



BOLLETTINO



Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2018 Convention

Application Process

1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office by August 1 in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a Branch Delegate to the Convention.

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention yearbook; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by June 1.
 2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com.
- Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.
2. Campaign flyers and campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food related favors are permitted so long as the item does not compete with the hotel's food and beverage guidelines. For example: candy would be acceptable by the hotel, but not wine or other beverages as these items would take away revenue from the hotel bar.

3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. In lieu of candidate hospitality rooms/campaign parties, refreshments hosted by the Central Council will be served during "Meet the Candidates." If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the I.C.F. Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.

8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

Thank you for your interest in being a Central Council Member!

Convention Don't Miss Events:

THURSDAY AUGUST 30TH 6:00PM
REMEMBERING FRANK SINATRA
"The Man and His Music"
IN CONCERT
Patrizia The Sultry Lady of Jazz



Begin your exciting weekend! The San Diego Tour Trolley takes you to St Therese Social Center. A lavish Cocktail Reception, Exquisitely prepared Sinatra inspired Gourmet Dinner, catered by the Executive Chefs from RoVino+Rotisserie+Wine Restaurant. Enjoy a memorable Musical Concert featuring Sinatra's original music, sung by **HIGHLY ACCLAIMED AWARD WINNING JAZZ VOCALIST/RECORDING ARTIST/COMPOSER PATRIZIA THE SULTRY LADY OF JAZZ** accompanied by her Outstanding Band, followed by Dancing to the band and Raffle Prizes Extraordinaire. Don't miss this, memorable, exciting, fun time for the entire family.

For more information, Contact Patricia Postal 619.479.4404 or pat.postal@mcasterinc.org
 Schedule for The San Diego Tour Trolley, Loading, Departure and Return to your Hotel will be available, once all Tour Reservations are completed. Tentative Departure 5:30PM-5:45PM Return 10:30PM-10:45PM.
 Black tie Optional (Limited Seating) Additional Information: www.patriziasultryladyofjazz.com

THURSDAY EVENING - REMEMBERING FRANK SINATRA "The Man and His Music" AUGUST 30th 6:00 PM
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Grand President's Monthly Message by Andrew Pappani

May is the month we celebrate the life and devotion of Mother Mary.

We traditionally adorn the statues of Mary in church with crowns of flowers and recite decades of the rosary in her honor. In addition, some branches throughout the Federation have a ceremony for the crowing of Mary.

Her love and devotion to her son, Jesus, is something any mother can appreciate.



During the month of May we also honor our own mothers. Their love and devotion to their children and families makes them very special to all of us, and most deserving of having a special day in their honor.

Within our organization there are many women who are mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts. They too have helped the ICF from its beginning as devoted members and have been the strong backbones of each branch.

If it were not for a woman like Lady Augusta Providenza, supporting Sir Luigi, the ICF would not be where it is today. The women of the ICF were diligent in their commitment to the organization and all the while still kept their families running at home. For this, and too many other reasons to count, we are eternally grateful to all of the mothers in our lives.

Thought of Mind

"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."

-- Vince Lombardi

Happy Mother's Day!

*God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation,
Andrew J Pappani*

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Monkey See, Monkey Do

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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One day recently, I celebrated Mass for the school children. After I proclaimed the gospel, I stood in front of the altar and silently stretched out my arms. Suddenly the children did too! I raised my arms up and they followed. This was getting good.

I rubbed my belly and then made circles with my arms. Every time I made a gesture, the children imitated what I did. Not a word was spoken! Children imitate very easily.

Not only children, adults do too. How did the style of growing beards start? We see men with beards on television, on the basketball courts, on news programs, in baseball stadiums, even on teenagers who are too young to grow a mature beard. I have

the Italian TV channel, RAI, and I notice beards all over the place. What used to be the exception has now become the norm for men of all ages. How did it start?

Women's hair styles also have trends. Just watch the news on TV. A woman on a major TV network started to part her long hair down the middle. In a week, or so, many women imitated that style. Now, if you notice, the part is moving to one side. The styles will always keep on changing.

Men's ties not only change designs, but change width. I notice the ties are getting narrower lately. Side burns go up and down. So do women's hems. Even little kids who don't understand it do the "high-five."

Let's face it, we are all imitators in one way or another. It's a part of being human.

However, we want to be selective. There



is good imitating and bad imitating. We always want to choose the good, making Christ our spiritual model. We don't have to look like the medieval paintings of Him, complete with long hair parted in the middle and a long beard; but we should model our daily actions on His, striving to love Him and our neighbor in every way. We want always to choose the good. Let us choose to be imitators of Christ! That is our goal.

Increasing Branch Membership by Working Together

Ed Leonard
Membership Committee Member

Membership! No doubt you've heard this word mentioned and written about recently regarding each branches' role in the big picture of the Italian Catholic Federation's drive for members and more importantly, membership retention.

Our Central Council Membership Chairperson, Anne Interrante, has wisely put in place a system that includes a District Membership person who receives a brief summary from each of the individual Branch Membership persons about their respective branches - Membership status such as members added, members lost and delinquencies. This can usually be done at the District Meetings, but an email, phone call or text message will do if you can't make the District Meeting.

Some branches have said they don't have a membership person, but you probably have someone who takes the yearly dues and sends out the dues notices. So, you're already halfway there. And it's not that hard. I did it, and I loved it! I thought I was pretty good at it, too. My point is - If I could it, anyone can. I would spend time thinking how to recruit new members, but just following steps our ICF has laid out for us is really what we used. I say "we" because our members helped!

Our branch members have friends and relatives that aren't members of the ICF, that they continually reach out to. They are invited to join us in a social setting with a family- friendly atmosphere at our monthly dinner meetings. They see and hear our ICFs' dedication to works of Charity,



Scholarship programs for our worthy students, to our Clergy, our Parish and our Seminarians - our future priests. It's hard to refuse that kind of invitation. Because we all know, we can't do all this on our own, but by working together in the ICF, we can.

Our dedicated Branch Financial Secretary and Membership Chairperson responded when asked, what she does to increase membership. Her answer was, "our own members bringing in non-member family and friends as guests to our different events and monthly dinner meetings". By the way she is also our Central Coast District Membership Chairperson.

We have the tools. It's all about our members pulling together in the same direction and getting the word out there and INVITING your non-member friends and family to attend your Branch's lunch or dinner meetings and "fun" raisers. Show them what the Italian Catholic Federation is all about.

We can and should be proud of what we do. If we really make new people feel welcome, I'm pretty sure we'll make them a new member. And be Sure to give them the best seat in the house!

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1	Fr. Al Mengon	38	San Francisco, CA	\$100
4/2	Ray and Terri Brown		Marina, CA	\$30
4/3	Mark V. Yonke		Richmond, CA	\$30
4/4	Michael Hidalgo		Monterey Park, CA	\$30
4/5	Bernadette Martinez		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
4/6	Sam Trevizo		Clear Lake, CA	\$30
4/7	Fr. John Coleman	28	East Palo Alto, CA	\$30
4/8	Robyn Piro	39	Merced, CA	\$30
4/9	Mary Lou Terramagra	230	San Diego, CA	\$30
4/10	Diane Diani	154	Point Richmond, CA	\$30
4/11	Donna Cervelli	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
4/12	Al Morando	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
4/13	Winifred Ghiglione		Alameda, CA	\$30
4/14	Eva Stern	47	Mountain View, CA	\$30
4/15	Sister Jane Garrison	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/16	Carol Lopes	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
4/17	Fr. Phong Nguyen	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$40
4/18	Regina M. Irwin	365	San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/19	Deanna Crichton		Modesto, CA	\$30
4/20	Melody Klever	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
4/21	Dave Cardoza		San Jose, CA	\$30
4/22	Margaret De Rango	161	San Rafael, CA	\$30
4/23	Barbara Ebel	6	Redwood City, CA	\$30
4/24	Branch 75		Cloverdale, CA	\$30
4/25	Amber Cavazos	362	Huntington Park, CA	\$30
4/26	Kathleen Collins		Merced, CA	\$30
4/27	John and Sheryl Pacini		Reno, NV	\$30
4/28	Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes		San Bernardino, CA	\$30
4/29	Patricia Putkey	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30
4/30	Greg Jensen		Crockett, CA	\$30

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UPCOMING:

2018 Bishops' Days:

Jun. 3	Stockton
Sept. 16	Santa Rosa
Sept. 30	Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 6	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 21	Blessed Sacrament
Oct. 31	San Bernardino

Apostolate – Charity Committee

Lauren Kilcullen
Apostolate Committee Chairperson

This month's Apostolate-Charity Column is a bit of a travelogue of when Mom, Dad and I traveled to Jerusalem as part of a cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean in 2010. I know many ICF members have visited Israel and enjoyed their trips. The following is part of a talk I gave on our trip to Jerusalem for a Santa Rosa District Day of Recollection. While we were on a secular tour from the cruise ship, one could not escape the spiritual aspects of visiting the sites, as we retraced many of Jesus' steps and saw first-hand the places we read about in the Bible.



City. All branches of the Israeli government are located in Jerusalem, including the Knesset (Israel's parliament), the residences of the Prime Minister and President, and the Supreme Court.

In 2011, Jerusalem had a population of 801,000, of which Jews comprised 497,000 (62%), Muslims 281,000 (35%), Christians 14,000 (around 2%) and 9,000 (1%) were not classified by religion.

Our day in Jerusalem focused on the Old City, which despite having an area of only 0.35 square miles is home to many sites of religious importance. Our first stop was the Mount of Olives. This is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus came to pray after the Last Supper and where Judas betrayed Christ. The garden is peaceful and some of the olive trees are said to have been there since the time of Jesus. As with every other location mentioned in the Bible, Catholics have built a Church on this site, The Church of All Nations. The rock where Jesus prayed, while the apostles fell asleep, is located in front of the Church altar. Many of the churches in the Holy Land are administered by the Franciscans. Looking from the Mount of Olives, across the Kidron Valley, one gets a fabulous panorama of the Old City of Jerusalem.

From the Mount of Olives, we traveled to the Dung Gate, which is one of the 6 gates used to enter the Old City. The name refers to the residue that was taken from building the 2nd temple to the Valley of Hinnom.

Once through the gate, one encounters the Western Wall. This wall is all that is left from Herod's Temple, also called the 2nd temple. This is the temple in the Bible that Jesus said he would destroy and rebuild in 3 days and where he disrupted the money changers. The area on top of the Wall is commonly called Temple Mount. It is the supposed location of King Solomon's Temple, the 1st temple. There is no archaeological evidence that Solomon's Temple existed or any record of it, other than the Bible. The 2nd temple was destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans. Today, on top of Temple Mount is the Dome of The Rock, built in 691, a Muslim and Jewish holy site as the building covers the rock where Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac and Mohammed took his night journey. While entrance to Temple Mount is difficult, many people go to pray at the Western Wall and write prayers on scraps of paper which they place into cracks in the wall. Most people praying at the wall are Jewish; however, anyone is welcome to pray.

After the Western Wall, we embarked along the Via Dolorosa, or the Way of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are located along the street and are marked. We began our walk at the 3rd station. 9 of the 14 Stations of the Cross are along the Via Dolorosa and the final 5 stations are located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The modern day route along the Via Dolorosa was set in



The Church of the Holy Sepulcher

the 18th Century and each station is marked with a roman numeral. The Via Dolorosa is lined with stores and shopkeepers trying to entice you into their stores. Some of the route is covered and some is outside. There were several church groups along the route, who stopped and prayed at each station, which takes patience in between other tourists and natives.

At the end of the Via Dolorosa, one comes to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest site to Catholics, even more than St. Peter's in Rome. The Church was built over the sites of Jesus' crucifixion, death, tomb and resurrection. As a result, the Church meanders around and isn't arranged like a normal church. Today it also serves as the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, while control of the building is shared between several Christian churches and secular groups. These complicated arrangements have been essentially unchanged for centuries. A Muslim family has been entrusted with the keys to the Church for several centuries. Today, the church is home to branches of Eastern Orthodoxy and Oriental Orthodoxy as well as to Roman Catholicism.

The original Church was built by the Emperor Constantine in 325 – 326. The present day Church was built by the Crusaders in the 12th Century. During the building of the original Church, Emperor Constantine's mother, St. Helena, found the three crosses used during Jesus' crucifixion – the cross Jesus was on and the two crosses of the thieves crucified with Jesus. A miracle revealed to Helena, which was the True Cross of Jesus. Earlier in the cruise, we stopped in Dubrovnik, Croatia and the Cathedral there has a piece of the True Cross.



Mom and Dad with our friend, Frank Roselli at the Western Wall.



Garden of Gethsemane

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher rambles all over between the major sites – Golgotha, the place where Jesus' body was anointed, the tomb, the site of the resurrection, the place where Adam's skull was located and where the earth cracked when Jesus died, and the place where St. Helena found the True Cross. An altar is built over the site of Golgotha and one has to bend down and go in to the opening under the altar to venerate at the site of the Jesus' crucifixion.

This just scratches the surface of what makes Jerusalem such an important city to three religions and why through the ages it seems everyone has wanted to conquer and control Jerusalem.

Happy
Mother's Day!

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi Grand 2nd Vice President

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all! Here is a great recipe to add to your Mother's Day brunch or as an appetizer before the meal. This recipe comes from a member of my Branch, 19 in Colma, Joann Sangiacomo. She made it many times for our dinners and road trips. Many of us decided it had to be complicated to make, as it was so delicious. Joann shared this recipe with some of us and now it is my turn to share it with you. This recipe is not only simple, but you can get very creative with it and put your own stamp on it.

Focaccia

Prepare Dough:

- 1) Lightly oil top of frozen bread dough (I use Bridgeford, comes in a 3 loaf -1 pound each package)
- 2) Lightly spray cookie sheet with cooking spray, then place frozen dough on sheet to defrost, it will also rise.
- 3) Work defrosted dough onto cookie sheet,

making indentations with your fingers. Use olive oil on hands to help with the handling of the dough. Do not use too much oil, as that will make it hard to get the dough to spread over the cookie sheet. (The first batch I made I went overboard with the oil and as I spread the dough to the edges of the cookie sheet, the minute I let it go, it shrunk back to the middle of the cookie sheet). Let rise.

Topping:

- 1) Saute 1 medium onion, chopped in olive oil (about 1 Tbls.)
- 2) Add 1 (15 oz.) can stewed, chopped or puree tomato and 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce, salt, pepper and garlic to taste
- 3) Simmer 25 to 30 minutes
- 4) Add crushed oregano and/or basil
- 5) Simmer a few more minutes

Spread sauce over dough. Add chopped

green onion and/or pieces of anchovy and/or cheese.

Bake 375 - 400 degree oven, approximately 20 minutes.

When you take out of the oven remove the focaccia from the pan and put on a rack to cool. This keeps the bottom from sweating.

I store in refrigerator in a Tupperware with wax paper or bakery sheets between the layers. This freezes beautifully.

NOTE: I bake 2 sheets at a time and switch them on the racks half way through cooking time.

Other alternatives:

Plain Focaccia: Cover prepared dough with plenty of olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and green onions. I also added chopped fresh rosemary and Parmesan cheese.

Raisin Focaccia: Cover prepared dough with mild vegetable oil. Sprinkle with raisins. Gently press raisins into dough. Can even lightly sprinkle with sugar.

Pesto Focaccia: Lightly cover prepared dough with olive oil, then spread a thin layer



of Pesto. This has a wonderful flavor.

Deborah's Focaccia: Saute 1 to 1 ½ onions in a small amount of olive oil and butter. Add 2 (15 oz.) cans tomato sauce, 1 (15 oz.) can petit cut tomatoes, 4 pinches of oregano, 1-2 tsp. pesto, 3 sprigs fresh rosemary (chopped), 1 pound sautéed and crumbled Italian sausage, 2-3 tsp. minced garlic, salt and pepper to taste. This is enough to cover 4 sheets of dough.

Spread sauce on dough. For additional goodies top with sliced black olives, chopped green onions, Parmesan cheese. Can even cut salami into small pieces and add to toppings. BE CREATIVE and ENJOY!

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

Buon Appetito!

Live to Give

How to Coordinate a Successful Blood Drive

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

Thalassemia Outreach

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Blood drive coordinators play a vital role in collecting lifesaving blood for patients. Without people to plan blood drives, blood banks would not have as many opportunities to collect blood from donors.

Planning a blood drive is fun and easy—however, like planning any event, it takes time. Fortunately, a blood bank representative will help you every step of the way.

The following are helpful tips on planning your blood drive:

1. Find a location. A church hall is ideal. If you do not have access to a big building, you can coordinate with a store, a business, or any location to have a blood mobile come instead.
2. Find out the what blood bank serves your area. For example, the American Red Cross and Blood Centers of the Pacific serve the East Bay.
3. Set a date (three to six months ahead of time), and contact your local blood bank.
4. Set a goal. Your blood bank representative will help you decide how many units of blood you want to collect at your blood drive. Remember, you will need to schedule an additional number of donor appointments to assure that you reach your collection goal.

5. Plan a theme for your blood drive. A luau, Mardi Gras, Viva Italian, rock and roll—let your creativity flow!

6. Give away free items. It is always nice to thank your blood donors with little gifts that you buy or get donated. The blood bank often also has giveaways to contribute. Setting up a raffle is also a fun way to add spice to your blood drive. Some ideas for giveaways:

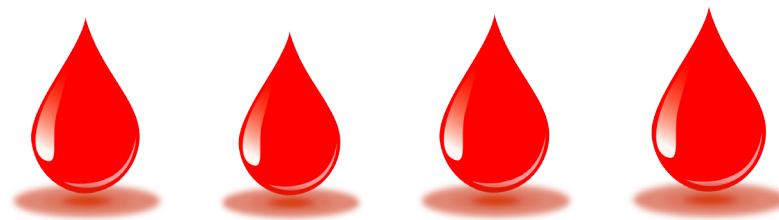
- Gift cards—you can get small denominations from Starbuck's, Jamba Juice or a local ice cream store. A little goes a long way!
- Candy and treats.
- Pens.
- Items with the ICF logo or the logo for the thalassemia program at Children's Hospital.
- Canvas bags—a great prize item, and all your other giveaways can go inside.

Ideas for raffle prizes are as follows:

- Gift cards to movies (Regal, AMC); clothing stores (GAP, Old Navy, Macy's); retail/food (Target, Safeway, restaurants).
- Themed gift baskets are wonderful for this—for example, a spa kit; a snack basket; or an Italian-themed food basket.

7. Promote the event. About six weeks prior to the blood drive, start promoting the event. Your blood bank will provide flyers—you can hang them at the location

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Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life
7th Annual

Convention Blood Drive

Friday, August 31st, 2018, 8am

at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

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In memory of Marian Zasoski

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Denise Antonowicz
Grand Treasurer

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

Additionally, when making donations to multiple programs, please write a separate check for each donation as there is an individual account for each fund.
Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.
These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

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Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Trait

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Outreach
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Thalassemia is found in all populations, but it is most common among the following:

- Italian
- Greek
- Transcaucasian (Georgian, Armenia, and Azerbaijan)
- Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Laotian, Thai, Singaporean, Cambodian, Filipino, Indonesian, Burmese, and Malaysian)
- Chinese
- East Indian
- Middle Eastern

Thalassemia is common in parts of the world where malaria is prevalent because thalassemia trait (also known as thalassemia minor) has protective mechanisms against malaria.

There are two main types of thalassemia trait: beta-thalassemia trait (more common among Italians) and alpha thalassemia trait. Individuals who have beta-thalassemia trait have one normal beta globin gene and one that is altered such that it makes little or no beta globin. There is not much scientific evidence that a person who has beta-thalassemia trait has any symptoms, although women with the trait may be more likely to develop anemia during pregnancy.

Thalassemia trait causes red blood cells to be a slightly smaller size, a condition caused microcytosis. Since iron deficiency is the most common cause of microcytosis Doctors often mistakenly misdiagnose thalassemia trait as iron deficiency anemia and prescribe iron supplements. However, thalassemia trait and iron deficiency are different problems, therefore before prescribing iron supplements, doctors should rule out thalassemia trait and/or

perform lab tests to evaluate iron levels. A person with thalassemia trait can also be iron deficient, but if he or she is not iron deficient, iron supplements may result in excess body iron, which can deposit in many areas of the body and over time cause organ damage.

Testing for Thalassemia trait is easy! It involves having a blood sample drawn which looks at the following:

- Hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Iron studies (free erythrocyte proto porphyrin and ferritin)

Occasionally trait status cannot be determined by these screening tests alone. If iron deficiency is detected then an individual must be retested after completing a course of iron supplement therapy. With iron supplements iron deficiency should improve. If it does not it may be that the individual has thalassemia trait. Occasionally, DNA testing that directly examines the Alpha and/or Beta globin genes is necessary.

It is important for individuals and their partners to be aware of their thalassemia trait status, especially if you are of Italian descent (or other ancestry where Thalassemia is common). Again, since there are no symptoms, an individual may not know they have the trait until they have a child born with thalassemia major, a severe form of the disease. If both parents have the thalassemia trait there is a 25% chance that their child could be born with thalassemia major.

If you find out you have thalassemia trait and would like more information, please contact Laurice Levine at LLevine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023.



We Treat Kids Better

Interested in learning more about the ICF's

National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event.

Contact Information: 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations Received by April 10, 2018

Branch 144
Officers/Members of Br. 368
In memory of John Janini
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Laura Angelino
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Shirley Grant
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Alice Freitas
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In memory of Eileen Quinn
Louise Segreto
In memory of Eileen Quinn

Dean and Jeanette Hudson
In memory of Eileen Quinn
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In memory of Mary Jane Green
Officers/Members of Central Council
In memory of Marian Zasoski

Blood Drive

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of your event and in surrounding areas/stores, etc. Plan to distribute (in person or via postal mail) smaller flyers to friends, family, and your community. Promote your blood drive through e-mail and social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Plan to send weekly reminders starting four weeks prior to your blood drive.

8. Recruit volunteers. The blood bank phlebotomists and nurses will be responsible for collections, registration, intake, and the canteen (snack stand). You will need to recruit volunteers to greet people, run your raffle, and distribute prizes.

9. Gather literature to give away the day of the drive.

- Give out literature on your organization (ICF brochures).

- If you are doing a blood drive in honor of a specific disease such as Cooley's anemia (thalassemia), make sure that you get literature about the disease.

- Give out ICF blood donation postcards so that people can donate in honor of someone or as a gift

10. Schedule appointments. While publicity is important, there is nothing like a personal touch—contact friends, family members, and fellow churchgoers and educate them on the importance of donating blood. The blood bank will also send e-mails to prior donors in their database. Appointments can be scheduled online.

11. Inform yourself. Learn about donor eligibility guidelines; information on the blood bank website; and the sign-up process. It is vital to be informed so that you can answer questions and/or direct people regarding where to find the information they need.

12. Communicate with your blood bank representative. Communicate regarding donor appointment sign-ups; the day's schedule; room setup, etc.

13. Reconfirm appointments about one week prior to your blood drive. This can be accomplished via a postcard, e-mail, or phone call. Also remind donors to drink plenty of water and eat a good meal prior to donating.

14. Be ready for the day of the blood drive. Arrive when the blood bank staff arrives to greet them and help set up; assure that the room temperature is adequate; orient your volunteers; and organize your welcome and prize tables. Depending on the number of appointments and the population that is donating, you may get walk-in donors—make sure the lines of communication between you and your blood bank staff stay open to assure that the maximum number of units are collected.

15. HAVE FUN! Show the donors your full appreciation and enjoy the blood drive. At the end of the day, give yourself a pat on the back—your hard work, time, and creativity were instrumental in collecting blood donations and saving lives.

For more information or for assistance planning a blood drive, please contact:

Branch or District President for a list of blood banks in your area

and/or

Laurice Levine

LLevine430@aol.com

360-860-2023

ICF Officer Training Slides are available on our website in the Members' Area for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator. You can also follow this link:

<http://www.icf.org/membership/members/>

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 04/12/2018

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Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

I just read this article and wanted to share it with all of you. Also, don't forget, your branch's Heritage Report needs to be submitted to the ICF Office no later than July 1, 2018.

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chair

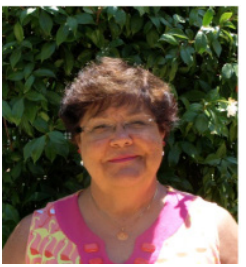
The passion of Italian markets

Rochelle del Borrello | L'Italo-Americano Newspaper

Many tourists rush through Italy, ticking off cities on an imaginary bucket list, zipping through museums and taking holiday snaps in front of iconic attractions. This is fine if you are happy to simply cross things off a checklist. But in the Bel Paese, where life is savored, it seems a shame to be in such a rush.

Italians believe in slow food and travel, where you take the time to soak in the character of a place, happily making the most of the moment. In a country where the people and culture are as colorful as the scenery itself, it is justifiable to seek out a more authentic connection to everyday life. Most locals in Italy have a daily appointment with their markets, where they begin preparing their meals. It is normal to have a trusted family butcher, who saves that perfect cut to prepare a good veal sca-

loppini. Or a personal fishmonger, who has had them as clients for years and automatically knows when to keep aside a kilo of sardines. A visit to a market will provide your average Italian with everything they need for a complete four course meal, from fruits and vegetables, to meats, cheeses, pastas, wines, bread, deli products, prepared hot meals, baked goods and desserts.



Markets are filled with the sights, sounds and tastes of an Italy which relishes its food. In times of economic downturn, Italians will cut back on everything except what is on the table. Italian farmers, fishermen, butchers, cooks, pastry chefs and bakers are like artisans, they have a lifetime long passion for their art. Also, the market tradition, has a long history, as old as Europe itself, and stems from medieval times when travelling merchants would take their products to other towns via new trade routes and roads.

There is an art to markets' shopping and it is always an adventure, as you never know what you can find. Fiery and vibrant Italian markets are the right place to see the freshest ingredients, in a smorgasbord of food and wine, crafts, textiles, antiques, clothes and many other random discoveries: a wonderfully authentic experience.

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2017 is the following:

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2017 is the following:

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED*****

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2018. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.

Included in the Financial Secretaries' packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2017. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions, or need help filing, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.



CONVENTION BINGO

Town and Country Hotel, San Diego
Friday, August 31, 2018 3pm - 5pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack:
\$25 Advance Reservations
\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

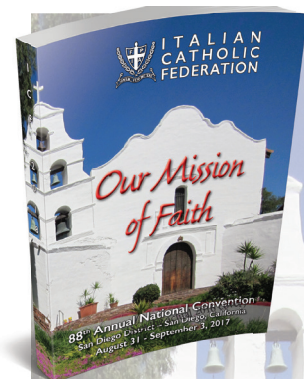
Jackpots based on the number of participants.

Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch

Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____
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Please make your check payable to ICF and write Bingo in the memo. Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is \$30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

Total Bingo Packs: _____
X \$25 each
or \$30 each
Check Enclosed = \$ _____



Italian Catholic Federation Convention Yearbook Program ARTWORK DEADLINE JUNE 1ST!

This is **YOUR** ICF Yearbook!
We're making this book one you'll want to look through over and over. It will tell this year's story of the ICF.

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

COLOR SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!

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EVERYONE should be doing this!
(This is the actual size of the entry.)



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



The ICF Convention Yearbooks are:

- Collected & kept for years
- Referenced by members
- A visual history of the ICF

You need to be in this year's book!
Maximize your visibility:

- Create a **NEW** entry this year
- Use **COLOR** in your entry
- Submit individual entries for your members - very reasonable price!

BE SEEN!

Tell YOUR part of the story!



COLOR!
Submit **COLOR ENTRIES** to bring some **WOW** to your images! Here's an entry that appeared in black and white last year. They could have had it in color!
What a difference!

The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2019 "Daily Raffle" theme:

"Festas Around the World"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

- Share a special story or anecdote about the FESTA your family enjoyed and the HISTORY of the FESTA.
- Share a FAMILY RECIPE that holds a fond memory of the FESTA you think others might enjoy.
- **Sell! Sell! Sell!** The "Daily Raffle" is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your Branch!



ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

List special family occasions such as Family Birthdays, Anniversaries or Graduations...

Branch and District events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

\$10 - one name/event; \$15 - 2 names/events;
\$20 - 4 names/events

(Additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above.)

Example: \$30 - 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10 or
\$40 - 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20

Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2018

Mail information and checks payable to:

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

*The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino
Members: Denise Antonowicz, Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and Leonard Rossi, O.L.J.
Members At Large: Maria Di Paolo and Teresa Helfand
Assistants: Lisa Crudo and Patricia Mages*

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



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

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: Prepared By Our Returning Chef Ed Leonard

2:00 -

**Moose Lodge
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails**

3:00 -

Sumptuous Roast New York Strip Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$170 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 20th, the price per golfer is \$185. Banquet only: \$50.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2018

If an individual brings in 3 horse shoes, that individual golfs for free!

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____

Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$170 per player plus \$50 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 20th deadline.

Remember: \$185 per player after July 20th.

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



"Our Mission of Faith"



Italian Catholic Federation 2018 Convention Hotel and Travel Highlights Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California Thursday, August 30 – Monday September 3, 2018

Hotel Accommodations

- 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 •Direct phone: 619-291-7131
 - Reservations: (800) 772-8527 •Book online: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49392116>
 - Room Rate: \$129 plus tax single/double occupancy (hotel service fee waived)
 - Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 7
- Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights and for you to receive discounted parking and waived resort/service fee). Reservations are available until sold out or August 7, whichever occurs first. After August 7, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- \$5/night self-parking
- San Diego International Airport – 7 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles ICF Code: X3H-999 For travel between 08/27 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.

For assistance, contact the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924.
Please refer to the Bollettino, ICF website and Facebook page for additional convention details and reservation forms for activities and dinners.

San Diego: Birthplace of the California Missions

CONVENTION PEDRO

Lessons

Come and learn how to play what some say is the "official" card game of the ICF. Lessons are complimentary and will take place on Friday, August 31, from 12:30pm-2:30pm.

Tournament

Beginners and Pros are invited to compete in the annual convention Pedro tournament on Friday, August 31, from 2:30pm-5:30pm. The entry fee is \$10 per player.

Prizes:

1 st - \$50	2 nd - \$30
3 rd - \$20	4 th - \$10
5 th - \$5	

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: _____

City: _____

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:

Walk-ins welcome!

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: _____

X Entry Fee Per Player: \$10

Total: _____

Check Number: _____

Please make your check payable to ICF and write "Pedro" in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the ICF.
Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621



Delegates, Members and Guests are invited to the annual Saturday Night Convention Banquet to recognize the recipient of the Italian Catholic Federation's Saint Pope John XXIII Award.

**Saturday, September 1, 2018
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins**

**Town and Country Hotel, San Diego
Semiformal Attire Suggested**

Reservation deadline is August 15.
Respectfully, refunds will not be extended by the hotel once the headcount has been submitted.

Convention Delegates ~ Admission is included with convention registration. A reply is not required on this form.

Three Course Plated Banquet Menu:

Baby Greens with Heirloom Tomato, Cucumber and Julienne Carrots, topped with Ranch Dressing; Grilled Prime New York Strip Loin with Brandy Peppercorn Sauce, Potato and Cheese Gratin, Root Vegetables, Artisan Bread; Salted Caramel Budino with Chocolate Cream and Candied Peanuts; Red and White Wine; Freshly Brewed Coffee and Selection of Herbal Teas.

Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Non-delegate Reservations

Branch # _____

City: _____

Non-delegate Reservations:

_____ X \$69 per adult = \$ _____

_____ X \$30 per child = \$ _____

(Ages 12 and younger, Pasta Entree)

Check # _____ = \$ _____

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110,
Oakland, CA 94621

Seating arrangements will be distributed during convention registration. Please reserve your seats on one form if you wish to sit together.

Names of Non-delegate attendees:

Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet. Each seat requires a paid attendee.

ICF CONVENTION TOUR #1

MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA,
JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM
& OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

Friday August 31, 2018
\$55 per person

TRANSPORTATION: pickup and return via The San Diego Tour Trolley at your hotel
TOUR: a 90 minute guided tour of the MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA, A self guided tour of THE JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM (originally the First Spanish Mission) in Presidio Park located on the hillside overlooking Old Town is where Father Junipero Serra founded the first California Spanish Mission in 1769 which exhibits the area's early history.

WELCOME TO OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

The historic heart of San Diego, created in 1769, a neighborhood on 230 acres, marking the site the first Spanish settlement, with only a mission and a fort, on the U.S. West Coast featuring 12 acres of Mexican heritage & historical sites, wander the lush gardens or browse colorful shops, early-California-style restaurants, museums, a theater and the restored Cosmopolitan Hotel. Restaurant known for authentic Mexican cuisine, dining is lively & vibrant. The Old Town State Historical Park maintains a collection of 19th-century homes and businesses that provide a glimpse into colonial life in San Diego.

The Whaley House Museum is one of only two officially designated haunted houses in California. Constructed in 1856 on a former galleys' site, the house was once home to the Whaley family as well as San Diego's first theater and county courthouse. Casa de Estudillo, Constructed in 1825, Casa de Estudillo unveils the lifestyle of a prominent San Diego family. Standing as the most famous of the original adobe buildings in Old Town, with representative items from the 16th to 20th centuries within its 13 rooms. Bazaar del Mundo, a San Diego shopping and dining institution, is popular for food, folklore and fun. Translated as "marketplace of the world," an attraction year-round.

ENTERTAINMENT Live mariachi performers can be seen every day in old town as well as seasonal and special event shows throughout the year on the Fiesta de Reyes stage. When scheduling permits The Ballet Folklórico dancers are a wonderful spectacle of Mexican heritage that's not to be missed.

For more information, Contact Patricia Postal 619.479.4404 or pat.postal@mcasterinc.org
Schedule for The San Diego Tour Trolley Loading, Departure and Return to your Hotel will be available when all Tour Reservations are completed. Tentative time 8:30am - 4:00pm

ICF CONVENTION TOUR #1 MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA, JUNIPERO MUSEUM & OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO RESERVATION (LIMITED SEATING)

NAME _____	DISTRICT _____
BR# _____	PHONE _____
EMAIL _____	TOTAL # ADULTS _____ @ \$55 per person = _____
CREDIT CARD TYPE _____	CARD # _____
EXP _____	CVV _____
ZIP CODE _____	

Make checks payable to: ICF San Diego District

(Memo line: Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala and Old Town San Diego Tour #1)

Mail by Wed August 1st: Attn: Sherry Thurston ICF SD District 750 State Street #406 San Diego, CA 92101



Enjoy a USO inspired evening with dinner, 40's swing and a salute to our I.C.F. heroes.

**Sunday,
September 2, 2018
Town and Country Hotel**

Military dress, vintage civilian or semi-casual attire suggested.

**Seating begins at 7pm
Convention Raffle 9:30pm**

ENLIST FOR DINNER, DANCING AND FUN BY AUGUST 15

Branch #: _____ City: _____

_____ X \$69 per adult _____ X \$30 per child

(Ages 12 and younger, Chicken Strips entree)

Check # _____ = \$ _____

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

MESS HALL THREE COURSE MENU: Wild Arugula Salad with Shaved Romano, Almonds, Grapes and Agrod Sherry Vinaigrette; Braised Pork Shoulder, Herb Gnocchi, Napa Cabbage, Pancetta and Whole Grain Mustard Sauce; Artisan Bread; Espresso Panna Cotta, Blood Orange Gelée and Biscotti; Wine; Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas.

OPTIONAL: Send a copy of your 40's era or military photos (any year) to the office or email to rosetynnejarrett@gmail.com. Include name, year, military branch, rank and ICF branch.

Names of Attendees:

Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet. Each seat requires a paid attendee. Respectfully, refunds will not be extended by the hotel once the headcount has been submitted. Seating arrangements will be distributed during convention registration. Please reserve your seats on one form if you wish to sit together.



Italian Catholic Federation Tour #2

EXPLORE LITTLE ITALY AND CORONADO ISLAND

Friday August 31, 2018 Cost: \$65 per person

The San Diego Tour Trolley, will transport you from your hotel to Little Italy, where you will be met by one of Little Italy's expert Tour Guides to begin your tour, which includes an expertly guided walking tour of Little Italy, once home to San Diego's flourishing tuna fishing industry and generations of Italian families who made their living on the sea. Little Italy is now a lively neighborhood filled with patio caffè, packed restaurants, craft brew stops, urban wineries, art galleries, sophisticated shops and boutique hotels.

The newly built Piazza della Famiglia, located in the "heart" of Little Italy, opened in March of 2018. Visitors and residents can stroll through the 10,000-square-foot European-style piazza on W. Date Street, connecting India and Columbia Streets. A beautiful tiled fountain sits at the East side of the Piazza and tables and chairs with umbrellas line the cobblestone street, inviting the public to take in the beautiful scenery and San Diego Bay views over lunch.

Little Italy is dedicated to the past, present, and future families of the neighborhood. It has become a central community gathering place to host farmers' markets, concerts, cultural events, and more. An exciting visit to The Jewel of Little Italy Our Lady of the Rosary Church & The Gift Shop followed by a tour of the beautiful historical Amici House by Convivia and light refreshments awaits. You will then take The Tour Trolley to the Harbor where you will board the San Diego Ferry to Coronado Island. Coronado's coastline offers wide sandy beaches with sparkling sand, courtesy of the mineral Mica, that draw visitors from around the world. With its elegant gardens, old-world mansions, quaint shops, and oceanfront dining with spectacular sunset views, no wonder this charmed small town has been dubbed "The Crown City," as Coronado means "the crowned one" in Spanish. After exploring this unique place you will return by Ferry to the Harbor and take The Tour Trolley back to your hotel.

For more information, Contact Patricia Postal 619.479.4404 or pat.postal@mcasterinc.org (Limited Seating)
The San Diego Tour Trolley Schedule for Loading, Departure and Return to your Hotel will be available when all Tour Reservations are completed. Tentative times 8:30am - 4:00pm.

NAME _____	DISTRICT _____	BR# _____
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Make checks payable to: ICF San Diego District

(Memo: EXPLORE LITTLE ITALY & CORONADO ISLAND TOUR #2)

Mail by Wednesday August 1st: Sherry Thurston 750 State Street #406 San Diego, CA 92101



Members of Branch 27 working the bake sale on Easter Day.

Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

We had our winter meetings on Sunday afternoons rather than on Tuesday evenings. It enable those members who live further away or don't like driving alone in the dark to attend the meetings. The change was welcomed by most members. Our president, Judith Schweickert, was the chairperson for the Bishops' Day Dinner/Dance in April. Bishop Placido Rodriguez accepted our invitation to attend and hopefully enjoyed the event. Happy May birthdays to Cathy Neri & Ida DiSalvo. Congrats to the Gillette's on the birth of their 1st great-grandchild. Please remember our sick members and pray for their quick recovery.

Mothers.....

Real mothers don't eat quiche-they don't have time to make it. Real mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox. Real mothers have sticky floors, dirty ovens and happy kids. Real mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of carpets. Real mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up. Real mothers sometimes ask, "Why Me?" and get their answer when a little voice says, 'Because I love you best!' Real mothers know a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade...it is marked by the progression of mommy, to mom, to mother. To all of you outstanding mothers, you know who you are, God Bless You All for a Job Well Done!!! Happy Mother's Day!

Leonora

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The March meeting was held on the 13th and was a St. Patrick's Day themed event. We had quite a few members turn out for this special dinner and all went away full and happy. We dined on corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, green salad, Irish Soda Bread and dessert. Many thanks to the chairman: Marcia and Jennifer Valerosi who worked very hard and cooked the delicious corned beef; and the committee: Mike and Mary Keitz, Mark and Cari Beveridge, Jim Massetti, Cecilia Massetti and Fred and Diane Massetti. Thank you Ceci and Diane for the beautiful green decorations and for setting an amazing table. Stephanie Hawkins, from St. Joachim Church Vacation Bible School, visited the meeting and asked if the Branch could assist with purchasing some items for the week the Bible school is in session. The group voted to give her \$600.00 stating that the youth are the future of the church. It was a win for us too, since

she requested an application to join before she left! Easter Sunday found many members manning a bake sale booth in addition to attending mass. Turns out Easter is a great day for bake sales as we sold out and made over \$700.00. Members are looking forward to the Bocce tournament May 5th, the Chicken take-out dinner on the 20th. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Spring has been good to us thus far, with sunny, mild weather during our celebrations of Easter. However, even the brightest days become more somber with the loss of a loved one. On March 22nd, Branch 281 lost one of our founding members, Marian Zasoski, the mother of Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski. She was truly a light among our parish and community, and she will be dearly missed. We can take comfort to know she is now "still kickin'" with Our Lord in Heaven.

Our annual Pasta and Meatball Dinner was held on Divine Mercy Sunday, and was a total success. Thanks to Leonard "Zasoskini" and all our chefs, kitchen crew, and those who stayed into the night to help clean and pick up after the event—we couldn't have done it without you all and the tireless hours you put in to make this event one of our best. I'd also like to extend gratitude to Allen Watts, who channeled his inner-Marian to pre-sell 240 tickets! We had well over 400 attend, showing us once again that the parishioners look forward to this delicious dinner.

Spring will continue to bless our branch as we look forward to perhaps our most amusing and lively annual event: bocce ball! Branch 281's Bocce Tournament will be held on May 19th. Get a team together, and contact Allen Watts for more tournament information. This is an awesome day of fun competition, flavorful cuisine, and fantastic camaraderie. Don't miss out! Also, if one day of bocce ball isn't enough for you, the Fresno District tournament will be held on Cinco de Mayo in Fresno—expect tacos and margaritas if you attend this event, and show the district how Branch 281 members can throw!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Zasoski

Fresno

St. Anthony, Br. 308

What keeps Branch 308 moving forward is the energy of our members and an involved responsive Board of Directors. We all work as a team, to plan and organization dinner meetings as well as other events throughout the year.

Any success we can claim reflects the dynamic – and affectionate – interactions of everyone who gets involved, providing mutual support that makes work seem more like play.

Our consistent turnout at monthly dinner meetings attests to this. Both the food and the fellowship are a joy. We are blessed with a talented chef and devoted kitchen team, who consistently prepare and present an exceptional main dish. The side dishes, salads, and desserts prepared and brought by members make each occasion when we join to break bread unique and special. And without fail, there is plenty for everyone.

It is a seamless presentation that almost seems automatic. But "behind the scenes" there are dedicated, generous members, who are the reason our events can be considered as both worthy and worthwhile.

President: John Mulligan

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District Council

It's been busy the past 7 months. We celebrated Bishop's Day in November; the 100th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's Death and the 1st Annual Thalassemia Christmas Party at LA Children's Hospital in December. In January we held our Officer's Installation and welcomed in the new year. February, March and April seemed quiet. However, many of our members along with the Expansion Team were busy establishing a new branch. Please Save the Date: Inauguration of Branch 447, American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach, on May 5, 2018, 5:00 PM.

The next District General Meeting & Lunch: May 19, 2018; San Antonio Winery, Los Angeles.

Our condolences to the family of Roxanne Perry. Roxanne will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace of our Lord.

Blessings,

Pat Mages

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter's Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call Carmelo at 626 372-7812 or visit website at www.icf.org for more information.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella AIA

President Branch 67

Italian Catholic Federation

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On Sunday April 8th, President John Maggiora celebrated the April Birthdays of members Tad Shaw and Gina Sabatella at the Lunch social and General Meeting in Connolly Hall.

Members and parishioners enjoyed the ICF Dinner Fundraiser at Villa Italia in Duarte on April 11th. Chair Joan Brascia and staff coordinated a wonderful event. Proceeds will be forwarded to several charitable organizations including Wounded Warriors, Child Help Foundation, Get on the Bus, Gifts of Love and Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

On June 10, 2018 - ICF Branch 108 will hold its annual picnic, bocce tournament and general meeting from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Call

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library

On April 8, 2018 the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House was hosted by the ICF Los Angeles Region from 9 am to 12 pm.

Visitors included a former Saint Francis Xavier School student who returned with her mother and daughter. They shared their experiences and how they now realize that they went to school on land where Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini once walked. They said they will be back with their

family and friends at the annual pilgrimage on December 2, 2018.

Thank you ICF Branches who were able to donate additional funds in support of the Cabrini Chapel this year. We hope other Branches will also be able to contribute through a special collection or fundraiser.

Members that have memorabilia from Mother Cabrini or her former Cabrini facilities and would like to include them in the Cabrini Chapel Library/ Museum; or would like to help the Mother Cabrini Chapel by volunteering their time or by making a financial contribution, please call

626 372-7812 or mail your donation(s) to:

ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

Attn: Carmelo Sabatella, Pesident





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626-403-6102 for more information.
Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.
Carmelo Sabatella, Past President
LAADC and ICF Branch 108
Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting for the moth of May will be on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at



the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Nicolina Murillo Vieni, Mario Orofino, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!! We would like to thank Fr. Francisco Sandoval, O.A.R. , Pastor of St. Benedict Church, for his support for our annual St. Joseph's Table, and to Rev. Frank T. Wilder, O.A.R. for his wonderful Blessing of this year's St. Joseph Table, held on March 17 & 18, 2018, and all the individuals who volunteered their



time and/or made donations to the Feast of St. Joseph's Table, and the various sponsors of the St. Joseph's Table, which helped to make it a successful event. Congratulations to all the raffle winners!! We hope that you all enjoyed the great food, desserts, and fellowship time with everyone. Please join us again next year on March 16 & 17, 2019 and take part in this special catholic tradition.
The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, allow us to award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities.
We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote of the month: "Diversity is the one thing we all have in common. Let's celebrate it every day".

God Bless!
Frank Salomone

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

The mass for the Madonna Del Arco on April 22nd was beautiful. Thank you to all who attended and brought flowers. Please keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in your prayers.
Our condolences go out to VP Ana DiLeva and her family on the passing of her mother Mary Dibernanrdo. Mary was a long time member of the branch and treasurer for many years and very involved in our branch. May she rest in peace.
Please plan on attending our next branch meeting on May 17th at 6pm. This meeting will be our potluck meeting. Please call Carmela Gioiello and let her know what tasty dish you will be bringing. 310 832 0953 We will be meeting our scholarship winners at

Branch 111 St. Joseph's Day Celebration.



this meeting.

Neal will also be discussing the upcoming annual convention. This year's convention will be held in San Diego Aug 30 to Sept 3rd. Please think about representing our branch.

After years of intensive studies our adopted seminarian Ian Hagan will be ordained as a priest. Also being ordained into the Norbertine order is San Pedro born and raised Carlo Vottolo. Blessing to these 2 men. May they be filled with the grace to love and serve all they meet.

Pauline Iacono is working on organizing a June day trip to San Manuel Casino. Please call Pauline at 310 8320563 for details.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers. Happy Memorial Day to all servicemen and woman who served our country.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Arcadia
Holy Angeles, Br. 218

A huge congratulation on a job well done with the St. Joseph's Table. We netted a profit of \$5,191.24! At our last meeting, we discussed several fun things to do and several other fundraisers, one being putting together a cookbook and the other having a pasta sauce contest at our June meeting. More on this later. Our 51st anniversary of the branch was celebrated with a beautiful cake (and delicious). Aileen Blasius won the member attendance drawing. And, in keeping up with heritage reports, I read a letter written by my grandmother on how life was in rural America in the late 1800's and early 1900's. I hope everyone enjoyed that.

Our June meeting is on the 10th. Please watch for more information. A belated Happy Mother's Day and a Happy Father's Day to all the dads. There will be no meetings in July and August.

Lolly M.

Gardena
St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 237

Dear Members,

We just returned from a very successful and enjoyable trip to Laughlin, NV. These trips help fund our scholarships and other charitable donations the branch contribute to each year. Last March three of our members attended the annual crab fest at St. Peter's National Catholic Church in Los Angeles. Over 380 Italians and those who wished that were had a great time. The food was excellent as was the company. Hopefully more of our



Members Janette Roberts, Rose Moore and Connie Bohannon at the annual St Peter's National Italian Catholic Church in Los Angeles. St Anthony of Padua Branch 237, Gardena.

members will attend next year, how about you? Next on the agenda is our scholarship awards for the year. Stay tuned for details. "trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock." -- Is 26.4 Respectfully,

Micheal Bohannon Roa

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

It's with a very sad heart that Branch 317 (St Denis Diamond Bar), must let you all know that our former President (for 13 years) Roxanne Perry, passed away on April 6th. She will be extremely missed by many. Before Roxanne passed, our Branch established the "Roxanne Perry Youth Conference Scholarship to sponsor one of our Confirmation Students to go to the Youth Conference at UCLA in August. When I talked to her about it in March, she was very touched and happy. Roxanne will always live on, helping a Student every year. On a personal note...Roxanne, as the new President, I hope that you when you look down and see what the Branch is doing, you will always be smiling and happy. I'll try to make you Proud. May you Rest In Peace.

Pamela-Anne Roemer

President, Branch 317

Claremont
Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Happy Spring! May is the month of confirmation. Our branch wl be hosting tje after Confirmation Reception for the Bishop, priests, participants and family. We will provide coffee, lemonade and cake on May 5th.

Then comes Fiesta May 11 to 13 Mother's day weekend. Selling pizza is the Italian way. All help will be greatly appreciated.

On May 27 we will collect for the Veterans and again sell sausage sandwiches. Fun fun fun!

Keep June 3 available for our membership party on the green. Hot dogs beans and sides.



Roxanne Perry, Branch 317

"Cherished and beloved mother and sister, Roxanne Perry passed away peacefully with her daughters by her side on April 6th. Her strength, courage, and positive outlook on life never faltered through every hardship she faced in her 79 years of gracing this earth. Roxanne was not only victorious by living by her own law, she inspired others to embrace the beauty of life and the power of love. Fiercely independent and hardworking, she prided herself as a single mother and in her career as an Administrative Assistant for Oakite, Pizza Hut, and Downey medical offices and later as a caretaker for children and the elderly. She "never quit and never gave up"—which culminated in her final very active years which "was not bad for an old person" of living her life to its fullest. As a testament to her strength, for over 10 years before her passing, Roxanne worked as a housekeeper for long time local clients who embraced her as part of their family.

Roxanne and her husband, Walter J. Perry Jr. moved from Chicago in 1973 with their two small daughters to pursue their dream of living in California and raising a family. They settled in Hacienda Heights where Roxanne was very active in the Italian Catholic Federation, for which she served as President for 13 years just prior to her death. After divorcing in 1977, she was an active member of Parents without Partners and Majority of One.

Roxanne would light up every room with her incredible style and her vivacious and outgoing personality. She would rally and organize everyone around her to enjoy and experience life by attending plays, concerts, movies, art



exhibitions, and anything that would make an ordinary day into an extraordinary adventure. A lover of ancient Egyptian art, Bichon Frises, anything colored purple, Italy, Elizabeth Taylor, and a glass of white zinfandel, Roxanne is survived by her two daughters, Suzanne and Kristen and her two younger sisters, Eileen and Anita as well as her extended family: Stuart, Sally, Mike, Diane, Don, Bea, Kevin, Kim, Johnnie, The Freemans, the ICF, and much-loved neighbors and friends.

Mass service in memoriam will take place on Saturday, May 19 at St. Denis Catholic Church in Diamond Bar at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please donate to the Roxanne Perry Scholarship Fund: Make checks payable to St. Denis ICF Branch 317 and mail to Pamela-Anne Roemer ICF Scholarships 29 Meadow View Drive, Philips Ranch, CA 91766."

Games for the kids.

That's all for now.

God Bless

Andrea Linn, corr sect.

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

Although Branch 326's March 18, 2018 pancake breakfast fundraiser was a success, it was sadden by the passing of a long time member, Roberta Nangelo and her entry into God's loving arms. The Branch will miss her. Keep her and all of the faithfully departed in your prayers.

I wish to thank all the members who put in long hours and their effort into making the pancake breakfast fundraiser a success. All profits will go to the Frank Buccola Scholarship Fund, awarded to Saint Luke's graduating eight graders.

In May, the Branch celebrates and wishes a happy birthday to: Dan Arrighi, Josie Basile, Sally Farinella, and Marie Hadaway and a happy anniversary to John and Rose Perfetto.

While the Branch celebrates birthdays and anniversaries, let us remember Memorial Day. And let us celebrate and remember the sacrifices of those who gave their final measure in their service to their country.

The Branch is working on a June 24th turn around. More details will be announced as they become available. So save your dollar bills of all denominations.

Spiritual quote of the month: God gives to us, all the building blocks needed to build a happy life. What we do with those blocks is up to us.

Cool Quote: Life always offers you a second chance. It is called tomorrow.

Tony Farinella, 1st Vice President



La Canada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Phyllis Harb, a noted La Canada Flintridge Realtor and member of Branch 374 is shown receiving a Certificate of Recognition for her leadership in the recent St. Joseph Table event sponsored by Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church. Through her efforts the branch experienced its most successful fund raiser in years. Presenting the award is Jack DeZell, branch president who noted that Phyllis' efforts went beyond the call of duty making it possible for the branch to increase its donations to Children's Hospital's work with victims of Cooley's Anemia, Scholarships to students, and funds for the education of priests at St. John Seminary. The branch now meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5 :00 PM at he Knights of Columbus Hall in Montrose. The branch is reaching out to nearby parishes who do not presently have an ICF branch. Montrose is adjacent to La Canada Flintridge.



St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Branch 362.

**Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380**

Branch 380's April meeting was a ton of fun. Members were split into two teams, and they all had a chance to participate in a jeopardy-style sports competition that included trivia questions and physical challenges. In a tense moment, member Lou Mages made the final putt that broke the tie and won the game for his team. Remo Lezza & crew prepared hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, and more to round out the sports-themed night. Our monthly attendance drawing was not won this month, and so has now increased to a pool of \$100. Come to our next meeting to have a chance at winning!

Our annual St. Joseph's Day celebration took place in March. We served a pasta dinner to several hundred people. Guests and members alike enjoyed the silent auction, the live band, and a bake sale featuring many traditional Italian sweets. Thank you to all the members who helped make our biggest fundraiser of the year such a fantastic success!

- Upcoming Dates:
- May 4 (Friday) General Meeting - Honoring Veterans & Servicepeople
 - June 2 (Saturday) Bocce Tournament



The winning team of Branch 380's sports competition celebrates their success.



The kitchen staff poses for a photo at Branch 380's annual St. Joseph's Day dinner.



Branch 26 enjoying a great evening together.

**Monterey
Central Coast
Santa Cruz
Nostra Signora del Soccorso,
Br. 21**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Sunny Days sprinkled now and then with soft Spring Rains. With the fair weather, we at Branch 21 have enjoyed several events. First, we held two Soup Suppers during Lent that were well attended; more recently we sold homemade cookies from our Italian Sweets Table outside Holy Cross Church after Sunday masses. The homemade soups and cookies were delicious and your support, dear ICF members, enabled us to donate a substantial amount to the Holy Cross Food Pantry, St. Francis' Catholic Kitchen, and ICF Scholarship Fund. Thank you to the cooks, bakers, servers, and all others who worked hard to make these events fun and profitable.

Other upcoming events include the Holy Cross Multi-Cultural Parish Event on June 23rd which will include an ICF Table, and an ICF Dinner Event on June 29th. So stay tuned for more information.

We want to send our congratulations and blessings to Branch 21 couples Johnny and Kay Ghio, and Bob and Ann Zoccoli who have recently celebrated more than 60 years of marriage. Oprah Winfrey once said: "Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down." Happily, it appears these two couples have ridden a bus or two together down the road of life!

Finally, don't forget to return your Convention Raffle Tickets; you may be as lucky as our last year's Branch member who won \$2500! And, our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12th instead of the usual first Tuesday. May God's grace continue to shine upon us all.

*Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21*

**Salinas
Sacred Heart, Br. 25**

Happy Easter to all ICF members! Happy Birthday to Doris Sprugasci, mother of Branch 25 member Linda Hoffman, who turned 90 this month! Doris is the accordion player at our Central Coast District Events. We also wish a speedy recovery to our Branch Secretary, JoAnn Sullivan, who had a hip replacement. (As coincidences go, Branch 25 member Bennett "Billie" Brown, JoAnn's father, went to Chualar School Kindergarten with Doris, he will be 90 in January!)

Mark your Central Coast District Calendars! The Bishop's Office has confirmed and Bishop's Day will be August 6, 2017, at the JM Ranch. Invitations will be going out in June.

Our Branch worked on formalizing our annual budget cycle during the March 2017 meeting, with further discussion on membership drives at the April 2017 meeting. The new budget

process captures all expenses by categories using an excel format, referring to the CC budget guidelines. The process used the revenue and expenses from the 2016 year just completed to establish a budget baseline, and we then reviewed a proposed 2017 budget. We did identify potential shortfall for 2017 and determined that the cost of the Polenta Luncheon will need to be increased and will be more in line with similar community luncheons. Branch 25 will be sending two delegates to the Convention in September, Julie Richards and JoAnn Sullivan.

Branch 25 will be represented at the District Meeting on April 22, 2017, jointly hosted by the Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande Branches. Please let an officer know if you wish to attend by April 19 at the latest, and if a ride is needed to this meeting. Our next meeting is May 9, 2017 meeting at the Salinas KC Hall, we should know our scholarship recipients by then and hopefully the date for the Polenta Luncheon in early november. We wish all Mom's a Happy Mother's day!

**Hollister
Sacred Heart, Br. 26**

Hello to all,

I would like to let everyone know that we had a wonderful April meeting with Chicken Parmigiana. We celebrated Betty Ferrero's birthday. We also celebrated the wedding anniversary of Harry & Kathy Hill. We had two visitors from the Santa Cruz branch, Rosa Radicchi (District President) and Vittorina Howell (District Vice). The branch looks forward to the next district meeting on June 3 at Paso Robles. Please keep or sick members in your prayers Rosalie Campisi, Norma Martinetti and Anthony Trevino. Branch 26th wishes all the grandmothers and mothers a Happy Mother's Day. Ciao a tutti,

Vorrei far sapere a tutti che abbiamo avuto un bellissimo incontro di aprile con Chicken Parmigiana. Abbiamo celebrato il compleanno di Betty Ferrero. Abbiamo anche celebrato l'anniversario di matrimonio di Harry & Kathy Hill. Abbiamo avuto due visitatori dalla filiale di Santa Cruz, Rosa Radicchi (Presidente distrettuale) e Vittorina Howell (Vice distrettuale). La filiale attende con impazienza la prossima riunione distrettuale il 3 giugno a Paso Robles. Per favore mantieni o ammalato membri nelle tue preghiere Rosalie Campisi, Norma Martinetti e Anthony Trevino. Branch 26th augura a tutte le nonne e le madri un Happy Mother's Day.

*Cordiali saluti,
Cheri Huntley
Branch 26, President*

**Monterey
San Carlos, Br. 36**

March 18, 2018, many members celebrated St Joseph's Day with a beautiful mass at San Carlos Cathedral and a 4-course dinner at Monterey Elk's Club.

April 4, 2018, at our dinner/meeting we honored a very special member, Ruth Flynn on her 100-year-old birthday with a bouquet of



(Above) Elizabeth and Bettye from Branch 36 at the Saint Joseph's celebration, at the Elk Club, in Monterey.

(Left) Elizabeth and Ruth Flynn celebrating her 100th at Branch 36's dinner-meeting on April 5.

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy May!

On Sunday, April 22nd our branch held a wonderful Polenta Dinner fundraiser. Thank you to all the members for helping make this a great event and thank you to everyone that attended, a good time was had by all.

Every year students from Palma and Notre Dame, (our local Catholic high schools), travel to Mexico during the week of their Easter Vacation to help build a home for a family in need. This year one of our younger members from Branch #51 Gino Grier had the privilege of being one of the students that went to build the home. Thank you Gino for helping those in need and for sharing your faith with others.

Our Branch Charity work for May is collecting cans and dried food for our Parish pantry. Members that would like to participate are encouraged to bring canned and dried foods to our next general meeting. These food items will be delivered to our Parish office and will help feed those in need.

A big welcome to our new members, and my cousins, Allison and Bethany Barlow, granddaughters of members Larry and Leonora Barlow and sisters of member Zach Barlow. Also a big welcome to our long distance new member, all the way from our homeland of Italy, Rosella Salarpi. Welcome to your ICF family.

Happy birthday to our May babies- Susan Carbonel, Eva Mae Sigala, Marie Tonus, new members Allison Barlow and Rosella Salarpi and to my beautiful daughter Ashley Stefani. Buon Compleanno!

And lastly please keep member Vera Doris' son John Doris Jr. in your prayers. We pray for God's healing hand to reach out to John Jr., all his family and all those in need of healing prayers.

*Blessing to all,
Cindy Stefani*



Gino Grier member from Branch 51 Castroville helping build a home for a needy family in Mexico.

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Fish Frys this year were another success, with 1,204 meals served. Coordinator Ellen Pauly thanks all the tired but happy workers

who helped put on the dinners each Friday of Lent. Special thanks to Steve Seliskar, a former member, who faithfully showed up both in the mornings and the evenings to work in the kitchen. His many talents were appreciated. Loretta Reaves brought home-baked treats each week for the morning workers and Magdalena Martinez baked goodies for the evening kitchen crew. Gene Pauly brought his homemade cheesecake for the kitchen workers to share. You may want to sign up to work next year as you can see the kitchen help is never short of good things to eat.

A belated thanks to our March cooks Jane and Rick Kotila and Mike and Liz Rios for a new take on the corned beef and cabbage dinner. They oven-roasted the corned beef and served the cabbage in a delicious crunchy salad.

In the Easter spirit, cooks Mary Lou Weidlich and Jim and Dottie Smith prepared a ham dinner for our April meeting and Magdalena baked the dessert. Many thanks to them.

Due to a conflict with the hall, there will be no meeting in May. The Perlino, Richard Robinson Memorial, and Branch scholarships will be awarded at our June meeting.

Welcome to new members Flo Brown, Linda and Mario Beltramo.

Please offer get well prayers to Bill Crowley, who had knee replacement surgery, and to Jerry Huch, who is in the hospital.

Happy Mother's Day. Nothing is really lost until your mom can't find it.

Deanna Musler, Secretary



Branch 227 President and Past Presidents.



Branch 227 Mary and Darryl Harrison, Bryan Stow, Sharleen Hedgepeth.



Branch 227 Dolores McCartney, Charter Members, Frank Locatelli and Alice Ponza.



Branch 227 President Ellen Pauly, Grand President Andy Pappani.

roses. All enjoyed a special dinner prepared by our Chef Peter John Curatolo, pork parmesan served over polenta, with fresh mozzarella and tomato sauce, vegetable, spring green salad, bread, and homemade dessert.

May 3, 2018, we will be celebrating our 87th Anniversary. Also, we will be initiating 65 new members at San Carlos Cathedral with a Benediction/Initiation Ceremony. Also honoring our Scholarship recipients.

Our sympathy of the family of Helene Crivello. Helene was a member for 38 years

Our sympathy of the family of Gloria Garner. Gloria was a member for 14 years

Our sympathy of the family of Rose Ventimiglia. Rose was a member for 21 years, she loved ICF and a server for many years.

Please pray for our members, who are ill, and/or homebound.

May 20, 2018, we are having a Bingo fund raiser, at the Moose Lodge Monterey at 12:30 PM

Calendar:

May 3, 2018 -- Anniversary/Initiation/Scholarship Night

Dinner/Meeting 6:00 PM

Benediction/Initiation 5:15 PM San Carlos Cathedral

May 13, 2018 -- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 20, 2018 -- BINGO - at Moose Lodge, Monterey 12:30 PM

\$20.00 for six games -- great prizes -- Lunch available for \$5.00

June 7, 2018 Dinner/Meeting 6:00PM

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Branch 291 celebrated our St. Joseph's Table at our March General Meeting. Shown here are Rose Haupt and Kathleen Sullivan, who did a wonderful job setting up and decorating our table. We collected 2 grocery carts full of non-perishable food and household items from our members that were donated to our St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

**Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291**

As spring is in full swing, so is the ICF Branch 291 8th Grade Graduate Scholarship Application process! We have two students who applied this year and our scholarship committee reviewed the applications and will announce the recipients at a future meeting. Our Branch awards the \$500 scholarships to local graduating 8th grade students who are continuing their education at a Catholic High School in our area and meet the application requirements.

At our May General Meeting we will be electing our delegates to attend the National Convention in San Diego this coming Labor Day weekend, so if members from Br. 291 are interested in representing our Branch at the convention this year, please let our President, Pete Gallagher, know before the May meeting.

We recently formed a Registration Assistance Program Committee to come up with ideas and help plan and organize our Fall Fundraising Dinners. The proceeds from our Fall Fundraising Dinners fund our Registration Assistance Program, which pays for a large portion of the registration costs for our young ICF members who attend local Catholic K-12 schools. We recently paid the majority of the registration costs for 27 students who were qualified ICF members.

Please continue to pray for members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time, including Homer and Dianne Clees, Wally Cox, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, and Jens and Sonia Wagner.

Happy Mother's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

**Paso Robles
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354**

Our next Pasta Dinner will be held on April 14, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in our parish hall.

This event will help fund our ICF Scholarships for Saint Rose Catholic School, local area High

Schools, and Colleges. The branch voted at the March 9th meeting to fund two full \$400 1st year Scholarships and sent the money to the ICF Scholarship Committee in Oakland.

On March 17 the Knights of Columbus held their annual St Patrick's Dinner in our parish center.

Everyone enjoyed the food, wine, music and friendship we shared.

We had five members attend the March 25th Central Coast District meeting hosted



Branch 423's St. Joseph's Table. Fr. John Janze blesses the annual St. Joseph's Table while the branch officer's look on.

by Branch 51 Castroville, we had to leave some members behind to sell tickets after the masses on Sunday for the April Pasta Dinner.

Irma Zanini with the help of three of her high school classmates from Newman, CA. made 100 tray favors for the Vineyard Rehabilitation Home and delivered them to help brighten the day of the patients on Easter Sunday.

The next Central Coast District meeting will be at the Saint Rose parish hall on June 3rd hosted by Paso Robles Branch #354 and Arroyo Grande Branch #291.

The mass for the living and deceased members of the ICF will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday June 10th at Saint Rose Church, members are invited to breakfast at the Grange after mass.

Happy Birthday to our Branch members, Yvonne Maddalena, Eva Valentin, Carmine and Vera Ceglia.

Father Roberto Vera's birthday is May 26th.

God Bless,

Sylvia Romero

Corresponding Secretary

**Orange
Irvine**

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

The March meeting's dinner consisted of baked potatoes with assorted toppings. Sides and desserts rounded out the meal. Teresa LeMire, Betty Mackintosh, and Margaret Curiel hosted the dinner. It was spudlicious!

The annual St. Joseph's Table was celebrated during the weekend of March 17th and 18th. Homemade baked goodies, sausage and meatball sandwiches, and freshly made cannolis were sold. Our famous Meal In A Bag and homemade pasta sauce was also sold. Many ICF members assisted during the two days and helped make the event a success. Proceeds from the event will help our many charities and the St. Thomas More building fund.

Branch 423 participated in the Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 23 with the Latino and Chinese ministries.

Lynne Goldstrom was the ICF representative for the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday during Holy Week.

Our next restaurant fund-raising events will be on May 16 and 17 at California Pizza Kitchen in Tustin. The next restaurant event will be on June 20 at Rodrigo's in Tustin. Please join us for these two delicious events.

Annual Picnic set for July 20. Rose Gianantonio and Carole Caplett will host the event. More details will follow.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

**Oakland
East Bay
District Council**

Hope everyone has claimed their ticket for our Day at the Races, this is always a fun time. How many winners this year???

Looking forward to hearing from all the branches about what they would like to have presented by the CC Workshop Committee. We were given a lot of choices, now we need to hear from the branches before we can make any decisions. So far it looks like we are leaning towards a Sunday afternoon, still need topics!

Moving right along, we are already looking at August. First, we will have Italian Heritage Night with the A's on Sat. Aug. 4th. There are still a few tickets remaining. Also, in August we will co-host Bishop's Day on Sat. Aug. 12th. Please remember to have your spiritual Bouquets ready and to support the Seminary Bursa. More information to follow regarding time of Mass, etc.

Then on to September and the Convention! Hopefully those prize-winning calendars are selling fast, don't forget to list your special milestones and to support the theme this year. Along with this, the raffle books are also here and for sale. Another way to make money for your branch.

Please say a special prayer for Dave Rose and his boys during this difficult time.

A Blessed Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers and greats, as well as godmothers. Following Mary's example, we can all be a mother figure to those who we love and those who need us.

**Alameda
Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10**

All are welcome to join us for our 92nd Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, May 19. The evening will commence with social time at 6:15 p.m. We will be honored with a presentation by Laurice Levine, MA and Certified Child Life Specialist, the ICF's liaison to our National Charity, the Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia research program now headquartered at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Laurice will speak on the prevention and treatment of Thalassemia, the blood disorder which especially affects persons of Mediterranean ancestry.

The location for this annual function is Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. Chef Ben Ratto will prepare the dinner of antipasta, salad, roast beef, tortellini, and vegetables. The program will include Anniversary cake, music, and a raffle. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. The event is not intended as a fund-raiser. For reservations, contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or

(510) 523-8005 before 9:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

We will once again award scholarships to a total of four eighth grade graduates of Alameda's two Catholic elementary schools, Saint Philip Neri and Saint Joseph. The scholarships are in the amount \$500.00 apiece and are presented to students who will be entering a Catholic high school in August. The recipients are chosen by the principals and teachers of the two schools.

Our numbers now stand at 118 members. Karen Harrington, our treasurer and financial secretary, reported at our April 5 meeting that all but 11 members have paid their dues for 2018. We also thank Karen, who tutors in mathematics at Alameda High School and follows the school's athletic teams with great fervor, for working at our March 23 Fish Fry rather than attending the basketball team's state championship game in Sacramento that afternoon (the Hornets were defeated by Crossroads School of Santa Monica, 59-53, in a very compelling game).

Elsie Giuntoli, who belonged to the ICF for over 50 years and joined Branch 10 upon the closing of her longtime Oakland branch, died on March 22. Elsie lived to be 91 and is survived by four children, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a brother. Central Council ex-officio member Leonard Rossi, the president of the East Bay District, informed us at the District meeting of March 26 that Elsie was best friend to the mother of his wife, Karen Rossi. Elsie's husband Silvano Remo Giuntoli died in 1964. Rosary and Mass were offered at Saint Theresa Church in Oakland in the week following Easter.

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**Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40**

Happy Mother's Day. May you enjoy a beautiful day with family and friends. Speaking of getting together. Our Branch is hosting a Bingo/Raffle Luncheon again. On Saturday May 26th from 1245PM to 4PM at The Sacred Heart Church Cafeteria. We have a GRAND Raffle prize of a Samsung 40" HDTV, and a surprise secondary Grand Prize to a local Winery just given to us. Tickets for both Grand Raffle prize's are just \$10 each. You can purchase them in advance and do not need to be present to win. The Luncheon cost is \$15ea for Adults and \$10ea for 12 and under Children; which includes 2 bingo cards. Additional cards available for sale. We are also going to have smaller raffle prizes available and tickets can be purchased at the door. If you would like to donate a raffle prize that would be wonderful as well. And we will give an honorable mention. On the Luncheon menu will be a green house salad, assorted mixed fruit salads, and finger samwiches. followed by dessertand coffee. Branch 40 will have a hosted wine bar starting at 1245pm. Again May 26th Saturday 1245PM-4PM. At Sacred Heat Church Cafeteria 4025 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland. Entry is on 41st St to ample free parking. RSVP Luncheon reservations by May 21st and purchase of GRAND Raffle prizes' can be made to Mary Ann Francis, 510-655-4971. This first event of the year gives us a chance to get together, have a wonderful time with old and new friends. While raising funds for our ICF Branches Charity work. We greatly welcome your support.

Upcoming Event:

May 7th: Branch meeting at 7PM.

June 4th: Branch meeting 7PM

June 7th: Day at the races-Golden Gate Fields. \$46 includes buffett lunch, valet parking. Contact Fran Latorre at 510-887-1509. Deadline is May 8th.

Happy Birthday to Lorainne Alberti, Anne Marie Grader and Alan Pricco.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and convalescingof our Branch. Especially: Anna Alberti, Rite Avery, Anna Castagnini, Rosalie De Santi, Mary Devincenzi, Karen Garcia, Ernestine Pernecco, David Rose, and Esemea Tabacco.

Thought: “It is Better to Give, Than to Receive”

Ciao,
M.A. Francis and L.A. Francis

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

“He Has Risen”
Easter has come and we are once again reminded of the promise of resurrection. Spring also reminds us of rebirth and the release from the darkness and cold of winter, at least on the West Coast. Our Midwest and Eastern friends and families will have to wait just a bit longer.

This is a time for new beginnings and the growth of our branches. New people inject new ideas and energy and we should all do our best to introduce your friends and extended family members to our organization.

On March 7th Branch 215, the Legion of Mary and the Simbangabi Organizations joined together at the soup supper night at Corpus Christi Church. There was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the seventeen different soups that were presented.

Our Bingo Luncheon was, once again, a great success. Our Lady of Guadalupe provided a great venue for the master calling of Scott Schiecl. The delicious salads were provided by Branch 215 members and friends. Thanks to Nadine Mattier and her talented committee for their generosity and dedication.

The East Bay District’s Day at the Races will be held on 6/7/2018 at Golden Gate Fields. \$46.00 will get you Turf Club seating, valet parking, and a delicious buffet luncheon. Reservations need to be made with Fran LaTorre before May 5. Call Fran at (510) 887-1509 or (510) 589-8498.

Corpus Christi will be holding its Parish Festival on 6/10/2018. ICF Br. 215 will once again help organize, set up, and sell donated items at the Flea Market that is part of the Parish Festival. Gently used items and/or new items can be dropped off at Corpus Christi Parish Hall from June 4 through June 9 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

As always, we wish all members with birthdays, Anniversaries, and any other celebrations our congratulations. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to those who are ill and for the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello
Branch 215

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Father Leonard Marrujo was our speaker for our March St. Joseph’s Table and St. Patrick’s celebration. Father Leonard has a demeanor that instantly makes him your friend and motivates you to strive to be more connected with Jesus. It was Friday of Lent so instead of corned beef and cabbage, dinner was stuffed baked potatoes - a creative substitute! Judy Wellbeloved, “the creator” must have made the St. Patty and the Irish Potato Famine connection. After dinner, Father



Branch 285 St. Joseph’s Table 2018.

Leonard delighted us with a presentation on the extravagant celebrations of Holy Week (Semana Santa) in Seville, Spain. Thank you Father for your always interesting and instructive presentations. A photo St. Joseph’s Table set up by Kathy Elm and blessed by Father is shown nearby.

Our May 18 Meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton is our heritage meeting and the 45th anniversary of Branch 285. Branch 285 was founded by Filomena Astorino, “Vera”, in 1973 at St. Augustine’s Church, Pleasanton. It’s a tradition to hear stories of how ICF families left small towns or villages in Italy to brave a difficult voyage across the Atlantic to a new home, a new opportunity. We are all thankful they made the voyage and brought their world famous cuisine with them. Where would we be without polenta and chicken cacciatore?

What a segue! Our annual Polenta Dinner will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton on June 2nd. Polenta and chicken cacciatore, a little music, and our famous gift baskets. It’s a fund raiser for our scholarships and other ICF charities. Good food served in a family atmosphere - you’re destined for a night to satisfy your palate and your charitable spirit.

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Due to the success of our Bake sales and Biscotti sales we are able to donate an ICF first year scholarship to a senior student graduating from Moreau, O’Dowd or Castro Valley high school. We were also able to sponsor the OLG school on their “Run for Fun” fund raiser. Thank you, to all you busy bakers out there.

Let’s not rest on our laurels, it’s time to begin selling those raffle books again. Who knows maybe we can best ourselves this year, challenges are sometimes fun, and this is a money maker. Also, we need to get our special personal events in for the ICF calendar.

The district is looking for ideas of what we would like to learn about the ICF, officer’s duties, committees, functions, as the CC has offered workshops fashioned to our needs. What are your questions and/or concerns???

The upcoming months may be the start of summer, but we will be having a mix of activities; Day at the Races, golfing, Italian Heritage night, Bishop’s Day and the convention over Labor Day weekend. Lots of varied activities, so there might be something just for you.

A Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, grands/ greats, aunts and godmothers. May mother Mary be our guide not just now but throughout the year.

**Contra Costa
District Council**

Just a few reminders because these events are coming closer.



Branch 13 members (standing from left to right) Rosemary Cook, Anne Crisp, and Paul Cook spent their Sunday morning serving pancakes and eggs to St. Catherine of Siena parishioners Steve Scheye and Gracie Vega at the monthly breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Do not let us forget to get our tickets from Roselynn for the ball game on Sat. the 4th of August We have a lot of fun getting together and also watching the fantastic fireworks Contact Rose at 925 381 4709 or Angels8199@aol.com

Before the ball game we will have the District Breakfast at St. Catherine’s Church, Martinez. The Mass will be at 10:30 am followed by a great breakfast in the hall. Could not be a better offer for only \$5;00 I forgot to mention the date. May 20th

We have a date for Bishop’s Day! Sunday August 12th at 3:30 pm This will be hosted by the East Bay. Details to follow.

A little something I would like to share with you! You know as we get older our number one concern is to look down to see were we are walking so we do not fall. While yesterday I took a fall and after I gathered myself I thought “Lord where is the protection of my angel when it says in Psalms 91:11-12 “For He commands his angels with regard to you,to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone. It could be because I do not think about angels that much! Do you remember this prayer? “Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me hear, ever this day be at my side, to love and guard, to rule and guide”

May your guardian angel protect you and keep you safe.

Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

We hope all of you had a joyful and blessed Easter season. We look forward to a wonderful summer.

Plans for Branch #13, June 2 kick-off to summer Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner are off and running. Tickets are for adults and seniors \$12, children 5 to 12 \$6 and family two adults and 2-3 children \$30. We are busy making baskets for the popular basket drawing. The money is for the ICF fundraisers including the Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship, ICF National Charity: Thalessemia Research, and Fulfilling the Promise Campaign, and others. Call coordinator Marty DeVenuta at 925-639-9730 for tickets.

On Mar. 18 Marie Catanese Helberg, Mary, Tom, Paul, and Rosemary Cook, Marty

DeVenuta and Anne Crisp served breakfast to all attending the monthly pancake breakfast cooked by the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to Mary Lynn Rogers. She was a \$30 winner in the February calendar raffle.

Ciao from Martinez,
Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

The gauntlet has been thrown! Irish members are oh so proud of themselves for making more at the corned beef dinner than Italians made at our last polenta dinner. Italians! We have people! This can’t happen again. (Hope everyone knows I write this in jest.) Welcome to Nancy Yacovetti Miller! Nancy was a member of the Junior ICF “a couple of years ago.” So glad to have her return. Get well wishes to Kathy Cargo, Bob Carone, Gerald Lesmeister, Paul Marzi, Kathleen Thomas and Elva Valli, and sincere sympathies to Bonnie Leal on the loss of her mother. Also, condolences to John Guintoli on the death of his mother. Congrats to our convention delegates Dee



David Botta from Branch 14, Crockett, congratulating Nancy Miller to the branch. Welcome Nancy!



Branch 14 St. Joseph Table Celebration, David Botta, Joe Macaluso,Pauline Cardoza, Carl Heller and Father Leo. Thank you for your help.

Carone, Donna Hoffmann, Roni Jimenez and Vonda Lesti-Egan. No doubt that will be a fun time.

Hope to see everyone at the May 8th Mother’s and Father’s Day dinner. Please try to attend mass at 5:30, a free taco bar dinner at 6:30, and the meeting at 7:30.

Remember our Bingo Night on May 11. Hot dogs at 6:00, followed by bingo. It really is a night of laughs.

Wishes for a delightful Mother’s Day to all women...mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and friends who make others feel special and loved. It’s a wonderful day to show how much they are appreciated.

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

**Pittsburg
San Dominico, Br. 72**

As we celebrate Mothers day in May. Let us remember to honor our blessed Mother. One way to do that is to take part in a group rosary. Many parishes offer the rosary after daily Mass. Some have weekly novena’s to our Lady of Perpetual help.

On April 15 our meeting was held after our annual spring dinner out. This year we picked a new location. The Brewing Company Restaurant in downtown Pittsburg. The food was good and everyone enjoyed the outing. We held elections for convention delegates, passed out convention raffle tickets and discussed upcoming events. We thank Donna Stone for donating a book of convention raffle tickets for our branch.

On April 26 we attended the district meeting. Our district delegates are Helen Politakes and Donna Stone. Joann Thilgen and Patty Jarrett attend as district officers. Roselynn Jarrett does so as the acting district deputy and as a central council member. We should be proud that we have five of our members as district



Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day at Branch 72.



Branch 214’s St. Joseph’s table. Decorated by Franca Schepis every year.

representatives.

Now we move forward to May. On Saturday May 5 our members will attend Mass at 5:30 PM at Good Shepherd church. After Mass we will have a May crowning of the Blessed Mother. We will then enjoy dinner out at a local restaurant. Invitations with details will be mailed.

Please note: We do not have a meeting in May. Invitations will be mailed with the date and details for our June meeting.

Check out and become a member of the Face Book ICF page. It is a great way to see information on various events being held and view pictures.

That is it for now.
As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti
Patty

**Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214**

Our March meeting included a St. Joseph’s table & St. Patrick’s meal was beautiful. Fr. Johnson of St. Agnes church and our Chaplain blessed our meal.

Members continue to bring New prospective members. It is really fun to see how many people know a new arrival, it’s truly a small world.

We are busy selling our raffle tickets for the upcoming convention.

In May we announce our 8th grade essay winners from St. Agnes, Queen of All Saints & St. Francis of Assisi. Essays written on their heritage, winners will receive \$100 towards High School expenses.

In June our Annual Viano Winery event with wine tasting, appetizers, raffles and olive oil tasting will take place . Open for all branches to attend. Mark your calendar for June 10.

Member Sue Giorgetti is busy planning a Reno - October Columbus Day/Italian fiesta for members.

Let us pray for our sick (especially for Jim Armstrong) & elderly. Repose of Mario Maggio, one of our founders of our branch.

Christina



Branch 432 St. Joseph Day diners enjoying their meals.



Branch 432 St. Joseph Day diners lining up for the gourmet repast.

**Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352**

Thank you to everyone that volunteered or attended Branch 352’s “Festa Primavera” spring fundraiser. Chef Angelo’s chicken and pasta dinner was enjoyed while music was provided by the Ken Cooper Trio. Fellowship, dancing and fun was had by all.

Our dinner and raffle allow us to support scholarships and charitable donations so we are thrilled with the attendance and the support.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, May fourteenth, with Barbecue dinner being served.

Blessings,
Cathy Kedzie

**Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432**

A feast day is a date set aside to honor the life, the patronage and the legacy of a specific Saint. On the March 19th feast day of St. Joseph, Catholics honor him with an age old tradition called St. Joseph’s Table. History has it the tradition began on the island of Sicily. There was a draught that ruined the harvest and caused a famine. The Sicilians prayed to St. Joseph, the patron Saint of the family. Their prayers were answered when the draught and famine receded.

For Branch 432 there were two celebrations of St Joseph’s Day in 2018. The first celebration on March 19th was Parish wide with the entire IHM community taking part: very much like last year’s feast day with a Rosary, procession, and Mass followed by dinner in the hall.

The second St. Joseph celebration was exclusively for Branch 432. All food was prepared by the Branch members and all dishes were meatless in recognition of

worldwide famine. Orchestrated by First Vice Presidents Judee and Jay Risso, a memorable array of pastas, salads, desserts and other prepared foods adorned the St. Joseph’s Table. Coupled with the beverage of your choice, it was truly a great dining experience.

Looking ahead, May is the month Branch 432 puts up the Parish pancake breakfast: May 6th is the day. So, when Deacon John sends out the notice for volunteers, step up. The breakfast runs more efficiently when we all do our share to help.

“There comes a time when you have to choose between turning the page or closing the book.”

la vita è buona

**Christ the King
Pleasant Hill, Br. 442**

We welcomed Spring with our 4th annual Ladies Tea fundraiser on Saturday March 24th. And what a welcome it was. Even the weather cooperated to make it a wonderful day. Once again our hostesses outdid themselves with their creativity and decorating skills providing us with the most beautiful an elegant table settings. Thank you for sharing your stories about the precious teapots, linens and heirlooms. It was a wonderful way to honor loved ones and maintain our family values and traditions. Carol Padlo and her ‘crew’ worked tirelessly (although they were probably exhausted afterwards!) to prepare for us a traditional tea fare of scrumptious sandwiches, scones, pasties and special tea blend. So, our compliments to the chef, and thank you to the whole crew. Thank you to our gentlemen servers who ran the tea parlor so efficiently. Also, thank you to all of you who donated raffle baskets. They were all magnificent. And of course, a big thank you to Diana Mackinson and Joan Cummings for chairing the event, they made it look so easy. And a special thank you to everyone who helped put this sold out, successful, fundraiser event. We understand there is already a



(Above) Branch 442's Ladies Tea group.



(Left) Branch 442 Winter Nights 2018.

waiting list for next year!

On Tuesday April 10th several members of our branch prepared, served and shared a pasta and salad meal for Winter Nights families while they were guests in our Parish. Thank you to all of you who answered the call. We know it is a most wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Play ball! Our April 8th meeting had a baseball theme with hotdogs, peanuts and Cracker Jacks. And lots of other goodies provided by our members. Nice to see everyone wearing their favorite team attire. We brought back our door prize. Congratulations to Andy Gondolfo for having the lucky number. You do need to be present to win so make sure you keep an eye for the meeting invites.

More to come in May!

Eileen McGauran

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Sunday, MAY 6th will be our next meeting and dinner along with BINGO. Meeting at 3:30, BINGO at 4:30, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Chicken and Polenta on the menu. Join us in Giovanni Hall for a fun evening. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. For reservations and information, contact me by May 1st at 916-508-1199.

8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for May 23 and our Branch will be awarding two \$500 scholarships this year. One scholarship is made possible by donation from Lee and Shirley Pasquini Bennett in memory of Leda Pasquini, a longtime member of our Branch and a second from our branch dinner proceeds. Applications are due back to us by May 11th for selection. Thanks to all of you who participate in our Branch events to make this possible.

Condolences to Frank Perri and family on the passing of May Perri on March 25, 2018 at age 89. Frank and May have been members of the branch for 30 years and were very active in all branch activities. May she rest in peace.

“Get Well” thoughts and prayers to members Marie Leonard and Maria Keller.

Happy May Birthday to the following members: Lollie Bencken, Paula Buchignani, Jackie Bush, Josette Courey, Ottavio Luchini, Kathy Pongratz, Tina Tallman, and Catherine Zerio.

Ciao,

Janine

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all who helped to make our second annual Bunco fundraiser a huge success. We were able to sell all sixty of our tickets and everyone enjoyed a great lunch and an afternoon of fun and games. Thank you again!

Mark your calendars for our annual corporate mass at St. Joseph's Church. This event will take place on Sunday, May 20th. We will meet and process in as a branch for the 10:00mass. President MaryAnn Mikles and I will give a short presentation to the congregation and we will pass out biscotti and ICF business cards after the mass. (Thank you, Norma Harris, for donating the biscottis). We then invite everyone to join us at The Sizzler for an early lunch, fellowship and our monthly branch meeting.

Our Appreciation Dinner will take place at St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday, June 3rd. At this time, we will honor a member for their service to the branch, present our scholarship recipients, and install new members. The calling committee will be contacting you soon to see what you will be bringing to the potluck dinner. More info to come.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

We celebrated St. Joseph's day on the weekend of March 17th. and 18th. with a beautiful St. Joseph Table filled with bountiful items and various pastries. Those bakers who baked went above and beyond. We have been presenting our table for three years now. Every year it gets better. This year it was extraordinary. I personally want to thank all the decorators who set up the table, all the members that worked at the masses. Especially Natalie Malone that worked more then one mass and stayed to the end along with Nina to put things away. Thank you to all the bakers.

And Joe Aguilar for writing the article explaining St. Joseph's day for the church bulletin and all his help. With out all your help this would not have been such a huge success.

On Friday March 23rd. we served over 173 parishioners with our annual fish dinner. a big thank you to Michael and Sandra Fuentes, Linda Paisley, Frank and Angela DiGrande along with all their kitchen help who cooked and served one delicious dinner. We can't forget the crew that stayed and worked hard cleaning up the kitchen.

Pray for all our sick members and those in need. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry



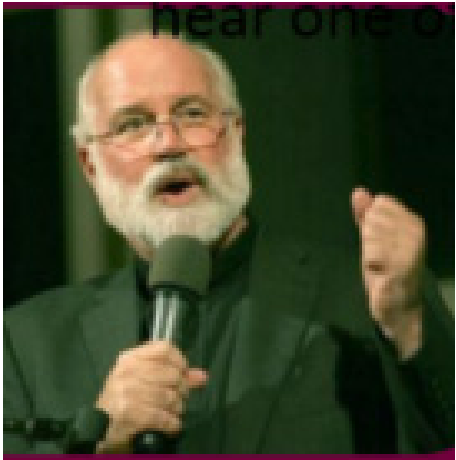
Chair Lady Yvonne Perry, helpers Conchita Lizardi and Linda Pasley setting up the St. Joseph's Table.

San Bernardino

Redlands

Holy Name of Jesus, Br. 217

ICF Branch 217 is honored to report their annual St. Joseph's Gala Dinner on March 22, 2018 was a huge success. The keynote speaker was Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. The organization is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Homeboy Industries employs and trains former gang members and helps integrate them back into society as honorable and law-abiding citizens. Fr. Boyle gave first-hand accounts of his struggles and accomplishments with the ministry. His inspirational words encouraged those present to go beyond their comfort zone to find ourselves. It was a beautiful event.



Branch 217's keynote speaker Fr. Greg Boyle.

Murphy.

THE 88th ANNUAL SAN DIEGO DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE has it all, a blend of old tried and true traditions, new exciting ideas with an emphasis on family, guided by the wisdom of our older members, all of whom have dedicated many years of service to the Italian Catholic Federation.

SAVE THE DATE, get ready for an exciting memorable CONVENTION, an experience you don't want to miss. Thursday Evening August 30th REMEMBERING FRANK SINATRA will kick off the event, an elegant Black Tie Optional event. THE SAN DIEGO TOUR TROLLEY will transport you to A Lavish Cocktail Reception, Delicious Gourmet Dinner, Concert featuring Frank Sinatra's Original Music, Dancing, Raffle Prizes and Special Fun Activities for the children.

TOURS- two, exciting fun tours are planned. Tour #1 Mission San Diego de Alcalá, JUNÍPERO SERRA MUSEUM and Old Town San Diego TOUR #2 EXPLORE LITTLE ITALY & CORONADO ISLAND We are doing our best to make sure you have a great time so SAVE THE DATES THURSDAY AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3, 2018.

See you soon!

Patrizia Vigili

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Branch 230 wrapped up its successful January 2018 membership drive with 25 new members enrolled. Responding to Central Council's call for growth and retention. We were able to specifically attract several young families to strengthen our ranks for years to come.

Looking back on the first few months of the year, ICF 230 is happy with the outcome of the annual Our Lady of the Rosary Fish Fry. While receipts are still being counted, present

San Diego

District Council

As the District Board of San Diego reflects back in time and settles into 2018 three things stand out in all of our minds, New Beginnings as evidenced in our Installation in January 2018, when our esteemed Central Council Officers and immediate Past President took time to come to San Diego for the event, Change because of Social Media, New Traditions, Communication and The Past, a joining of old and new traditions, lead by our innovative District President Christine



The oldest San Diego ICF member Lady Jody Balistreri and the youngest Addison Cassidy.



Branch 416's St. Joseph's Day Table.

indications are for our fundraising goal to be met for the parish. Additionally, there is significant buzz around OLR in light of the good time had by all at the event. A huge shoutout and thanks to all volunteers whose selfless hard work made the event possible.

Things don't slow down for ICF 230 in the months ahead. We're looking forward to April's 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance to be hosted at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Italy on the 14th of April. The event will feature a catered dinner and live entertainment. And to round out a busy start to spring and April, ICF 230 will be hosting the OLR Annual Pancake Breakfast April 22nd to raise money for the scholarship program. Along with other exciting plans for the year, excitement is building in anticipation of the 88th Annual Convention being held in America's finest city.

John Sgalio

ICF Branch 230

Spring Valley
Santa Sophia, Br. 416

Br. 416 had a very successful St. Joseph Day Table and sandwich sale on Sunday, March 18. Not only was it a monetary success, but we also gained four new members. We are in the process of helping the district make plans for the upcoming San Diego convention. We are also putting together a going away party for our member from South Korea. Min is a full member in good standing with our Branch and is looking forward to taking the ICF back home with him. God bless for now.

Tim

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

Dear Members:
Hope all had an enjoyable Easter!
Upcoming:
June -- No Meeting
Prayers and get-well wishes to member Oretta Scaletti.
Stay healthy!
Happy Mother's Day to all Branch 1 members .

Ciao!
Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our last meeting on April 5th brought quite an interesting change..... There was an exchange between Chef and President of our chapter !
Chef Joe Figone, also known as President Figone, was busy in the kitchen preparing a sumptuous meal for us all.

Vice President, Louis Massanti called the meeting to order and proceeded with much expertise to handle the meeting. Roll call was made, minutes were read, and Treasurer Annette Farrell made her report.

Once again we were saddened to learn of the passing of another one of our wonderful members: Rena Mary Molinari. At one time she was one of our most active members, most beloved because she always put a joyous smile on our faces ! May she rest in Peace. Eleanor Pieretti motioned we should have a Mass said in her memory, and it was seconded by our Vice President, Louis Massanti.

Liana Figone brought to our attention, that there were other ICF Branches in our vicinity that also had a small number of active members. She suggested we consider perhaps coordinating in some manner. After some discussion, we decided it was certainly something we should consider, and we will certainly follow up on this.

Our closing prayer, led by Vice Pres. Massanti, brought our meeting to a close, and we then enjoyed the marvelous Ham Dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by our President Figone.

Until next time, may God continue to Bless us all!

Ciao,
Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope you all had a Beautiful Pasqua.
On May 23rd we are taking a trip to the Lavender Farms. We will see how Lavender is grown and used. We then have lunch at the Hilmar Cheese Factory. Later, we go to the Sciabica Olive Oil for tasting.

Happy Birthday to our April and May members. Many more years of much Happiness and Good Health.
Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Remember the following dates:
May 27th - Mass - Remembering Barbara
May 28th - Meeting - 1:30 P.M. in the Rectory
Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

San Mateo
South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Buona Festa del Papa South City!
Summer is almost upon us so keep in mind our next scheduled dinner meeting in Wednesday, August 1. In the meantime, enjoy your June and July vacation.

The San Francisco Archdiocese's Bishop Day celebration has been postponed while the San Mateo District works to reschedule it with the San Francisco and Marin Branches. We may merge it with a previously scheduled San Mateo District event. As more information becomes available, we will pass it along.

Congratulations to three of our hardworking members who are all celebrating big membership milestones. Marie Yoschak is celebrated 40 years of membership on May 3 and both Branch President, Diana Ferrari, and Past Branch President, Lola Migliore are celebrating 40 years of membership on June 7.



The years go by quick when you are having fun.
Happy Birthday wishes to several of our members. First, Tony Bachle who just celebrated his 91 birthday in April. Next May is a special month for both the Cavalieri and Masini Families. Both Families have two members celebrating in May with Barbara and Cathy Cavalieri and Louis and Mary Masini. Hoping all of them have great birthdays.

Keep all our members in your prayers, especially Dean Balestieri, Bill Mangini and Marlis Risso.

In honor of all fathers remember what photographer Anne Geddes said, "Any man can be a Father but it takes someone special to be a Dad."

Ciao!
FHR

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our members have been very busy making and filling baskets, working in the kitchen and doing the food shopping for our spaghetti and meatball dinner held /Saturday, April 7, 2018.

We are lucky to have so many members help out and go such a good job. Our committee included Mary Ann Camacho, Dorene Campanile, Maria Camacia, Jean Watterson, & Luci and Jim Witherspoon. Kudos to all of you!

We received many compliments on the unusual raffle baskets and great food with some of the biggest meatballs we have ever had.

Special mention goes to Gary Wemiz who seems to be a one man show when he does the dirty work of cleaning up after one of our dinners. His wife, Brenda along with Dorene were great bartenders and sons, Mariano and Emiliano were on hand to help when needed.

We were pleased to be able to have Laurice Levine come and speak to us for our March meeting on the latest information from the Cooley's Anemia Group at the Los Angeles location. Laurice continues her work there but luckily now lives in the Bay Area.

We are happy to see some of the members we have been praying for show up for our dinner but prayers are still appreciated for Dorene & John's daughter, Connie, Jean Watterson's daughter Jeannine Linda Mustachia, Lorraine Rollandi and John Watterson (recovering from surgery).

God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

Tuesday, March 20, 2018: ICF Branch 403 Officers Dorothy Semke, Gloria Borruso and President Mary Vella Treseler, along with a great group of approximately 50 members and friends, enjoy samples of delicious food provided by those attending the annual Saint Joseph Table event at Saint Dunstan's Parish Hall in Millbrae. The remainder of the food was distributed to those in need at the Catholic Workers House at Saint Bruno's Church in San Bruno.

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our April meeting was hosted by Roberta Franchini and Jackie Smith. Thanks for putting on a wonderful dinner ladies. It was really special and we all enjoyed the wonderful meal.

Getting together before our meeting gives member and opportunity to catch up with what they ar have been doing and for us to discuss plans that are being made for the coming months. We invite all members to make a special effort to attend to our "before meeting" diner socials. We promise you an enjoyable social.

Special prayers go out to all who are ill and to let them know they are in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Roberta Franchini has sent out our convention raffle tickets, please return stubs and check to her as soon as possible. Remember this is a fundraiser for our branch. Help to support our branch.

Check the newsletter Hotline to find an ICF activity that you can attend during the month. Help support other branches as well as our own.

Remember Saturday June 16th for our branch Hosting the Semi-Annual Communion. All Members are expected to attend and help Jackie with this District Event.

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327

Hello everyone!

Our branch has been very quiet since our March Anniversary dinner. However, we do

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have a list of upcoming events and hope you will add them to your calendars.

Saturday, June 16 is the first of the semi-annual District masses. It will be held at St. Augustine's Church, hosted by Branch 213. It will be at 4:30 pm with refreshments to follow.

Sunday, June 24, Our Lady of Angels, Branch #173 will be hosting a ravioli dinner. More information to come.

Saturday, June 30, Holy Angels Church, Branch #19, will be hosting a champagne Bingo. The Holy Angels hall opens at 1:00 pm, lunch served at 2:00 pm., includes 1 Bingo card, \$16.00. Call Deborah Rodondi, 650-583-0805, for reservations.

Friday, November 9 is Chaplains Night. It will held at South San Francisco Elk's Club, hosted by St. Augustine's,

Branch 213. Put the date on your calendar now. More details will come soon.

Most of our members have received their book of Convention raffle tickets. The books are \$20.00 and the branch keeps \$10.00 per book. Marie DeRosa will be collecting your money and ticket stubs.

It's not too late to pay your branch dues. Get in touch with Alma Brennan, 650-593-8373.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!

Ciao, Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We had a wonderful St. Joseph's Celebration with an abundance of pot luck food from our members. Peter Stiehler from the Catholic Worker Hospitality House was in attendance and delivered all left over food to his dining room for the homeless in San Bruno. At our next meeting, May 1, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican Dinner. Social time will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM.. Please take note of our new time. Please mark your calendar, as our annual fundraiser Spaghetti & Meatball dinner will take place on Sunday June 3, 2018 in the Parish Hall, with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include antipasto, salad, spaghetti & meatballs, dessert and wine for \$25 per person. Reservations by May 28, 2018 to Rose Marie Morando, 706 Clearfield Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Cari Amici e Soci,

We hope you had a blessed Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Our branch celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph at our March 20th meeting while we enjoyed a wonderful dinner together and welcomed new members. We thank everyone who baked for our St. Joseph's Table analso thank Marin Joe's for extending to us a warm welcome and providing the delicious menu they created for us.

We also enjoyed each other's company at our ICF Mass and brunch on Palm Sunday. We are grateful for these wonderful opportunities to be together.

Happily accepting new members, if you have a friend please bring them to an upcoming meeting.

Please continue your get-well prayers for everyone who isn't feeling well.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary



(Top Left) On behalf of ICF Branch 28, President Gennaro Filice presented a donation to Father Robert Brocato for St. Mary Parish.

(Above) Branch 28 - Member Elia Scettrini displaying her beautiful handmade Easter sugar eggs.

(Left) Frank and Theresa Borge members since January 2007 getting ready to enjoy the Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner.

ICF Branch 445 – Transfiguration Church, San Jose.

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

We are looking for a few new members of all ages. Come one Come all.

A prospective member(s) should be Catholic and you don't have to be Italian. Invite them to come for fun, delicious dinners, shows, casino trips and events to raise money for various charities.

Thanks to all members and friends of ICF Br. 5 who have helped and supported Br. 5.

The Casino Trip to Red Hawk in March had some winners and losers but lots of fun.

Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Drive safely and enjoy.

See you at the Dinner/Meeting(s) each month.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our Branch 28 St. Patrick themed dinner meeting was held on March 19th which featured "corn beef and cabbage" catered by Dave Bozzo. Dave is the son of members Sam and Judy Bozzo, Sam being a local restaurateur in the Gilroy area for many years. Thank you Dave for the consistently wonderful meals provided, sometimes on short notice, and to your mom and dad for the cultural gift given you that Branch 28 so much appreciates.

At the March meeting President Gennaro Filice presented Father Robert Brocato of Saint Mary Parish with a check of \$4,000. One of the results of member sponsored and member participation in fundraising efforts. An example of which is member Elia Scettrini's beautifully decorated sugar Easter eggs that were raffled at the March meeting. The giving of time and talent by members to fund raise for deserving causes is an inspirational thing to see.

A new item on the monthly dinner meeting agenda is a sponsored raffle of Branch 28 member affiliated "goods and services" that a lucky member may win. Please remember to bring your Branch 28 membership cards to the meetings and if you have goods or services that would be suitable for raffle please contact Kim Filice. Past President Roger Santos was our first raffle winner and received a bottle of Italian soda and a \$35 Nob Hill grocery gift card.

Next dinner meeting is May 21st 2018 at the Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

It's that time of year when the Ways & Means Committee is asking for your participation in the preparation of the 2019 Calendar. So, if you have a special story you would like to share about a Festa you have enjoyed, or a recipe from a Festa, now is your chance. These are the special "Daily Raffle" calendars which our branches sell each year. You can mail your story to Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 ATTENTION: CALENDAR

The annual Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 11:00 A.M. There is a luncheon which follows at Michael's Shoreline. Contact Donna Pfaff if you plan to attend the luncheon.

Save Sunday, August 5, for the Santa Clara Valley District Annual BBQ at Vasona Park. Details will follow, so stay tuned! It was a great success last year with a Mass, food and lots of visiting with friends old and new.

May the Lord watch over our members. Special Blessings to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Godmothers, all of whom play an important part in the lives of our young.

Ciao for now,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Branch 191 hopes every Branch in the Federation had a Blessed Easter spending time with family and friends.

During the month of March, St. Frances Cabrini Parish housed, fed, laundry service, transportation and security for 16 homeless women under the San Jose "Village House" program. Many members of our branch participated in this program; some for the 3rd straight year. It was a very rewarding experience for most of us, helping those in most need of our help.

Our mission and purpose is to serve others.

James Jones

President of Branch 191

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

According to the '50's song, "Little Things Mean a Lot." So many members of our branch think of themselves as doing "just a little thing" but they all add up to a lot. Ed and Jane Wendler do a lot of "little things," such as helping in the kitchen for all sorts of meals in the hall, working on the sound system, playing the guitar, and leading the annual diocesan appeal drive in our parish. All of these activities add up to a lot of big "little things." Thank you, Ed and Jane!

Did you know...that John Gillio makes a delicious polenta, and that Paul Butler knows the history and recipe for polenta? Paul

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley District Council

After calling the meeting to order, District President Bob Bausino thanked Branch 391 for hosting the meeting. He called on Fr. George who shared a spiritual reflection with stories of how sharing problems, tragedies, difficulties and even funny experiences can help people change. District Mentor, Jerry Delfino reminded all branches to fund scholarships and extra money would be welcomed. He cited branches 28 and 191 for 1st & 3rd place recognition as top calendar sales. Br. 391 won a 3rd place for branches with 200+ members.

Br. 435's President Giulia Gallego said they distributed produce collected by St. Catherine's middle school students at their St. Joseph's Table event. Br. 408's Ric Shimshock hosted 32 people at recent Blood Drive making the Red Cross very happy. Br. 5's Janet Glaubke reminded everyone of the 4/28 Dean Martin entertainment/fundraiser. Louise Vento's Heritage Report centered on St. Patrick and the role he played in bringing Christianity to Ireland. Eileen Fritsch appreciated Louise's Heritage story as she is 100% Irish. She called attention to her recent Bollettino article about Nicholas Green, whose organs benefitted several people.

Joan Delfino reported that the Gifts of Love program had 12 applications, seven were approved, \$11,000 awarded. Jo Bertaccini summed up her spiritual reflection to "Be a Resurrection People". Anna Gonzalez said the date on the Luau tickets was incorrect and had replacement tickets. She asked all branches to turn in money from sales at next meeting

Al Vallorz added that from his biblical reading on the Hebrews, that men should make coffee for women.

June District Meeting – Monday June 11,



Fr. Abraham Antony and Mike Rossi from Branch 391.

says we can stand a stick in good finished polenta, just as we can stand a straw in a good milkshake. Did you know that corn meal, of which polenta is made, has fewer calories than other grains? Or that fava beans and lemons are considered lucky in Sicily?

John Gillio, our branch president, will be going to Convention. Our pasta fund-raiser dinner will be held on May 12, and Mary Ridi and Anne Cordoni are knee-deep in planning it. Joan Delfino works with Gifts of Love, which pays the bills for necessities of people with disabilities.

Thanks to Avis Erkel, Mary Mavroudis, Ann Gresch, and Carol Layne for our Italian and Irish-themed dinner, and to Rosa Traina for the wonderful St. Joseph’s Table bread.

Have a blessed and beautiful spring!

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our branch said goodbye to our dear chaplain, Fr. Abe, who is returning to India at the end of June. After giving our opening prayer, Fr. Abe was presented a gift with our heartfelt thanks for his years of kindness and support to our branch. President Mike Rossi thanked Al, Diana and team for the delicious Mel’s Diner Special of Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes!

Mary Prolo, our guest speaker, spoke of the upcoming Saint Martin’s Village House on May 3-June 6, 2018, and she asked for volunteers for this worthwhile program.

Thank you to Marcie Rossi’s great work in recruiting members and in marketing our Branch’s work in St. Martin’s Bulletin and on Facebook!

Our branch voted to support an additional First Year ICF Scholarship, adding to our two scholarships funded every year.

Our popular “Wine Down with ICF” will be held on May 4. In keeping with this theme in his heritage report, Doug Schenk spoke of Italian wine making in California and how Italian dominance influenced the winemaking industry in our state.

Thank you to Tina Rossi for working on membership dues, to Mary Lipari for her work on scholarship applications, to Rose Myers and Paul Trevisan for representing our branch during the Lenten Stations of the Cross, and to Louise Vento for dispersing convention raffle tickets.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 May Dinner Meeting—May 1, 2018 at 6:30p.m.; “Wine Down with ICF”—May 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Thanks to all who help host the Santa Clara Valley District Meeting for April at the Farana



Branch 408 PASTA Dinner VIPs Fr. Phong, Mrs Markley 5th grade Class Mother.



Branch 408 Leprechaun - black Irish from Br. 47 Eva Stern at Br 408 Pasta Dinner.

Center. We had a good turn out and Patricia reported on the Fun Facts of Pizza, while Steve Richey served cheese pizza to our members. There was not much Pizza leftover.

Fr. Noel has been promoted to work in the Chancery for the Bishop starting July 1st, 2018. Our ICF Branch will be helping to host our Parish Going-away Party for Fr. Noel which will be held on 20th of May after the 1130 AM Mass.

Remember the Santa Clara District Outdoor Mass is coming up June 24th @ 11 AM @ our Lady of Peace under the statue of Our Lady. Please mark your calendars.

Our upcoming June ICF Blood Drive will be held Saturday 30 June 2018 from 8AM-1PM in the Farana Center. Please consider donating this Gift of Life.

Please pray for our sick members – especially for Richard DeFrancisci, Edith Novak, and Betty Deville.

Ric

Morgan Hill

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

March had a lot of activity. On March 15th we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with corned beef and cabbage prepared by Kevin O’Keefe. We had a talk from one of our newer members, Pier Antonniuci, who spoke about a cultural exchange with one of our sister cities in Italy, San Casciano. He is recruiting high school students for an exchange program in the July/August time frame.

On Friday, March 16th, the St. Catherine Middle School Ministry and Br #435 hosted St. Joseph’s Table with fresh produce donated by local stores, farms and individuals. Approximately 70 families took home the local fare. At the end of the day we hosted a Lenten Soup Supper for all with many homemade soups donated by Br #435 and other St. Catherine parishioners.

On April 21st we will have our annual Pasta Fundraiser with pasta and sausage prepared by George Guglielmo and crew, and “Noni Rosie’s Sauce” by Alex Gallego. There will also be a raffle with many prizes. We will be hosting the Santa Clara Valley District meeting on May 14th which gives us a chance to touch base with many of our fellow ICF branches. Branch #435 will be celebrating it’s 10th anniversary in May with a special dinner. More to come. Ciao!



Branch 408 Msgr. Milani at St Joseph's Day 2018.



Branch 408 Msgr Milani, Kate Shimshock, Mark Wilson playing Bingo at Fundraiser to purchase a new bus.

San Jose

Church Of The Transfiguration, Br. 445

Branch 445 honored March 19th, the feast day of St. Joseph, by having a “St. Joseph’s Table” on March 22nd. (Note, all St. Joseph celebrations might take place on the nearest, most convenient weekend). It was a huge success and we learned a lot about how and why we celebrate St. Joseph!

St. Joseph’s Day is a big Feast for Italians because, in the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph’s intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought. So, in his honor in Sicily, the custom is for all to wear red, (in the same way that green is worn on St. Patrick’s Day, and build what is known as a “St. Joseph’s Table.” This table is often decorated with flowers and candles, and people place wine and foods on it that are considered “lucky”. Some of these lucky foods include: Fava Beans, Lemons, Oranges, and foods that contain “Sawdust”. All of these foods have symbolic meanings. Fava beans were the only plants that survived during the drought! the Fava plant thrived while all of other crops failed, which is why it is considered “lucky”. Breadcrumbs are worked into the recipes of the dishes because St. Joseph was a carpenter and the Breadcrumbs represent “Sawdust”. Some people place fish and seafood on the altar as well. However, what is not placed on St. Joseph’s Table is



Photos of Branch 445’s St. Joseph Table & Centerpiece, courtesy of Jan Stumhoffer.

any dish which contains meat. That’s because this holiday occurs during Lent. There is also a basket in which the faithful place prayer petitions.

In Sicily, it is also believed that if a woman manages to sneak an Orange or Lemon off of a St. Joseph’s Table on this day, then she will have better luck finding a husband. It is also customary for people on this day to indulge themselves with Doughnuts, Cream Puffs and Sfinge di San Giuseppe, . In Italy, Spain and Portugal, St. Joseph’s Day is Father’s Day.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola

Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa District Council

Springtime has come to the vineyards! The grass is green, the birds are nesting and chirping and the vines are budding. God’s nature is wonderful!

Members of the district enjoyed their car-pooling jaunt to our northern branches- Arcata and Eureka- for their anniversaries. It was a lovely time and we were amazed at the work of Peter Santino who repainted and refurbished the ceiling and walls of St. Bernard’s Church in Eureka (built in 1886). Thank you, to our northern friends, for your gracious hospitality.

The Santa Rosa District Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd at St. John Hall at St. John’s Parish in Healdsburg. The address is 217 Fitch St. The workshop will start at 11:30 AM with presentations from the Workshop Committee. Lunch will be served around 1:30 PM with the district meeting to follow. All are encouraged to attend and hear what’s new in the ICF. This workshop is open to any member of the ICF, not only officers. However, #52 will need a count of those attending, so preparations can be made for lunch. Please call Lauren at 707- 433-1210 or email her at Ltek1965@comcast.net with your total by May 30th.

By the time you read this article, we will have started rebuilding our home which was destroyed in the October fire. Larry, Lauren and I know that all your prayers and good wishes have helped us on this journey. We are so grateful to all of you.

Remember to love and comfort each other and keep good thoughts in your heart.

Sincerely,

Carmen

Napa

St. John, Br. 12

This is our final entry in the Bollettino. It has been a splendid, fruitful, 90+ years for our Branch but the time has come to say good bye. The members have accomplished so much over the years with donations to Central Council, the District for our Seminarians, to the Catholic churches in the area, Scholarships to 8th graders going on to high school and college. Were given out. Helping and praying for our members in time of need. Wonderful





(Above) Branch 52's full house enjoying the Fish Fry evening. (Left) Branch 52 members of the Raffle and Silent Auction Committee with some of the raffle prizes. Pictured are Marie Butler, Jerry Arrigoni, Lauren Kilcullen and Nancy Buchanan.

and mixed salad. Another delicious dinner prepared by our chef Diane, and although we no longer have a “dessert” committee, we have plenty of volunteers who supply us with unusual desserts every month. Many thanks to all of us who love to bake!!

Speaking of Fundraisers, Sonoma is planning a spaghetti and meatball dinner on June 30th. This will be my first attempt to help with the organizing. Very much anticipating a sell-out crowd. With Treasurer Bill Scinto cooking and President Ken Marshall supervising we can expect a very good meal and friendly exchanges.

Fast-forward to August and our Larson Family Winery picnic!! Thanx to member Russelle Johnson we have the winery at our disposal. Thanks again Russelle!!

As we look forward to next month's dinner meeting I would like to see some members who have not attended in a while. You will always find encouraging words in this column, so remember to read Il Nostro Bolletino faithfully.

La vita e' rosa!

Sempre felice!!

Marilyn

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Well it is another great day in Petaluma! We had a meeting last night and had a good attendance. Good to see that our members are supporting the Branch.

We had our St. Joseph Day Dinner and although we did not have a large attendance the dinner was a great success. Due to our wonderful cooks the food was delicious and the attendees enjoyed themselves. We had a lot of new people who attended the dinner and we hope we continue to do so. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and thanks to the members who attended.

Our next dinner is our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner on Saturday, May 19th, St. James Church Hall. There will be o'erderves, salad, chicken cacciatore,, dessert, wine served with meal and coffee. . Cost is \$20. Make your reservations with Louise - 769=7389. We will be honoring our Scholarship recipients and their families at this dinner.

May 12th - Short meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed with pizza and bingo. Pizza \$5 Bingo \$5. Come and enjoy an evening with your fellow members.

June 11th - Regular meeting.

June 17th - Quarterly communion Mass with Brunch to follow. More information at next

meeting.

Get well wishes to Lillian Ward and Roseanne Cresci Good to see that Margaret Cordrey and Alice Ribizzo were at the meeting and doing well.

Our condolences to Irene Carnazola on the passing of her sister and get well wishes to the others in her family that are ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating this month. Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers. If you are blessed to have your Mother share the day with her and give her lots of love and hugs. Remember your Mother, as I do with all the happiness and love she gave to me.

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return!

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144

Our April 4 meeting began with Pizza, Salads and Desserts! Yum!

It has been brought to our attention by the Arcata Partnership and Humboldt Resource Center that school children have programs to receive breakfast and lunch. There are many children that receive no dinner. These two agencies are developing a program that will help provide food for these children. It was voted to donate \$200.

We will also donate \$500 toward the tuition of a student attending St. Bernard's High School. Fr. Pacheco will supervise the donation.

We received \$300 donations at St. Joseph's Table. The proceeds and six remaining items were taken to St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to everyone for bringing goodies. The table looked great!

We are responsible for coffee hour for the month of May. Call Judy to sign up for the 8:30 or 11:00 Mass.

Our May Bake Sale is scheduled for May 20th. We need everyone's participation. You're such good cooks!

Our next meeting is May 2nd at 5:30 PM. Fr. Pacheco will celebrate Mass for our deceased members followed by sandwiches, salad and meeting. Please join us.

Happy May Birthday to: Joan DalPorto, Sabrina Delashmutt, Tony LaBanca, Claire Monge, and Barbara Vanni.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring flowers that God so graciously waters!

Rosemary

Sebastopol St. Sebastian, Br. 209

Our March 23rd Fish Fry was a great success. Thank you to Roy & Leona Spadoni and their crew for a delicious dinner. Also our appreciation goes out to our ticket sellers, raffle table, raffle ticket sellers, bartenders, servers and cleanup crew.

At our April meeting, our members brought their favorite dishes to share for our Spring Pot Luck. We also had the pleasure of initiating new members Charlie & Debbie Wallin. We hear that they enjoy playing bocce, which means we will look forward to them joining us on May 20th, for our “Fr. Jerry's Bocce Tournament,” following the 10 AM mass at St. Sebastian's Parish.

Our branch thanks Pete & Candy Peters for all of their work and donations of raffle prizes for our branch dinners these past few years. They will be taking a leave of absence from our club and will be missed!

Get well wishes to Candy Peters, Dorie

Schmitz and Lona Bertoli.

Our branch sends condolences to the Medrano family on the passing of their matriarch, Mercy Medrano. Also to Cecilia Lapera and family over the loss of her husband Red Lapera on March 21st. Red was a charter member of Branch 209. He and his wife had just moved to Arizona to enjoy time with their son.

Wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all our moms and a big thank you for all that you do in the lives of your family every day!

Ciao,

Sharon Vannetti

Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We will have our Mother's Day Potluck at our May 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish, family and friends and join us at the hall at 7th & K Streets.

Our bake sale is the same day as the District meeting. We hope we sell out by the end of the 10:00 am mass so we can make it to the meeting. Reminder to our members the lunch is \$10.00.

The will be an Italian Heritage Night June 20, 2018 at the Stockton Port ball game. Make your plans to attend. It is a very fun night.

Our convention raffle tickets are here. Remember we keep \$10.00 from each book sold.

So grab a book at the meeting and buy it or help sell them.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays May 6, 2018 and June 3, 2018 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

The May 9 meeting is potluck so bring your favorite dish.

Coming up:

May 6 District Meeting at Presentation in Stockton

May 5-6 Bake Sale after all the masses

May 9 6:00 pm Mother's Day Potluck

June 3 Bishop's Burse in Tracy

June 13 7:00 pm meeting 7th & K Street Hall

No meeting in July or August

Aug 19 District Picnic in Escalon

Cecelia McGhee

Stockton St. Luke, Br. 138

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 138 held their second annual Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. It was a great success last year, and Br. 138 is hoping to duplicate that success again this year.

Branch 138 is looking forward to helping St. Luke's School host their annual Food, Beer, and Wine Stroll. Members will man a booth pouring wine for local vineyards and serving torte from a popular Stockton restaurant, Angelina's Spaghetti House. This is a major fundraiser for the school, and the ICF is proud to be able to serve our community and help make sure Catholic education is available for all the children in the parish.

At the May general meeting, Gian's Deli will provide the catered dinner for members and guests. Following dinner, Branch 138 will recite the Rosary to honor Our Blessed Mother.

Looking ahead, plans are already underway



for a Polenta Dinner slated to be held in November, 2018. Tickets will be available in September for this annual event.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy Hall
Branch #138 Corresponding Secretary.*

Manteca
**Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio,
Br. 139**

A special visit by ICF Grand President Andy Pappani and his wife to Branch 139's annual "All You Can Eat" Shrimp Dinner capped off the most successful dinner ever on April 7 in the St. Anthony Parish gymnasium. Over 350 tickets were sold, making this branch fundraiser a sell-out. There was a long waiting list of disappointed people but ticket chair Rhonda Mussi couldn't help.

The music was great, the food, prepared by Chef Tony Queirolo, wife Ida and sons, with Attilio Mussi, was outstanding.

Branch President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis had difficulty getting her thanks to the many ICF members for their hard work in getting this event off. That included the chairs and nearly 60 other ICF members.

On the contrary, not a complaint was heard above the roar of the crowd. Presidente Elizabeth was showered with compliments from members of the public, such as members of the Manteca City Council and Mayor Steve DeBrum.

Plans have already begun for at least a repeat of April 7, if not better, next year.

*Ciao,
Mariano*

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390

On April 26 we celebrated our annual Italian Heritage Night. Our members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the authentic homemade meatballs prepared by various board members and friends again this year. Of course there was spaghetti too but the meatballs were the stars!

Another star that night was Mr. Steve Trucco who was bought to us courtesy of our favorite charter member Paula Re. Thank you again Paula - we love that accordion player on heritage night. Steve Ridolfi also prepared a slide show of all our members and friends attending various dinner nights, picnics, district meetings and installation. Thank you Steve for all your hard work and dedication.

Bishop's Day celebration is getting close. The event will be held Sunday June 3rd. The Mass will begin at 11:00 AM at Holy Family Center on Valpico Road. If you plan to attend please get there early for parking

and seating. We hope to reserve a seating section for the ICF attendees.

Month of May brings us to the dinner meeting that features our annual Tour of Italy pasta selections. Our buffet will resemble the Italian flag...lasagne (red), Alfredo (white) and pesto (green). It will be held on Thursday May 24 in Father Fleming Hall. Come one come all to enjoy!

Our sincerest condolences go out to Lucy Orsi and her family for the loss of Lucy's brother Danny. May his soul rest in peace.

Don't forget to look for yourself on our website: icfbranch390.org.

*Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton
Presentation, Br. 395

Happy May everyone! We had a fun, informative and delicious Heritage event at our last branch meeting. We asked members to bring a dessert to share that had some type of special meaning to them growing up or with their family. We had Panettone that was a Christmas must have, as well as Cannoli from a secret Sicilian family recipe, We also had Zabaione that was made when one needed to regain their strength back and nonna's Budino with Amaretti that she made on every summer visit. Tiramisu was always a must to end an Italian meal and of course lots and lots of different types of Biscotti!

Our branch also had the opportunity to host the May Stockton district meeting at Presentation. A fantastic lunch was prepared by



Branch 395, Tanti Dolci. Which one is your favorite?



Br. 413 Youth KP Crew.



Branch 413 St. Patrick's Sandwiches Crew.

Jo Weber and her crew and a thank you to Bernice Nickols for providing the beautiful centerpieces. It's always great to get all of the branches together to share what we have all been up to.

Don't forget to get these summer events on your calendars, June 30-Italian Heritage Night at Stockton Ports Baseball and July 29-Festa Italiana at the Lodi Fairgrounds.

*Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms of our ICF Members!! I hope you all have a most blessed day with family and friends. May is a very busy month for some branches, but for 413, it is a month to take a just take a deep breath and relax a little. We will be selling tickets for our BBQ Picnic Lunch that will be held July 22nd after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Mass gets out around 11:20 a.m. or so, when everyone's stomachs start reminding them that it is almost time for lunch! Tickets are \$25 for BBQ Steak or BBQ Chicken, your choice, and delicious side dishes, not to mention an excellent dessert. Children 12 and under are free, and will receive a grilled hot dog lunch. We will have games for everyone and raffles! The address for St. Patrick's is 820 S. Main Street in Angels Camp. Come on out to the beautiful rolling hills and the peace and quiet of our little city.

February and March were good months for Branch 413. We had a very successful Valentine's Dinner Dance and a profitable St. Patrick's Sandwich Lunch. Our youth are getting old enough to be a wonderful help to the membership. We have Gabriel Singleton, who has been the Branch Babysitter, Child Entertainer, Set-up Junior, Clean-up Junior, and always Dish Washer Controller. We also have the Pachinger Pack, Danielle, Joseph, Russell, and Sebastian, who were raised from infancy helping with cleaning, set-up, dish drying, and now serving guests. Our newest youth members, James and Cora Bertrand, have come into the group with all the right skills for the jobs previously mentioned, and don't hesitate to jump in and help out. Branch 413 is very blessed to have such a wonderful



Branch 413 Youth members were servers.



Branch 413's youngest taking care of the guests.

group of hard working, polite, and enjoyable youth!

*Ciao for now!
Respectfully submitted by
Annette Pachinger, Correspondence Secretary*

Tucson
Green Valley
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Buona Pasqua! March was another busy month for our branch. We had two more fundraisers, our annual St. Joseph's Day Table and our Easter Cookie Sale.

The branch members were busy cooking and baking for these two events.

We had our St. Joseph's Table after 4:00 mass on Saturday, March 17th, so a little St. Patrick's Day in there too! We served many members of the church and our community. All the proceeds went to our local Green Valley/Amado/Sahuarita Food Bank. Or president, Bob Burdick and one of our best bakers, Yolanda DelCorso, brought the check to the Food Bank to present the check to Debbie Acuna.

We also had our Easter cookie sale after all our masses on Palm Sunday. Wonderful biscotti, almond cookies, ricotta cookies were baked and sold along with a variety of other cookies. It was an inevitable sell-out!

Things will be slowing down a bit in April and May. Our fundraising is over until October as many of our snow bird members will be heading North again to enjoy the summer weather. We will have our second Corporate Communion at the end of April and our annual picnic at Madera Canyon in May. Then many of us will escape for a month or two in RV's and cars and travel to cooler climes, enjoying the beauty of our country and visiting our far-off families.