



BOLLETTINO



Welcome to Foster City and the 81st Annual National Convention "With God All Things Are Possible"



Under the leadership of San Mateo District President Barbara Firpo the District is primed and ready to welcome you, to ICF's 81st Annual National Convention. We have been hard at work making the weekend an enjoyable event for all. We hope that you can join us starting Thursday evening for the Hawaii by the Bay Dinner Event. Dinner Chair Faith Hill along with her co-chairs Cory Roberts, Cecilia Tommei, Carla DelCarlo, Bob and Bea Tomasello; Nancy VanTricht-reservations; Norm Bennett and Al Heckman-bar; Rosemarie Gregori-raffle/silent auction and Deborah and June Rodondi-decorations/raffle/silent auction, have been busy pulling out all the stops to make the evening memorable for all. A special thank you to the District Branches for making the appetizers and desserts. So put on your best Hawaii outfits and join us for a luau of great snacks and food, entertainment, raffle and silent auction.

Don't forget to sign up for two great tours: Friday's tour to Children's Hospital Oakland

(coordinated by Barbara Firpo) will give you a great opportunity to see first hand what the ICF means to the Cooley's Anemia Program and allow you to see the amazing things being done for the patients. Laurice is very excited about welcoming you to the Hospital. Saturday's Tour (coordinated by Enrica Poggio and Carole Gianuario) will take you through some of the most photographed sights of San Francisco with a stop for a no-host lunch at the famous Fisherman's Wharf.

Be sure to check out the great novelty selection being offered. Besides our usual favorites, Donna Cervelli and her crew have been working hard finding original hand crafted items that are a must have.

Virginia Fuentes has been busy getting ads for the souvenir book and booking the color guard for opening night festivities. Yummy cookies for Sunday night's banquet have been under the direction of Dorene Campanile who has busily been coordinating the bakers.

Central Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday June 11, 2011
Francesco's Restaurant –
Oakland, CA

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Grand President Jim Jones.

Opening Prayer: led by Marco Galeazzi Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Jim Jones. Roll Call of Officers: CC Members excused—David Botta, Vince Piro and Theresa Helfand. 5 CC Members Emeritus were in attendance. Introductions: GP Jim welcomed ICF members and guests from visiting branches and reviewed rules for the meeting.

CC Meeting Minutes: from 2-12-11 were reviewed and approved as read.

Communications

· Thank you – family of Fr. Lavoy for gift to Providenza Fund in his memory

· Thank you – Most Rev. Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago for seminary gift and continuing prayers for the bishop himself

· Thank you – Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland for seminary gift

· Letter – Italian-American Community Services Agency fundraiser – raffle on June 24

Reports

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Daniel Cardelli – (arrived late - no report)

Grand President – Jim Jones

· April 15 – attended Convention Director's Meeting

· April 16 – Scholarship Committee Meeting

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Grand President's Monthly Message: Convention Brings A Fond Farewell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
This will be my last *Bollettino* article as your Grand President. I have enjoyed writing these articles because they enable me to communicate with you in a personal way.

Time goes by so fast; people go in and out of your life. You must never miss the opportunity to tell those people how much they mean to you.

Let me try to do this without getting all choked up.

Janice and I have enjoyed traveling to your Branches, Districts and Dioceses for your functions. Thank you for your friendship, love and hospitality. We will never forget all that you do for us and the Federation. We love every one of you. You are doing



so much good for your Bishops, Pastors, Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Chaplains and Religious in your parishes. You are a group of remarkable people.

This is my wish for you; Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, and love to complete your life.

Ciao
James Jones

Welcome to the ICF Family Branch 438, Roseville!



Congratulations to the newest members of the Italian Catholic Federation -- the members of Branch 438, St. Clare of Assisi, Roseville, CA.

On Saturday, June 25, 2011 this latest branch was opened through the hard work of Field

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Apostolate Charity Report

Teresa Helfand
Apostolate Chairperson

Thank you to the following branches that sent in donations for activities at Oakland Children’s Hospital for their Cooley’s Anemia Patients. We collected a total of \$1,125.00 for 2011. With funds from the Central Council, we were able to send \$1,500 to Children’s Hospital.

This donation will support their summer/fall patient programs by helping with their Family BBQ and Teen/Adult Retreat Weekend as well as other small gatherings at the Day Hospital for when the patients receive blood transfusions. It is wonderful that we can assist Children’s Hospital with the needs of the patients and their families.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we thank you for contributing once again and taking part in our Apostolate/Charity Program.

Branch 13	Branch 14
Branch 51	Branch 102
Branch 144	Branch 403
Branch 417	Branch 423

We hope that more branches will be able to participate next year so that the hospital can continue these beneficial activities.



Correction:

In the July 2011 issue of the *Bollettino* Andy Pappani was incorrectly titled in the “Seminarian Night” article. Andy’s official title is Grand Trustee. Sorry for the error.

With God All Things are Possible Convention Theme for 2011

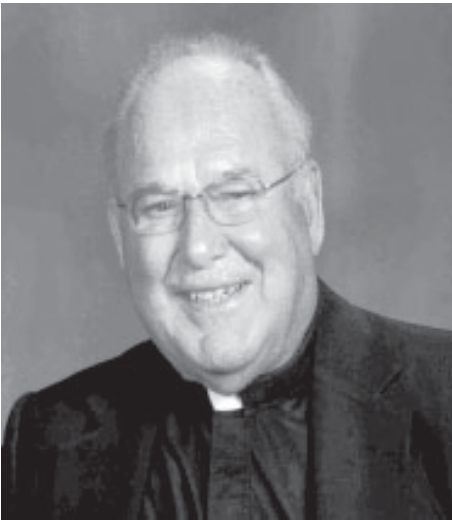
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Yes, with God all things **are** possible. The gospels are full of examples of Jesus curing many people who were crippled, blind, sick, and possessed. Why then are we not healed or cured when we ask Jesus for help? Often when he healed someone, he would first say, “Your sins are forgiven.” At other times he would say, “Your Faith has saved you.” Jesus loves us so much he encourages us to seek his help. “Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened.” “Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.” “If you then, who are imperfect, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those

who ask him!”

So we ask again, why, then, are we not healed or cured or helped when we ask Jesus? Possibly we may lack a sincere sorrow for sins and a strong Faith in God which are necessary for healing, both spiritually and physically. Sometimes we can block the power of God because of our lack of sorrow and lack of Faith. We may be unwilling to forgive someone who offended us. Or we are bitter about something in our past. “But I (Jesus) say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” Then again, it may be several other things known only to ourselves and to God.

So what do we do? We forgive, we right the wrong, we strengthen our Faith, yet, we still may not receive what we seek from God. Why? It may be simply that what we ask for may not be what is best for us spiritually.



We really don’t know. God knows. So we keep asking and hoping and trying to follow the Church teachings. We keep striving to put into practice Jesus’ commandment of love of God and love of our fellow human beings. We continue making an effort to strengthen our Faith because: **WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!**

2010-2011 Membership Drive Results Are In

Roselynn Jarrett,
Membership Chairperson

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 – 2011 membership campaign. During the Sunday session at convention, each of the winners below will receive their award.

The new membership year began on July 1. Start making plans on how your branch will increase membership this year. To bring in new members, have a membership drive af-

ter masses, publicize your branch to the parish and community, hand out the new membership brochures and invite family and friends to join. Also, develop a plan for retention. To retain members, remember to create a respectful and positive atmosphere, create a calendar that attracts participation from all age groups and follow-up with members not current with their dues.

The committee and I look forward to assisting the branches in the coming year.

Branches and Districts with the Highest Overall Increase

(Deceased members are not included in the judging statistics)

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 35 OR FEWER MEMBERS

1 st	Branch 436 Glendale, AZ	24.14%
2 nd	Branch 13 Martinez, CA	14.71%
3 rd	Branch 237 Gardena, CA	10.34%

Branches beginning with 36 – 60 Members

1 st	Branch 395 Stockton, CA	85.00%
2 nd	Branch 374 La Canada Flintridge, CA	23.81%
3 rd	Branch 416 Spring Valley, CA	21.95%

Branches beginning with 61 – 100 Members

1 st	Branch 50 San Francisco, CA	63.38%
2 nd	Branch 67 Los Angeles, CA	45.45%
3 rd	Branch 368 San Jose, CA	21.88%

Branches beginning with 101 or more Members

1 st	Branch 390 Tracy, CA	18.01%
2 nd	Branch 36 Monterey, CA	11.61%
3 rd	Branch 163 San Mateo, CA	8.48%

District With the Highest Increase

1 st	Los Angeles District	4.03%
2 nd	Central Coast District	3.61%
3 rd	Contra Costa District	2.14%

Membership as of 07/01/10 - 12,291

New Members - 991
Reinstated - 39
Transfer In/Out - 130
Non-payment - 249
Deceased - 306
Cancellations - 1067
Membership as of 06/30/11 - 11,698
38 Branches and 4 Districts ended the year with increased membership.

Top Three Branches bringing in the most family memberships

Branch 36	Monterey, CA	7
Branch 163	San Mateo, CA	5
Branch 327	San Carlos, CA	4

UPCOMING:

2011 Bishops’ Days:

Sept. 10

Orange

Sept. 17

Phoenix

Sept. 18

Las Vegas

Oct. 8

San Gabriel Valley

Oct. 12

San Bernardino

Oct. 16

San Jose

(Santa Clara Valley)

Oct. 16

Santa Rosa

Oct. 23

Fresno

Nov. 6

Blessed Sacrament

Nov. 13

Monterey

(Central Coast)

Nov. 13

San Diego

Nov. 20

Los Angeles

Dec. 4

Reno

Heritage Around the ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

Did you know the Convention will soon be here? The Heritage Committee is happy to hear that so many branches came away from last years Convention Workshops with information they have been able to use at their meetings. Many branches reported membership is up. The workshop on how to have a productive meeting and how to keep members was a big success. Many branches responded that they now have a Heritage Chairperson and the membership looks forward to the monthly heritage programs. Keep up the good work. Many branches have performed the Apron Skit that was included at the Heritage Workshop. The Heritage Committee is reviewing the reports received at the office and will pick the first, second and third place winners. The winners will be announced at this

years Convention. Thank you to all the branches who turned in a heritage report. Did you know when I was little my father Joseph George played baseball for the San Jose Red Sox? He always said if he had not married my mother he would have gone on to be a professional baseball player. As I got older I would sometimes wear his uniform for Halloween. My son Dan has his baseball and mitt. My grandson Kyle Porter is following his great-grandfathers dream of becoming a professional baseball player. Kyle plays baseball for Cal Berkeley. He is a left handed pitcher. He pitched in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. He pitched 6 innings and they defeated Texas A&M 7-3. I took the day off from work to stay home and see my grandson pitch. Kyle Porter was named Collegiate Baseball Freshman All- American. He becomes only the eighth freshman All-American in Cal history. Yes, we are proud grandparents.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS - 2ND - 4TH YEAR

George, Anita and Darrell Sciutto
In memory of David Vogel
Nonno Dante and Nonni Julie Galeazzi
In honor of the 2nd birthday of Giovanni Cavalli Galeazzi
Nonno Dante and Nonni Julie Galeazzi
Congratulations for being on the All Star Baseball Team for Blake Andrew Ornellas

Nonno Dante and Nonni Julie Galeazzi
Congratulations on your 8th grade graduation and diploma for Brooke Anne Ornellas
Bob and Kathy Acquistapace
Get well wishes for Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

JULY CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Madeline Torre	38	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/2	Cameron & Rachel Cordich		Glendora, CA	\$30
7/3	Annette Maggiora	91	Danville, CA	\$30
7/4	Melanie Seton Smith	13	Concord, CA	\$100
7/5	Thomas J. Silvaggio	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
7/6	Dan W. Garcia		Green Valley, AZ	\$30
7/7	John Matteucci	161	Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/8	Valerie Hashim	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/9	Michael P. Santich		Los Gatos, CA	\$30
7/10	Mike Descalso		San Carlos, CA	\$30
7/11	Irene Zens	261	San Diego, CA	\$30
7/12	Catherine Ghirarduzzi	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
7/13	Maggie Mejia		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/14	Joe Vivaldi	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
7/15	Mr. & Mrs. Pat Brown		Zimmerman, MN	\$100
7/16	Carol Lopes	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/17	Felix & Virginia Di Giallonardo		Fort Collins, CO	\$30
7/18	Fr. Al Pestun	290	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/19	Don & Jill Pierce		Tracy, CA	\$30
7/20	Gerry DeRienzo	417	Clovis, CA	\$30
7/21	Joann Bianchi	163	San Mateo, CA	\$30
7/22	Donna Hoffmann	14	Rodeo, CA	\$30
7/23	Dance Soo Hoo		Pinole, CA	\$30
7/24	Peggy Barbato	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
7/25	Mark Borge		Hollister, CA	\$30
7/26	Judy Janini	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/27	Julie Galeazzi	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
7/28	Rita Allyn		Stockton, CA	\$30
7/29	Vera Ravella	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/30	Geri & Henry Gaus		Scotts Valley, CA	\$30
7/31	Francis Kulas		San Andreas, CA	\$30
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Time To Honor GP Jim Jones!


Grand President Jim Jone’s term is up, so it is time to plan a party in honor of his two years of leadership.

Saturday, November 5

NOTE Location Change: Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Ave San Jose Ca 95125

5:00pm Cocktails
6:00pm Dinner

Dinner Choices:
Flames Steak topped with sauteed mushrooms
Stuffed Chicken Breast with wild and white rice and mushrooms, topped with demi-glaze
Salmon grilled and topped with dill sauce



All meals include a starch, salad, vegetables, rolls, coffee & dessert
\$40.00 per person
Reservations will be due by Oct 22,2011

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Fernando Teglia	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/2	Daniel Gillio		San Jose, CA	\$30
8/3	Pat De Marlo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/4	Cheri Huntley	26	Hollister, CA	\$30
8/5	Joe Dianda	91	San Leandro, CA	\$30
8/6	Levia Mangini	7	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/7	Jane Uhalt		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/8	Joseph Marques	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/9	Bob Basuino	191	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
8/10	Rosemary Wallpe	432	Brentwood, CA	\$30
8/11	Rev. Gerald McSorley	56	Los Angeles, CA	\$30
8/12	Aaron Del Monte		Healdsburg, CA	\$30
8/13	Adrienne Lopes	39	Merced, CA	\$30
8/14	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cardelli		San Mateo, CA	\$30
8/15	Rose Anna Cresci	127	Petaluma, CA	\$50
8/16	Charlyne Pacini	135	Reno, NV	\$30
8/17	Gloria Romano	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/18	Maryellen C. Mazzei	39	Merced, CA	\$30
8/19	Christina Andrade	28	Hollister, CA	\$30
8/20	Ken & Claire Chiatello	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
8/21	Branch 185		Fresno, CA	\$30
8/22	Randal Apel	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
8/23	Clara Centrone	367	Las Vegas, NV	\$30
8/24	Jackie Donato	367	Las Vegas, NV	\$30
8/25	Kent & Bonnie Williams	266	Yuba City, CA	\$30
8/26	M. Vanni		Stockton, CA	\$30
8/27	Patte Rotolo		Green Valley, AZ	\$30
8/28	Branch 161		Larkspur, CA	\$100
8/29	Eleanor & Teri Campos		Gardena, CA	\$30
8/30	B. John Talia	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
8/31	Thelma Cavazos		Merced, CA	\$30
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CC Candidates 2011-2012

Jim Acitelli

Br. 425, Green Valley

My name is Jim Acitelli from Green Valley, Arizona, Branch 425. Last year you elected me to a seat on Central Council and for that you have my deep and sincere appreciation. In the past year I have traveled to all the Arizona branches to attend their meetings, Bishop's Day(s) and Installations and attended every ICF Central Council meeting.



As a member of the ICF for the past five years, I have served as 2nd vice president, president twice and now a third time, orator, and three times as delegate to the ICF Convention. I also serve as branch deputy to Branch 433, Tucson.

Among my activities at Our Lady of the Valley Parish, I am an usher and an active member of the Knights of Columbus including serving as a member of the Honor Guard.

During the past year as a Central Council member I have learned so much more about the ICF; the workings of the organization and its members; meeting and working with so many wonderful people in the ICF! I served on the Apostolate/Charity Committee and gained new insights there.

We are a new, growing frontier in Arizona! We need our representation and voice on the Central Council. This representation helps us to be a well-balanced organization.

I am more than willing to work with others; to listen, to learn and to have an open mind so that I can more fully represent the ICF and all that we stand for as well as helping it to grow in the spirit and the pride of who we are!

It has been my pleasure to serve you and I sincerely hope you will give me the opportunity as a member of the Central Council to continue this great relationship. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Nancy Corsi

Br. 103, Sonoma

My name is Nancy Corsi and I am running for the Central Council. I have been a member of the ICF for 38 years. I joined Branch 91, Oakland, as soon as I was eligible, following my parents, Art and Loraine Fricke. I have held the offices of 2nd and 1st VP and president of Branch 91 and chairperson of many committees. In 2008, my husband, Giovanni and I transferred to Br. 103 in Sonoma where I am the secretary and write for the *Bollettino*.



In my 34-year career as a Registered Nurse, it is a rare occasion when an opportunity presents itself that creates a lifelong memory. I had the unique honor of caring for our founder, Luigi Providenza during his final days. In many conversations I learned from him his mission of maintaining our Heritage in this country and keeping it alive through

our membership, youth and our families.

This now brings me to the reason I am running for the Central Council. My husband, Giovanni and I have raised our five children and now are enjoying five grandbabies. The time in my life is such that I can focus on and facilitate carrying on the mission of Luigi Providenza as a member of the Central Council. This is a mission that is crucial to keeping the Federation alive and growing. I believe we must be respectful and thankful for all the efforts of those before us and carry on in their honor the work and mission that was the dream of our founders.

I am hopeful you will support me with your vote to keep the ICF strong and growing for many years to come. Thank you.

Marco Anthony Galeazzi

Br. 36, Monterey; Br. 139, Manteca; Br. 326, Temple City

My name is Marco Anthony Galeazzi and I am asking for your vote to re-elect my return to our Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation. I will continue to represent you with your voice and concerns to the Central Council. I was on the Membership and Apostolate/Charity Committees this year, where I have learned much from these two committees. I have traveled to many Italian Catholic Federation branches. I have attended branch and district installations, Bishop's Days, the opening of new branches, Seminary Nights, crab feeds, spaghetti feeds, branch and district meetings, and many more events. I have spoken to many members about the Italian Catholic Federation. There is no quick fix for the Italian Catholic Federation that will cure all branches. It will take hard work by the branches to attract and retain their members. I want to work side-by-side with you on our quest. Our organization has been here for 87 years. I want it to be here for more than 100 more years. With your help we can make that a reality. I will always work hard for you and the ICF, no matter where your branch is located. Remember: We will always be one in Christ! Di Votare per Marco Galeazzi!!! Vote for Marco Galeazzi!!! Grazie.



Teresa Helfand

Br. 392, Chicago

Here we are again preparing for the 2011 Convention and elections. For the third consecutive year I will run for re-election to the Central Council. This past year, as Central Council member and chairman of the Apostolate/Charity Committee, has been rewarding. I was able to meet and work closely with many of you and experienced first hand the camaraderie and teamwork that exists within the ICF. Thanks to our combined efforts, 2010 was a successful year for our apostolate work, providing remarkable support to our charities and ministries, local churches, and bishops and priests, notwith-



standing the challenging times.

My work within the ICF is deeply rooted. My spiritual journey within the ICF began approximately 18 years ago when I joined ICF of St. Francis Borgia, Branch 392. Over the years I held many positions at Branch 392 and for the past 14 years I continue to serve as president. In addition, for the past few years I hold the position of president of the Chicago District.

During my tenure I have learned the importance of perseverance, giving with compassion and consideration while working – *for the benefit and good of others*. We must never lose sight of this. I have vigorously promoted our Catholic values and worked hard to assist and support our charities, parishes and neighborhoods through special events, fundraisers, membership drives and community service. Separately, I have worked to keep the "Radio Maria" religious radio program over the airwaves in the Chicago area, so that our sick and elderly can be reached daily through prayer.

If re-elected to the Central Council, I will intensify my efforts to accomplish our objectives. I remain committed to help and serve those in need, support our charities and ministries, increase membership, and enthusiastically promote apostolate work.

Roselynn Jarrett

Br. 72, Pittsburg

Preparing for our Convention, I am reminded of the first one I attended. It was hosted by the San Mateo District in 1996. Fast forward 15 years as I return to the San Mateo area to seek my sixth term as a Central Council Member.



From yesteryear straight to today, I've been active at all levels of the Federation. My commitment to serve as a member and officer, including President of both Branch 72 Pittsburg and the Contra Costa District, groomed me to become a young leader.

Along the way, my family has been by my side. Knowing how the ICF brought us closer to our religion and culture, and it has been my mission to spread this gift to other families. Since my first election to Central Council, I have enhanced and promoted the family aspect by assisting branches and districts with developing their own youth/family programs. Through this and additional efforts, our family-friendly image has evolved. Moving forward, I wish to build on what has been established as there is always room for growth.

Aside from promoting family programs, I am involved in other capacities. Currently, I serve as Sergeant at Arms and Membership Chairperson. Over time and with experience, I have learned more about the ICF operations. From promoting new branches with the Field Operations Committee, to strategic planning with the Task Force, to planning our annual meeting with the Convention Directors, I am skilled in many of our processes.

It is my pleasure serving the ICF and I seek the opportunity to once again represent

you and our Federation. I kindly ask for your support as you elect your Central Council, as I am eager to further my mission and make the ICF the most appealing organization for Catholic Families. Thank you for your consideration.

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Br. 227, Capitola

As we meet in San Mateo, I want to thank you for the support you have given me this past year, and I ask that you continue to support me as a Central Council member.



Born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA. I am of Italian-Portuguese heritage. I currently serve as president of the Central Coast District, deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz, and orator and past president of Branch 227, Capitola, CA. Within the Central Council I have served on the Membership and Convention Committees. I have been a volunteer with the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz for the past 9 years, served as president of the Guild in 2008, and serve as usher at St. Joseph's Church in Capitola. I have owned Stewart's Floral in Santa Cruz for the last 12 years, and I especially enjoy flower arranging and gardening.

It is my hope of being re-elected to the Central Council so I can continue what our founders Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert R. Bandini, started many years ago. My main goal is still to achieve an increase in membership throughout the branches, in addition to bringing before the Central Council those issues most important to the members. I will continue to work hard for the federation and to help it grow stronger in every way-through family, heritage, charity, and spirit.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Mateo. Please stop by my hospitality room and say "HI". Again I ask for your continued support for me as your Central Council Member.

God Bless you all.

Pat Mages

Br. 380, Thousand Oaks

For the past 20 years I have had the honor and pleasure of holding the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, chair of the St. Joseph's Table Celebration, and other fundraising events. I'm currently the president for the Santa Barbara-Ventura District. In 2002, my husband Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award. I've been a member of Central Council for 2 1/2 years and have served on the Hospitalization and Gifts of Love Committees. Besides attending all the CC meetings, I've had the pleasure of attending many district installations and Bishop Days. I look forward to those visits.



My family consists of my husband, Lou; our daughter Stephanie, her husband, and their 2 young sons; and our son Phil, his wife and their 2 young daughters and of course our cocker spaniel, Sweet Caroline. I've been an advocate for victims of family/

domestic violence for more than 30 years. I currently work with the Port Hueneme Police Department as a victim advocate. I'm also a Para Professional in the Special Education program with the Conejo Unified School District, working with severely disabled students. Both of these positions have given me an insightful view into human lives, that so greatly need compassion and understanding, which helps me to better serve others and their needs.

My goals are to increase and sustain membership; and to develop a 'family friendly' organization with a 3 to 4 generation membership. ICF needs new and young members, and, like any family, the wisdom and experience of our older members are necessary to make the ICF Family whole and complete. I look forward to serving you as a member of Central Council.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew Pappani

Br. 28, Gilroy

Ciao I am Andrew J. Pappani from Branch 28 of Gilroy Calif. (known as the Garlic Capital of the World} in the Santa Clara Valley District.

I am running for re-election to the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation. Let me give you a brief history of my life in the ICF for those that may not know me. I was born in Healdsburg, CA. in Dec 1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani. I am the youngest of six children.

I married my very lovely wife Siria {known as Sid} in 1978 and we have two sons Andrew Pappani Jr., living in Aspen, Colorado; and Anthony Louis Pappani, living in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

I joined Gilroy Branch 28 in 1980 and served several offices including president for three years than moved up to district level and held several offices including district president for a three year term.

In 2006 I ran for Central Council and was elected. I have held the office of Sergeant-at-Arms for a two year term and I am currently holding the office of Grand Trustee.

I have served on many committees including. Public Relations, Gifts of Love, Scholarship and Ways and Means. I am currently the Chairperson for the Gifts of Love Program.

This year at our National Convention I have been given the task of hosting a workshop regarding ICF Charities on Saturday, so please stop by and meet me. As a member of the Central Council I am here for you to help KEEP THE FIRE BURNING.

I thank everybody for the past and present support and let us all stand together for the future of our Italian Catholic Federation.

Thank you, again

Andrew J Pappani CC Grand Trustee

Tom Passanisi

Br. 374, La Canada Flintridge

My name is Tom Passanisi. I have been a member of the Italian Catholic Federation Central Council since 2010. I was appointed by our Grand President Mr. Jim Jones to serve on both the Task Force and Finance Committees.

During the course of this past year, I have attended ICF Installation banquets in the Los Angeles, San Diego, San Gabriel, and Fresno Districts. I have also made numerous branch visits throughout the Los Angeles District. The spirit and faith of the ICF members that I have met proves to me that with God, all things are possible.

I was a past two term President of branch 374 in La Canada Flintridge. I am currently Second Vice President of Branch 374. I am also Second Vice President of the Los Angeles District.

I was born and raised in San Francisco, California and attended and graduated from Lowell High School and the University of San Francisco. My paternal grandfather, Carmelo Passanisi, was from Augusta, Sicily and a commercial fisherman. My father, Sebastian Passanisi Sr., was an educator at Abraham Lincoln High School, also in San Francisco.

My godparents, Lou and Gena Bedoni, are past members of ICF Branch 391 St. Martin of Tours in San Jose, California. They have been an inspiration to me and an example of dedication to faith, family and Italian heritage.

My local community and church activities involve my serving on the Board of Directors and Vice President Elect of the Kiwanis Club of La Canada Flintridge, the Southern California Council of the University of San Francisco, St. Bede the Venerable "Skidettes" and Eucharistic Minister at both St. Bede and Our Lady of The Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles.

I respectfully request your vote for the re-election of Tom Passanisi to the ICF Central Council.

Vincent Piro

Br. 39, Merced

"If you want things to stay as they are, things will have to change."

— Giuseppe Tomasi

Italian writer Giuseppe Tomasi's quote reminds us that change — as scary, threatening, and different as it can be — is a source of preservation and life.

As members of the ICF, we must also embrace change in order to keep the federation healthy. If we are to attract new members, remain vital to our parishes and communities, and provide an organization that welcomes different generations, we'll need to accept that change must come to our organization.

And the good news is that we have the capacity to change within our branches. You are the hope, you are the life of the ICF, and you can bring about the change the ICF needs to remain healthy and strong. What can I do as a Central Council member? I can listen to your ideas, bring them forth to Central Council meetings, and work to implement what we can.

Last year, based on your suggestions, I worked to update the ICF website. More improvements need to be made, but we're headed in the right direction with a more



attractive and user friendly site. I also listened to the ideas of the Heritage Committee, and we embraced modern technology, creating an online newsletter, a slideshow presentation you can bring back to your branches, and a brief film about the life of Luigi Providenza. I also worked with the Task Force Committee to recommend that the ICF work to create a strategic plan that helps our organization move into the future

Where will we get the vision and strength and willpower to bring about the change our organization needs? As this Convention's theme so beautifully reminds us, "With God, all things are possible."

Deborah Rodondi

Br. 19, Colma

I want to thank all of you who have helped and guided me through my journey as a Central Council Member. It has been an honor to serve, an adventure meeting members at the Branches/Districts and the friendships that have been bonded are priceless. My life has been enriched as I have become more actively involved with the many layers of the ICF. As a member of Central Council I hold the office of Grand Trustee, which allows me to be a member of the Finance Committee. I am also Chairperson of the Hospitalization Committee, a member of the Workshop and Convention Director's Committee and have assisted the Apostolate Committee. For the past four years I have been secretary of the San Mateo District Council and Treasurer of Branch 19, San Vincenzo de Paoli (Colma), for nine years.

We are an amazing group of individuals that work together for common goals: spirituality, apostolate, heritage and friendship. We come together in prayer, special masses and nights of recollection. We work hard, yet have fun. We go out into the community, promote our heritage and educate ourselves on what it is to be Italian. By sharing our successes we can continue to make the Federation strong and move forward into the future.

I want to be a part of what keeps the ICF strong and active. With the support of my Branch 19, the San Mateo District, my many ICF friends and you I hope to continue doing that as a member of Central Council. I ask for your vote so that I can continue my journey on the Central Council and work to continue making our Italian Catholic Federation the best it can be. The San Mateo District and I look forward to welcoming you to the 2011 Convention in Foster City.

Linda Sherman

Br. 52, Healdsburg

Ciao, my name is Linda Garfagnoli-Sherman I am a candidate for Central Council from Branch 52, Healdsburg, CA where I have been a member, for 38 years. I am married to Glenn and have two grown children Jason and Emily. I currently serve as financial secretary to Branch 52 and president to the Santa Rosa District.

I am very proud to be an Italian; both my parents immigrated to the United States from



Italy. My parents joined the ICF so they could be with other Italians and also share their faith. The ICF has been a part of my life since I was a very small child.

I have held many offices in my 38 years, I have been president of Br. 52 from 1986-1987 and 1992-1995, secretary from 1976-1978, treasurer/financial secretary in 1996 and financial secretary 1997-2004. In The Santa Rosa District I have been secretary from 1986-1990, treasurer 1993-1996, and president from 1991-1993. I was deputy to St. Rose branch for two years and to Cloverdale branch for one year. In 1994 I was elected from the convention floor to serve on the mortuary committee for the Central Council for 2 years.

At the 1996 convention my family was awarded the 1st Family of Year award. I was also elected to the Central Council that same year and served for one year.

Faith, Family and Heritage are what keep us together and I will work hard to help the Federation grow and achieve its goals. I am here to listen, and learn from all the branches because without you there wouldn't be an Italian Catholic Federation. Please continue your great work, together we will build a strong Italian Catholic Federation for many generations to come.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Br. 281, Bakersfield

I have had the honor of serving you on the Central Council for the last four years.

During that time it has been a very rewarding experience seeing all that the ICF has to offer to the parish communities throughout the different districts.

I have had the opportunity to work on some great committees and with some very dedicated members. Being an Executive Committee member has give me the opportunity to see how the organization is being run and with what direction we are headed to in the future. As chairman of the Public Relations Committee I realize how vital our newspaper and web site, are to you, the members. We are constantly looking for new ways to deliver a better product, along with watching the expenses.

Being reelected as a trustee has kept me in touch as to how all the finances are handled at the Central Council level and to see how hard your money really works for the benefit of the organization.

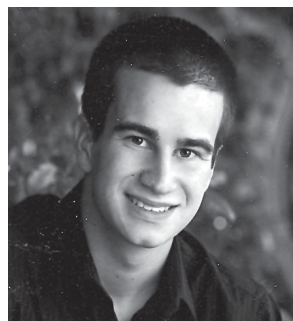
As I have stated in the past, my many years as a branch and district president have given me the skills to see what it takes to run an organization like the ICF because even as I have become a Central Council member, I have not lost touch with the fact that the branches are the core of our organization and we must continue to listen to their needs and make changes that will continue to move us forward while maintaining the foundation of our organization.

It would be a privilege to continue serving you as a Central Council member; I feel that there is still so much more that I can do for you the members.

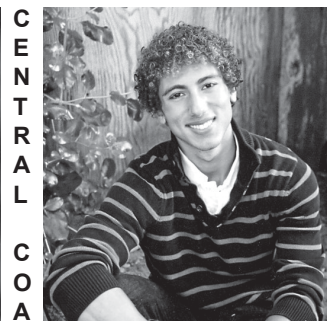
Thank you for your consideration.



Best Wishes to our 2011 First Year Scholarship Winners!



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Central Coast District



Gabriel James Mathews
Br. 25, Salinas



Kellen O'Laughlin
Br. 26, Hollister



Amanda Fridley
Br. 36, Monterey



Daniel Fridley
Br. 51, Castroville



Jaclyn Yarnell-Todd
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Stephanie M. Laverone
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Ashlynn Graham
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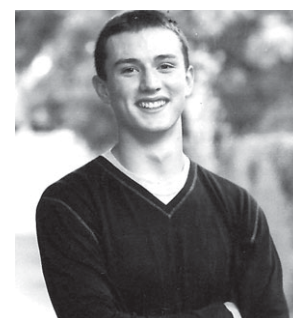
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Madeline Milani
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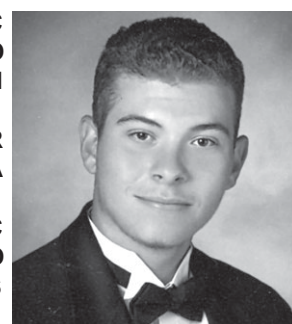
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Chicago District Branches
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Kory Kasperek
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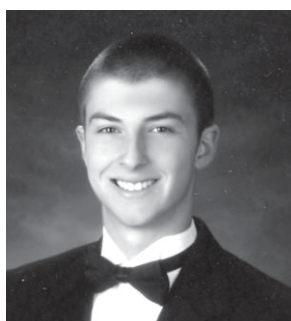
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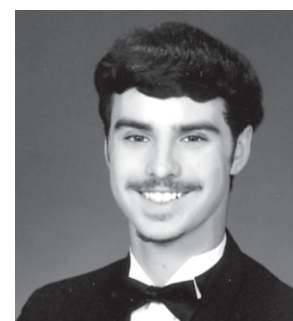
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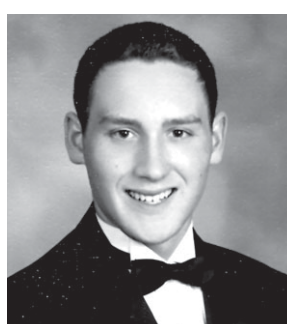
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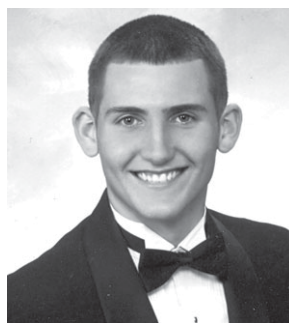
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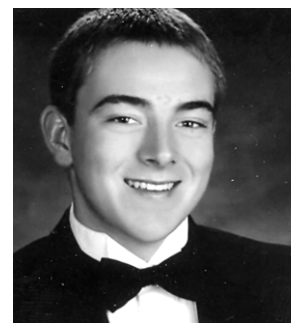
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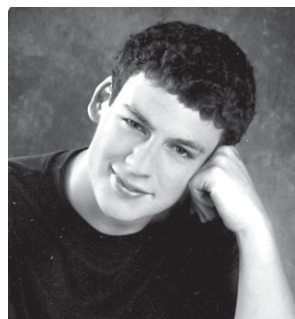
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Joseph Serventi
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Angelina Sangiacomo
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Sarah Holmgren
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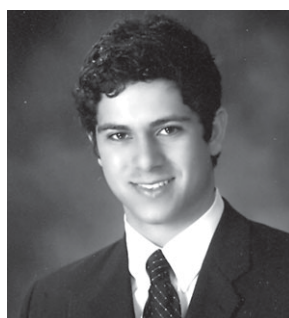
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Fresno District



Francesca Enzler
Br. 27, Madera



Dominick DiLiddo
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Jaclyn T. Young
Br. 32, Fresno



Lauren Roberts
Br. 33, Bakersfield



James A. Heller
Br. 39, Merced



Anne Tyler
Br. 39, Merced



Brandon Borrelli
Br. 54, Gustine



Jaime Duzi
Br. 185, Fresno



Gianna Papagni
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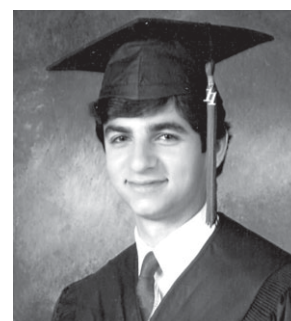
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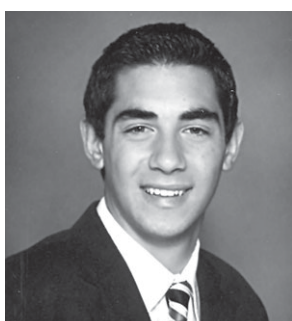
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Andrea Weischedel
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Italia Cristina Trejo
Br. 118, Montebello



Natalie A. Naso
Br. 237, Gardena



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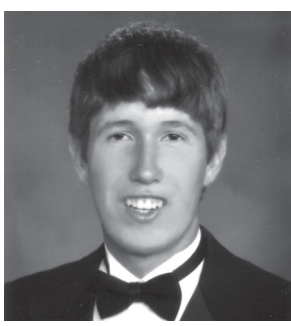


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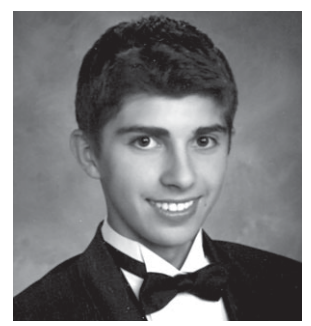
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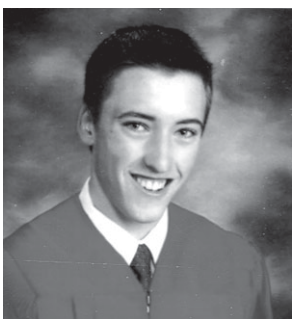


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Blessed Sacrament District
In mem. of deceased members



Matt Veneman
Br. 45, Sacramento



Angelo Ciaraglia
Br. 73, Roseville



Brian Acord
Br. 85, Mount Shasta



Zachary Anderson
Br. 236, North Highlands
In mem. of deceased members



Kendal M. Hasek
Br. 266, Yuba City



Thomas James Baldoni
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Darren Timothy Centi
Br. 342, Auburn



Michael Signorotti
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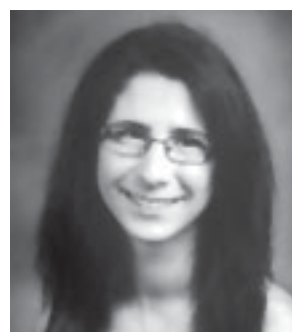


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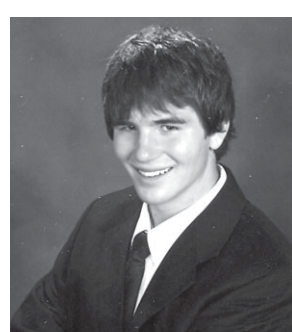
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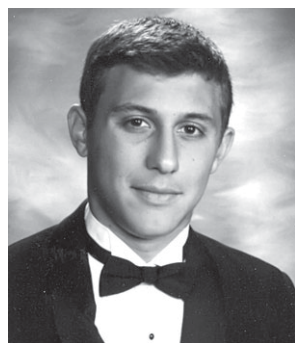


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Br. 20, San Francisco



Angelique Peray-Genovese
Br. 38, San Francisco



Jennifer Re
Br. 50, San Francisco



Conor Stanton
Br. 258, San Francisco



Andrea Louise Arnoldi
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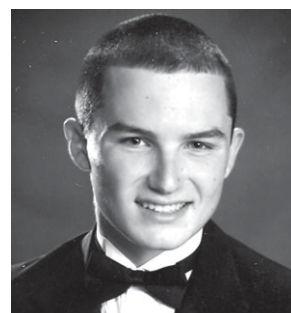
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In memory of Carlo Giusti



Haley Sorensen
Br. 7, South San Francisco



Christian DeMartini
Br. 19, Colma



Natalie Pitre
Br. 163, San Mateo
In mem. of Enrico Marchesin



Domenico Davino
Br. 173, Burlingame



Kristen McCormick
Br. 173, Burlingame



Anna Crosetti
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Brianna Furner
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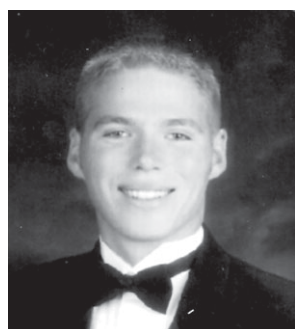
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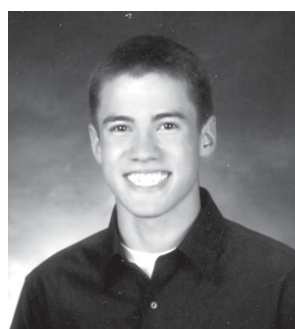
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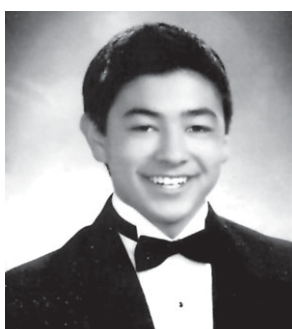
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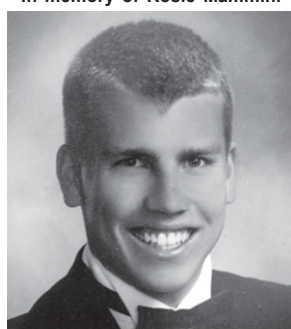
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Jerry J. Campisi
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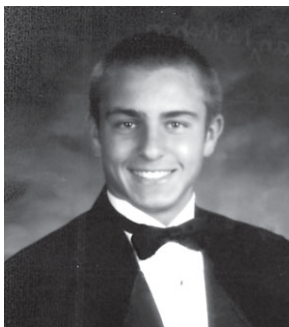


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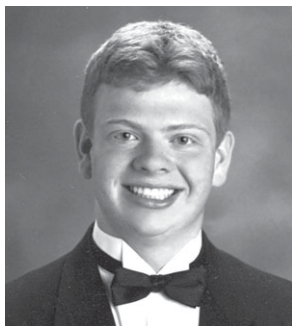
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Santa Rosa District
In mem. of deceased members



AnnaLisa Smullin
Santa Rosa District
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Eric Oakley
Br. 12, Napa



Elaine Tedeschi
Br. 12, Napa



Gabriella Benvenuti Carroll
Br. 18, Santa Rosa
In mem. of Lenny Franceschini



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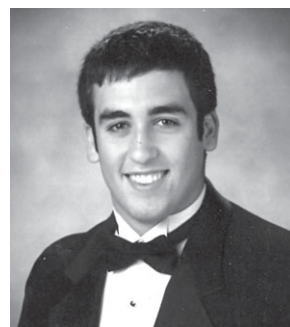
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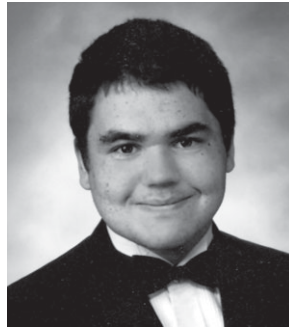
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Alexis Valdovinos
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Irene & Jerre Paolini



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In memory of
Lynne Gaggero Johnson



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In memory of
Aldo Desideri



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In mem. of Peter &
Juliette Barbieri



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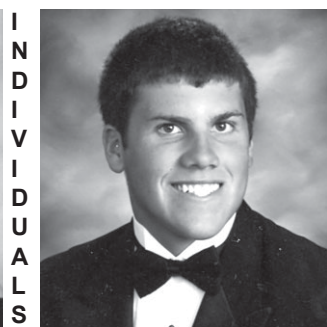
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In mem. Mary&Joseph Bottarini



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Chris & Virginia Bottino, Br. 432
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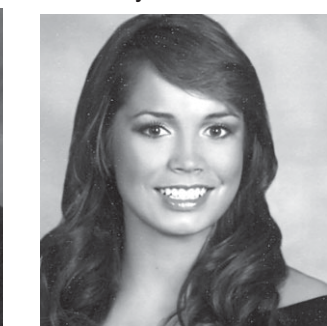
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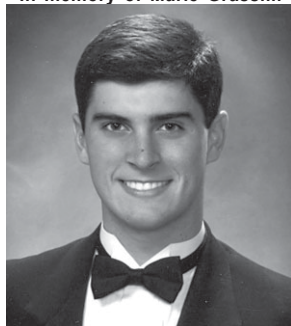
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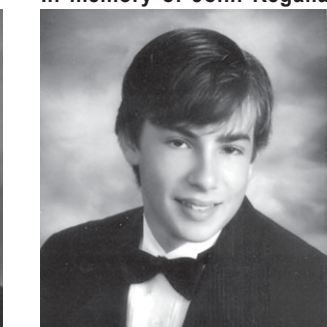
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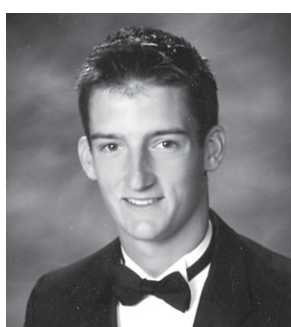
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Cooley's Corner

My Journey With Thalassemia

Part Five of a Five Part Series By Sid T.

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Foreword: An integral part of the Cooley's Anemia Outreach Program at Children's Hospital Oakland is to educate the community. The articles below are all written by patients. Thank you for reading and thank you for your continued support.

As 15 year-old, Thalassemia has affected my life in many aspects. I was diagnosed with this disorder at the age one and thalassemia has been a part of my life ever since. Although there are many disadvantages related to this blood disorder; it has taught me and shaped me into the person I am today.

Thalassemia is a life altering disorder as its complications distract from normal lifestyle. This disorder has changed my life in many ways. As a young boy in the early ages after my diagnosis, I obviously did not comprehend the situation that I had and accepted it as a normal part of life. Treatment wise and complication wise, I was troubled with all the physical pain of the intravenous treatment and common sicknesses. But over the years and as I grew, I started to understand and became curious to find out the terms of my situation.

At the age of 5 yrs, I had a huge impact of my life. At this age we made the big decision to move from India to America, mainly for the reason of a better medical treatment. This move disturbed many aspects of life for me and my whole family, making a transition from India to America was challenging because we had to adjust and familiarize everything especially the lifestyle. After getting used to the environment it was a little easier. The age of 10-12 was a harsh one because I was still trying to fit in and in doing that I made some mistakes. In school I was still not treated fairly as other kids use to tease me and bully me either because of my situation or my height. So I used to get frustrated many times but my parents always supported me and encouraged me to always look at the positive side of the life.

The ages 12-13 were a new chapter as I was moving into another part of my life. I was faced by many decisions that every teen faces. I was shortest in the class but this never discouraged my feelings and I always maintained positive attitude. Personally this age was not too hard for me knowing my principles and my family values it was fairly easy to move along this age.

As a teen living with thalassemia is not necessarily hard yet it is not easy. Fitting in with peers and expressing your situations can be hard as you don't know how the other person handles the knowledge. Restrictions are ever present whether in sports or other rigorous contests. Other activities, for example sleepovers are affected because of nightly desferal treatment. Receiving transfusions can be hard because of the timings that transfusions can be received, is

not compatible with the school attendance. Other obstacles in life are emotional and physiological pressure and pain. Understanding that you have a unique situation and acknowledging about all of its related issues can be hard to accept.

Last year, I entered high school which was fun and exciting. Meeting new people and making new friends that could understand my situation was very nice. So that my teachers were aware, my parents organized meetings with my teachers and counselor in the beginning of school, this helped me in school to be successful. On the other hand I was restricted from doing other things with my friends. I am limited on how much physical, and activities that interfere with my situation, I can participate in. Moreover high-school has lot of academic pressure especially with advanced and honors classes that are challenging. Taking out days from school could put you behind among peers and can adversely impact your grades to a great extent. Adding to this is the challenge that the children's hospital clinic doesn't run out-patient clinic every weekend. I have tried to find a work-around by doing small things like using a tape-recorder for the sessions that I miss and carefully coordinating with the school counselor to schedule my classes so I miss the least important sessions. Also I have a few friends that can provide and share with me the lectures that I have missed.

Still I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful treatment and staff of doctors that treat me. Every six months I come to Oakland for a comprehensive clinic where I have my tests done for iron loads in key organs like the heart and liver. Also I meet Dr. Vichinsky and Dr. Lal who have provided and guided me from several years. From last one year I have joined the clinical trial where I'm on a combination therapy to use 7 days of Exjade and 3 days of desferal. This therapy is doing wonders for me and my iron levels have come down significantly (from 2600 mg to 1000 mg within 6 months of treatment). I feel so good of not using Desferal 7 days and yet maintaining the iron levels within controlled levels. I want to thank Dr. Vichinsky, Dr. Lal and all of the Children's Hospital Oakland staff. I want to thank the ICF for donating money for the Christmas party and other fun things that Laurice and Eve plan.

Looking at the thousands of people not only with thalassemia, but other disorder who don't even have a place to go or get medical treatment of any sort, I feel very lucky to be in the situation I am today. Living with thalassemia has taught me many valuable lessons and has bestowed many good qualities in me. I can understand life from another aspect and be appreciative of life and what I have. I want to thank my parents for all their hard work and their support that they have given me throughout my life. At the end, I want to tell all the teenagers and others to be hopeful, optimistic and cheerful in the life. We should use this unique situation as a source of inspiration and motivation to do our best and become a better person in the society and achieve our desired dreams.

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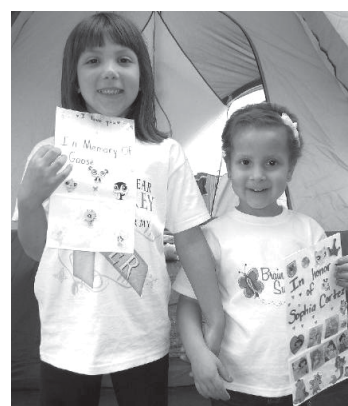
Branch 4, along with the Cortez Family, appreciates all of the continued support and prayers that have been received for Sophia. Sophia was a Gifts of Love recipient last year. I recently received an email from Sophia's mom with these beautiful pictures and the following message.

"Some people might view Sophia's battle as over since she has been in remission for nearly two years, but the truth is that we are just beginning to enter the most dangerous part of her journey. Most of the children who have been diagnosed with Medulloblastoma and have had a re-occurrence have done so right around 24 months post-diagnosis. As you know, we are quickly approaching that point (September), so I will probably be more stressed than ever before when Sophia's next few MRI's roll around.



It is during these worrisome times that I rely on the love, support, and kind words of the family and friends who have carried us to this point in Sophia's journey. So, thank you for continuing to keep Sophia's story fresh in the minds of those who care about her and have been praying for her all this time. We can't do this alone and we appreciate each and every prayer that comes our way!" Please continue to keep my little friend Sophia and her family in your prayers. Pray that she remains in remission and continues to thrive. Be assured it is so much appreciated.

Thank you
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BOOK REVIEW
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Slices of Life: Italian-American Collective Memoirs

By Joanna M. Leone
AuthorHouse, 2011. 352 pp.



Aldous Huxley once wrote, “Every man’s memory is his private literature.” This is certainly true of Joanna Leone’s *Slices of Life*, and it is her memory from which she draws the material to share with her readers. *Slices of Life* is a series of brief essays that draw from Leone’s and other’s memories of growing up Italian-American. She states that “The purpose of my writing is to show how people still remain close to their Italian roots as well as how many memories are still in their hearts . . . I think that memories are our most important keepsake.”

Particularly important to Leone are the memories of important events and holiday traditions, and in several of the essays, Leone shares her memories of Christmas, New Year’s Day, and Easter. It was during the holidays that Leone most notices the differences between her Italian-American family and other families in her neighborhood. In one essay, “Growing Up Italian at Christmas,” Leone remembers, “Things were different at Christmastime in my Italian house. We also had beautiful traditions, which I will carry with me all my life. Although, we did not have popcorn balls or little chocolate Santas on our table. Oh no! There were boxes of Torrone Candy that my mother’s friends brought to our house and at least three boxes of Perugina Chocolates . . . We never had ham, mashed potatoes or yams at our house. At Christmas it was calamari fritters filled with fig or anchovies boccola and at least five other kinds of fish.” Leone savors the details of holidays and events, describing specials meals and foods that surrounded these special days.

However, Leone most values the memories of the people in her life, her family and friends. (In fact, many of the essays in the book are the memories she has heard from others.) She values the people who have been a part of her life and her community. She has said that “All my life I have en-

joyed hearing stories of family and friends about their lives in Italy and their experiences here in the States. I’ve enjoyed these stories so much that I have been inspired to collect and publish them . . .” One essay shares the memories of Cory Pesaturo and his love of and dedication to the accordion. Even as a child, Cory showed determination to master the instrument. As Leone tells the story, “. . . while his mother baked cookies, some of Cory’s friends stopped over his house for a visit. Cory was not distracted by the scent of the freshly baked cookies or the sounds of his friends’ laughter and continued on his accordion. Cory said, in a serious tone, ‘I didn’t like practicing the accordion, but I sure loved playing it.’ Cory’s mother carried the freshly baked cookies into the living room as the beautiful accordion music filled the room.” Cory continued to play.

Leone has described *Slices of Life* as “collective memoirs about family traditions, memories, travel stories and special Italian American memories. It is a keepsake for future generations. Also, the book shows the ways in which we remain connected to our Italian traditions and memories.”

Leone’s memories of events, family, and friends fill her book, creating a sense of what it means to be Italian-American. Her memories provide the reader with a glimpse into her life as an Italian-American and into the lives of other Italian-Americans.

Slices of Life: Italian-American Collective Memoirs is published by AuthorHouse, a leading provider of self published books. It can be purchased from major online bookstores or directly from the publisher at www.authorhouse.com.

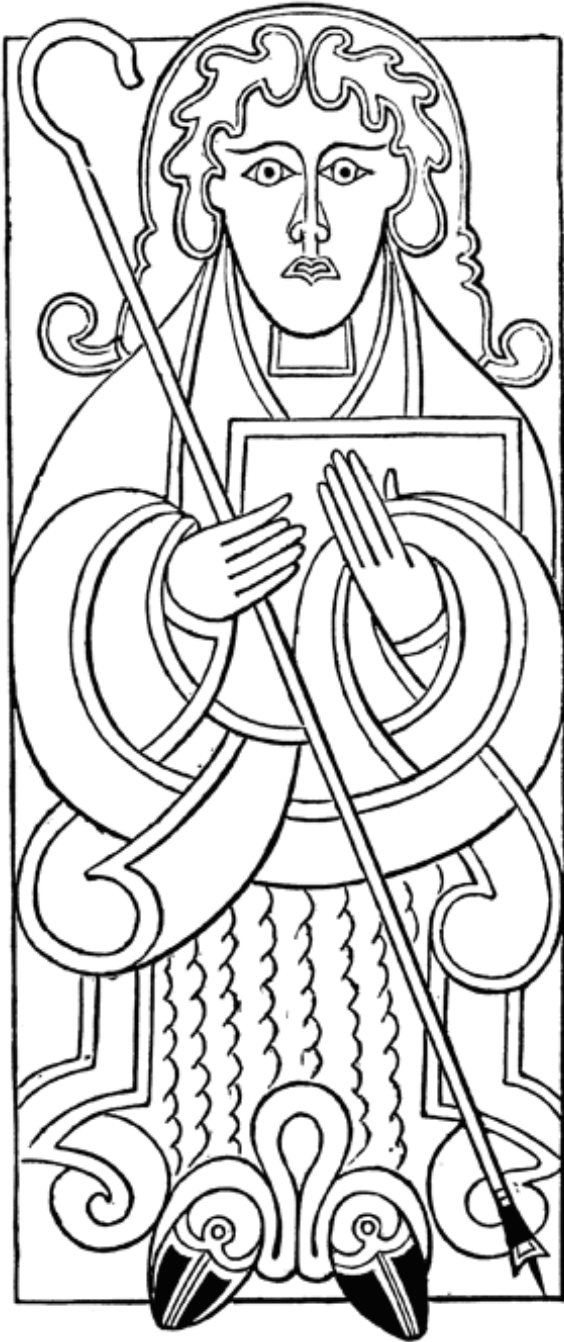
To learn more about the author, you can also visit her Facebook page or view a video about *Slices of Life* on YouTube.com. (Simply, search for “*Slices of Life - Italian American Stories with Joanna Leone in HD.”)

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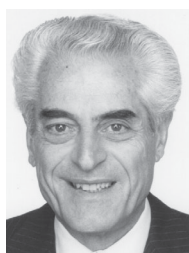
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SAINTLY STORIES by Clem DeAmicis

Kateri Tekakwitha -- The Blessed Mohawk

I had an American History teacher in high school who chided me for not showing any interest in American Indians. In a way, he was right. I really knew very little about the Indians other than they always lost when they went up against the settlers or the army cavalry — at least they did in the movies that I saw. (Of course the minor exception was that little rumble between Custer, Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull at the Little Big Horn.) That void continues to this day: I've never been photographed standing next to or shaking hands with a cigar store Indian; I don't know nor do I tell any Indian jokes; I've never bet the family farm at an Indian casino; and the only time I ever came close to bona-fide Indians was when RoseAnne and I were surrounded by 300 or so of them at Aquatic Park several years ago, while they were angrily protesting a re-enactment of the landing of Christopher Columbus: a rather electric situation which I decided not to incite any further by announcing myself as a member of the board of directors and future president of the Columbus Day Celebration Committee.

But in my defense I can say that I am not totally ignorant about Indians, since I know something about Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, whom my Vatican insider says is on Pope John Paul's short list of candidates for canonization.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born the child of a

Christian Algonquin woman and a Mohawk warrior in the Mohawk Valley near Auriesville, New York, in 1656. Her mother had been captured by the Iroquois and saved from a captive's fate by her father, with whom she also bore a son.

When Tekakwitha was about four years old, a smallpox epidemic swept through the Mohawk Valley and her parents and brother were afflicted by it and died. Tekakwitha survived, although the smallpox marked her face and seriously impaired her eyesight leaving her physically weak, disfigured and fragile. Her aunts and an uncle, who had become chief of the Turtle clan, adopted her. Even though her manner was very reserved, her aunts began the search for a suitable Indian warrior for her to marry, when she would be old enough. Kateri was an obedient child; she performed household duties and lived the quiet life of an Indian village girl.

In 1667, Jesuit missionaries, who had been to Quebec to conclude peace with the French, spent three days in the lodge of Tekakwitha's uncle. She was attracted to the prayerful ways of the black-robed Jesuits and wanted to learn more about their religion. From them she received her first information about Christianity, but although she eagerly accepted it in her heart she chose not to be baptized. She continued religious instruction from the Jesuits without the knowledge of her foster parents, since she knew they would object

Some time later, the Turtle clan moved to the north bank of the Mohawk River at what is now the town of Fonda. There, in the midst of scenes of carnage, debauchery and idolatry, Tekakwitha lived a life of remarkable Virtue, not only as a Christian maiden but also as a Christian virgin, at great risk and derision to herself. When she was 18, Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take

charge of the mission, which included the Turtle clan, and by him, at her earnest request, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday as Kateri, which is the Iroquois form of Catherine. She made her First Holy Communion on the next Christmas day.

Kateri began to practice her religion earnestly and unflinchingly in the face of almost unbearable opposition, until she and others began to fear for her life. So, with the assistance of Jesuit missionaries, she fled to a Canadian refuge near Montreal, on the St. Laurence, where she lived in the cabin of another Christian Indian woman.

Her extraordinary sanctity impressed not only her own people but the French and the local missionaries. For a few years, she happily lived a life of prayer, attended daily Mass, prayed in the chapel and recited the rosary to Our Lady. She appeared to have attained the most perfect union with God in prayer. At the age of 23, she made a vow to never marry — a commitment unknown to other Indians and the first time that it was noted among the North American Indians.

Kateri performed many penances and severe mortifications to atone for her sins and for the sins of her people. The high degree of her mortifications alarmed her spiritual director, who asked her to reduce them in number and type. However, Kateri continued to carry them on until they took their toll and she became so weak that she was confined to bed. When she was no longer able to go to the chapel, she was given holy cards by the priests and spent hours looking at them and praying. It was during Holy Week that she lived her last moments and on April 17, 1680, at the age of 24, she died.

The people who were at her bedside, when she died, remarked about the radiance of her face: some claimed that the smallpox scars, which had vividly marked her face



since she was a child, disappeared. They concluded that Kateri Tekakwitha was truly a special person chosen by God.

In 1943, Pope Pius XII declared Kateri Venerable. Pope John Paul II beatified her in Rome on June 22, 1980, in the presence of hundreds of North American Indians. In his panegyric, the Pope made clear that he considered her a spiritual heavyweight; he put her in the company of Saint

Scholastica, Saint Gertrude, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Angela Merici, Saint Rose of Lima and Therese of Child Jesus. The Pope described the last months of Kateri's life as a clear manifestation of her solid faith, straight-forward humility, calm resignation and radiant joy, even in the midst of terrible sufferings. He said that her last words were simple and sublime, whispered at the moment of her death, and summed up, like a noble hymn, a life of purest charity: "Jesus, I love you"

My Vatican insider told me that the saint-recommending body, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, places a priority on candidates who represent peoples who have no saints to celebrate. It was this priority which inclined John Paul II to beatify Kateri Tekakwitha as the first Native American blessed, despite the fact that all the miracles attributed to her intercession lacked certification. Moreover, the fledgling church in North America was unequipped, in the seventeenth century, to carry out the formal investigative process to establish the validity of the numerous miracles credited to Kateri. It was sufficient, the Pope decided, that Kateri had a reputation for producing many miracles through her intercession. Therefore, along with her beatification, he named her as the patroness of the environment and ecology, along with Saint Francis of Assisi. Her feast day is July 14.

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to pick 1st year recipients

- April 29 – attended 2nd meeting to start new branch at St. Clare Church in Roseville
- May 1 – attended SF Diocese Bishop's Day
- May 5 – attended Br. 36 Monterey 80th Anniversary and initiation of 99 new members
- May 11 – attended Ways and Means Committee meeting
- May 22 – PR conference call to pick Convention Award nominees
- June 5 – Sutter Creek Italian Heritage Parade
- June 11 – Central Council meeting in Oakland
- June 18 – "Night for the Seminarians" Dinner in Monterey
- June 25 – Inauguration and Installation of Br. 438 St. Clare of Assisi Roseville

Grand Treasurer – George Bacigalupi (given by Leonard Zasoski)

- Convention Expense Voucher was reviewed; motion carried to approved as presented

· General Fund Budget for 2011 was examined; discussion ensued. Leonard will take back comments to the Committee for further review.

Deputy Chairperson – Jane Dianda

- Br. 11 Oakland – Branch President Paul Losacavio resigned, due to new job opportunities. As contact is being made with possible new candidates to take branch president, District Deputy Pat Mueller and Jane Dianda will run the June meeting.
- Br. 12 Napa – District Deputy Cathy Acquistapace and Branch Deputy Michael Cannady report that a new Financial Secretary/Treasurer has been elected; they have been working with the new officer to reconcile the accounts.
- Br. 159 Lompoc – a letter was received from Branch President Barbara Raggio regarding concerns with health issues and demographic challenges. This branch has voted to close.
- Br. 96 & 121 Chicago – branches will merge under Br. 121 and meet at St. Bernadine's; both branches are very much in favor of this merger.
- Br. 286 Alhambra – has 14 members and no one willing to take an office. Ballots were sent to each member and this branch will be closing.

· Debit Cards – notified that a few Branch Treasurers and Presidents have been using debit cards; this is in conflict with the by-laws which require two signatures and expenditures must be voted on by the membership.

· Deputy Workshop – scheduled for Santa Clara District on June 25 at 9 am

Field Operations Director – Louis Mages

- Has been doing extensive travel to Arizona; attended meetings in Glendale and Surprise
- Working closely with Br. 438 St. Clare of Assisi Roseville on start up of branch; E-vite and phone call reminders were made to all that signed up at first presentation. All officer positions were filled at the May meeting. The proposed Branch Installation will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2011
- Traveled to Chicago to conduct first informational meeting

Committee Reports (in reverse order)

Workshop – Bob Basuino

- Workshop Committee very slow this year; many districts have scheduled and backed out. CC member Tom Passanisi suggested they might be viable tools for starting branches.

Ways and Means – Jim Friebe

· Calendars – 2143 in sales

- Seminary Night – ticket sales are down. Need to have the count by Mon., June 13
- Golf Tournament – July 29 at San Carlos Hall in Monterey, bus trip for spouses to Cannery Row, Carmel at \$25 pp.

· BINGO – Friday at the Convention

Task Force – Mike Rossi

- Strategic Plan – previously looked at mission statement in 1998. Continuation of work done in 2008 for a 5 year plan. Committee has met five times since October and interviewed a few strategic planners. A professional planner may be cost-prohibitive, but the committee is reviewing the bids and will present them to the Executive Committee when there is a definite proposal in place. Spoke with Al Restivo, member of Br. 374 La Canada (professional strategic planner) and considering other bids.

· Reviewed the completed ICF Employee Manual

Scholarship – Dante Galeazzi

- First year scholarships - 204 awarded
- Judging for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships will be held Aug. 20

Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski

- Bollettino – trying to shorten the length of

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the articles for a few branches, working on getting more advertisements

- Website – documents being modified so that forms can be filled out online
- Convention awards – trying to get more submissions in future years. Awards were reviewed by conference call. Voting proceeded for the convention awards and the results were as follows:

- Pope John Paul XXIII – Wayne Shaffer
- Grand President's Award – Liana Giovannini Figone
- Family of the Year Award – Mencarini Family
- Mother Theresa Award – Fr. Francis Murray
- Young Adult Award – Pamela J. Andersen

- Conference calling – opportunity to save thousands of dollars per year. Task Force and Public Relations have saved \$854 for two meetings.

Note: Life Members will be elected at the end of business at the June CC meeting, so the election was held during New Business as originally stated on the agenda.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12 noon and reconvened at 1:05pm.

Membership – Roselynn Jarrett

- Membership statistics from 7-10 to 6-11 were reviewed; majority in 30-39 member bracket, followed by those with 50-59 members. Only the Central Coast and Los Angeles Districts saw an increase in membership this year.

- Out of 5 branches that closed with 145 members, 90 transferred to other branches
- No significant difference in cancellations were seen as some predicted with dues increase

- In March, two trainings were presented to Arizona branches along with FOD Lou Mages

- New brochure was presented to the CC members

- Two branches in San Mateo District are expanding their youth program and activities
- Encourage membership drives and remind branches to get dues/applications into office

Hospitalization – Deborah Rodondi

- As of 3-31-11 there are 554 active members
- Total assets of \$832,000
- Accumulated gains \$330,716

Heritage – Vince Piro (presented by Jim Friebe)

- Committee has been videotaping and interviewing Tom Poggi, Al Teglia, Bob and Theresa Dianda to compile a 15-20 minute DVD that can be presented at the convention.

- Sutter Creek Italian Parade – “keep the faith” was the theme due to the weather. Jim Jones, Jim Friebe, Nina Malone and district members helped to put things together on Saturday and prayed for sunshine. On Sunday, the parade went forward and the Blessed Sacrament District won 1st place for the third year in a row!

- Upcoming Events: San Jose Giants Game - July 16, Santa Rosalia Festival and Morgan Hill – Sept 10 and 11, San Gionnaro Festival in Los Angeles – September 23

Gifts of Love – Andy Pappani

- Committee met on March 12 to grant awards – 8 applications were reviewed. 4 applications were rejected, 4 approved. Total of \$5150 was awarded, total in fund as of 5-25-11 is \$26,697.98.

- Program for the Deaf children has been very successful; first class received Holy Communion recently. Special thanks to Joan DeFino for making this program possible.

Finance – George Bacigalupi

- Modifications are being made to the reports; working closely with office staff

Convention Director's – Steven Fuentes

- Brochures for all convention events available in CC members' packets

- Be sure to make room reservations ASAP

By-Laws & Rituals – Leonard Rossi

- Proposed by Committee: Mission Statement – to be placed before the Introduction on pg. 5 of branch by-laws; approved for convention

- Proposed by Committee: Chapter Article 2A and Article 4 – proposed to combine to form one article; approved for convention

- Proposed by Committee: Chapter II – add new section after Article 4 regarding dual membership; approved for convention

- Committee reviewed Chapter II Article I – Catholics in good standing; suggestions made to add to application form to clarify this issue. Executive Committee discussed this at length and suggestions will be taken back to committee for consideration.

Apostolate & Charity – Theresa Helfand (presented by Deborah Rodondi)

- National Charity – Cooley's Anemia Oakland Children's Hospital, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society were considered. Committee moved that ICF continue to support Cooley's Anemia as our national charity; motion carried.

- Desferral Retreat Camp – have received \$400 in donations so far. The committee motioned to take \$1100 from the fund to total \$1500 for the camp; motion carried.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

Election of Life Member – James Friebe, nominated by Leonard Rossi; Roselynn Jarrett, nominated by Steven Fuentes; Andy Pappani, nominated by Bob Basuino. Results: Life Member – Elect: James Friebe

Action on Communications - none

Good of the Order

- Pat Mages – Bishop's Day Santa Barbara/Ventura & San Gabriel – Nov. 20

- Nello Rossi thanked GP Jim Jones for the wonderful job he has done the last 2 years

- Marco Galeazzi reported the SF Giants Italian Night – Aug. 23

- 80th Anniversary for Br. 28 Gilroy – July 16

- Santa Rosa District – Day of Recollection, Rosary and BBQ on Sunday, Aug. 14

- Dante Galeazzi 25th Branch Anniversary at Br. 390 Tracy on July 10

- GP Jim thanked everyone for their support and cooperation for the last two years

Closing Prayer was led by Msgr. Daniel Cardelli and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Malone
Grand Secretary

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Operations Director Lou Mages and Central Council Grand Secretary Nina Malone.

We look forward to hearing more from Branch 438 in the near future!

