome. Our summer months will hopefully be quiet, which would be very welcome as we had a very busy first four months. We look forward to the district picnic and the coming convention.
May Our Lord keep you safe with any travels you have planned.
Stay Happy!!!
God Bless you all,
Toni Hildebrand

San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
Ciao, Ciao,
Branch 230 held its Annual Pancake Breakfast for Scholarships on Sunday, April 21. Thanks to Jack Battaglia and the set up crew for helping Mary Lou Terranegra and Theresa Cuti set up the Parish Hall. Thank you to all who helped with the shopping, in the kitchen and those who worked in the dining room. Thank you also to members who sent in donations and who came for breakfast. We were able to raise enough money to donate two 1st year scholarships, the first will go to Kellen Brower, who attends Cathedral Catholic High School, the second to Morgan Reitano, who attends Mira Mesa High School. We hope to have both Scholarship recipients and some of their families on hand for our General Meeting, Friday June 21 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. We are looking for some help for going through the Church Archives searching for photographs, etc that recount our Parish’s rich history with Commercial Fishing in San Diego. We need someone who will recognize the persons, places and equipment in the photos, you do not need to be a member of our Parish to help us. We will be using the materials for our new Heritage Display at our Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser for Our Lady of the Rosary, next Lenten Season. Remember our Branch Picnic at Spanish Landing Park on Sunday (all-day) July 21, all members and friends of our Parish are invited. Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and our servicemen and women.
Pace di Cristo
Richard Barker

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342
A big thank you goes out to all who helped to make our annual picnic a great success! Members were able to enjoy a beautiful outdoor mass a great meal prepared by Chef Gary and his helpers, and fun family games. Another big thank you goes out Sacramento District President Tina Tallman and District Sergeant at Arms who attended our May Member’s Meeting. They were able to share news from the district and visit with our members.
At our Annual Appreciation meeting we were delighted to honor longtime member Norma Harris for her service to our branch. Since 1982, Norma has worked hard to help the branch preserve its heritage and traditions. She has always given generously of her time and talents. Norma has also given many financial donations to our branch and in the name of JCF. We are so proud to have a member as wonderful as Norma and it was our great privilege to recognize her at our dinner. We were also delighted to announce our scholarship winners. Ariana Jensen is this year’s recipient of our college scholarship. Ariana is the granddaughter of longtime member Bud Prosser and daughter of members Todd and Ariana Jensen. Recipients of our high school scholarships will be announced in our next bollettino.
Ciao!
Pam Andersen
Bollettino Contributor

Never too many cooks in an Italian kitchen! Branch 217 cooks during the annual sausage sale include: (left to right) Barbara Keough, Johnny Walker and Carmen Hynds.

From April 6th to May 1st, we have been celebrating the month of Mother’s Day. We have introduced our 2013 Mamma De Out Reach recipients who are:

- Barbara DiMaria, Br. 1
- Luann Wegener, Br. 38
- Nancy Reitano, Br. 229
- Maria Ll. Tarranegra, Br. 38
- Theresa Cuti, Br. 230
- Leafie Caracciolo, Br. 1

On April 21st, branches were challenged to cook for our dinner and prepare a meal for our 2013 Mamma De recipients. I am happy to say that all branches did the honors. One of my highlights for this month was the beautiful photos of each of our branches.

San Francisco
in Italy on May 12. Maria, all our members truly appreciate your interesting heritage reports. We are lucky to have you as a member of Branch 38.

Next month, our meeting will be on June 8 in the PC at 11:30am. Later, we are having a “Brown Bag Luncheon” and a surprise dessert. Ines will phone you with specifics. Thank you Ines for being our “Phone Call Lady”. “Happy Fathers’ Day to all the Dads, Uncles, Godfathers in the ICF!”

Reminder Branch 38: No Meeting In July... we are on vacation!!!!

Ciao!

Ci Vediamo il 8 di giugno! 

Mara Amato

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 238

A big Thank You to all who attended our Champagne Bingo on April 7. We had another very successful Champagne Bingo. Every one enjoyed the delicious Chicken lunch. Thanks to Florence for arranging our lunch with the caterer. Big hand for all who worked Sat. and Sun. It is always a big job!

We are all very happy that Barbara Bottarini is at home now and doing better. We have missed you at our meetings. Thanks for continuing submitting our article for the Bollettino. We appreciate this, Barbara. We will be going to Yosemite May 27-28-29. Looking forward to this trip.

On June 11 we will be having our Pot Luck dinner and raffle. We always have the most delicious foods. We fill 2 long tables. Come join us for a lovely dinner. You won’t go home hungry. Call Mary Perata for reservations: 415-239-5936.

Please remember our ill members and deceased members in your prayers.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Fathers.

Ciao
Eva Perata, Pres.

San Francisco
Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Cari Membri,

Please join us on Thursday, June 20, for a lovely dinner. You won’t go home hungry. Call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939 for dinner reservations.

There will be no meeting in July, so we will assemble on August 15 for our complimentary summer dinner.

Please keep our president, Mario, in your prayers and also Joyce Nitti and other members who are experiencing health issues.

Ciao,
Jeanette

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Thanks to everyone who participated in our garage sale...those of you who donated items, those who worked so many hours, and those who donated goodies for the crew. Last, but not least, to George and Nancy Pagni, for their generosity in the use of their garage and their hospitality to the workers. Without them, our sale would not have been possible. To top it all off, we had a great time and made money for our charities.

Thanks to all who donated prizes and brought food for our Mothers and Fathers celebration at our May meeting. Let’s not forget everyone who bought raffle tickets. Those attending had a wonderful time. If you have yet to come to one of our meetings, please accept our invitation to join in the fun.

Deck members: Adelina Campini, John Fiore, Peggy Ndn, and Gina Irwin. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next meeting on June 12. No meeting in July.

Ciao and God Bless,
Ann Basino

San Francisco

Night hosted by Branch 351 (Menlo Park). District Communion: Branch 213 and Branch 351. Dates will be announced later. Christmas hosted by Branch 130.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers Father Frank Murray and Nancy Van Tricht. Note: Father Frank’s address is currently 2087 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Please send him a card when you can.

He still needs rides to dialysis at Mills Hospital.

Call Mr. Conrad #650-386-2705.

Happy Father’s Day!

Peace and Love,
Anne O’Brian

Redwood City
Regina Coeli, Br. 6

I would like to encourage you to attend our meetings. The membership is dwindling and attendance has dropped. Please join us so we can keep our Branch alive!

Please purchase your convention raffle tickets. The branch keeps $10/book so this is an easy way for our branch to raise money.

July 27, BBQ -- Tri tip and all of the delicious trimmings. More details will follow.

You may call Barbara for reservations 650-323-0189.

Please keep Nancy in your prayers. It was nice to have Catherine Boyle back at our meeting after her badly broken ankle.

Happy Father’s Day!

Ciao,
BP

South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

To celebrate “Cinco de Mayo,” the May dinner meeting was chaired by Gayle & Bill Mangini. They did a wonderful Mexican meal and, as always, the meal was outstanding. We all appreciate their efforts along with all the work done by our helpers.

Don’t forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. There will be no fundraisers during this break. Our Hawaiian Night Fundraiser will be sometime in the month of August, with The “Western BBQ Dinner-Dance” Fundraiser sometime in the month of October. We will send out more information on these events as time draws near.

Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 7. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization.

So, until next time, another thought to ponder... As we begin thinking about our summer travel plans always remember, “A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a Detour!” Happy Vacation to all!

Sempre Avanti
Laurie Munetti

Colma
San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

A big “Thank You” to Cheryl Simon for hosting the ice cream social on May 13th. as well as chairing the Baccalaureate Mass and breakfast on May 22 for te 2013 class of Jefferson High School.

Our President Kathy Travizo will be representing Branch 19 as our delegate to the Convention in Palm Springs. Al Heckman is our alternate.

Looking ahead: June 10 -- Pullled Pork/Sloppy Joe dinner hosted by Debbie and Kathy, 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

Reservations by June 7 to Cheryl at 650-755-8007

June 15 - Champagne Bingo -$16 includes one card, 1.30 Champagne, 2:30 Chicken dinner. Reservations by June 13 to Debbie 650-583-0805.

June 24 - 4 of July favors - 7:30 at Debob's 225 Wildwood Dr., So. San Francisco July 8 -- Hot Dog dinner and Scholarship recipient winner's night.

May all your Dad's enjoy a special day with their families on Father’s Day, June 16.

Ruth Lapachet

San Mateo

St. Mary's Ave., Br. 163

Greetings! Many thanks to Frank Venturelli, Jim Loman, Ed Galli and Harold Fuentes for serving the delicious refreshments at the Mothers’ Day Social in May. Sorry I couldn’t be there. Will report on the election of Convention Delegates next month.

Remember to sell or buy your Convention raffle tickets, $20 per book. Send your money to Virginia Fuentes at 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002 as soon as you can.

This year’s convention will be held at the La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA, Friday, August 30, 2013 to September 2, 2013. The theme is “Living the Year of Faith.”

Thursday, June 6, 2013 – Chicken dinner and meeting. Members $9.00, Guest $11.00. Send check to Anne Guerin, 3040 Del Ray St., San Mateo, CA 94403.

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – River Rock Casino trip, price $40.00. Pickup will be at St. Mark’s Church, 7:15am. Send check to Virginia Fuentes at 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, payable to ICF Branch 163. These casino trips make up a good part of our funding. Hope you can come. Remember in our prayers Father Frank Murray, Rose Marie Sickie and Nancy Van Tricht.

Happy Fathers’ Day!

God Bless!

Anne O’Brian

Burhalingue

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We were lucky to have as our guest for our May meeting Ms. Laurie Levine who spoke to us about Cooley’s Anemia. Some of our new members as well as many of us older ones were interested in how far the research and therapy has improved to enable patients to live longer lives. Our donations have been instrumental in helping to attain this goal.

Bea Tomassello and Sandra Bennett made us
Our Champagne Bingo Luncheon is here! Please keep Helen and her husband Lorenzo trumper, attending functions, going on trips, socialize with their members.

Our recent fundraiser the Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner held on May 19 was a success, thanks to the chef Lorrice Kalos Gunn and Carla Del Carlo and their crew. Our next monthly meeting to be held on June 4 will begin with a complete chicken dinner, including wine and dessert for $8.00. For reservations send check by May 31 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. We have no monthly meeting in July.

Corresponding Secretary, Rose Marie Morando

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327
Hi All, April's meeting was great! Erin Maffitt made ravioli (meat and cheese) for our dinner and we all enjoyed it to say the least! We decided to delay the vote on who to send to the convention till the May meeting.

We were honored by a visit from District Council, Dianne Barnes. I hope she gives a good report. Gayton and marie took a bunch of people to Reno for three days. We'll be anxious to find out if anyone was a big winner.

We lost a long time member Joseph (Joe) Cirigliano. Joe and his wife can be visited, who were there to help during his illness. One of the benefits of having so many children. He will be missed.

Till next month.
God Bless – Ciao, Carole

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327
On Tuesday, May 21 we began the evening with a Mass at St. Patrick’s Church said by Fr. Lawrence Vadakkan. Congratulations to Gabriella Aversa from Marin Catholic High School who was our 2013 scholarship winner. We also honored special members Luciana Buonocristiani, Dolores Enos, Augie Morelo, Lois Pieri, and Remy Moret. Our new members are Amanda Borries, Naomi Chiappellone, Lucila Dellanta, Ralph Della Sintata, Laura Franceschi, and Hank Ingwersen. A spuntino followed in Healy Hall for everyone to enjoy. We thank everyone who made the delicious food.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18.

We wish all the fathers a very Happy Father's Day.

Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren't feeling well. Until next month.
Ciao,
Anna Biggio

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161
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Ciao,
Anna Biggio

Novato
Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332
A big “Welcome Back” to Financial Secretary Lisa Steiner, who has been recovering from a serious illness for the past few months. President Joe Bondonanza welcomed 100 + members and their guests to the May dinner meeting. He also presented the 1st year scholarship to Stephanie Martin in the amount of $400.00 Stephanie will graduate from Marin Catholic High School and has received a soccer scholarship to University of Nevada. She holds dual citizenship and she and her parents Steve & Marilyn will travel to Italy this summer. Congratulations to Eric Wardenburg, Annabella Mieghino, and Ethan Linschayser who will be graduating from high school in June. Marilyn Hunter told us she has 3 grandchildren graduating from high school this year. John Cutrufiel wears many hats these days. A dinner and check for Cub Italia of Marin and does senior rehabilitation construction in the SF Bay Area.

Dave Garbarino will be cruising to Alaska and Jo Bacon will be heading to “The Cape”. Emilia Alioto, 6 year old daughter of Anthony Alioto, speaks Italian and is currently learning Chinese.

Thanks to Dave Garbarino for the music and his wife and her kitchen crew for a delicious dinner.

Congratulations to all the graduates and brides, and Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads and Granddads.

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley District Council

Much appreciation to Pat Cordich and her committee of volunteers who have again provided us with a wonderful day of golf, friendship, and great food. Also, a big thanks to Bill and Marie Greco for a great Day at the Races. When you participate in these fun activities, you support our District’s charities -- and make new friends!!

Keep selling those convention raffle tickets to make money for your branch and to help with convention costs.

District Dates to Remember: Branch and district and CC events:
June 29-Br. 47-Memorial Mass for Fr. DiNardo and dinner for scholarship recipients, Joe Teresi (650) 493-2856
June 23 – District Our Lady of Peace Mass 11:00 A.M. – Lunch at Michael’s at Shoreline, Elaine Osorio (650) 493-5520
July 19- Central Council Golf Tournament - see flyer in Bollettino
August 7 – District San Francisco Giants–Bob Basumo (408)439-1758
August 30-September 2 – ICF Convention at La Quinta. September 7th and 8th 3rd Annual Italian Harvest Festa Morgan Hill -- branches encouraged to participate with a booth.
Contact Jim DiVittorio for information 408-461-0107
October 27 – District Bishop’s Day at St. Francis Cabrini 11:30am.
More info. to follow. Happy Father’s Day!!

Marie Rossit

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4
Our yearly baby back rib dinner was delicious as usual. Thanks to Bill Greco and his committee for a job well done.
June 23- District mass at Our Lady of Peace. Please try to attend the Mass, Mass is at 11:00am. Lunch will follow at Michaels at Shoreline. Choice of Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables, or Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables. For Vegetarians, there is Tortellini and Salad. Call Maria Greco for reservations.
June 29-Branch dinner at Backesto Park. Pot Luck, so bring something to share.

San Jose
District Council

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 215
We were delighted to have our scholarship recipient, Carlo Izzzi, and his father Leno, join us for our monthly meeting. It is always so nice to meet the student who receives our scholarship. Our thanks to Joe and Judy Crosetti for providing the delicious dinner of pizza & salad and a special cake for Carlo. Sadly, we lost a member on Monday, May 13. Helen Minotti passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. She truly was a trooper, attending functions, going on trips, visiting with friends. We will miss her! Please keep Helen and her husband Lorenzo in your prayers.

Our Champagne Bingo Luncheon is here! Hope everyone is supporting this function as it is our only fundraiser for the year! Call Joe Crosetti if you haven’t made reservations yet: 650/589-8377.

The I.C.F. annual convention is coming up over Labor Day in September. President Joe Crosetti will be our delegate and his better half Judy Crosetti will be the alternate. If anyone is interested in attending, please call Joe for information. This year it will be held in La Quinta (Palm Springs).

On June 15, will have a speaker at the 4:30pm Mass to give some information about the Italian Catholic Federation and particularly Branch 213. We hope to get a some new members. So, if you are available, we could use a few members to help after Mass.

Our next dinner meeting is on June 11. Happy Fathers Day and Happy Summer!!

Branch 213’s scholarship recipient: from left to right is Carlo Izzo the recipient Jackie Smith Co-President Joe Crosetti Co-President and Leno Izzo father.

We have three representatives attending our convention in September: Bob Tomasselso, Roz Emyery and, our president, Dorene Cam-paniele. Alternates are: Jean Watterson and Bea Tomasselso.

Please keep Dorothy Ryan in your prayers to help with the sadness of losing her daugh-ter Linda and for John Watterson and Linda Mustachia who are currently on the road to recovery.

God Bless, Rosalind C. Emery
Branch 4 celebrated the annual crowning of Mother Mary. The entire parish community was invited to a 5:30 mass, then proceeded to the CCD courtyard, with song and prayers, after which two of our members, John & Lena Nunes crowned Mother Mary. Santa Clara N.S. Assunta, Br. 5 The goal regarding membership is to keep the members we currently have, and encourage new members. Invite someone today. Events to put on calendar:
June 23, 2013 – District Our Lady of Peace Mass at 11:30am in Santa Clara. All are welcome.
July 14, 2013 - ICF Br. 5 Chicken BBQ – All are welcome. Location: St. Clare’s BBQ Area in Santa Clara. Chicken Dinner and Hot Dogs for children under 12. Chicken Dinner is $12.00 Adults and children is $6.00 under 12. Plans are to hire a person who does face painting for the children. August 4, 2013 – District BBQ – Menu - Tri Tip Dinner. Our branch is responsible for cakes and bake goods, so help and bring some items for the cake booth. Raffle items are needed for the basket at ICF Br. 5 BBQ. Please bring them to the meeting on June 27, 2013 or let Matt Dutra know so he can arrange for you to deliver or pickup items. Thanks ahead of time. Please remember to signup to volunteer for the events this year that we have planned at the Dinner/Meeting. Hope Mothers had a nice day in May. Best wishes to all dads on Father’s Day.

God bless and keep all members, happy and healthy.
Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28 Thank you everyone for your help at the Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle run on May 18. Our proceeds will be presented to Cooley’s anemia and Gifts of Love charities at the convention. Our next dinner meeting will be on June 17 at 6pm in Cullen hall. Our Lady of Peace district mass will be celebrated in Santa Clara on June 23. Please try to attend. More information at our June meeting. The family picnic will be on July 20 at the Santos residence at 1185 Buena Vista Ave. Bring your family and friends. We always have great food and lots of fun in a great park like setting. Kathy and Roger will need help so please step up and volunteer, as we are lucky to have them donate their home every year. As head of the calling committee each month I need a count for the cooks and for the number of tables we need each month. So please let your caller know if you are coming to the meeting. By now you should know who your caller is, so if they leave you a message call back. Thank you. Please pray for our sick and home bound members. Happy Father’s day to all our dads and granddads.
Ciao,
Anna Barberi

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184 Our May meeting was very eventful - a delicious meal organized by Donna Pfaff and Julie Klein-Brusco, and an impromptu installation of our newest member, Ken Lavezzo. We welcome Ken along with new member Teri Trotter and return of members Denise and Susan Pappas.
Eileen Fretich spoke about the Organ Donor 5K Run and Walk for Life, to be held Sept. 21 at Great America. So far, we have a 5-person team ready, more info to come. Call Eileen at 408-438-8842 regarding this worthwhile cause. Congratulations to Laura La Bombarda of Los Gatos High School and to Alexander Alvaert of Ann Sobrato High School, Morgan Hill. They were awarded our scholarships this year.
Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Baby Shower at Rose Armaudo’s home at noon on July 20. Please bring items for infants 0 to 3 month size, unwrapped. Cash is also welcomed. Call Rose at 408-354-4017 to RSVP.
It is once again time for the beautiful outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. The Mass will be held at 11am on June 23. All of the ICF branches will be represented. If you wish to attend the luncheon which follows at Michael’s Restaurant, call Donna Pfaff at (408)265-7902. June sure is a busy month! Time to say Best Dinner and Hot Dogs for children under 12. Plan for the number of tables we need each month.

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191 Our bocce ball season got off to a great start on May 2. The weather was ideal for the first Thursday night pot luck/bocce ball social. The food was delicious and the courts were perfect for players who were eager to roll their ball as close as they could to the pallino. Everyone is welcome at the bocce courts Thursday evening. Everyone is welcome at the bocce courts Thursday evening. Come share a meal, socialize and join in a game of bocce. At our April meeting we welcomed Marge Wagner into our membership. We look forward to seeing Marge at our upcoming events. Our annual Frank Guidace Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 13. If you would like to sign up for the tournament or would like more information, contact Betty Antuza at 408-559-4269.
Donna Tonry is in charge of distributing tickets and collecting money for the convention raffle tickets. Donna has challenged members to sell two or even three books of tickets. Lonnie Swarringim is asking members to bring baby items for the Baby items program to the July meeting. Lonnie, who is dedicated to this ministry, is requesting the baby clothes be sizes 0 to 3 months. Gently used items are also accepted. If you would like to know more about this ministry, contact Lonnie at 408-293-2128.
May all the fathers have happy and blessed Father’s Day.
God bless,
Rosemary Janis

San Jose Santa Teresa, Br. 368 Thank you to our dinner hosts Margaret Balistreri, Marion Danko, and Joe Dyer. Great job! Always a meeting highlight was Ed Wendler’s...
Thanks to Marcie Rossi's hard work in this dollars on additional food sales. Great idea! This helped our branch earn an extra $500+

Ramero lead the May dinner by preparing It is a Branch 391 tradition to have Jessie

We were pleased to award a first year scholarship to Mikayla Redi a senior at Santa Teresa High School. Mikayla is the daughter of Marcello and Mary Redi, long time members of our branch. A special thank you to Marybarbara Zorio and Robyn Schlice for the informative talk regarding the important work that the Grateful Garment Project does in helping sexual abuse victims of all ages. Two delegates and two alternates were elected to attend the ICF Convention “Living The Year of Faith.” Congratulations to delegates Noreen Gilio and Joyce Robba. Our alternates will be John Gilio and Paul Radzinski.

Welcome to Bruce and Marybarbara Zorio our newest members. We are pleased to have them join us. Pat Cordich was instrumental in making our recent District Golf Tournament a huge success. Pat, we appreciate all you do! Our branch had the most participants at this fund-raiser.

Joaan Delfino reported that 23 scholarships were awarded through the Gifts of Love Program. This program was also instrumental in helping the hard of hearing receive their sacraments. Please continue this important work.

Important Dates:

July 19 -- Golf Tournament in Monterey
July 23 -- District Mass at Our Lady of Peace
August 7 -- SF Giants Italian Night
August 16 -- Branch 368 Casino Night
Ciao
Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

It is a Branch 391 tradition to have Jessie Romero lead the May dinner by preparing enchiladas, beans, and rice, but this year she and the “Kitchen Crew” made extra food and sold it to the school prior to the meeting. This helped our branch earn an extra $500+ dollars on additional food sales. Great idea! Thank you to everyone who helped make the meal and impromptu fundraiser possible. Thanks to Marcie Ross’s hard work in this years membership drive, our branch will have 21 new members! At the May meeting we initiated the following people: Linda Ochinero, Patti Fotes, Michael and Lis Glazzy, Jennie McDonagle, Doris Zankich, Bus and Laura Mitchell, and Mary Ann West. Stay tuned because we will also initiate sever-al new members at the next meeting.

In addition to initiating nine new members, our branch recognized three scholarship winners, who are all members of Branch 391. They are John Lencioni, Kevin Schenk, and Anthony Busco. You boys are great examples of young ICF members. We also voted on delegates for this year’s convention. Marcie Rossi, Russ Vento, Donna Rossi, and Steve Lencioni will be our delegates, and Denise Vento and Kathleen Lencioni will be the alternates.

Lastly, Russ Vento will be organizing day trips for ICF members, such as visiting wine county or local casinos. Contact Russ is you are interested.

Peace,
Bianca Valorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to our 2013 ICF First Year Scholarship winner Tatiana Gospe - who is currently a senior at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. Tatiana is very active in her High School and will be attending our next monthly Branch meeting to share some cake with us and receive her award.

Please make an effort to attend the District Mass at Our Lady of Peace under the Large Statue of Mary on Sunday June 23 at 11:00am. Both Fr. George Arahna and Monsignor Joseph Milani will be the Con-Celebrants for this District Event. Lunch follows at Michaels at Shoreline at a cost of $23.00 per 1pm. This has always been something to look forward to attending. Let’s make sure we get another good turn out from the Branch. Please respond by 16 June with your choice of meal – but if you can’t make the meal – please try to attend the Outdoor Mass.

Remember to include our ongoing sick members in your prayers - especially for Virginia Mirrione (who is back home now), Marie Volp and Franco Ciucchella (who is using his new legs and up and walking).

Santerno D’Allesandria, Br. 435

A big thank you to Jerry Caravelli our secretary and chief cook for a delicious dinner he put together at our last dinner meeting on April 25. We were treated to a wonderful meal of his version of Original Joe’s hamburgers (which were just as good as if not better) than the Original Joe’s. He also made a delicious Sicilian potato salad and for dessert we made our own yummy ice cream sundaes. We also enjoyed an interesting Italian heritage story shared by Jim Jones our past president.

Our branch also wants to thank all the people from other ICF branches that came to our fund raiser. It was a huge success.

Please keep in your prayers Loretta Wilson who has had surgery and Virginia Sellers mother who passed away.

Our next dinner meeting is on May 16 and in June it will be on the 20th. Please mark it on your calendars.

Hope you all had a happy Mother’s Day. And God bless all our members.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Healdsburg

San Francesco Di Sales, Br. 52

Our Ravioli Dinner on May 11 was very successful. Guests enjoyed the homemade ravioli, cannoli and local Sonoma wines. Thank you to Pres. Nancy Seppi and everyone who helped make this evening a success. Proceeds benefit Cooley’s Anemia.

Upcoming Events:

June 4 – Offices’ meeting at Mary and John Del Monte’s house, 7pm
June 11 – Father’s Day Dinner. Due to Fr. Walt’s retirement party, we’ve had to change the date of this event. Time: 6:30pm in the Parish Activity Center. Tickets available from Dec.- 433-5454, Mary -433-4821, or Nancy 433-4708. Price: $10.00. Fathers over 80 are complimentary. We will have a short meeting, elect our Convention Delegates and take our yearly branch photo this evening. Plan on attending.

June 23 – Fr. Walt’s Retirement Party. Please check the branch newsletter and the Parish Bulletin for more details. Fr. Walt has been extremely supportive of the ICF while he’s been pastor of St. John’s. Plan on attending the party and wishing Father well in his retirement. We’ll miss him!

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Members of Branch 12 celebrating the branch’s 85th anniversary.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Allesandria, Br. 435

(Top Right) Br. 52 President Nancy presents Ellie Sweeney and Elinore Filice with the branch’s two scholarships.

(Top Left) Dr. John Tomasini of Branch 52 shows off the lovely tote and flowers he won in the raffle.

(Left) At Branch 52’s Ravioli Dinner Pres. Nancy Seppi leads the kitchen crew is cooking an excellent ravioli dinner.

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July -- No meeting. Aug. 6 -- Regular meeting at Nancy Seppi's house. It was great seeing Anna Filice and Julie Tomasin at the Ravioli dinner. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Happy Father's Day! Lauren Kilculien.

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103
Our scholarship dinner attracted a record number crowd. Winner Gianna Biagi will be attending college in Ohio, and Sam Denning will be at Benedictine College in Kansas. Because of a senior project commitment, Alison Cogbill was unable to be with us. Both Gianna and Sam had graduated 8th grade from St. Francis Solano Elementary School, and our chaplain Father Mike congratulated the former students of his parish. The quarterly Mass will be on June 9, 9am, at St. Francis Solano Church with breakfast at The Palms Grill following. In June our dinner meeting on June 11 will consist of salmon, meatloaf and dessert. For reservations, call Lila Borogno (707) 996-3448.

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127
Our Pizza/Bingo Nite was a great success. The turnout of members was wonderful with some prospective members in attendance. Everyone went home with their tummies full of pizza and dessert. Some went home with money and everyone had a good time.

Please send in your donations for the bakeless bake sale to Margaret Cordrey. Also send in your convention tickets to Tula Bogagna or bring them to the next meeting. It is so important to the Branch to get these in. The Reno Trip was a great success. I didn’t hear of any big winners but everyone had fun. Thanks to Kathleen Walker for her hard work.

June 9 - Quarterly Communion Mass for living and deceased - St. Vincent's Church - 10:30am. Breakfast/lunch to follow at the Bouquet Café, Petaluma Blvd. For info and reservations call Kathleen 763-7354.

June 10 - Regular Meeting
July 8 - Regular Meeting
Get well wishes to Dennice DiGirolamo and Sharon Hromek and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversaries to all celebrating in May and June. Happy Father’s Day! Remember be nice to others, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vincenzi.

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144
Our Mother's/Father’s Day Progressive Dinner was wonderful. We only had about 28 people but great food and great fun. Thank you to the Proctor and the Evans families for hosting us. Our April Biscotti sale earned $422. Thank you so much to all of you who baked, bought or worked. Our Convention Delegates will be Jacque and Rosemary. If you do not have your Convention Raffle tickets, you will receive them soon. All money and tickets stubs must be returned to Linda Spallino by August 1. Remember... each member is asked to sell at least 1 book, so let’s get it with our Heritage Day Celebration and Bocci tournament will be held on July 21st. Please plan to participate. We voted to send $100 to the Seminarian Fund, to the Arcata House Partnership, and to Gifts of Love. $500 will go to Ciooie's Anemae. Happy Birthday to Joan Dal Porto and Barbara Vanni. Please pray for our ill: Mary Tanferani and Don Vanni. June is the time we honor our Fathers, both Earthly and Heavenly. Dear St. Joseph, thank you for nurturing our Savior Jesus and His Mother Mary. We pray that we can at least come close to your example.

Ciao,
Linda

Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145
Our May 14 meeting was a delicious pizza potluck. A big thank you to all members who brought the pizza and also to all those who helped Marian with the set up and clean-up.

After our potluck, Marian and Jerry Colvis introduced this year’s two scholarship winners. The Colvis scholarship recipient is Carolyn Smullin, from Eureka High. Carolyn plans to attend UC Berkeley and study Bi-chemistry and then to medical school to study pharmacology. Congratulations Carolyn! Also congratulations to her parents Don and Cecilia Smullin.

The recipient of the Chris Castle Memorial scholarship is Brooke Wahlund, also from Eureka High. Brooke will attend Sonoma State. Her course of study will be psychology, with a concentration in child psychology. Her long term goal is to someday have her own practice. Congratulations Brooke and also to your parents Mark and Tina Wahlund. We then held a short business meeting. Marian reported that in the next few months we will be concentrating on how to go about increasing our membership.

Future dates to put on your calendar are the fireworks sale, July 1st through the fourth; the mezzo Agosto picnic on August 11th. ICF will host; Joe Bonino will chair our committee for the event. September will be the Italian Festa. The Sons of Italy will host; more information will follow.

Our next meeting will be June 11 at 7pm. As always, please pray for all of our members and their families, especially those who have lost a loved one.

Peace and good health to all,
Nancy Paoli

Cotati
St. Joseph, Br. 150
Our May Mother’s/Father’s Day dinner at Olive Garden was wonderful. It was such a nice change. Thank you to Tom and Carol Saksa for hosting our dinner. Hope that everyone had a Happy Mother’s Day and upcoming Father’s Day.

Our next function is the scholarship dinner. I hope we will have a good turnout. We have 9 graduates this June. We don’t have a meeting in July so our next dinner meeting is in August. We are hosting the next district meeting in June. Tom Saksa will be making the food with members making salads. We will be needing raffle prizes for that meeting too. After our scholarship dinner we will have a short meeting. We would like to get an idea of where we are going with our club.

Emily’s surgery is rescheduled for June 11. I will keep everyone updated. She is having a tumor removed from her Pituitary gland, it is benign, at UCSF. Please keep those prayers and good thoughts coming her way. The power of prayer is wonderful.

Please pray for our ill members and recuperating ones. Bless them all.

Happy Summer,
Susan Daly

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198
Dear Brothers & sisters. As we reach the mid point of 2013 President Bob Acquistapacca asks each one of us to ask a friend or relative to join us in the I.C.F. A few more members will give a helping hand to our dinners, expand our heritage programs, and financially allow us to increase our charity and good works. Bring a prospective member to our next meeting July 1 in the Parish Life Center at 6:30pm.

Thanks to Randy Apel, Kathy Acquistapacca, John Kennedy and Marie Lagomarsino for helping to make our April fundraiser a real success.

With 12 of our 13 scholarship winners and their families at our May 6 dinner, we see the value of helping really great young Italian Catholics as they leave high school and start a new life as a first year student in college. Please pray for all our members, living and deceased. We must never forget the value of prayer in our lives and in the fraternity of I.C.F. brothers and sisters.

Happy Fathers Day to all you Dad’s! Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol
St. Michael, Br. 209
Members and guests enjoyed our annual Mother’s Day/Scholarship Winners Dinner which consisted of Lasagne, green salad, garlic bread and specially decorated white and chocolate cakes for dessert. Our guests were scholarship winners Julia & Elizabeth Ornell, Peyton Bogges and their families. Our fourth scholarship winner is Colm Corsetti, grandson of District President Dintie Corsetti and his wife, Jackie, who traveled to Alaska for Colm’s graduation.

Again this month, Branch 209 is participating in the “Get on the Bus” program which provides a child an opportunity to visit his or her father who is currently incarcerated. Our ReBoot tournament had to be canceled this month.

Our next tournament is scheduled for Aug. 17. The election of convention delegates has been postponed to next year’s meeting.

We were pleased to have Trustee Bud Polley back with us at the meeting following his recent heart surgery. We learned, also, that Don Becchetti had been hospitalized; however, he came home on the day of our meeting. Get well soon, Don!

Upcoming
June 6 -- Board Meeting
June 8 -- Quarterly Communion
June 11 -- Regular Meeting/Father’s Day Dinner
July -- No meeting
Happy Father’s Day!
Lorna Bertoli
Stockton

Stockton District Council

Stockton District will host their annual picnic August 18, 2013 at Escalon Community Park 1051 Escalon Ave. Escalon. It will begin at 11:00am with lunch approximately 1:00pm ending at 5:00pm. Cost is $15.00 per person. It will be a steak dinner with all the trimmings. Invite your family and friends, bring your bocci game, horse shoes, cards or any game you might enjoy playing.

Reservations should be in to Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 no later than August 12, 2013.

Cecelia McGhee

Tucson

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

This will be the last article until September. With all the snow birds gone and people taking vacation trip during the summer months we don’t have enough people here to have meeting doing June, July and August. Our next meeting will be our pizza meeting in September. This year picnic at Madara Canyon was great. We had a good turnout and plenty of food. We also had Mariam Flanagan play the organ while everyone was eating. It looked like everyone had a good time, except for a couple of people that were misinformed about the time of the picnic. We need to apologize for the mix up. After everyone ate all they could, a few of us played a game called Mexican dominos, which was quite a lot of fun. The rest of the members were engaged in conversations. Again I’d say it turned out to be a nice day that the canyon, the weather was beautiful. See you all in September.

God Bless all our Members, Joe Vivaldi

Branch 425 picnic at Madara Canyon.

Tucson

Green Valley

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

It has been a very pleasant spring here in So. Arizona (Tucson). Now, however, we are heating up... soon we will be in the triple digits! Our branch has been preparing the calendar for next year’s events and also, preparing for convention. This year, for the first time, we are sending two delegates, Donna Raffanti and Frank Cantania. We hope their experience will be very rewarding and lots of fun!

Branch 425 picnic at Madara Canyon.

The granddaughter of Bill and Loretta Brevaire, Sara Slingerland, is one of the recipients of this year’s First-time Scholarship award. Sara is extremely intelligent (with a high GPA). She plays softball at her Catalina Foothills High School and also works part-time at the Gelato store, “Frost.” (I believe that probably is one of the best after-school, part-time jobs one could have!) We honored her at our last meeting, May 11, presenting her with the scholarship certificate and a beautiful long-stemmed rose. Sara is a well-deserving high school senior and we congratulate her on her graduation and wish her the best in college. Sara will be attending the University of Arizona.

Ciao for now; Loretta Brevaire

Angel’s Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

This month, we are keeping all our sick ICF members in our prayers, especially Amy Schenid. Thank you for all your hard work and friendship, Amy.

As she stated in last month’s Bollettino, we are preparing for our annual Western BBQ Dinner Dance. June 15 is the date, and the BBQ steaks always taste great! The price this year is $20 for each adult steak dinner, and those 12 years and younger eat a hot dog or hamburger dinner for free.

There will be raffles, George Fontaine with live music, and dancing! The St. Patrick’s Parish Youth Group will be there to serve dinner in Gramer Hall. Bette Acitelli will chair the event and we are already getting our plans underway.

The meeting ended with a celebration of our very active member Larry Masi’s 90th Birthday! Happy Birthday, Larry, and many more!!

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer! Bette Acitelli, Recording Secretary

Branch 433 presents its scholarship to Melissa Rodriguez. President Henry Fleischmann presented Fr. Crino checks from the St. Joseph Table, for the School and Parish of SS Peter & Paul.