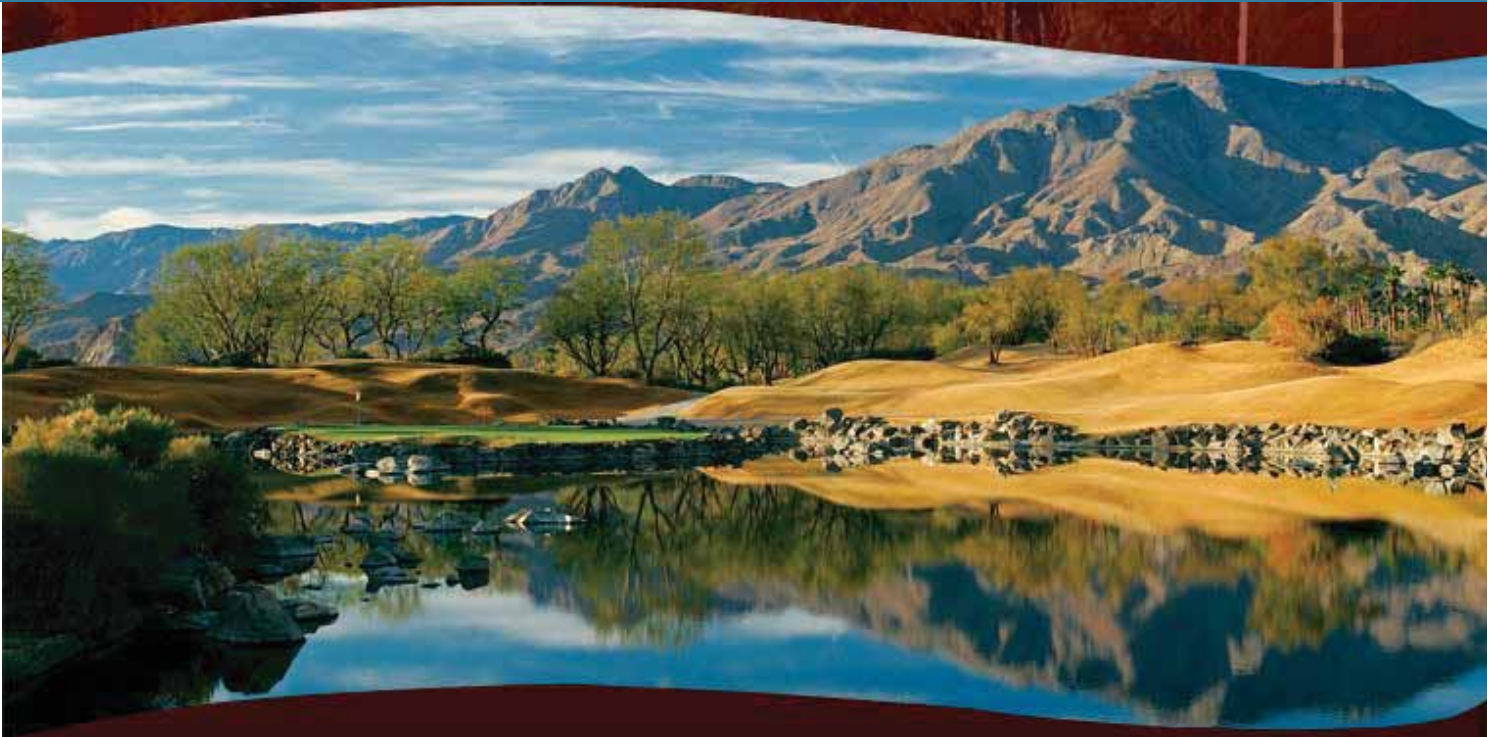


Welcome to La Quinta, California



Living The Year of Faith

83rd Annual Convention

August 29, 2013 - September 2, 2013

Italian Catholic Federation

Bollettino



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Pope John XXIII Award Winner: Bruno Serato

Chef Bruno Serato, owner of the historic, award-winning Anaheim White House Restaurant, has always been known for his generous philanthropy. In 2003, when Bruno was a board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim, he held a luncheon in honor of his mother, Caterina. A group of 75 women attended in order to support the youth services offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim.

On April 18, 2005 Bruno took Caterina to visit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim. Caterina noticed a young boy eating a bag of chips and discovered that would probably be his only dinner for the evening. Caterina asked Bruno to prepare a nice pasta meal for the child, and that night they fed 75 children who would

have otherwise gone hungry. Bruno and Caterina's passion for the children grew into an organization that they decided to call Caterina's Club.

Caterina's Club serves 300 low-income children a nutritionally balanced meal of pasta and vegetables 7 nights a week.

That means every night of the week for the past 8 years, 300 children who otherwise would have gone hungry have been able to fill their stomachs with a nice warm meal. More than 500,000 meals have been served to date.

Caterina's Club also assists families in moving out of the unsafe environment of the motels and into more stable and permanent housing. To date they have helped 36 families move out of the motels

to date, with plans for even more in the future.

In 2011, CNN named Serato as a "Top 10 Hero."

In their article on Serato they quote him as saying, "Some people are stuck, they have no money. They need to live in that room. They've lost everything they have. They have no other chance. No choice."

While "motel kids" are found across the United States, the situation is very common in Orange County, California, a wealthy community with high rents and a large number of old motels. In 2009, local authorities estimated that more than 1,000 families lived in these conditions.

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Grand President's Award: Roberta Franchini

Roberta Franchini has been awarded the 2013 Grand President's Award.

Roberta has been a member of Branch 213, St. Augustine, in South San Francisco, for 46 years, and has held every office that the branch has. At the present time she is Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Roberta has participated in the "Small Christian Communities" at St. Augustine's Parish.

Roberta has been a great asset to not only her branch, but to her parish and community as a whole. She is a tireless worker attending to meeting hall preparations, visiting the sick, attending funerals, attending District activities, holding every office in the branch, and chairing all of the branch Spaghetti Dinners and Champagne Bingsos.

Roberta has accomplished this while raising



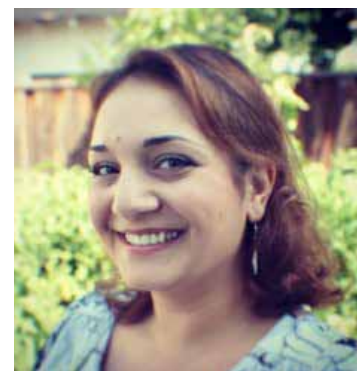
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Young Adult Leadership Award: Anna Greco-Gonzalez

Anna Greco-Gonzalez has been awarded the 2013 Young Adult Leadership Award.

Anna is 32 years old, is happily married to Cesar Gonzalez and has a son Ethan. She works fulltime for the Regional Medical Center in San Jose. She loves working at the San Jose Medical Center helping and serving others. She is currently taking online classes to become a registered nurse.

Anna was a member of Branch 4 for years, but took a few years off to start her family. Upon her return in 2010, she has become very active within the branch, holding offices and being present at meetings to help set up the church hall and work in the kitchen for branch dinners and events. She has held the offices of Trustee and is currently 2nd Vice President of Branch 4, San Jose.



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Mother Teresa Award: Father Michael Mahoney, OFM, Cap

Father Michael Mahoney, OFM, Cap, has been awarded the 2013 Mother Teresa Award. Known as the "Pied Piper" of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Burlingame, California, and chaplain of Branch 173 of the Italian Catholic Federation, Father Mahoney is known to draw adult and children to him.

When David and Pat Mayer's house burned down Father Mahoney was there to offer them not only spiritual guidance, but an outreach of love and support in their time of need. He has made it his passion to know the members of his "flock" by name; to know their families and to be there to offer spiritual guidance whenever needed.

Every day Father Mahoney shows great passion for his church, the ICF branch and his entire "flock." Unless called away for an emergency, Father Mahoney attends all



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Family of the Year: The Gillio Family

The Gillio Family, headed by John and Noreen of Branch 368, has been awarded the 2013 Family of the Year Award.

The family, all members of Branch 368, Santa Teresa, is comprised of Noreen and John Gillio, Jr.; their son John Gillio III, his wife Sue and their daughter Kendra; and son Mike and his wife Katie and their sons Daniel, James, Joseph, Benjamin, and Samuel.

Within the ICF John has held the titles of Branch 368 president and fundraiser chairperson; and Santa Clara Valley District president, 1st vice president, membership chair, branch deputy, and assistant golf chair. Not to be outdone, Noreen has held the titles of Branch president, 1st vice president, heritage chairperson, and fundraiser assistant chairperson.

John and Noreen have donated time and

effort to the ICF and Santa Teresa Church.

At the Branch Pasta Dinner fundraiser they work to setup the hall for dinner and Noreen coordinates the preparation for salad. Noreen even finds time to prepare a special dinner table with an elaborate dinner service that is provided as part of a special drawing prize.

At the parish festival, they coordinate the "White Elephant Booth" to catalog and price the thousands of items that are donated.

At Christmas, the Branch chooses a "family in need", but it is John and Noreen who do the necessary follow-up work to ensure the family receives food and gifts to make their holiday a little brighter.

John and Noreen have donated monetary

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The Gillio Family

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gifts to the ICF and Santa Teresa Church at numerous events. At Branch Regular Pot Luck meetings they have made generous donations of wine and beverages to serve the members. Noreen, even when not assigned as a hostess, generally helps the monthly hosts with donations and meeting setup supplies.

The Gillios also donate wine and beverages for the Santa Clara Valley Annual BBQ, in addition to raffle prizes and beautiful decorations.

"John and Noreen demonstrate an altruistic attitude which has been instilled throughout their family," wrote Mike Nunziata of Branch 368.

When asked to serve an office, John readily accepted and has visited each branch to provide a presence to the members. Noreen, has provided innovative and inspiring glimpses into Italian heritage. Even at times, employing entertaining "skits" to convey the message.

"The Gillio family is a textbook family that embraces their Catholic faith and serves as

role models for the community they serve," Nunziata said.

They have two sons, John III, a PG&E executive whose wife Sue, works for a Medical Device Company and daughter Kendra attends CSU at Monterey Bay. Their younger son Michael, is a graduate of the Military Academy now serving as a career commander in the United States Navy stationed in Maryland. His family includes his wife and five sons.

They are all active members of Santa Teresa, Branch 368. Albeit, Michael's family has a limited role because of being in Maryland, they still embrace the ICF and what it stands for.

Father Christopher Bennett, pastor at St. Theresa's Parish said, "Their love of God is very evident in the joy and love they bring to the church community. They are a dream couple for any pastor in a parish, they live the Gospel in word, deed and action. I am very blessed to know John and Noreen and have them part of Santa Teresa Parish.

Pat Cordich of Branch 28 said, "One of my greatest joys as a Deputy was when I was appointed to Branch 368. It is through this job that I met John, Noreen and their family. John and Noreen are the kind of people



who wrap you in their arms, make you feel special and you instantly know you want to be in their lives forever.

"They make your life better by the example they set... so many words could be used to describe them... love, kindness and dedication are just a few," Cordich continued.

Bob and Elaine Osorio of Branch 186 wrote: "In this day and age when there are so many unhappy families, John and Noreen's children and their families are loving and compassionate, respect one another and are ready, willing and able to help whenever necessary."

Bruno Serato

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"Kids should not be suffering," Serato said. "[I had] to do something."

Serato, 55, has always given back to the community where he achieved his American dream. When the Italian immigrant arrived in the U.S. 30 years ago, his poor English skills forced him to settle for a job as a dishwasher. But within five years, he had become chef and owner of the Anaheim White House, an Italian restaurant that is now a local hot spot.

His mother helped him that first night, and Serato has maintained the ritual nearly every night for more than six years -- even through the recession.

The economic downturn was a challenge, though. Serato lost 30% to 40% of the customers at his restaurant, but the number of children he fed each night more than doubled. He often found himself giving away more meals than he served in his restaurant, and he was forced to refinance his home to keep going. But Serato found that his work with the children helped sustain him, at least on a personal level.

"So many nights ... it was not too many customers," he said. "[To] know that I served 150 kids ... it made me feel better."

Today, Serato's business has rebounded, and his program feeds nearly 200 children, in two locations, seven days a week. He also pays for drivers to transport the kids to the Boys & Girls Club, and he has purchased another van. All told, he estimates that the endeavor costs him around \$2,000 a month.

"They're customers," he says with a smile. "My favorite customers."

Anna Greco-Gonzalez

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Anna is very involved with the Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia Outreach Program at Oakland Children's Hospital. She organized a yard sale to earn funds to be donated to Oakland Children's Hospital; helped collect toys several years for the Christmas party at Oakland Children's Hospital; planned "Dining for Dollars" fundraiser for charity; and was instrumental in promoting a successful Blood Drive at the 2012 Convention.

"Anna is a remarkable young lady that I have known for several years and she never ceases to amaze me with her ideas, her energy, and her love and dedication to her branch and to the ICF," wrote Past Grand President Jim Jones.

Roberta Franchini

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two lovely daughters and she is also the proud grandmother of four.

According to Past Branch President Faith Hill, Roberta has, and still gives 150% to the ICF and to her Branch 213.

When her children were young she worked at the school as a volunteer and when her grandchildren were in school she worked in the library once a week, mending books in an effort to help.

At a bake sale you would always see Roberta's carrot cake on the table, according to Hill. There wouldn't be just one there though, there would be 30 in addition to brownies.

One time, according to Hill, Roberta and her husband Franco were taking a walk and saw a stranger who said she needed a ride. They felt sorry for her and went back to get their car and took her to San Francisco.

"That is the person Roberta is," Hill said. "She is also very involved with her family and would do anything for them."

"She is a gentle leader, living the ideals of the Italian Catholic Federation by example," wrote Father George Aranha. "She has strong family values, carrying on the traditions passed on to her by her own parents and extended family."

"Anna gives of herself in so many ways," wrote Pat Cordich, member of Branch 28. "Anna's life revolves around her faith, family, home, job and the Italian Catholic Federation. Anna's enthusiasm and energy is infectious to all those around her."

"Even though Anna is my daughter she is a strong influence in my life," wrote Anna's Mom, Maria Greco, who is also the president of Branch 4.

Fr. Mahoney

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functions that he is invited to, and makes a valiant effort to be an active participant in the lives and activities of those in his parish.

At OLA Parish, Father Mahoney oversees many ministries including the Senior Outreach; OLA Communion Team; the Renew program; parish scheduling committee; the finance committee; the Parish Council; the OLA School Board; the Men's Club, the Mother's Club; St. Vincent de Paul; the Liturgy Committee; and the ICF.

"Fr. Michael Mahoney is a very caring and gracious individual; he would do everything in his power to help in any way he can," said Dorene Campanile, president of Branch 173, OLA.

In 2011 when the ICF Annual Convention was held in Foster City, Fr. Michael moved Back to School Night to accommodate the San Mateo District of the ICF so the Thursday Night Dinner could be held in the OLA Gymnasium. He also provided use of the parish sacred vessels if they were needed at the Sunday mass at the Convention.

One Saturday evening, after the 5:00 mass Fr. Michael approached the president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLA

When she was of age, Anna became a member of Branch 4, Holy Cross Church. According to Maria, within a short time Anna showed great responsibility through the organization. She helped in any task she was asked to do.

"Anna always has great love and leadership in things she gets involved in," Maria wrote.

Anna taught catechism and served as a lector at Holy Cross Parish. Her love of working with the children in the kindergarten class, in particular, led her to her chosen career as a nurse, which she is working on, in pediatrics, according to Maria. Anna helped in the CCD office and did any task that the Sisters asked of her.

and stated that a needy family required assistance to locate lodging. Within an hour it was taken care of.

"I found Fr. Michael to display the compassion, caring and love of his vocation. I saw him help many people daily with focus on those with problems who needed counseling and guidance. Sometimes people who just needed someone to listen and get them through the day. Whether a parishioner or a homeless person, Father treated each with respect and dignity," said Rosemarie Gregori of Branch 173 and a member of OLA Parish.

"His display of such compassion still rings true today as pastor. Even with his great responsibilities he is never too busy to attend to his flock. Fr. Michael is revered by all his parishioners," Gregori wrote of Fr. Michael.

It was the vision of Fr. Michael and the pastoral council to inspire a thriving and inclusive parish that welcomes all into meaningful worship and service within OLA and our great community.

His main focus is always to bring God's message of love to all of those who seek it, to be inclusive and to avoid exclusivity and to embrace spiritual growth throughout our lives," wrote Kelli Benz of OLA Parish.

FESTA ITALIA SANTA ROSALIA FESTIVAL MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 6TH, 7TH, 8TH FREE ADMISSION ALL THREE DAYS FOOD AND BEVERAGE BOOTHS OPEN

2013 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00-9:30 DANCING TO JOE SHARINO BAND
FOOD AND BEVERAGE BOOTHS OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:15-12:15 OPERATION ROCK - FEATURING FRANK, JOHN, AND CHRIS CAMPO
12:30 NATIONAL ANTHEM - WELCOME BY MAYOR CHUCK DELLA SALA
1:00-1:45 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND
2:00-2:45 PASQUALE ESPOSITO
3:00-3:45 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND
TARANTELLA DANCERS
4:00-4:45 PASQUALE ESPOSITO
5:00-6:00 ORACIO AIELLO, RACHEL MAROTTA, AND THE MONTEREY
STRING QUARTET WITH MIKE MAROTTA, JR.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

11:00-12:00 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND
12:15-1:15 PASQUALE ESPOSITO
1:30-2:00 MIKE MAROTTA, SR. AND REE REE BRUNELL TARANTELLA DANCERS
2:15-3:15 ORACIO AIELLO, RACHEL MAROTTA, PLUS MONTEREY STRING
QUARTET WITH MIKE MAROTTA
3:30-4:15 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND
4:30-5:30 PASQUALE ESPOSITO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:30 MASS SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL, 500 CHURCH STREET
12:00 NOON PARADE STARTS AT SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL, THROUGH
ALVARADO STREET TO THE PLAZA



Dave Marzetti



Oracio Aiello and
Rachel Marotta



Nino Lane



Joe Sharino Band



Pasquale Esposito



Mike Marotta, Jr.



Mike Marotta, Sr.

BOLLETTINO

Welcome to the 83rd Annual ICF Convention in La Quinta



Jack Grisafe
President,
San Bernardino District

As President and representative of the San Bernardino District, I want to welcome you to the 2013 Italian Catholic Federation's 83rd Annual Convention at the beautiful La Quinta Resort and Spa. We hope you can participate in the weekend activities that we have planned.

We kick off with the Thursday Night Dinner at 7pm, preceded by a no-host bar and Italian music at 6pm. After dinner, there will be dancing and more great music that you are sure to enjoy. We will hold a raffle with many wonderful baskets and other items.

Our Novelty Booth will have many new items. We hope you will stop by and buy a souvenir to help you remember your wonderful weekend with us.

Two tours are scheduled for 9am on Friday morning, if we get the minimum amount of participants to cover the cost of the bus.

The first tour is at the nearby Indian Casino, Fantasy Springs. They will reimburse you

the \$25.00 cost of the bus ride and give you a \$3.00 coupon toward lunch.

The other tour is of Palm Springs sponsored tour of celebrity homes in the area.

In addition to the tours on Friday, the Central Council will be hosting its annual events: pedro, the Bocce tournament and the blood drive, which will also be available to occupy your time.

We hope you enjoy this year's Convention. We wish everyone a safe journey to us and safe travels back home.

Ciao!



Another Successful Golf Tournament

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Chairman, Ways & Means

The 2013 I.C.F. Golf Tournament sponsored by the Central Council was held on July 19, 2013 at the beautiful Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey, CA. There were 61 contestants who competed in the tournament this year. We were honored to

have, Bishop Stephen Blaire of the Diocese of Stockton, Father George Aranha of Santa Clara, and Father Robert Milbauer of Los Angeles join us for the day.

Several Central Council members and spouses were in attendance for the event, as well.

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Grand President's Monthly Message: Jane Dianda's Farewell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 83rd Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

As we gather together in La Quinta, it is my hope that you will experience a sense of excitement, which comes from the opportunity of renewing acquaintances; fulfillment which comes from knowledge received through the Convention workshops; and hopefully satisfaction when voting on the proposed by-law change and election for members to the Central Council. It is also my hope that you are filled with a sense of pride, as I am, which comes from being a member of the this amazing organization.

To those branches that are unable to attend the Convention, I urge you and your members to make it a goal for the upcoming year to resolve any issues that have prohibited your attendance this year. Sometimes all it takes is a little bit more education and motivation, which can easily be attained by attending the Conventions.

To all members of the Federation, as my term of serving you as Grand President

nears its end, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude for your cooperation and encouragement these past two years. It has indeed been an

honor and a privilege for me to serve you. I was greeted with warmth and filled with pride while representing you everywhere I have traveled. I am, and continue to be, very grateful to each of you.

It is often said, "A leader is nothing without his/her followers." My sincere thanks to the members of the Central Council for electing me to this office and for

the tremendous amount of support and knowledge you have extended towards me. I could not have done it without you.

To Msgr. Cardelli, our Bishops, Chaplains, and all Clergy, your kindness and words of wisdom somehow always seem to have come at just the right time. I am forever thankful to each of you.

Once again, to all Convention delegates, family and friends, enjoy yourselves and each other, and have a fantastic time!

Fraternally,

Jane Dianda

Grand President

Central Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 8, 2013

**Our Lady of Grace,
Castro Valley, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Opening Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: 2nd VP Leonard Zasoski/GP Jane Dianda

Roll Call of Officers: CC Member excused: George Bacigalupi, Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Jim Jones

CC Life Members Emeritus present: Al Teglia, Bob Acquistapace, Robert Dianda, Carmen Kilcullen, Leroy Taddei, Nello Rossi, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero; and Member Emeritus Frances Teglia

GP Jane Dianda welcomed guests from visiting branches.

Minutes from February 9, 2013 were approved as presented.

Communications

Thank you from the Diocese of Oakland Archbishop Alex Brunett and Diocese of Chicago Archbishop Francis George for Bishop's Day and gifts.

Thank you from Mundelein Seminary for the Seminary burse given at Chicago Bishop's Day.

- Letter from Father Fanelli sending regrets that he will be unable to attend this year's convention.

- Letter from Children's Hospital regarding the painted turtle camp. Laurice Levine got up and said since the letter was sent out the LA fires damaged much of the camp, so they will be unable to take the children this year.

- Thank you from Nina Malone for get well wishes and donation to Providenza Fund.

- Request from Catholic Voice to put an ad in the special welcome to Bishop Michael Barber edition of the paper.

Reports

Grand President – Jane Dianda

- Bishop Days attended: Stockton (March 17); San Francisco/San Mateo (April 7); Oakland/Contra Costa (April 21).

- Committees attended: Finance and Executive (March 8); Convention Director (March 15); Finance and Executive (May 10).

- Other events attended: East Bay

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- Sept. 14 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 16 San Bernardino
- Oct. 20 Fresno
- San Diego
- Oct. 27 Blessed Sacrament
- San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Nov. 3 Las Vegas
- Monterey (Central Coast)
- Nov. 17 Los Angeles
- Dec. 8 Reno



**YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013**

CONCEPT OF THE LOGO

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

Living the Year of Faith

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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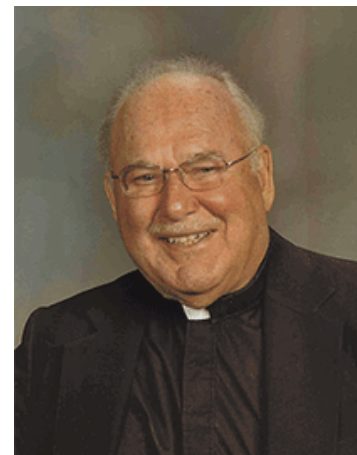
After the Resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles, having received the Holy Spirit, were so full of Faith, Hope, and Love! They were so excited with living this new Faith in Jesus that they wanted to spread the Good News to everyone.

The Church began to grow in leaps and bounds in many areas of Asia Minor. Both Jews and Gentiles were embracing the love and knowledge of Jesus. The thought of living for all eternity with God was overpowering the newly converted. They were so full of joy that they seemed to be on the verge of exploding with Faith, Hope,

and Love.

These new Christians were truly living their Faith to the fullest. They were eager to show their love for Jesus and each other. They even suffered persecution for what they believed. Their love was so real, so alive, and so vibrant!

We, too, can capture that fullness of Faith in our lives. Let this convention fill our lives with renewed Faith full of the same joy experienced by the early Christians. All we have to do is sift out of our lives all the "stuff" that blocks our relationship with Jesus: the worries, the hurts, the anguish, the pride, the selfishness. Then we too will explode with the joy of living our Faith. O happy FAITH! O happy Love! O happy Life!



Membership Statistics For the Year

Roselynn Jarrett
Membership Chairperson

The 2012-2013 Membership Year has come to a close. Below you will find our stats. Thank you for your efforts to recruit and retain members.

The new membership year began on July 1. Let's get the year started on the right foot by first following up with any past due members. Next, begin planning your efforts to bring in new members. Consider a membership drive or a refer-a-member program.

Ever wonder what other members have to say about the ICF? More than 300 surveys have been received and the details will be shared at the Convention's Membership Workshop. The committee will share the trends of our membership and present solutions to the most frequently listed suggestions from the surveys. There will be two workshop sessions presented. We hope you can join us at one.

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 354	Paso Robles, CA	55.0%
2 nd	Branch 25	Salinas, CA	34.5%
3 rd	Branch 51	Castroville, CA	40.0%

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 36 – 60 MEMBERS

1 st	Branch 31	Los Banos, CA	47.4%
2 nd	Branch 218	Arcadia, CA	25.5%
3 rd	Branch 441	Des Plaines, IL	22.7%

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 61 – 100 MEMBERS

1 st	Branch 438	Roseville, CA	79.0%
2 nd	Branch 440	Long Beach, CA	22.9%
3 rd	Branch 343	Castro Valley, CA	22.2%

BRANCHES BEGINNING WITH 101 OR MORE MEMBERS

1 st	Branch 342	Auburn, CA	33.3%
2 nd	Branch 14	Crockett, CA	13.3%
3 rd	Branch 291	Arroyo Grande, CA	13.0%

DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST INCREASE

Blessed Sacrament District (tied)	5.8%
Contra Costa District (tied)	5.8%
Los Angeles District	4.6%

BRANCHES WITH THE MOST FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

Branch 291	Arroyo Grande, CA (tied)	7
Branch 342	Auburn, CA (tied)	7
Branch 440	Long Beach, CA	5

Our Branches welcomed 74 family memberships this year.

Federation-wide Results

Membership as of 07/01/12 - 11,212

New Members - 1,038
Reinstated - 29
Transfer In/Out - 43
Non-payment - 211
Deceased - 264
Cancellations - 926

Membership as of 06/30/12 - 10,878

55 Branches and 11 Districts/Areas
had increased membership.

**Don't Miss the
Membership
Workshop on
Saturday at the
Convention!**

100% RETENTION

BRANCHES WITH ZERO CANCELLATIONS:

Branch 51 Castroville, CA	Branch 70 Sanger, CA	Branch 237 Gardena, CA	Branch 241 West Covina, CA
Branch 86 Chicago, IL	Branch 118 Montebello, CA	Branch 250 Clovis, CA	Branch 290 San Francisco, CA
Branch 150 Cotati, CA	Branch 220 Elmwood Park, IL	Branch 368 San Jose, CA	Branch 441 Des Plaines, IL

HERITAGE

AROUND THE ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee will have a Heritage booth again this year at the Convention. We will have books for sale. Everyone has asked for the Land Beyond, books on Saints, Italy and Una Storia Segreta. We will have a display of Heritage items donated by Rosemarie Gregori that belonged to her late husband, Ario. A Heri-

tage film will be playing for your viewing. The Heritage display and book sale will take place on Friday and Saturday at the Convention.

The Heritage Committee will also have two workshops this year covering Heritage, Past, Present and Future. They will be on Saturday from 9:40am to 10:25am and again from 10:35am to 11:20am. Look forward to seeing old and new friends at the Convention.

QR Codes Have Come to the ICF

The ICF now owns a QR code (Quick Response Code) that can be scanned using an app on a smartphone. Once scanned your smartphone will take you to the ICF website.

These QR codes are currently popular in advertising and are a great way for people to quickly get information about the ICF. Feel free to use it on your pamphlets and posters. If you have the app, try it and see where it takes you!



JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Eleanor Cuneo	326	Temple City, CA	\$30
7/2	Lisa Kingshill		Belmont, CA	\$30
7/3	Jerry Tassan		Burlingame, CA	\$30
7/4	Anne O'Brien	163	San Mateo, CA	\$100
7/5	Jo Giometti	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
7/6	Kelly Teglia	7	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/7	Rob Fjerstad		Pleasanton, CA	\$30
7/8	Mark Deiro	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
7/9	Anne O'Brien	163	San Mateo, CA	\$30
7/10	Mike Descalso	39	San Carlos, CA	\$30
7/11	Joe & Genevieve Baldanzi		Elk Grove, CA	\$30
7/12	Irene Vallini	362	Downey, CA	\$30
7/13	Paula Panelli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/14	John & Rita Wells		Apple Valley, CA	\$30
7/15	Alice Marshall	4	Concord, CA	\$100
7/16	Patricia Lometti	308	Fresno, CA	\$30
7/17	Dolores Blefari	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
7/18	Stella McMurtrey	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/19	Enda R. (Bob) Coyne	303	Cathedral City, CA	\$30
7/20	Mary D'Angelo	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/21	Virginia Zorio	135	Reno, NV	\$30
7/22	Rose Marie Berg	441	Des Plaines, IL	\$30
7/23	Kirk Engel		Long Beach, CA	\$30
7/24	Stella Taddei	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/25	Phyllis Rybensky	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
7/26	Marjorie Robinson		Los Banos, CA	\$30
7/27	Gary & Michelle Fanucchi		Birmingham, AL	\$30
7/28	Ken Rose		Crockett, CA	\$30
7/29	John Matteucci	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/30	Rosemary Busch		San Jose, CA	\$30
7/31	Joe Castagna		Modesto, CA	\$30

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Golf Tournament

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Following the tournament, everyone enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by master chef Peter John Curatolo and members of Branch 36, Monterey.

The players and dinner guests were very generous in supporting the raffle that was held following the dinner. After expenses, a

profit of \$7,513.54 was realized. We would like to thank committee members Leonard Rossi for chairing the event and Dante Galeazzi for coordinating the raffle along with the help of other CC and committee members. We extend special thanks to Liz Grammatico and the members of Branch 36, Monterey for their hard work in producing such a fantastic dinner, also a thank you to all the hole sponsors, your gratitude is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE!

Grand President

Jane Dianda's

Testimonial Dinner will be held on

**November 2, 2013 at the Fratellanza Club, in
Oakland, California.**

Reservation information will be in the next Bollettino

Bring Your Bollettino to the Convention!

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Ellen Bavaro	291	Arroyo Grande, CA	\$30
8/2	Albert Morando	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
8/3	Martin Almaraz		Gardena, CA	\$30
8/4	Shannon Buccellato		San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/5	Frances Rodriguez		Merced, CA	\$30
8/6	Daria Stark		Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
8/7	Gertrude Reeves		Fresno, CA	\$30
8/8	Madeleine Banfield	7	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/9	Bina Walsh	439	Chicago, IL	\$30
8/10	Russ Goodman		Alameda, CA	\$30
8/11	Joseph Polselli		Murrieta, CA	\$30
8/12	Maria Della Santina	161	San Rafael, CA	\$30
8/13	Roberta Healy	214	Concord, CA	\$30
8/14	Paula Pimentel	39	Sacramento, CA	\$30
8/15	Laura Monay	393	San Clemente, CA	\$50
8/16	Elma Nursement	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
8/17	Kathleen Collins		Merced, CA	\$30
8/18	Paula Walkup	191	Campbell, CA	\$30
8/19	Ray Hostetler		Bell Vista, AR	\$30
8/20	John & Sheryl Pacini		Reno, NV	\$30
8/21	Bernard Paradiso	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
8/22	Yolanda Griffiths	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/23	Gina Alegre		Manteca, CA	\$30
8/24	Matt Gabel		Alameda, CA	\$30
8/25	Doreen O'Rourke	18	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
8/26	Catherine Fleutsch		Merced, CA	\$30
8/27	Paul and Cindy Riso	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
8/28	Alva Garibaldi	395	Stockton, CA	\$100
8/29	Ed Burns		Fresno, CA	\$30
8/30	Lauren Emily Dupuis		Bend, OR	\$50
8/31	Karen Rosson	395	Stockton, CA	\$30

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CC Candidates 2013-2014

James (Jim) Acitelli

Br. 425, Green Valley, Arizona

Thank you for the honor, opportunity, and support you gave me as I served the last three years as a member of the Central Council. I ask for that continued support again as I seek re-election. I have served on the Apostolate/Charity Committee as a member and for the last two years as chairman. It is the goal of this committee to strengthen the role of ICF members in both our church and in our giving as emphasized in our articles in the "Bollettino." In the past year I also served on the Membership Committee and the "Live to Give" Committee. I have learned a great deal about the ICF by working with and listening to more experienced members and putting their suggestions to work in the various areas I serve.



As a seven-year member of Branch 425 in Green Valley, I have served three times as President, as well as 2nd Vice President, Orator, and am now serving a second term as a Trustee, and have been a Convention delegate several times. I also serve as Branch Deputy to Tucson Branch 433. I travel to the Arizona Branches to attend their meetings and functions and keep them aware of their voice on Central Council and also attend ICF functions in California.

Among my parish activities I serve as an usher; have served the Knights of Columbus for two years as Grand Knight and am now in my second year as Faithful Navigator as well as a member of the Honor Guard.

It is my hope that you will give me the opportunity to use the knowledge I have gained by supporting me with your vote so I can continue to work tirelessly on the Central Council to strengthen our Italian Catholic Federation as we move forward "Living the Year of Faith."

Nancy Corsi

Br. 91, Oakland; Br. 103, Sonoma

As we prepare to meet in La Quinta I want to thank you for the support you have given me during the last 2 years as a Central Council Member and I graciously ask for your continued endorsement.



What a wonderful theme of this year's convention; "Living the Year of Faith." I have been given so much and received so many blessings as I have grown up in the Federation as a member for the past 40 years. Little did Luigi know what he was creating for all of us.

Let me share a bit about myself for those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting. I am married to my wonderful husband, Giovanni, we have 5 children and 6.5 grandchildren. We are currently providing care for my 91 and 92 year old parents who live in our home. I currently serve as an officer of the Central Council as Grand Trustee, Chairperson of the Heritage Committee and appointed member of the

Central Council Membership Committee. I am President of Branch 91, Oakland and am a member of my local Branch in Sonoma, Br. 103. I will be hosting the Heritage workshops at this year's convention, which I hope you will have the opportunity to attend.

While attending numerous ICF events throughout the Federation I have had the opportunity to meet so many members. I value all the conversations especially those that identify opportunities and suggestions for improvements. Being a part of the Central Council allows me the ability to bring their ideas and suggestions forward and be a voice for the members.

Thank you for your continued support and know that a vote for me is a vote to maintain our Heritage and our Faith and move forward with progress.

Lisa M. Crudo

Br. 343, Castro Valley

I have had a most rewarding and exciting year on the Central Council! I have enjoyed meeting so many new people in each district that I have visited, and I hope to meet many more of you. During this past year I have attended many Installations, Bishops' Days and Anniversary dinners.



It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, have been a positive resource for you all.

I have served on several committees. The Apostolic/Charity committee with Chairman Jim Acitelli, and fellow Central Council members Teresa Helfand and Marco Galeazzi is like the trunk of the ICF tree. It is the basis of all the work that we do. It has been so rewarding helping this Committee reach out to all of you with our monthly articles in the Bollettino. I have also served on the new "Live to Give" committee with Chairperson Nina Malone, Laurice Levine and Jim Acitelli and Al Teglia. It has been the greatest experience to have helped with the first blood drive at last year's convention, and I look forward to an exciting blood drive this year in La Quinta. Working towards a cure for Cooley's Anemia is one of the most satisfying and rewarding aspects of the ICF. I am also serving on the Convention Director's Committee, and I am working with Franklyn Lopes in coordinating the Masses for Convention this year.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than spending time with all of you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this past year, and I look forward to many more years of service as your Central Council member.

Maria Di Paolo

Br. 379, Huntington Beach

Buon giorno Fratelli e Sorelle del Italian Catholic Federation. I am Maria Di Paolo from the lovely district of Orange. After a personal break from Central Council, I have decided to run again. The past three years have been a rewarding experience

as I became an adopted parent. My grand-nephews have filled my house with noise, toys, and love.

I am still very active with the ICF in both my district and my branch. I have continued to be Branch President of Br. 379, St. Bonaventure, Huntington Beach. This year, I was also elected to District President for the Orange District. I have enormous support and encouragement from my district and my branch for the opportunity to run for Council.



Although the Italian Catholic Federation has been a big part of my life for the past 23 years, I have also been active in my church and community. To continue my son Joseph's Catholic upbringing, I volunteer in the religious education at my church. Since Joseph is a Cub Scout, I became an active parent volunteer and recently became a den leader.

At this time, I see the ICF going through some growing pains. It has grown since its establishment in 1924 but it also has its slumps. It is time for its rebirth. The ICF needs a jumpstart to find new members or even a new niche. I see the young 20-30 year olds as our new niche. They present fresh eyes to our loving hearts. We should recruit at Catholic colleges and universities. With social media, the ICF has just touched the surface of future possibilities that may present itself.

The Italian Catholic Federation is a part of me and my family. I want the ICF to succeed for generations to come and pass this great organization to my children in the future.

Grazie!

Marco Galeazzi

Br. 139, Manteca; Br. 36, Monterey;

Br. 326, Temple City

I would like to give everyone warm greetings for "Living the Year of Faith" in 2013. As we prepare to go to the Annual Convention, we are all getting excited about the gathering of our brothers and sisters. We will discuss, laugh, agree/disagree, listen, learn, love and pray for the love of our church, our great Federation and our great Nation.

We must be vigilant in our quest of apostolate, charity and the giving to the Seminarians, for the future priests of our church. Our first objective of the ICF, as set forth in the first Branch By-Laws was: "To uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread the spirit among the Italian people outside of the organization." We must continue to spread the word and our actions to everyone in and especially outside of our organization. We must continue to promote ourselves to all by our actions and non-actions. People will see or hear of our good work, and wonder, what is this ICF. While my travels, I have been to numerous Branches and Districts where I have seen



the good work of your heart and soul. This makes me so proud and honored to be an ICF member.

I have worked hard while on the Central Council, District and Branch to promote the Italian Catholic Federation. This year I was on the Heritage and Apostolate/Charity committees. I speak of the ICF wherever I go, in public or in churches. I speak of the ICF to other Catholics and to non-Catholics and to other Italians as well as non-Italians. I will continue to be there for you. Remember for Living the Year of Faith, is never ending. Grazie.

Teresa Helfand

Br. 392, Chicago

Another year has passed and the 2013 Convention and Central Council elections are only a few weeks away! As such, I wish to announce that I will again seek re-election as Central Council Member.



My history with the ICF goes back several years, having joined the ICF family a little over 20 years ago. I became a member of the St. Francis Borgia - Branch 392 in January 1993. Over the years I have held many offices at Branch 392 and the Chicago District Council and have been a Central Council member for four consecutive years.

My experiences have been rewarding, having concentrated my efforts on apostolate and charitable works and campaigning within many local churches seeking new branch openings and boosting membership.

Like you, I am a firm believer in helping others. Promoting the ICF charities and programs (e.g. Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, and Scholarship Program) remain top priorities. I also support our parish's fundraising initiatives, and remain committed to Radio Maria with religious programming in Italian for our elderly, sick, and shut-ins.

To promote the ICF and make our objectives known, I have taken a pro-active role in parish and district activities. I continue to serve: on the European American Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago, representing the Italian Community, on the St. Francis Borgia Apostolic Council, as Assistant Chairperson, and recently became a part of the Chicago Archdiocese Capital Stewardship Campaign Committee at St. Francis Borgia.

My platform remains simple. If re-elected I promise to continue with my apostolate work and heighten the campaign for new branch openings and growing membership. Together with faith and prayers, we can achieve our goals. Let's keep the vision of our founding fathers alive!

Please give me your vote.

Roselynn Jarrett

Br. 13, Pittsburg; Br. 72, Martinez

I am a member of an unofficial group known as "growing up with the ICF." I became a leader at a young age, was a branch and district president, and over the years, learned the "ropes." Whether you have grown up in the ICF, been with us for a while or are a newer member, together we have created a family that shares the same core values of faith, charity and heritage.

This family atmosphere is what I've been attempting to preserve during my tenure. I've helped branches develop youth programs, promoted family memberships and am planning family activities for this year's convention. Currently, I'm in the process of opening a new branch in Pleasant Hill, CA. From day one I've promoted ICF as a family organization. Not only am I recruiting members to "grow up in the ICF," I'm also helping to secure our future.



While family memberships are close to my heart, I'm also involved in many other areas. I am active with Branches 13-Martinez and 72-Pittsburg and closely involved with the Contra Costa District. Within the Central Council, I am wrapping up my second term as Grand Trustee and have a goal to become Grand Treasurer. I've been shadowing this position for two years and am confident I'm prepared to accept this role if elected by my peers. I also serve on multiple committees, including Convention, Executive, Expansion, Finance, Task Force and Membership, which I've been chairperson of for six years.

Being a Central Council Member is a wonderful experience. I look forward to the possibility of serving an eighth term. I'm committed to providing and executing ideas, offering solutions and seeking feedback from all levels: Branch, District and Central Council. I appreciate your support so I may continue my service in this capacity. Thank you!

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Br. 227, Capitola

As we meet in La Quinta. 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, California, I am of Italian-Portuguese heritage. I currently serve as, Sergeant-at-Arms, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and member of Convention and Membership Committees.



I am also president of Branch 227, Capitola, California; president of the Central Costa District; and deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz. I have been a volunteer with the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz for the past 10 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 14 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 89 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 La Quinta. Please stop by my hospitality

room and say Hi! And again I ask for your continued support for me as your Central Council Member.

God Bless you all.

Pat Magee

Br. 380, Thousand Oaks

For the past 22 years I've had the pleasure of holding the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chaired fundraising events. This year we joined a new family, Branch 67. 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 4 1/2 years. This past year I served as Chair of the Hospitalization Committee; on the Gifts of Love; Ways & Means (chaired the successful 'Night for the Seminarians'); and Task Force Committees. Besides attending all the CC meetings, I've had the pleasure of attending many District Installations, anniversaries, and Bishop Days.

My family consists of my husband, Lou; our daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; our son Phil, wife, Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Katherine; and our cocker spaniel, Sweet Caroline.

I've been an advocate for victims of family/domestic violence for 30+ years. I currently work with the Port Hueneme Police as an advocate. I'm, also, a para professional with the local school district, working with severely disabled students, mainly autistic. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I will ever teach them.

In order to grow and maintain membership we must meet the needs of all members; to understand the challenges of the 21st century, just as Sir Luigi and Fr. Bandini did in the 1920's. They were modern, progressive thinkers, learning from the past, but living in the present, planning for the future. They understood the current needs of their members. We must continue to follow their example and stay in touch with today's challenges and ideals.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew J. Pappani

Br. 28, Gilroy

Ciao, I am Andrew J. Pappani from Branch 28 of Gilroy, California (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, California in December 1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani. I am the youngest of six children. I married my very lovely wife Siria (known to most as Sid) in 1978, and we have two sons Andrew Joseph Pappani Jr., living in Aspen, Colorado, and Anthony Louis Pappani and his lovely wife Dominique living in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

I joined Gilroy, Branch 28 in 1980 and served several offices including president for three

years then moved up to the District level and held several offices including District President for a three year term and Branch Deputy to several branches in the Santa Clara Valley District.



In 2006 I ran for Central Council and was elected. I held the office of Sergeant of Arms for a two year term and Grand Trustee for a two year term.

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

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 for your support.

Vince Piro

Br. 39, Merced

The Federation is at the beginning of a journey. Like many journeys, this one comes with its known destinations, but it will also include some surprises and unknown side trips.

The ICF is poised to begin strategic planning -- a deep and heartfelt look at itself as an organization. This means an examination of what the Federation stands for, its values, how it operates, its many activities, and it means an honest evaluation of its strengths and weaknesses.



It would be easy to look at the Federation's declining membership over the last few years and focus on the negative, but I believe the Federation has many strengths and traditions that any plan for the future must include. Must the Federation address the need for change in some way? Yes, of course. However, any move forward must be built on our strong traditions: our apostolate/charity work, our heritage, our faith in Christ.

I am running for Central Council again to accomplish one thing: to see to its completion the creation of our strategic plan. As a Central Council member, I will assure that any plan balances our traditions with the change necessary to move forward.

As the Federation begins this journey, I want to assist everyone along the road the best I can. I want to be of service to our branches, districts, and the Central Council as the Federation moves forward along its journey.

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, the friendships bonded are priceless; and enriching, as I have become more actively involved with the many layers of ICF. As a Central Council member, I hold the office of Grand Secretary, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, member of

Finance, Task Force and Convention Directors Committees. At convention I will be taking care of registration, Pedro Tournament and Credentials. Currently I am Secretary of the San Mateo District (6 years) and Treasurer of Branch 19 Colma (11 years).

For the past 15 years I have been the primary care-giver to members of my family: my Grandparents, Dad and finally Mom; not always an easy job but rewarding in so many ways. Mom (June) is the reason I became a member of the ICF, her love and devotion for the Organization fueled me on to become a very active member and be where I am today.



Mom taught me that we are individuals that work together for common goals: spirituality, apostolate, heritage and friendship. We work hard, yet have fun. We go out into the community promoting our faith and heritage.

By sharing our successes we can continue to make the Federation strong, active and move forward into the future. With the support of Branch 19, the San Mateo District, my many ICF friends and you I hope to continue doing that as a member of Central Council.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Br. 281, Bakersfield

I have had the honor of serving you on the Central Council for the last six years. This has been a very rewarding experience seeing all that the ICF has to offer to the parish communities throughout the Federation. You, the members, are to be proud of all that has been accomplished in the past and what we can continue to strive for in the future.



We need to focus our energy from this convention, put that drive into action to grow our organization, and to move in a direction that will best attract and keep all members, meeting not only our needs but the needs of new members as well.

For the federation to be viable in the future we will need to make changes in many ways, such as how we conduct our meetings and our events so that all feel welcome and included. Time is a valuable commodity in this ever-busy world, and we need to make sure that our member's time is not wasted on trivial things.

All organizations such as the ICF have a life cycle. God helps us in many ways and he had a purpose for giving the foresight to our founding fathers in the creation of the ICF.

Now is the time to build upon the foundation set forth by our past leaders and members. We can upgrade our organization by making the changes necessary to meet the next generation's wants and desires, all while giving back to our parish and community.

We have received a great treasure in being part of the ICF. Our life cycle, as a viable organization, is far from over and the future can be as bright as we make it.

It would be a privilege to continue serving you as a member of the Central Council.

Best Wishes to our 2013 First Year Scholarship Winners!



Michaela Andrade
Central Coast District



Joshua De Lara
Br. 21, Santa Cruz



Lauren Tomasello
Br. 25, Salinas



Gianna Brigantino
Br. 26, Hollister



Andrew D. Todd
Br. 36, Monterey



Gregory Alan Stefani, Jr.
Br. 51, Castroville



Jessica Pappas
Br. 227, Capitola



Andrew DeSesa
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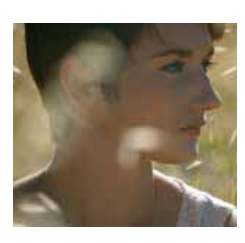
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Marco A. Rodriguez
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In memory of Rev. Leonard Mattei



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Br. 195, Calumet City



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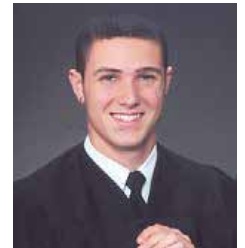
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Rebecca Spranger
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Emilee Ann Troy
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Clayton P. Mapelli
Br. 215, Fremont



Nicole Ratto
Br. 223, Oakland



Jeremy Martin
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Br. 27, Madera



Ava Gambero
Br. 32, Fresno



Nicole Angelina Marschall
Br. 32, Fresno



Mark Steele
Br. 33, Bakersfield



Marissa Marchini
Br. 39, Merced



Alexa Gambero
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Michele Carlo Stefano Gennaro
Br. 250, Clovis



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Alyssa Bristol
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Monica Marcelletti
Br. 237, Gardena
In memory of Angelina Publico



Alexander Achille Johnson
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Madison Teodo
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Lorenzo Nunziatti
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Gabriella Aversa
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Jesse Kyle Robert Tambornini
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Martina Ferri
Br. 73, Roseville



Ariana Jensen
Br. 342, Auburn



Alison Vogelsang
Br. 419, Sacramento



Alyssa Cwik
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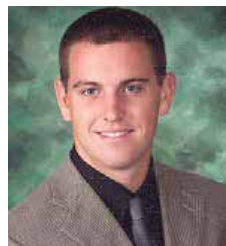
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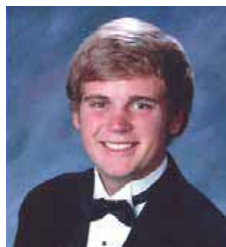


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Ciaran Gallagher
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Brooke Ronney
Br. 261, San Diego



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Madeleine Lopez
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Kimberly Anne Verzano
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Chiara Figari
Br. 50, San Francisco



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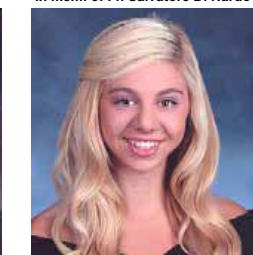
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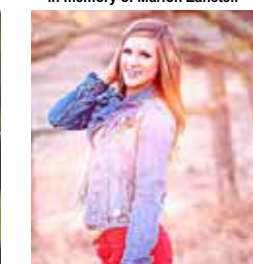
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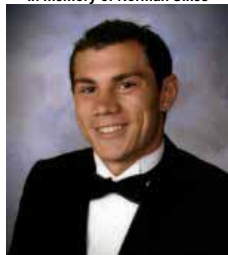
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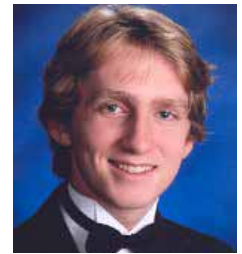
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2nd Year Scholarship
Applications in the Mail in June 2014.**

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:

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HAPPY 61ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

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THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT:

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Giovanni and Nancy Corsi

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*** A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by The Santa Clara Valley District from their District Fundraiser - "A Day At The Races."

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of a sale of the I.C.F. pendant offered by the store.

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

Apostolic and Charity

Thank You!

Thank you to the following Branches and Individual that sent in donations for activities at Oakland Children's Hospital for their Cooley's Anemia Patients. We collected a total of \$1,700.00 for 2013 and have sent this donation 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.

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Branch 417
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We hope that more Districts, Branches and Individuals will be able to participate next year so that the hospital can continue these beneficial activities.

The Apostolate Charity Committee

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by August 1.

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In honor of the 80th birthday of
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In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Abbate

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 07/31/2013

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Cooley's Corner

ICF Donates Over a Million Dollars for Cooley's Anemia

Laurice Levine
MA, CCLS

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) adopted Cooley's Anemia (also called thalassemia) as its national charity back in the 1980s. Since 1992, the donations for Cooley's Anemia have been going to Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, California, which is one of the six specialty centers for thalassemia in North America. Over that time period, the ICF has donated a total of \$1,076,754. The funds go to the following areas:

Research and the SQUID — Children's Hospital Oakland conducts cutting-edge research to improve the quality of life for patients, as well as to search for a cure. The ICF has also funded state-of-the-art

technology such as the SQUID (also called a ferritometer) machine that measures iron in the body. Prior to the introduction of the SQUID machine, patients had to undergo an invasive surgical procedure called a liver biopsy to assess excess iron. The SQUID involves a simple scan and is completed in approximately 30 minutes. Children's Hospital also obtained a specialized MRI machine that enables the measurement of heart iron, when previously there was no way to do so.

Patient Events — These include our Christmas parties, conferences, retreats, camps, and family nights. Such events are a vital part of our comprehensive care program and build on peer relationships and support, improve understanding of treatment and disease, and give patients and families the opportunity to get together and have fun!

Patient Sponsorship — Many patients live in remote areas of California and/or come from around the United States to visit our center. If patients cannot afford to travel, some ICF funds are used to offset their expenses. Patient sponsorship may also include helping patients travel to a retreat, camp, or conference.

Patient Medical Expenses — The average cost of care for a thalassemia patient is approximately \$75,000 a year. This covers basic care, including blood transfusions, chelation (iron removal) therapy, doctor visits, and medications. If a patient undergoes hospitalization, then costs can escalate further. No patient is ever turned away from Children's Hospital Oakland, and patients are cared for regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Elliott Vichinsky often sees patients for free. ICF funds help pay for basic care costs that patients and families cannot afford.

Education and Outreach — Children's Hospital Oakland has the only thalassemia outreach program in the United States - thanks to the ICF. We provide in-services to health-care providers, attend and present information at conferences, and distribute information at healthfairs. The goal is to raise awareness and educate the community on thalassemia. In 2012, we published the

Thalassemia Standards of Care for Providers 3rd Edition and the Thalassemia Research Update. Our Perspectives newsletter, which often highlights the ICF, is published twice a year. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like to be put on our mailing list.)

Special Projects — ICF funds are often reserved for special projects such as our 2006 "Live to Give" video. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like a copy.) ICF funds have also enabled us to revamp, re-write and update our website www.thalassemia.com.

Thank you, ICF, for your hard work, generosity, and continuing support. We are so grateful to remain your national charity—you enable us to maintain a high-quality program, and you have had a positive impact on countless lives.

For additional information, please visit our updated website: www.thalassemia.com

For questions or more information, please contact:

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Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

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ICF Donations for Cooley's Anemia

Year	Amount	Research & SQUID	Patient Events	Patient Sponsorship	Pt. Medical Exp.	Educ/Outreach	Special Projects
Sept. 2012	\$75,000	\$46,000	\$13,000	\$5,500	\$8,000	\$2,500	
Sept. 2011	\$77,000	\$53,000	\$8,000	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$3,000	
Sept. 2010	\$58,000	\$42,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$9,000	\$1,000	
Sept. 2009	\$62,000	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$1,500	
Sept. 2008	\$57,000	\$39,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$0	
Sept. 2007	\$54,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$500	
Sept. 2006	\$52,000	\$30,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$2,000: Live to
Sept. 2005	\$113,154	\$65,000	\$10,154	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$8,000	Give Video
Sept. 2004	\$45,000	\$23,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$12,000	\$3,500	
Sept. 2003	\$51,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,000 - Conf.
Sept. 2002	\$56,000	\$52,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sept. 2001	\$49,000	\$27,500	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$2,000	
Sept. 2000	\$52,000	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	
Sept. 1999	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$2,000	
Sept. 1998	\$58,000	\$39,000	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$8,000	\$1,500	
Sept. 1997	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$5,500	
Sept. 1996	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500	
Sept. 1995	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500	
Sept. 1994	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTALS	\$1,076,754	\$700,100	\$114,654	\$92,500	\$120,500	\$42,000	\$7,000

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by August 1.

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In memory of Vince Cusella

Scholarship Donations

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In memory of Paul Vaccarezza

La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Family Fun at the 2013 Convention

Created & Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett

Resort Activities

Arcade Court Sports



Indoor Theatre* Ping Pong Tables

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

Foosball Classes*

Family Back Lot Fitness Tour

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

Golf

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



Tennis

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

Spa

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

Swimming



The main pool and kids pool are available, but with over 40 pools to enjoy, chances are you will find one just outside your family's casita.

Local Activities

Shopping – Old Town La Quinta and El Paseo
Hiking – La Quinta Cove Oasis The Living Desert
Cycling – Lake Cahuilla or Earthquake Canon
Visit the Concierge for more local activities.

Scavenger Hunt

Please bring a camera or a phone with a camera to capture your convention scavenger hunt journey.

Complete 10 Tasks:

- Play a ball game (tennis, basketball croquet, golf, pool, or volleyball)
- Pose in front of a La Quinta sign.
- Take a dip in the pool.
- Meet a priest or a nun.
- Have your parent post a family photo on the ICF Facebook page.



- Attend the opening ceremonies.
- Visit a hospitality room.
- Shake hands with the Grand President.
- Make jewelry out of pasta.
- Visit the ICF Heritage table.
- Color a picture of one the ICF Patron Saints.
- Meet an ICF member from another Branch.
- Take the Family Back Lot Fitness Tour



- Attend mass.
- Make a mosaic cross.
- Color a "Living the Year of Faith" picture and turn in to use at the Sunday Mass.

Your final task:

Submit your favorite photo from your family scavenger hunt. Please email the photo, along with a caption, to membership@icf.org before September 10th. The photos will be featured in the Kids Section of the next Bollettino.

Member Activities

ICF Convention Activities

Everyone is welcome to attend the convention activities, including: Daily Mass, Opening Ceremonies, Meet the Candidates/Hospitality, Workshops, General Sessions and Dinners (tickets required)

Fun & Games

Families are invited to hang out each day from 1–2pm. Stop by during this time to enjoy each other's company.



Friday – Putting Green
Saturday – Playground
Sunday – Arcade

Scavenger Hunt

Get to know the ICF and the convention site with your family. See the section to the left for details.

Crafts

Visit the craft table and create a masterpiece, located in the convention registration area.

Friday: ICF Coloring Pages (please look for the special "Living the Year of Faith" coloring page and leave in the marked box. They will be used at the Sunday Mass.

Saturday: Pasta Jewelry
Sunday: Mosaic Crosses



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Attention Parents:

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BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

The Girl from the Hill: My Mother's Journey from Italian to American Woman

by Patricia L. Mitchell

Balboa Press, 2013. 120 pp.

In *The Girl from the Hill: My Mother's Journey from Italian to American Woman*, Patricia Mitchell writes about her mother, Dahlia, by sharing stories from her mother's life through a series of essays. It is not quite a memoir, a complete biography of her mother, rather it is a sort of reminiscence, in which Mitchell thinks about and elaborates on incidents and periods in her mother's life. In doing so, Mitchell begins to ferret out several themes from her mother's experiences. These themes expand throughout the book, showing up overtly or more subtly through several of the essays.

One important theme that develops over the course of the book is the importance of connection, love, and communion between family members. When family members come together in supportive and loving ways, then life is rewarding and a positive force, but when family unity is torn apart or disrupted, due to tragedy or personalities, then the world is a cold, harsh, and indifferent place. This is seen in the comparison between Dahlia's family, an over the top, demonstrative Italian family, full of love and acceptance, and her husband's family, a more "serious and severe family". As the youngest in a large family, Dahlia, as a child, was adored and supported by her parents and older siblings, who encouraged her antics and sunny personality. However, when her mother died from complications due to diabetes, Dahlia was forced to leave high school early and as Mitchell notes, "my mother's life of laughter and indulgence never returned." Dahlia married young and lived with her husband's parents in a home where "criticisms and punishments were many and harsh, to necessitate proper decorum." And as Mitchell writes, her in-laws placed "unachievable expectations upon her. Such pressure never existed in her life before, and she did not take it well." She eventually suffers from a nervous breakdown.

Another theme that runs through the book is the importance of the bond between women, a sisterhood of sorts that nourishes women from generation to generation. This is seen in Dahlia's sisters, who support and love one another, living together when they do not marry. However, this bond is most poignantly seen in the relationship between Dahlia, as a grandmother, and her granddaughter, Julia, as they sketch and draw together or create audio and video recordings together. Mitchell's description of them shows the power and importance of this special bond: "They sit snuggled together conspiring to wreak audio and video havoc on the rest of the world - or at least the rest of the family . . . They both giggle uncontrollably . . . It's their special nonsense, and no one understands



it but the two of them. My father and I roll our eyes at each other and at the two of them, wondering what the heck they are talking about, grateful for their connection and the laughter therapy that my daughter provides her grandmother." This bond of womanhood is also seen in Mitchell's reflections about her mother's life which often turn to reflections on her own life as she observes the connections between the generations.

Most important to the book is Dahlia's own transition from "princess" to "The Old Crow." Once spoiled and perhaps pampered, then struck by tragedy and turmoil, Dahlia eventually transforms into the "Old Crow," tough, outspoken, and wise. As Mitchell writes, "Becoming a woman in any age challenges us to either stand up or sit down, to be heard or be stifled. My mother did both, by choice sometimes, but other times because 'That's the way it is.' . . . The path to discover one's identity is rarely an easy one." However, Dahlia survives and eventually thrives, comfortable with her role as wise matriarch and loving grandmother.

Two life lessons emerge from *The Girl from the Hill*. One, it reminds us that we can survive life's tragedies and turmoils; in fact, they often make us who we are, giving us strength and wisdom. Two, to quote Harvey Pekar, "Ordinary life is pretty complex stuff."

Mitchell also includes several of her mother's recipes in the book interspersed among the essays. Descriptions of food and family events fill the pages as well, bringing the reader back to a different era. Dahlia's Italian American heritage is always present and the values that dominate the book - especially, family - are those valued among many Italian-Americans.

Like most self-published books, *The Girl from the Hill* could use a bit of professional editing as occasional errors appear throughout the book, but none distract from the overall story. Also, it would have been good to hear more of Dahlia's voice throughout the pages, and while Mitchell does quote her mother, most of the book is Mitchell retelling or reflecting on her mother's life. A bit more of Dahlia's own voice would have strengthened her story.

Mitchell's own biography reads: "Patricia Mitchell's lifelong love of writing and desire to capture the story of her mother's life prompted her to embark on her first professional writing project--A Girl from the Hill. She holds degrees in mass media and communication, English literature and creative writing. This work expresses her interest in Italian-American culture as well as the relationship between mothers and daughters. Patricia Mitchell lives in Smithfield, Rhode Island, with her husband Jeremy, daughter Julia and Beagle Trudy."

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Workshop (April 22); Br. 91 Oakland Anniversary (April 14); Night for Seminararians (June 1); celebration honoring Italy's Republic Day hosted by the Italian Consulate General in San Francisco (June 3).

- Installations attended by others: Las Vegas-Roselynn Jarrett (Feb. 12); Orange-Andy Pappani (Feb. 23); Fresno-Leonard Zasoski (Feb. 24); Chicago (including Bishop Day)-Lisa Crudo (April 25).

- Events attended by others: Br. 169 Ventura 50th Anniversary-Leonard Zasoski (April 14).

- Will be attending 75th Anniversary for Br. 70 Sanger (July 14).

- CC BRANCH VISITS: All CC members have been sent a request to participate in visiting the Branches of the Federation. A letter is being prepared to go out to the CC members with the branches they are to visit. Letters will also go out to the Branch Presidents informing them of the visit.

Grand Treasurer –Roselynn Jarrett

- George Bacigalupi and Dave Rose interviewed accountants, they have hired Leo Rosi. He will also assist Patty Smith in the office.

- Budget is pretty much in line.

- Funds are doing well. The Silva Fund has received its last installment of \$52,346.93.

- It is possible we will have a UBS workshop at convention next year in Oakland. It would be a good time to let members know about leaving a legacy to ICF and our charities and how to set it up.

Deputy Chairperson – Bob Basuino

- Held a Deputy workshop in Blessed Sacrament area. 7 of the 8 branches have deputies.

- Santa Rosa District 2 deputies were stepping down, 2 were immediately found to fill the slots.

- Since 5 deputy changes made, Central Coast will hold Deputy workshop prior to District meeting.

- Andy Pappani has been helping Bob Basuino with reorganization of Branch 393. Sent out ballots/ questionnaires regarding closing branch, a majority count came back to stay open.

- Andy Pappani will be meeting with San Juan Capistrano to help them stay open.

- San Bernardino District Deputy Jim Buchner passed away, keep him/family in your prayers... working on a replacement.

- Bob Basuino and Teresa Helfand will be getting together to work on finding a strong Deputy for Chicago area. Working on a few new branches in Chicago.

Committee Reports

Workshop – Dante Galeazzi

- Workshops are a strong way to help others in the Federation.

- 1st Workshop committee gave was in the East Bay in April, pleased with the

results.

- Fresno had a workshop the following week...learning to play Pedro.

- Upcoming workshops: Central Coast (June 15); San Diego (Aug 10).

Ways and Means – Franklyn Lopes

- 4th Annual Seminarian Night: Chaired by Pat Mages, held June 1 at Our Lady of Grace Church. Thanks to Lisa Crudo and her branch for hosting the event. 75 attended. Income \$5,364.00, Expenses \$2,931.74 for a profit of \$2,432.26

- Thank you to Chicago District for their first annual seminarian night, they raised \$1,100.00.

- 2014 Calendar commemorating our 90th Anniversary deadline is June 28th to get your special dates in the calendar.

- Golf Tournament Friday, July 19th in Monterey. CC Members being asked for raffle donations.

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski

Strategic Plan:

- June: Sending out proposals to potential planners.

- July: Proposals are due back from planners and will be sent to committee members for review.

- August: Review plans and meet with planners.

- September: present plan to Executive Committee.

- October: Present funding request to Finance Committee. Present plan and cost at CC meeting.

Planners being contacted are from many areas including Oakland, SF, Sacramento and Merced. Between now and October there will be meetings of some type about twice a month.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- Awarded 183 1st year scholarships (446 applications received). To meet in August to award the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship.

- 1,600 schools are mailed the application packet. The committee is trying to come up with ways to streamline the list and cut back on postage.

- Bob Acquistapace mentioned that Pat Mueller from the Livermore Branch went to the schools awards ceremony to present the scholarship. A great way to get people outside of ICF to know about us. Something to pass onto the branches that give scholarships.

- What about increasing the dollar amount of scholarship. Increasing amount may make it difficult for some branches to give a full scholarship; Deborah Rodondi suggested that the individual branch can certainly give more to the student when the branch invites the recipient to a meeting for certificate presentation. Several members commented that the students truly seem appreciative of the \$400.

Public Relations –Vince Piro

- Bollettino: All articles must be in by the 10th of the month. Goal is to get the paper in your house the first week of the

month. Recently found out that current printer has been farming out the jobs so that has put a delay on things. Committee/staff will now proof the entire Bollettino. Remind Branches no more than 250 words for branch articles. It was suggested to look into smaller publication or less issues of the Bollettino. If getting multiple issues contact Charlene Kramer at CC office. Looking into hiring new printer. Plans to have a recommendation for new Bollettino printer at September Executive Committee.

- The website has fallen behind due to the passing of the webmasters wife. In process of being updating.

- Awards: the committee should seek the Pope John XXXIII award winner. This year giving a certificate to each branch or individual who nominated a winner.

Membership – Roselynn Jarrett

- We need to help our members not feel the burden of all we expect of them.

- Will have Workshop at convention.

- QR code for the ICF website, you can scan the code using your phone with the free QR app and it puts you on the ICF website.

- Shared some of the findings on the questionnaires that have gone out to members.

- Roselynn Jarrett is ready to retire as membership chair, time for a new face and new ideas.

Live to Give- Nina Malone

- Donor post card designed by Lisa Crudo and Laurice Levine for members wanting to donate blood or platelets in honor/memory of someone will be available at convention and in the office. Laurice Levine is donating the printing of them.

- So far have received 1 inquiry regarding setting up a local blood drive by a branch. Changing name of branch Live to Give Committee Chairperson to Live to Give Committee Liaison.

- 2nd annual convention blood drive Friday 8am to 1pm...need a minimum of 25 people for the blood mobile to come out. Last year 27 units of blood collected.

Hospitalization – Patricia Mages

- Committee presented a change in the CC statutes regarding when to decide on any annual distribution of funds to the CC general fund and/or charities. Meet in October prior to the finance meeting and present their recommendation at the October Finance and CC meeting. PASSED

- 440 members in plan, average 6 new members a year. Only 13 CC on plan.

Heritage –Nancy Corsi

- Reestablished relationship with the SF Consulate General's office.

- Just finished oral video with Luigi's grandson.

- Year in pictures book coming along, a sample will be at convention and can be ordered.

- Russ and Louise Vento will have display at convention.

- In process of judging heritage awards.

- ICF has been asked to participate in the SF Columbus Day Parade. Motion from Committee for up to \$500 for the SF Columbus Day parade expenses. PASSED

- Al Teglia requested the committee address getting people back to mass...it is also part of our heritage. Sounds like something that Heritage and Apostolate can work on together.

Gifts of Love –Andy Pappani

- Met on March 23. Processed 30 applications and awarded 13 for \$16,000.

- Total donations received since inception \$409,626.76; have given out a total of \$355,886.10. So far this year \$4,870.00 donations received.

- May 5th attended ceremony for hard of hearing class, the program takes them 2 years to complete.

- Have contacted Stockton, Reno, Oakland/Contra Costa and San Francisco Dioceses regarding the deaf/hard of hearing program. Also to check Fremont area.

- Next meeting to be in July or August. To discuss some changes in the application.

- The hard of hearing program is a major apostolate program, the ICF is reaching out into the community.

Finance Committee- George Bacigalupi

- 2013 CC Convention expense voucher reviewed. Voucher APPROVED

- Motion from committee regarding a CC statues change on the distribution of the \$2.40 Apostolate part of the annual dues to be divided as follows: Apostolate Fund \$.80, Charity Relief Fund \$.10, Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund \$1.50. PASSED

- Financial reports: 44 branches have not sent in financials. Be sure that your Branch/District has e-filed or filed tax returns and the CC office has a copy. Districts are now required to send in Financials to keep them all in line with branches and allows us to have a record in case of an audit.

- Discussion followed regarding reservation money for an event going to a committee and not the CC office. Roselynn Jarrett made motion second by Nancy Corsi that all monies for any CC event go through the ICF office. PASSED

Expansion – David Botta

- Reorganizing Br. 75 Cloverdale, 8 members, on June 29-30 Bob Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcullen to do pulpit announcements.

- At Christ the King in Pleasant Hill, sent flyer home with students from the school and have received about 1 dozen inquiries. July 13-14 pulpit announcements.

- In Las Vegas to meet with 2 churches in September.

- New Banners are \$600 for the way we have them now, if we change the banner to being printed (not embroidered) on flaglike material cost would be about \$300. We have 2 branches coming up on 2 year anniversary and 2 more between convention and March 2014. We normally give branches their banner at this time. Vince Piro made motion

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New Members

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JOSEPHINE PECORARO	Branch 416	PIETRO LATROFA	Branch 418
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ANNA LATROFA	Branch 418	JULIE SANTUCCI	Branch 439

Bollettino Deadline Change

Michelle Feldman
Bollettino Editor

Due to changes in printer and publication processes there is now the need to change the submission deadlines for all articles including all branch and district reports.

The deadlines for the upcoming months will be as follows:

- Sept. 10 for the October issue
- Oct. 10 for the November issue
- Nov. 10 for the December issue
- Dec. 10 for the January 2014 issue

If you have any questions please contact me at 925.693.0471 or email me at icfeditor@gmail.com. Please do not contact the ICF office as they are not involved with the deadline change.

Thank you.



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to adopt new banner as presented seconded by Mike Cannady PASSED. Dante Galeazzi made motion to make and present at 2013 Convention the banners for the 2 branches that celebrate 2 year anniversary prior to convention, seconded by Vince Piro PASSED

- Lisa Crudo suggested to give the new Chicago branch which will be 2 years in March 2014 their banner at their Installation/Bishop's Day.
- Should put banner info in the Bollettino in case other branches want to buy a new banner.

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes

- Sunday night if you want a skit Steve Fuentes needs a chairperson...contact him.
- It will be hot. Dress code for Convention will be casual but presentable.

By-Laws and Rituals – Leonard Rossi

- One by-law proposal put before the CC to go to convention from Branch 210 Fontana. APPROVED to go to convention.

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

- Monthly articles have been put in the Bollettino.
- Encourages everyone to accept our differences and pull together in unity; to support our programs; stay focused on our spirituality and our charitable giving;

reach out and support our communities.

- Three charities to consider for National Charity: Cooley's Anemia, Downs Syndrome and Cancer Research. Mike Cannady made motion seconded by Vince Piro to accept Cooley's Anemia as this years National Charity. PASSED

Unfinished Business

- Convention Awards winners announced. They are as follows:
- Pope John XXIII: Bruno Serato
- Grand President: Roberta Franchini
- Family of the Year: The Gillio Family
- Mother Teresa: Father Michael Mahoney, OFM
- Young Adult: Anna Greco-Gonzalez
- Dante Galeazzi voiced concerns regarding wine raffles possibly not in compliance with state ABC laws. Vince Piro suggests that GP appoints someone to check into. Carmen Kilcullen says just serving wine is \$25 license fee, wine liquor raffle \$125 fee. Be sure a child does not collect wine. Believed that on site and off site is the issue if you bring wine in it must be consumed at the site and not taken home.

New Business

- Motion made by Vince Picciola seconded by Pat Mages to give \$150 to Our Lady of Grace for the use of the hall

for today's meetings. PASSED

Action on Communications

Catholic Voice ads are \$2,000 to \$125. Bob Basuino made motion for the \$125 business card ad second by Dante Galeazzi. Leonard Rossi would like to see it a little bigger since it is our home office territory and convention is in Oakland next year he made it a friendly amendment to step it up one to the \$300 ad. PASSED

Good of the Order

Santa Rosa Bishop's Day is September 14, date was changed due to the availability of Bishop.

Al Teglia thanked Jane Dianda for her 2 years as GP.

Roselynn Jarrett reported Joe Donato had major heart surgery. Complications with infections but stable now and doing better.

Carmen Kilcullen announced that there are 4 people here today that turn 80 this year.

Closing Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Rodondi

Grand Secretary

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St. Gertrude, Br. 181

Congratulations to the branch of La Quinta, California that hosted this year's Convention and to all the recipients of the many awards. Happy September birthday to Angie Pascozia. Important Dates:

Aug. 18 – Branch 181, after 7:30am mass and breakfast

Aug. 22 – District meeting – all raffle books must be turned in by then

Sept. 20 – Night at Maywood Racetrack and Buffet.

Please continue to pray for all our sick members and try to pay them a visit or a phone call.

Pray for world peace.

Barbara Miller

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

It is a time of both sadness and joy. Joy at the celebration of St. Victor Parish by the spiritually moving masses by our Pastor Rev. Pavlik and our Associate Rev. Sprott, coupled with weekend festivities of Victorfest 2013, which by all accounts was extremely successful. Sadness as we mourn the passing of Frank Sidote. Frank was a Charter Member of 195 and was loved by all who met him. He suffered complications following a fall earlier this year, which eventually led to his death.

We recently heard from our long distance member Sarina Papa, from Scottsdale AZ and she sends her love and condolences to all of us and to Frank's family.

Speedy recovery prayers go out to (Sarina's nephew) 195 member, Gino Ruggeri.

Some 195 members attended our Lady of Knock's program, "Focus on the Positive" on August 8: A Teaching Mass, presented by Rev. Patrick M. Lyons.

Coming after Labor Day: a course offered by Rev. Bob Sprott, at St. Victor. The course is about the life and teachings and influence on other writers by St. John of the Cross. We look forward to this program.

President Mary Alca represents 195 at our convention and we look forward to her report.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Many of us should be back on our way from vacationing. Hope everyone had a beautiful vacation

Our Columbus Day parade will take place on October 14, 2013 at 9:00am in Chicago. For more information, please contact Teresa Cairo and Leonora Gillette.

Congratulations to Vincent and Diane Picciola on their wedding anniversary August 28, 2013. Best wishes for a belated happy birthday to Ada DiSalvo, Cathy Neri and James Marino.

A good time was had by all at our annual June parish picnic - delicious food, rides for kids, prizes, bingo and dessert donated by our members Br. 358 and parishioners.

We want to thank John Corcoran for being our advocate in preparing for the Divine Mercy Day in April. It was a beautiful dedication.

Upcoming events:

August 20, 2013 -- Branch meeting

September 17, 2013 -- Branch meeting (discussion on our October Bake sale – we hope for a full attendance at this meeting)

October 13, 2013 -- Hosts for St. Vincent Ferrer, Mimosa Sunday

October 20, 2013 -- Annual Bake Sale

Please keep our sick members and their families in your daily prayers, especially Elaine Syrek, who is now convalescing at home after surgery.

Ciao,

Caterina Renzi-Comisky

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

Hope everyone is staying cool!

After months of planning, on Sunday, June 23, 2013 we celebrated the 11th anniversary of the canonization of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina at St. Francis Borgia Parish. We couldn't have asked for a lovelier sunny day. The festivities began with a joyous mass followed by the traditional procession around the church grounds. It was quite an emotional experience to see the statue of St. Pio accompanied by the celebrants of the mass, the music of the "Banda Siciliana" and so many devoted followers make its way around the grounds.

To close the celebration a tasty buffet of Italian dishes and pastry was served in the church hall, which was elegantly adorned with red and white flowers. Many thanks goes to the many organizations, ICF members, St. Pio Prayer Group, parishioners, and friends for participating in such great number. A special thanks goes to a dedicated committee for organizing such a celebratory and enjoyable event and to all the volunteers, who helped set-up and serve in the church hall.

With the 2013 Convention only a few weeks away, the members of Branch 392 would like to send best wishes for a successful and informative convention to all the delegates and ICF members attending!

We close on a sad note as our Branch mourns the loss of Clotilde Cozzone, a long-standing member and officer and dear friend. Her strength and wisdom inspired all. After battling a serious illness she passed away on July 22. Clotilde will be missed! Our prayers and condolences go to the Cozzone Family.

Aurora Pensa

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Get well wishes to members, Maria Rubino, and John Piscopo, after recent surgeries. Also to Pete DiNatale, after recent hospital stay. May God grant you all a complete and speedy recovery. Hope to see you back soon at our coming events.

Our deepest sympathy to Lina DiNatale and family, on the passing of Francesco DiNatale, on June 24. A member of our branch for many years, he will be truly missed.

Condolences to member, Isabella Lerario, and family, on the recent passing of her brother, Rocco Menolascina. May Francesco and Rocco rest in peace.

We are, once again, looking forward to the Convention in Palm Springs, and renewing friendships. We're sure it will be an inspiring and interesting three days.

Our 19th. Anniversary Dinner Dance proved once again, our members love to dance, and love to eat, as evidenced by our attendance at Alta Villa on Aug. 9. Thank you to our members d.j., Mike Favia, and Vincenzo LaFronza for his singing of those popular Italian oldies... the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Proceeds from this event will support local charities.

Coming events include a bus trip to St. John, Indiana, the Madonna of the New Millennium, and Christ's Passion of the Cross, on Sept. 8. Nite at the Races, on Sept. 20... with proceeds supporting young seminarians in the Chicagoland area.

Our Halloween party is scheduled for Oct. 26. Please save these dates

Ciao,

Rita

Fresno

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

June was ICF's turn to host Hospitality. We launched a Membership Drive during weekend 1, and enlisted twelve new members. Our yearly Bake Sale was Weekend 2. Father's Day landed on Weekend 3, with donuts and coffee. Sausage Sandwiches sold the 4th



Members of Branch 32 shared hospitality and friendship at its latest branch meeting with its newest members.

weekend and Egg Burritos the last weekend. These events brought in new members and funds to aid our charitable donations.

Our August meeting combined an Ice Cream Social and a Wiener Roast. After hot dogs, we built our own sundae with delectable goodies. The chairpersons were Patricia Vivenzi and Kathy Vitali. We also initiated new members. September 14, is our Annual Salad Bar Luncheon. Natalie Clark (438 1759) and Elaine Lencioni (834 2278) are co-chairs. For only \$10, you get a variety of salads, dessert, and door prizes. Raffle tickets cost \$1. First prize is \$250, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$75. Join us for a fun packed event.

We sadly said farewell to Josephine Welch, an active member for over 70 years. We extend our condolences to her son, Dwayne, and daughter, Debbie. Josie recently helped during our Hospitality events in June. We will miss her dearly.

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Hope everyone enjoyed the hot summer. We had our annual 4th of July celebration at Lake Yosemite. Bob Tyler chaired the event and it was wonderful. We had a short prayer service; Father Piro had four members express their feelings about America. It was very moving. We had a cakewalk and almost everyone won a cake or cookies. We had hot dogs, beans, grilled corn on the cob, fresh tomatoes, green peppers and onions. Then we enjoyed making our own ice cream sundaes. Best of all, we enjoyed a wonderful cool breeze by the lake. Thanks to Evelyn, Nettie, Maryellen, Josephine and Maria Giampaoli for helping with the food.

In August, we had a day at Chukchansi Casino on the 8th and our dinner meeting on the 14th. We enjoyed making our own sandwiches, salad was provided and we enjoyed a seasonal dessert.

On September 18, Anita Cresci, our charter member will be 100 years old. What an honor to have a charter member, Branch 39 in Merced established in 1932, celebrating her 100th birthday. Happy Birthday Anita!!!

Sanger

Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

June 12, we honored our dads at Tea Garden Restaurant in Sanger. We all had a wonderful time.

At a celebratory dinner at DiCicco's restaurant in Sanger on July 9, we honored our four scholarship recipients who are; Laura Luna, Marissa Salinas, Evelyn Moctezuma, and Sandra Lopez. They will receive \$500.00 each.

We are sad to report our dear friend and faithful member, Richard Manfredi, passed



away on June 3. Our condolences and prayers go out to his family.

Michael Quiroz is our delegate to the convention in Palm Springs. Congratulations to him. Hope everyone can keep cool this summer.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

As we hopefully start to cool down as summer ends and Fall fast approaches, our branch is eagerly looking to our upcoming Fall events. In September members Cynthia and Dana Munn will be hosting the branch with an unorganized potluck at their residence. Watch for the monthly newsletter for more details. We will hear a report from our delegates back from convention. Plans for upcoming Pancake Breakfasts, Turkey Bingo, A Night at the Races and Christmas Party will be discussed. We encourage members to volunteer to chair and help with these events. A busy but fun few months to look forward to. Welcome to new member Shirley Cody and also Tom Douglas who has transferred to our branch. Congratulations to Whitney Blackhurst, granddaughter of member Rosena Todahl who recently graduated with honors from Western School of Law.

Hope all members had a great summer and are looking forward to our upcoming events with enthusiasm.

Ciao,

Mindy



ICF Branch 281 members Donna Marquez and Mindy White with Bishop Armando Ochoa at the Blessing of the Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center at St. Anthony, Fresno Diocese's Retreat Center.

LA District Save the Dates

- August 29 - Sept. 2, 2013 - ICF National Convention at La Quinta Resort in California. All members in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are welcome to join Officers and Deputies of the ICF Federation in the various Workshops and other activities planned for this annual event.

- September 8, 2013 - Mother Cabrini Open House from 9:00am to 1:00pm hosted by the Santa Barbara/Ventura District. Board Meeting to follow at 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Members welcome. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- September 27-29, 2013 - ICF Booth at the San Gennaro Festival at the Jimmy Kimmel Theatre in Hollywood. All ICF Members are encouraged to visit the Festival on Saturday and join in the Mass and Procession of Saint Gennaro at 11:30am. All ICF Members visiting the Festival are invited to

come to the ICF Booth and visit with Branch Members of the LA District. Call [626 372-7812](tel:626-372-7812) if you have questions.

- November 17, 2013 - ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles Districts to host the Annual Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles beginning at 10:00am Mass followed by a Luncheon to honor our Chaplains and Seminarians in the Cathedral Banquet Hall. Call 626 372-7812 for more information. Members of the 18 Branches of the ICF in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to attend. A show of solidarity and communal spirit with our Holy Church are greatly encouraged.

- October 23, 2013 - Trip to Pala Casino. Call Pauline Iacono 310-832-0563 for reservations.

- December 7, 2013 - Christmas Party.

Fresno**Holy Spirit, Br. 417**

Branch 417 had a wonderful Mother's and Father's Day dinner on June 19 to honor our ICF members. Our dinner was graciously provided by the DeRienzos and the Griecos. At our July meeting and Ice Cream Social, Msgr Logan made a welcome appearance and gave members an opportunity to chat with him in a casual atmosphere.

As usual, there will be no August meeting. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 18 to hear the report on the convention by Fred and Gerry which will include the announcement of the new officers of the ICF Central Council.

Recently the Membership Committee of the CC initiated a new program to have each branch visited by a CC member in the near future. Br 417 will be visited by James Friebe at a regular meeting on a date not yet scheduled. We want as many members as possible to attend so they can meet Jim and ask

him any questions they have concerning the ICF and the Central Council. The meeting is meant to be a positive, productive experience about the branch's successes and problems. We look forward to hosting Jim and introducing him to our members.

Please pray for our sick members, Maria LoForti and Betty Hubbard, and others who are ill.

Ciao,
Pat Duncan

Los Angeles

Los Angeles District Council

On July 21, the LA District Cooley's Anemia BBQ was hosted by Branch 108 at the home of the Sabatella Family in South Pasadena. Thank you members who staffed and attended



Linda and Carmelo Sabatella and family at the Annual Cooley's Annual BBQ at the Sabatella House in July.

this event for supporting this worthwhile event. The 2013 Bishop Banquet Committee meeting was held on July 11 at Cafe Sole Trattoria in La Canada. ICF Branch 374 President Al Restivo hosted the meeting in the banquet room. Preparations for the November 17 event at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles is moving smoothly. All members of the 18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to come and support the ICF and join in giving of the Seminary bursar to Saint John's Seminary while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members and Clergy. Please encourage your Clergy and Seminarians to also attend. Questions? Call 626 372-7812.

The District Board encourages all Branches to support each others events wherever and

whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm's way.

Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA, President
South Pasadena, CA 91030
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South Pasadena**Holy Family, Br. 108**

Branch 108 Wishes All ICF Members A Successful 2013 Convention At La Quinta Resort!

Thank you members for making the 27th Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser a success. Special thank you to event staff for your help.

The 2013 ICF Bishop Banquet Committee met at Cafe Sole Trattoria in La Canada on July 11 in preparation of this year's ICF Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Downtown Los Angeles on November 17. Members attending will represent the 18 ICF Branches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. For more information and reservations please call 626 372-7812.

Save The Dates:

- September 8, 2013 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Chapeland Library Committee meeting from 1pm to 3:00 pm. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- September 8, 2013 - Branch 108 Lunch Social and General Meeting from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Call 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 for more information.

- November 17, 2013 - ICF Annual Bishop Day Mass and Chaplain Recognition Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles. All members invited to attend and support our Holy Church, our Chaplains and new Seminarians. Call 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 for more information.

Thank you Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Our prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Parishioners for a speedy recovery. May God bless and keep you healthy "per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella,
Past President - ICF Branch 108



Members of the LA District at the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ was hosted by Branch 108 at the home of the Sabatella Family in South Pasadena.





Members of Branch 108 at the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ in July.



San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Dear Members,
As I am writing this article three major events have already taken place. The Mary Star Fiesta on July 19-21 and was a great success. Our ICF pizza, sausage and meatball booth did quite well, we brought in \$4,800. The other event was the Los Angeles Waterfront Summer Festival on August 3-4 celebrating San Pedro's birthday of 125 years. We sold pizza and drinks in our booth. On August 15-17 we celebrated the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross, with a Tridium Mass on Thursday, Friday night and Saturday morning followed with a procession with the statue around the block. Refreshment was served in the auditorium.

Later that evening a Dinner-Dance took place where a prime rib dinner was served. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Our four delegates, Anna and Neal Di Leva, Nicolina and Salvatore Mattera are on their way to La Quinta for the convention. Wish them the best! On Thursday, September 19 is our pot-luck meeting and celebrating the branch 59th Anniversary, call Carmela Gioiello to sign up and what food you will be bringing. Our next outing will be on September 23-26 to Chumash Casino, Napa Wine Country and San Francisco. If there is still availability call Pauline Iacono 310-832-0563 (see flyer enclosed in your agenda for details). Additional calendar events:
October 10 -- Members meeting and election of 2014 officers.

San Pedro Branch 115 sold pizza, meatball and sausage sandwiches at the Mary Star of the Sea Church 66th Annual Fiesta on July 19-21. Thank you to all that volunteered and made the fiesta a success.



San Pedro Branch 115 members participated in the Los Angeles District Communion Sunday Mass at St. Bede Church in La Canada-Flintridge. (L-R) Carmela Gioiello, Neal and Anna Di Leva, Jerry Di Leva, Nicolina and Sal Mattera and Libera Morelli.

October 22-- Trip to Pala Indian Casino. Call Pauline 310-832-0563

November 17 -- Bishop Day Banquet. Mass at the Cathedral followed with luncheon.

December 1 -- Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage in Burbank. Bus will be provided.

Our condolences to the family of our long time member Cristina Pesce. May she rest in peace. Enjoy the rest of the summer. God bless you all and keep all of our sick and deceased member in your prayer.

Anna Di Leva
1st Vice-President

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

A. A Year of Faith & The Year of Italian Culture are being celebrated!

We focus on the "new Italy" and its cultural/artistic contributions. We appreciate ever so much the bond between our American and Italian cultures. Viva America! Viva Italy! We also commemorate World Youth Day in Brazil with Pope Francis 1 bringing the joy of Christ to youth from 50 countries. Viva Jesus! Viva IL Papa!

B. La Quinta Convention: Officer-Delegates Elaine & Eleanor Bersano are happy to say that it was absolutely-wonderful--a worthwhile learning/sharing experience.

C. Scholarships: Chance Liu & Adeli Acosta,

from St. Anthony's, were recipients at an Awards' Banquet in Torrance. Chance & Adeli will attend Mary Star & Serra Highs respectively. Kariam Cross, a St. Catherine Labourer graduate, will attend Serra. Monica Marcelletti, a graduate of El Segundo High, was also our recipient.

D. Rose Moore, Don Bohannon, and Johnny Roa enjoyed their July B-days.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Augusta Aune (8-29), Rose Naso (8-30), Teresa Marino (9-17) & Michael Lopez (9-21).

Calendar:

August 29-September 2 -- Convention

September 2-- Labor Day

September 5 -- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta/

Board Meeting

September 23 -- St. Padre Pio

Fundraiser: October 12 -- Our 44th Columbus Day Dinner-Dance. Highlights are: Lomeli's Italian Restaurant; Vaughn Suponatime: Sinatra Tribute; DJ: Cherry Sound; Accordionist: John Dynice. Silent Auction! Donation: \$40.00. Children 10 and under: \$15.00.

Prayers needed for ICF members Don Bohannon, Gloria Castaneda, and Teresa & Angela Marino as well as parishioners Eleanor Campos and Raul Romero.

We mourn 3 members of our St. Anthony's family: Monica Richtik, Joe Skelley, and





(Top) Branch 237 Scholarship winner Chance Liu and family are being toasted by ICF Officer Eleanor Bersano at the Awards' Dinner-Dance. Chance will be attending Mary Star of the Sea High in San Pedro. Chance was also the 2013 Student Body President at St. Anthony of Padua School in Gardena. Left to right: Officer Eleanor Bersano, Mrs. Liu, Winner Chance Liu, Mr. Liu and Anya. Photo by Elaine Bersano



Branch Officers Elaine Bersano and Eleanor Bersano have just given Adeli Acosta her ICF Scholarship. Her brother Victor looks on.

Richard Dewars, Jr. May they rest in peace. Keep a song in your heart and, when given a choice, always choose to dance!
*Ciao,
Eleanor Rose*

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374
With no regularly scheduled meeting in August, we got together on August 13 for our first Italian Movie Night in the Parish Center. Our own Professor Nancy Ammirato provided one of the most heartwarming movies portraying the epic of Italian immigrants as they undertook a difficult voyage and a challenging entry to the New World through Ellis Island, at the turn of the 20th century. Accompanied by cookies and coffee, Nancy led an interesting heritage discussion after the movie.

Branch 374 is planning to conduct Italian language classes for young people this fall. Plans are underway; an announcement will be made to the parish in September. Nancy Ammirato will conduct lessons and a free will offering will be requested. Children will be taught Italian through fun activities like songs and poetry.

A group of members attended the LA District BBQ held for the benefit of Cooley's Anemia held this year again at the Sabatella home. Al and Diane Restivo, Anthony Portantino, Jack Kojimoto, Maria De Seguro, and Mary Wynton attended. Al won the \$50.00 raffle and Jack won several drawings including an Italian T-Shirt he promises he will wear at our next meeting. Anthony Portantino brought two guests. Mary Wynton also won several raffle prizes and brought two guests. Please note a change of dates. Our September



Cooley's BBQ A Big Success Again
Al Restivo, (L) President of Branch 374 and First Vice President of the Los Angeles District is shown here holding the \$50.00 he won in the Raffle held at the BBQ. Steve Drobeck, of Branch 362 Downey, the MC for the event holds the raffle tickets while Irene Vallini of Branch 362 looks on. The annual event was held to raise money for the ICF Cooley's Anemia Drive and was attended by many members from branches throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Photo by Carmello Sabatella.

meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1 and the October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22. Please mark your calendars. LA District President Carmello Sabatella will make a presentation on the consolidation of the Los Angeles District at the October 1 (September) meeting.

San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

August 30 – September 2, "Living the Year of Faith", Convention
September 13- General Meeting/Family Movie Night- Ice Cream Social
Congratulations to Bea Yary and her committee who accomplished a very successful Taste of Diamond Bar at St. Denis on July 13. A wonderful attendance, generous vendors and well organized with music to enjoy for the evening. Thank you to all who contributed their time, support and efforts.

The District picnic will take place on August 18 hosted by St. Luke Branch at the church grounds in Temple City. The cost is \$15 per person. A wonderful picnic menu is planned along with bocce ball tournaments and board games.

Roxanne will report all the particulars of the 2013 convention in La Quinta at the September meeting. She is looking forward to the workshops and all the new council members as well as being tuned in to the ideas and progress for the Italian Catholic Federation in the years ahead.

The Tony Bennett Hollywood Bowl concert was indeed a wonderful outing at the bowl on August 2, with 40 in attendance under the stars. Tony was great and we really cheered him singing "I left My Heart in San Francisco".

On September 13 we will have our general meeting along with Family movie Night showing "Haichi" for the parish and members. Ice cream, popcorn will be provided and chaired by Juanita and John and our new member Jan. Thank you so much and we look forward to many in attendance. It's a great movie rated "PG" with Richard Gere who also produced the movie.

*God Bless,
Roxanne Perry*

San Fernando Valley

North Hollywood

St. Charles Borromeo, Br. 382

Happy summer to all of our brothers and sisters.

The recipient of our 2013 scholarship is Brittany Recker, granddaughter of Joanne Figliuzzi, our corresponding secretary.

Dates to remember:

Sept 16 -- Casino trip

Nov. 8 -- Palm Springs Follies

Keep our troops in your prayers,

Ciao for now,

Rose Garcia, Pres.

Santa Barbara/ Ventura

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

With Summer ending soon, Branch 380 members enjoyed a fun event that included a bocce tournament and sandwiches from Jersey Mikes. Our bocce tournament had 32 players (16 teams). A big thank you to Remo Iezza for organizing the tournament.

In addition to our bocce event, our branch co-sponsored a showing of "The 13th Day", a film about the Miracles of Fatima, thanks to the coordinating efforts of Genny Sneed and Greg Corricello.

As helping others is a huge part of what our branch stands for, volunteers from Branch 380 passed out shopping bags for parishioners to fill with food as a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Many thanks to Cathy Pantess for organizing this charitable gesture.

We are proud to announce, with convention coming up, that our branch has won a heritage award and will be presenting at one of the workshops. Good luck to our branch representatives attending convention: Michele Inouye, the Interrante Family, Gino and Della Spinelli, Emma Mayer, and Pat and Lou Mages.

Upcoming Events: Friday, September 6 (Auction Night), and Friday, October 11 (HolloWine)

Ciao!

Marisa Interrante

Corresponding Secretary

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367

Wow, what a year we are having. We lost another member, Anne Mansour, who brought in more new members than Joe Donato in the past five years. Anne dearly loved playing Dirty Bingo and all of our social events. Anne will be missed. May she rest in peace. Another member, Rosemary Gibson, is in a nursing home. Rosemary fell and hurt her arm and has many bruises. Our own daughter-in-law's father died in Arkansas and was buried here in Las Vegas with a full Military send-off. Two long-time members at St. Francis de Sales died and will have funerals within a week of each other. Another long time priest in our Diocese also died the last week in July. Fr. Caesar was a pioneer in the Las Vegas valley. He actually started St. Peter's in Henderson. It's truly, truly sad.

Our branch can't seem to get any social events together (thus, no photograph). A picnic at Super Summer Theatre was cancelled due to travel plans of members on the go. Even a trip to Tuacahn, Utah to see a play fell through. And then we had a huge fire on the Pahrap side of Mount Charleston. Now THAT was scary. For days, all we heard was how many more acres were burning. However, the firefighters did such a wonderful job. They saved all of the homes in residential areas, and no one was hurt. It was the worst fire ever on our beloved mountains.

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CC Life Member Jim Friebe of Branch 25 and Julie Richards welcome new members Lou Martin, Shirley Lewis, Jan Walker, and Gia Ussery.

Our Bishop's Day had to be changed to November 3. Bishop Pepe has to be back East for a meeting on October 28, so he has to travel on the 27th. Mass will be at 12:00 noon at Our Lady of Las Vegas, and lunch will be catered by our own members, Paul and Kathy DePatta of "At Your Service Catering" in the small hall immediately after mass. Joe is improving slowly, but surely. He gets very impatient with his slow progress, but he'll get there. We won't be able to be at convention with all of you this year, but we sincerely hope Palm Springs has a very successful Thursday night dinner, and the whole convention.

Keep cool and hydrated. Drink lots of water!
Ciao for now,
Jackie Donato

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21
Hello again! We hope your summer has been wonderful and you are now getting ready for Fall. That is when God gives us the year's most beautiful days in Santa Cruz. And we, at Branch 21, are planning some fruitful days ahead.

On August 29, the ICF Convention will commence in La Quinta, CA. Our branch will be represented by delegates Roseann Costabile, Richard Puccinelli and Alverda Orlando. We pray that they have a safe and productive weekend and lots of fun, too. Once again, members are encouraged to buy Convention Raffle tickets.

On October 25, we will be having a Friday Dinner Event. Stay tuned.

Though it's a few months down the road, on November 3 our Branch has the honor of acting as host for this year's Bishop's Day and our Bishop Richard Garcia. This is also the day of our annual Memorial Mass. A lovely brunch will be served in the Holy Cross Hall after mass.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the No Bake Sale. Many charities will be supported through your generosity. We also send out messages of love for those members who haven't been able to attend our ICF meetings and events, including Marie Walsh and Russell Manor. We miss you.

Our next two meetings will be on August 6 and September 10. Come join us at 5pm at Holy Cross Hall. We appreciate you, one and all, and ask God's blessings upon you.

Patty Morelli
Recording Secretary
Branch 21 - Santa Cruz

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Due to a new schedule for submitting Bollettino inputs, much of the reporting will be about a month later than in the past. The first example of this is the picnic which was held on August 4th, while this input was due by August 1. So, though we can't discuss any specifics on the picnic until the next issue, it's not too much of a stretch to say that, based on previous history, it was a success, given the locale (the J&M Ranch) and the people involved. Thanks to Bob and Michelle Coyle for all they did to obtain and cook the chickens, and to those who brought desserts and appetizers. A special thanks to Julie and Joe for allowing us once again to share their beautiful "resort".

We have a number of new members that have joined us in the past few months and we want to welcome them to our branch. They are Shirley Lewis, Jan Walker, Lou Martin and Gia Ussery.

The District Picnic is scheduled for November 13 with preparation on November 12. Please mark your calendars as we need your participation to make it a success. It is our major fundraiser that supports the branch scholarship fund and convention expenses.

Ciao
Roy Frontani

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

We had a very busy July - on the 11th we had our annual birthday party for all of our members 85 and over, it is a wonderful happy evening and our "stars" look forward to it each year, and so do we.

July 19 we hosted the Central Council Golf Tournament, so nice to see everyone, especially Sarah Jane Amoroso looking so great after her horrendous accident, God was certainly watching over her.

Our deepest sympathy to June Serrano who lost her mother, Lena Borzini, it is never easy to lose someone you love, may she rest in peace.

Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival is Sept. 6, 7, and 8. Free admission all three days, Joe Sharino Band will play Friday evening at the Plaza, constant entertainment Saturday and Sunday: Pasquale Esposito, Anthony Lane Band, Orazio Aiello & Rachel Marotta, Mike Marotta Sr. & Ree Ree Brunell, Tarantella Dancers, Monterey String Quartet with Mike Marotta Jr., and, of course, our Master of Ceremonies, David Marzetti. All food, beverage, and merchandise booths will be open.

Mass will be Sat. 9/7, 10:30, San Carlos Cathedral, Parade will leave at 12:00 noon from San Carlos Cathedral to the Plaza, blessing of the fleet will follow.



Br. 291 recently initiated new members Matt and Loretta Aguiar and Giovanna "Jane" Baker. Pictured here are Matt Aguiar, President Pete Gallagher, Loretta Aguiar, Branch Deputy Dave Zanini, and Jane Baker.

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Branch 227, hosted our 2nd District meeting on June 15, a big thank you to Bob Basuino for conducting our Deputy Workshop with our District Deputy Sara Jane Amoroso. Also, to the workshop committee, David Botta, Dante Galeazzi and Jim Friebe for doing a great job, on giving us all information on ICF and the various topics they discussed.

During our June meeting we gave out 8-\$1,000 scholarships from our Perlino Scholarship Fund, it was so nice to hear from our scholars, and where they will be attending college in the fall. We would like to send a big thank you to Bob and Mary Montonye for chairing our Annual Branch Barbeque on Saturday, July 27, at DeLaveaga Park, 136 were in attendance, and a good time was had by all, also thanks goes to all the members who helped cook, set-up and tear down.

Congratulations and safe travels to our delegates for convention this year: They are Bob and Mary Montonye and Linda Calciano. Please pray for our sick members: Nancy Keran, Frank Locatelli, Mary Duchscher, Jim Musler, and John Raffetto.

Ciao:
Franklyn Lopes

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 would like to wish everyone a fun and productive ICF National Convention! We look forward to a full recap from our delegates at our September meeting.

At our June and July meetings we were very honored to meet our 4 First Year Scholarship recipients. What a wonderful group of new college freshmen!

We recently initiated new members Matt and Loretta Aguiar and Giovanna "Jane" Baker.

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At the June meeting, Br. 291 met three of our four First Year Scholarship recipients. Pictured here (L-R) are 1st Vice President Joseph Salmeri, scholarship recipients Anne Marie Smith, Sarah Salvini and Andrew DeSesa, and Helen Summerfield, Br. 291 Scholarship Chairperson.

(Below) At the July meeting, Br. 291 met one of our First Year Scholarship recipients. Pictured here are Branch Deputy Dave Zanini, scholarship recipient Joseph M. Hall, Scholarship Chairperson Helen Summerfield and Branch President Pete Gallagher.



Welcome to ICF Branch 291!

Our Donations Committee will be meeting in August to confirm the charities, organizations and individuals we will be supporting this year and will present their proposal to the general membership at our August General Meeting. Our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held on September 14 from 4-7pm in the St. Patrick's Church hall. Members are encouraged to help, and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a delicious spaghetti meal with all the trimmings and great fellowship! Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners are earmarked for our St. Patrick School Student Registration Assistance Program.

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing of one of our members, Marge Caruso. She and her husband Tony were founding members of Branch 291. Tony passed away last December, and now Marge can once again be with him in their heavenly home. Also, please pray for the following members who are experiencing health issues: Howard Clees, Bob and Floralee Harris, Trish Jimenez, Joe Slavin, Dave Spargo, Josephine Volanto, and Jens and Sonia Wagner, and all our members who may be suffering with pain

or heartache.

Ciao!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Oakland East Bay District Council

Two dearly loved East Bay District officers have recently gone through some medical woes. The end of May, Karen Rossi fell at home and broke her ankle. At the end of June, Dave Rose suffered a mild stroke. They are both on the road to recovery, but please keep them in your prayers. We love you Karen and Dave and please take care of yourselves! Despite undergoing surgery for her ankle, Karen Rossi joined Pat Pasquinelli in planning a testimonial dinner for the East Bay, Fran LaTorre, the East Bay District's Immediate Past President. On July 21, a nice group gathered at Dino's Restaurant in Castro Valley. No District President does the work all by herself. The East Bay District Officers and Delegates have consistently offered their support and hard work to Fran and all its



Attendees at ICF Branch 223's 46th Anniversary Dinner.

District Presidents, past and present. Thanks for being the best District ever! Thanks are also due to Branch 343 Castro Valley for hosting our recent District Quarterly Mass and Communion on Aug. 10. The ICF can always count on the support of the Augustinian priests at Our Lady of Grace Church. Once again Branch 343 has come through.

Your branch presidents will have more information about the District's annual picnic at your August branch meetings. Tentatively it looks like the picnic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. It will definitely be held at the home of Al and Deanna DeNurra in Pleasant Hill, CA.

The East Bay District looks forward to hosting the 2014 ICF Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Oakland, CA. We have been planning and practicing a cute welcome for this year's Convention delegates in Palm Desert. It is just so hard to believe that 2014 is not that all far off!

Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10
Our Branch Barbeque was very nice with lots of people attending. We had guest speakers from Birthright and we presented them with monetary donations, diapers, and the most beautiful hand knit afghans for babies.

A big thank you to all those people who worked hard to make this event a great success.

A special thanks to Vice President Gina Foster who filled in for President Dave (he is doing fine after his fall). Gina is like the energizer bunny. We are blessed to have her in Branch 10.

Our delegates to the convention are Dave Rose and Karen Harington. Alternates are Pat Pasquinelli and Jeanette Zugnoni. We expect lots of great feedback from them at our September meeting.

Mark your calendar for the next event, the Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, October 19th. More information in the October issue plus emails and flyers.

Until next time
Peace and Love to all
Jean McElroy

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Hello to all. Summer is coming to an end and Autumn will be with us. Our ICF Convention will take place over the Labor Day weekend. Our good wishes for those who will attend. Our Branch will be celebrating our 81st Anniversary on Sunday October the 13th. It will be held at the Fratellanza Club, no host cocktails 4:30pm, dinner at 5:30pm. For reservations contact Anna Alberti at 510-562-1179. The deadline is October 7, cost \$27. Menu is chicken, risotto, salad, vegetables and dessert.

Upcoming:
October 3- Monthly meeting 7pm
October 13- Anniversary Dinner
November 7- Monthly meeting 7pm
Happy Birthday to Anna Alberti, Elma Casale, Anna Castagnini, Ralph Mossino and Tena Walker. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing of our branch.

Thought: "The measure of our holiness is not the perfection of our personality and the avoidance of all faults, but the extent of our love." Fr. Joseph, SM.

Ciao,
M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Oakland

St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

We all enjoyed a delicious Mexican dinner thanks to Maria Raphael.

Raffle tickets for the ICF convention in La Quinta are still available. Be sure to return the tickets that you have already sold at our August meeting.

Upcoming events:
August 7 - Italian Heritage night at the Giants.
October 13 - Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. Contact Nancy Corsi if you would like to volunteer or attend the event.
November 2 - Grand President Jane Dianda's testimonial dinner at the Fratellanza Club.

Sincerely,
Donna Santich

Fremont

Corpus Christi, Br. 215

On July 9, 17 members of ICF Br. 215 gathered at Mezcal Mexican Restaurant for Taco Tuesday. We all enjoyed delicious soft tacos for \$.99, drank lots of margaritas and enjoyed each others company.

Our next bocce ball game will be on Aug.



Colonel Lawrence Spinetta, cousin to Yoli and John Moglia of Branch 223, has been promoted to U.S. Air Force Colonel.

25. We gather at City Beach around 2:30pm and begin play at 3:00pm. Call Jack Navarra at (510) 656-0258 no later than Aug. 17. He needs to know an accurate count so he can reserve the necessary lanes. Remember, our goal is to have fun and not let our competitive spirits spin out of control. This has been a fun social meeting for our branch for the last four years. Please join us.

Our next Bingo/Salad Luncheon is fast approaching. It will be on Sept. 19 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall. The cost remains \$10.00 per person and includes two bingo cards.. Tickets will be available by the beginning of August.. Make your reservations with Ralph Marinelli at (510) 656-0258 by Sept. 11. We need bingo raffle prizes, people willing to make salads, money donations if you can't attend.

Congratulations to those branch members with August birthdays and to those couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in August. If you are attending family and/or school reunions have a safe and happy trip.

*Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre*

Oakland

St. Theresa, Br. 223

Our 46th Anniversary Dinner on July 14 was a wonderful affair. We were certainly delighted to have "Cookie" Rossi feeling well enough to attend. We were honored to have St Theresa Parishioners Mary Ann and Alan Smith celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary as well as the Parochial Vicar at St Theresa, Reverend Anthony Herrera, and Reverend Vincent Pham. Thank You to all, who attended and especially to who set up, cooked, baked, tended bar, Etc.

Happy Travelers during July were President Nancy, husband Jim, and son Joe, who visited various university campuses to decide which

college Joe will attend. They also visited Vancouver and Victoria, Canada. Yoli and John Moglia spent the July 4th holiday at Alta Ranch in Darby, Montana, visiting family and friends.

Get well wishes and prayers to Deputy David Rose and Larry Polito.

We are planning a Fall Dinner as well as another Bake Sale and our Christmas Party. Stay tuned for more information.

We wish our delegates to the I.C.F. Convention, President Nancy Carriere and Alfreda Baroni, a safe journey and a memorable and informative time.

Yoli and John Moglia are proud to announce that their Cousin (and John's Godson) Lawrence Spinetta will be promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Air Force on July 31. Lawrence is the son of Peter and Katrin Spinetta, grandson of Anita Dianda and the late Baci Spinetta. Lawrence will become Commander at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota in August.

Yoli Moglia

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Summer brought us a number of fun events for our branch to enjoy. We enjoyed some great food and camaraderie amongst all our members and with other members from other branches.

The events for the summer have come and gone. Our last one was on August 11 at the Wirtenson's home. As always, there was great food and a good time had by all. Thank you Helen & Dick for your gracious hospitality. The District Communion was on August 10 and our District Picnic will be on September 14. All members are invited to attend.

There were many anniversaries that were celebrated this summer. Those who celebrated were Joe & Phyl Buonsante, their 50th, Don & Mary Merucci, 50th, Bobbie & Carl Farrington, their 60th. Congratulations and God Bless you all

Welcome Beverly & Ted Tingis as our new members our branch. Hope you will enjoy our group in our upcoming events of the remaining year. Another loving welcome is for a new granddaughter for Betty & Dick LaVoi and the proud parents.

Birthdays blessings and wishes go out to Marlene Dianda, Rose Stack, Shirley Viada, Peggy Zanatta and Karen Rossi. May their be many more Happy & Healthy birthdays in the years to come.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery are for Rudy DiAngelo after his surgery and for Karen Rossi who suffered a broken foot. Time heals everything. For all others who are ill or suffering in any way, please know you are in our prayers as well.

*Ciao Tutti! & Multi Saluti!
Pat Bellavia*

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It's the good old summertime! Let's see now our branch started off with our hot dog and



(Above) ICF Branch 13 Chaplains Deacon Dave Holland and Deacon Albert Dizon join Sister Moira Macpherson of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish at the recent Confirmation of ICF Officer Paul Cook by the Very Reverend George Mockel, Vicar General of the Diocese of Oakland.

(Right) ICF Branch 13 Officer Rosemary Cook, also a 2013 ICF First Year Scholarship recipient, presented Saint Catherine of Siena Graduate Alexandra Ball with Branch 13 Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship. Congratulations Ladies!



bean dinner, went to the ball game (go A's) and then had our next meeting at the Ice Creamery. So now we just need to plan a trip to the convention, and this is a very important trip. Yes it will be HOT, but we are masters of the layered look so we can be comfortable. While there we can support our own Lisa Crudo as she runs for reelection to the Central Council and donate blood to the blood drive and maybe even win some prizes if we bought the lucky chance. Not only that there will be dinners and entertainment to enjoy. When we meet again in Sept. we can continue summer a bit longer at the district Picnic on the 14th. Lots of fun for all.

In the meantime hopefully many will have joined as we hosted the district Communion and supper on Aug. 10 here at Our Lady of Grace. It's nice to be able to extend our hospitality and pray together as a family of ICF and meet other branches. Safe travels to the convention.

Contra Costa District Council

Contra Costa District had many events to discuss for the month of September! Once again it is time for our National Convention, which this year will be held in the town of La Quinta, Ca. The theme is "Living the Year of Faith", a great theme that can be complemented with "Living the Life of Faith". Our Contra Costa District is well represented, and we thank our Delegates for their attendance.

Please make plans to attend our District Night of Recollection! It will be hosted by our Richmond Branch at the Salesian High School Hall In Richmond, Sept 11.2013. No host bar at 6pm followed by a ravioli dinner at 6:30pm District Chaplin Father Larry Young will give his spiritual talk right after dinner. Cost is \$7.00 per person for dinner. Everyone should give their branch president their headcount and payment before Sept. 6, and then each branch president must RSVP to Walter Costa by Sept. 7.

At the last District meeting, based on the suggestion by our President Joseph Flores, it was decided to cancel the November 13 District meeting and have the meeting October 24 instead. The reason is that there is too long

of a time gap between June and November without a meeting.

In the theme of the convention!

"Oh Lord, increase the gift of faith in me, for together we can overcome all adversity!"
Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

We toast our first year scholarship recipient, Carondelet High School graduate, Branch 13 Officer, Rosemary Cook, along with our Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship recipient Alexandra Ball. This bursary is offered by Branch 13 annually to students in the eighth grade class at Saint Catherine of Siena Parochial School graduating to a Catholic High School. Congratulations to Rosemary in her future college endeavors and to Alex as she continues her studies at Carondelet High School.

Tickets are now on sale for Branch 13's Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 26, 2013, 6pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) \$17.00 per person, \$7.00 for children 6 to 12 years old, and Free for children under 6 years old accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets available by calling 925-229-2665. P.S. St. Catherine Church has a Saturday 4:30pm mass. So, you can attend mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there.

Upcoming in Martinez:
September 14 – Bingo
September 27 – Branch meeting
October 5 – Oktoberfest
October 12 – Bingo



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(Above) Welcome Father Fred Riccio to ICF Branch 14 Western Casino night. Father Fred is the new Administrator of St. Rose of Lima, in Crockett.

(Below) Members from Branch 14 playing black jack at their Casino Night. All wanted to be big winners.



October 19 -- Sacrament of Anointing
 October 20 — Blood Drive
 October 25 -- Branch meeting
 October 26 — Polenta, Chicken & Sausage dinner
 November 2 & 3 -- Ministry sign-ups
 November 9 -- Bingo
 November 22 -- Thanksgiving feast/branch meeting;
 November 30/December 1 -- Holiday Lane;
 2014 Calendars are now on sale for \$25.00 each.
 Branch 13 wishes all ICF delegates a productive and fun-filled convention weekend. Stay cool.
*Ciao for now,
 Mary Cook*

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Western Night was great fun! Only \$8. bought a barbeque tri-tip dinner (yum!) and lots of casino games to celebrate our 86th Anniversary. Everyone hopes we have another!
 We had an opportunity to meet and welcome our jovial new pastor, Fr. Fred Riccio. Asked how much Italian he speaks, he responded, "Mangial!" Italian or not, we all know what that means, right? So he should fit in just fine with our food- loving branch.
 Our sincere sympathies to the family of Laura Pedrotti. The Pedrotti name has been synonymous with Crockett for years. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.
 Don't miss our annual summer picnic at Don and Louise DeTomas's lovely home and gardens on Sunday, August 18 beginning at 2:00pm. Please bring a dessert or salad to share and contact Donna, 799-2336 or Pat, 787-1131, if you will attend.
 September 6 is our fun-filled Bingo and Hot Dog Night, beginning at 6:00pm, and at our regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10, we will hear Convention reports and distribute those popular polenta tickets!
 Thursday, September 26 is our Night of Recollection at Salesian High School in Richmond. Circle the date!

We know that even in the Palm Springs heat our Convention delegates will enthusiastically represent our branch, and we wish them a safe and interesting journey.
*Ciao,
 Diane Bottini Thomas*

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Everyone had a great time at the branch picnic held in Oakley. We thank Joann and Elaine for hosting this event. Good luck to those who bought raffle tickets. We thank Jane for once again being our convention raffle ticket chair person.
 Upcoming:
 Aug. 30 -- Sept. 2 - ICF Convention in La Quinta Ca. Activities start with a welcome dinner by the host district on that Thurs. Our delegate this year is Jim Jarrett.
 Saturday, Sept. 7 - Bus trip to Monterey for the Santa Rosalia festival. Call Joann at 925-625-0863
 No meeting in Sept.
 Wed., Sept. 11- Contra Costa district night of recollection dinner and spiritual talk given by Father Larry Young. Hosted by the Richmond Branch at Salesian high school hall. Social at 6:00pm followed by ravioli dinner at 6:30pm. Talk at 7:30pm. Send your check for 7.00 per person by Sept. 7 to Helen at 953 Veterans Dr. Martinez, Ca. 94553. Checks payable to ICF Branch 72.
 Sat., Oct. 12- Turnaround Bus trip to Reno's Italian festival. Call Joann at 925-625-0863
 Due to the bus trip the meeting date in Oct. will be changed. Notification of date will be mailed in advance.
 It is looking good for the opening of the new branch at Christ the King church. Details will be announced.

The branch has nominated Roselynn to run for re-election at the convention and we wish her the best of luck.

*Bye for now,
 Helen Politakes*

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

Please reserve attendance at August meeting with Walter Costa at 925-385-9953. Hamburgers and salad for only \$5. Walter Costa is planning a chicken dinner for the September 9 meeting. Cost is only \$6. Reserve with Dee Rosier at 232-1387.
 Chaplain Father Nick Reina announced that Father Al Mengon will replace him as our new Branch Chaplain. Walter informed members that Branch has made \$9800 charitable donations this year.
 Connie Gatto's Heritage Report "Why God Made Moms" was delightful and appreciated by all members.
 June winners: Birthdays for June and July -- Lorraine Acuna and Carmen Avila; Attendance -- Lorraine Acuna, Merv Davis, Tom Jobe, Gino Martinnuci, and Eugenia Traverso - 50/50 -- Pauline Traverso.
 Mark your calendars for the next Polenta Dinner on October 19 at St. Jerome's Hall. Cost is \$22 and reserve with Gloria Martinnuci at 526-8749.
 Remember Dee Rosier, Vickie Christophe and Georgann Chiozza Stutrud in your prayers.
*God Bless
 Joyce Peterson*

Concord

St. Agnes, Br. 214

Our board meeting took place at President Roberta Healy's house.
 Members will meet at Roberta's as she hosts our Annual ICF BBQ. Always great company, delicious food and many blessings.
 Meetings will resume for September.
*Bless your Labor Day!
 Christina*

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

By the time you receive this issue summer will be on the way out, the kids will be back in school, and the 2013 ICF Convention over. We all know what follows next, our branch and district elections. I would like to suggest that all our members give serious thought to taking an active role in their branch. We all need new people with new ideas on our boards and heading up our various committees. We all know that is the only way any organization can grow and flourish. So please consider your role in your branch and ask yourself if you can give a little more to the success of your branch.
 Our Annual Festa d' Italia, is around the corner. All the committees are busy with menu planning for the Pasta Dinner, raffle and auction items and of course entries for our big car show which is a huge part of this event. It is not too late to enter a car, or just plan on coming for the fun and the food.
 The date is: Monday, Sept. 30
 Place: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
 Time: 5pm Social, Dinner 6pm for information regarding car registration or purchasing dinner tickets, please call Ed Camera or Anita Camera at 634-0642.
 Enjoy the remainder of your summer and let us have an Attitude of Gratitude for this wonderful organization we all are part of.
 Until next month
*Ciao,
 Phyllis Lilly*

Orange

Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

As we celebrated the summer with our annual Ice Cream Social we also celebrated our annual scholarship recipients. Book awards were given to Courtney Bell, who will be attending Loyola Marymount University and Stephanie Luchetta, who will be attending Seattle University. Many thanks again to our branch scholarship committee led by Cris Gianantonio. Cris also gave us an Italian history lesson on the origins of gelato. The ice cream also helped us wish the newest nonagenarian Jerry Cipolla a happy birthday! The next sausage/meatball sandwich and cannoli event will be on the weekend of July 28-29. This is always a big hit with the parish. Our summer dinner party (aka Progressive Dinner) will take place later this summer. Keep an eye out for further details.
 Sept. 22 will be Italian Heritage Day at Angel Stadium. Angels vs. Mariners in a day game, beginning at 12:35pm. Get a terrace box seat, in the shade, including a hot dog and soda for a discounted price of \$35.00 There is a limited number of tickets available at this price. Contact Presidente Frank if interested. And one last note...our membership approved the purchase of a memorial plaque to honor our deceased members. The plaque will be prominently displayed in the multi-purpose room at St. Thomas More.
*Ciao,
 Miranda Gibson*

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

Since July and August represent a two month summertime reprieve from regular dinner meetings schedule, Branch 135 has only the following items to report. Our next Branch get-together will be an annual picnic on Sunday September 22.
 Three of our member are set to attend this year's convention as delegates -- they include Charlyne Pacini, Mary Jo Wiese and Virginia Zorio. Our annual fund-raiser will be a polenta diner to be held at the Boys & Girls Club on Saturday November 9 this year.
 Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Idlewild Park at 12 noon on Sunday, September 22, 2013. We wish everyone a good summer!
*Submitted by,
 Tony DiGuglielmo*

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Last month, members enjoyed the District fundraiser, Mangiamo Italiano, dinner held on Sat., July 13 at Branch 73's Parish, St. Rose of Lima Church Hall. A good time was had by all and the accordion music set the mood. We all met our District scholarship winner and wished her much success.
 A special wish of congratulations to member Mary LaTona who turned 100 years young on July 30. Mary is our most senior member of the branch and attends all meetings and dinners. What an inspiration she is.
 Our next meeting and dinner will be Sunday, September 8 with the meeting at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. We will have lots to talk about after the Convention, so come to the meeting. For dinner reservations, call Bruna at (916) 515-9380 or me at (916) 714-6967. Plans are in the works for another Bus Trip to Red Hawk the first week in October. More details to follow at the Sept. meeting.
 Calendar at a Glance:
 Sun., Aug. 18 - St. Mary's Church Festival
 Fri., Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 - Convention at La Quinta
 Sun., Sept. 8 - Branch Meeting & Dinner, Giovanni Hall, 4:30pm
 Early October - Bus trip to Red Hawk (Details TBA)
 Sun., Oct. 27 -- Bishop's Day hosted by our Branch
 Buon Compleanno to Members in August: Deacon Lou, Anabelle Ebert, Michael Ebert, Forrest Frazier, Mary Ann Heinen, Diane King, Enes Manfredini (98), and Donald Waldron (96).
 To Members in September: Ivana Berton Leda Costamagna, William James, Bonnie Lally, Mary Jo Lee, Rev. Francis Quinn (92), and Adele Viglione.
 Our sympathy and prayers go out to Arlene Gianatasio and family for the passing of Robert (Bob) Gianatasio on July 25. Bob and Arlene attended all our meetings and dinners

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Branch 210 guest Ana Meyers with son Matthew behind her. Annette Carlo and sons Giovanni and Angelo. Seated Michelina Carlo on guest Carolyn Meyers' lap.

and have been very supportive of the branch since they joined three years ago. We will miss him.

*Ciao,
Janine*

North Highlands

St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

For our July 6 general meeting, a BBQ was held at Branch President Tina Flanders' home where members were treated hot dogs and hamburgers provided by our host. Branch officers and members brought the side dishes and desserts. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Tina for hosting and grilling the dogs and burgers for our July meeting and for all members for bringing such tasty side dishes.

This is Convention Weekend and here's wishing ICF much success! Also, our sincere gratitude to our delegate, Natalie Malone, for representing Branch 236 at this year's Convention. Natalie will be traveling to the Convention with daughter, Nina Malone. We hope Natalie and Nina have a great time and look forward to hearing about the Convention highlights at our October general meeting. Please continue to pray for all of our sick members, families and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday and Birthday wishes to Cam Smaldon and Melissa Keller (July 9), Mary Mencarini (August 16), Sabina Thiel (August 22), Angelina McElroy (September 2), Nina Malone (September 4), and Kristina Craig (September 16).

Our next general meeting will be on Saturday, September 7 at 1:00 in the Parent Center.

*God Bless,
Margie Burke*

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Most of the meeting was taken up planning for The Convention. Who will be there, who will bake cookies, how to car pool, and the cost and who will be reimbursed by the Branch and for what. We agreed that anyone that works at the Convention will be given \$40.00 for Gas, and will receive \$40.00 toward the Banquet or Thursday Night Dinner. Dominic Luzi, promised to bake 12 dozen pizzelles, and many others offered to ply their Dolce talents. Nan Judge, Annette Carlo and Patsy Grisafe, offered to put the Baskets together for the Thursday Night Raffle. Thanks to all the Members that are unable to attend the Convention but donated money to help pay Branch expenses incurred in hosting the



First Year Scholarship winner Kellen Brower and James Cardinale-Hill of Br. 230.

Convention.

We had guests this month. Mafalda and Dominic's daughter, Anna, and her two children Matthew and Carolyn were visiting from San Diego, and Velma Mena's Mother, Alicia, was visiting from Guatemala. We enjoy breaking bread with all of our guests. Get well wishes to Joe Batiste, who was in the hospital having an infected leg treated. Our prayers are with all those not quite up to par health wise.

Thank all of you that are helping at the Convention. It always on the Labor Day Weekend, but then again most of us are no longer in the work force. Happy Labor Day anyway!

Till Next month, God Bless and good health to us all!

*Ciao,
Jack Grisafe*

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Cari Amici,
Branch 230 had a General Meeting on Friday June 21, that was preceded by a dinner social. Thank you to our chefs, Carolyne Koeblich and Sherry Thurston, and all who helped. At the General Meeting our members voted to make a donation to our ICF National Charity, Cooley's Anemia. Our delegate Jim Cardinale-Hill and his wife Martha will take the check to the ICF Convention in La Quinta, Ca. Aug 30-Sept 1, 2013.

Roberto Angotti from the Convivio Center gave a talk on the legacy of Italian players in Major League Baseball. Kellen Brower and his Mom, Grandmother and Grandfather had dinner with us. Kellen, a First year Scholarship winner gave a brief talk during the General Meeting. Our members were thanked and told how they were appreciated. Our next General meeting will be Sept. 20 starting with a dinner social at 6:30pm. We had a great time at our Branch Picnic, July 21. It was wonderful to have Dan and Nina



(Above) Branch 261 Bocce winners.
(Right) Branch 261 District President Tony Anthony – the chef.

and Joseph Smith with us at Spanish Landing Park. Father Louie stopped by and Father Joe had a great lunch and played some real good Bocce Ball. Ramiro Castro went overboard once again, he put out quite a spread for his beloved brother Sergio's birthday celebration. Even a few sprinkles of rain could not cool down the hot time we had at the picnic.

Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and for our servicemen and women.

*Pace di Cristo
Richard Barker*

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

Let the Bocce Games begin!! The 2013 Branch & District Tournaments are here. Br 261 Bocce Picnic was July 14, at the Allied Gardens Rec Center. The Branch provided the entrée -- hot dogs and hamburgers -- at a reasonable cost. Winners of the Branch Tournament: 1st Place: Jime Bombardo/Frank Nevetta; 2nd Place Steve & Karen Fleury; 3rd Place Vince Oliver/Joac Iraci.

At our St Therese Parish Academy graduation Forrest & Prudence presented the Branch ICF High School scholarship to Brooke Rooney. We should mention that our CC Scholarship Program has proven most beneficial to Nick Tallarida -- son of Tim & Denise Tallarida. Nick received a fourth year grant for the University of Notre Dame. Nick is presently working for a doctorate degree at UC Irvine. He's in a science program involving nanotechnology...

Our members our still talking about our June meeting at Gaetano's Restaurant in Lakeside CA. We were served a delicious meal. The recipient of the CC college scholarship -- Brooke Rooney -- thanked us for the award -- and told us that she will be travelling to Siena, Italy this summer and on to college in Pennsylvania. We all advised her that the weather in the Reading area requires warm clothing.

Our thanks to Bob Tallarida, our 2nd VP. He religiously sets up our meeting room but also insures that our ICF Banner is displayed in the sanctuary at our Sunday Corporate Communion.

A few members are planning to drive to Palm Springs to attend the Convention Sunday Mass at the La Quinta.

Vic Tallarida

San Francisco

San Francisco District Council

Remember these dates:

Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, 2013--Convention in Palm Springs We wish all the Convention Delegates a productive and fun weekend.

Sept. 12, 2013-- Regular meeting--Corpus Christi Hall--Host 38



Oct. 10, 2013--Election of Officers--Host 50
Nov. 2013--No Meeting
Dec. No Meeting
We wish everyone a Happy Labor Day.

San Francisco

Maria S S Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Due to the August/September issue of the Bollettino at Convention time, the following dates cover several months:

Aug. 25 -- Branch Mass, ICC, 10:30am
Aug. 30 -- Sept. 2 ICF Convention, Palm Springs
Sept. 4 -- Monthly Meeting, Convention Reports, 7:00pm - Hosts: Toni Morsello and Mary Zadra
Sept. 22 -- Branch Mass, 10:30am, ICC
Oct. 2 -- Monthly Meeting. 7:00pm
Nomination and election of 2014 Officers.
Hosts: Ollie de Micheli and Anna Doyle
Please continue to pray for Oretta Scaletti.
Best wishes to President Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat for a successful Convention!

*Ciao!
Toni Morsello*

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

What a wonderful evening Branch 290 members enjoyed in June, with Scholarship winners Andriana Rose Suarez and Nico Scolieri. We were truly impressed by these intelligent, personable and appreciative young people. We wish them much success and happiness during their college years.

Now, we move ahead with some dates to remember.

August 15 - Summer time complimentary dinner at 6:00pm with meeting to follow at 7pm. Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939, and let her know if you're coming.

September 19 - Spaghetti and meatball dinner at 6pm, followed by meeting at 7pm. Price of the dinner is \$10.00. As in August, please call Mary Rowe, and let her know if you're coming. Our next Champagne-Bingo luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 5. This event will be the last fundraiser for the year.

Our get well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery go out to all our members who are



Branch 365 garage sale workers after the sale.



Branch 327 scholarship winners from St. Charles School. President Dick Hogan with the four winners and Scholarship Chairperson Celeste Lennemann.

not feeling well. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our August meeting.
*Ciao,
Jeannette*

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to normal. At our last meeting, Pres. George asked Joe Basuino to take over as chairman for our Sept. 28 luncheon, with George assisting. It was decided that the cost will be \$18.00 a person. It will be held in the Lower Church at 12:30. There will be a door prize, a raffle and entertainment. The menu has not been finalized, but it will include wine and soda. In order for it to be a success, we need everyone's participation. Now is the time to ask family, friends and acquaintances to join us. The more the merrier. Flyers will be available at our meeting. By the time you receive this Bollettino, we will have met in August. Because there was no Bollettino for August, look for our garage sale photos in this issue. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 11, at 7pm. See you then.
*God Bless,
Ann Basuino*

San Mateo District Council

Greetings! Hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Many thanks to Branch 351, Church of the Nativity for hosting the uplifting District Communion and delicious luncheon. Congratulations to the 2013 Convention Award Winners: Grand President's Award to Roberta Franchini of Branch 213, South San Francisco. She's been a member of the branch for 46 years and during that time has held every office there is. She's always there

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to help not only her branch, but her parish and the district as well. Mother Teresa Award to Father Michael Mahoney, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame and Chaplain of Branch 173. He's well known for always welcoming everyone to his "flock". Mark your calendars: Thursday, August 22, 2013, District Meeting at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, followed by dessert hosted by Branch 163. Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013 the 2013 Convention will be held at the LaQuinta Resort and Club, LaQuinta, CA. We look forward to the new ideas our delegates will bring back to share with us. This year's theme is Living the Year of Faith. Keep Father Frank Murray and the Family of Nancy Van Tricht in our prayers.
Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Our first dinner/business meeting back from vacation was August 7. Our thanks to all the cooks and helpers for the wonderful roasted chicken, potatoes, veggies, salad and dessert dinner. Be sure to save these important dates. Our Hawaiian Barbeque Fundraiser will be Saturday, September 21 and our "Western BBQ Dinner-Dance" Fundraiser will be Saturday, October 26. Also, save the date for our Chicken & Polenta Dinner Fundraiser on November 30. These fundraisers are important as they allow us to give back to our community and help those in need. Now that's what I call a winning combination... having fun while helping others! Look for more information to follow on these events as time draws near. The business/dinner meeting for September will be on the 11th. Please note date change to the second Wednesday due to All Souls Festival. To finish out the third quarter of the year for dinner/business meetings, they are: October 2, November 6 and December 4. Wow, this year sure is going by fast! So, until next time... a little thought to ponder, "Faith is not believing God can, it is knowing God will"... "Never Underestimate the Power of Prayer"! *Sempre Avanti
Laurie Masetti*

San Mateo St. Matthew, Br. 163

There will be no board meeting and no general meeting in August due to the construction going on at St. Matthew. Greetings! Hope you have been relaxing and enjoying your summer. Soon we will be back to business. Many thanks to Virginia and Harold Fuentes

for hosting our enjoyable River Rock Casino trip. Mark your calendars: Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013 – The 2013 ICF Convention will be held at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, CA. We hope our delegates will enjoy the convention and come back with new ideas to share with us. Remember to buy and turn in your money and stubs to Virginia Fuentes very soon. Congratulations to our dear friend Roberta Franchini of Branch 213, South San Francisco for receiving the Grand President's Award. Congratulations to Matthew Borland, a Serra High Graduate for receiving our Scholarship Award in memory of Jack D'Asaro. Keep in our thoughts and prayers Father Frank Murray and the family of Nancy Van Tricht.
*Peace and Love
Anne O'Brien*

Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our July event was a hot dog dinner and celebration to honor our two scholarship recipients. They are Emily Cox, granddaughter of Patti Dugoni and Nicholas Cassin, grandson of Miranda Mori from our branch. Special kudos to our top dog chef Anthony Cervelli who was chairman of the dinner and his helpers. Since fall is fast approaching we have many dates to mark on our calendars. August 30 - September 2 ICF Convention. Congratulations to our pastor and chaplain, Father Michael Mahoney, who is honored to be chosen for the Mother Theresa Award. November 8 - Chaplain's Night – San Mateo Elks Club November 10 - our 50th Anniversary dinner Basque Cultural Center - S. San Francisco Please keep any sick members in your prayers and also Father Frank Murray our District Chaplain.
*God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery*

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our thanks to Faith Hill for hosting our Pot Luck Summer Picnic on August 13. We all had a good time and plenty of food! Great job! Best wishes and good luck to Joe and Judy Crosetti, our first-time delegate and alternate to the I.C.F. Annual Convention in LaQuinta, Palm Springs. Hope you and all the conventioners have lots of fun, make new friends, and learn some new information about the Italian Catholic Federation! We are delighted to welcome into Branch 213, two new members: Gloria DeVincenzi and Renee Lee Mintun. So happy to have you

both join us! Please keep in your prayers our members and family who have health issues: Reuben Barrera, John Cannon, Franco Franchini, Bill Houwer, Jackie Smith's husband Jim, and Glorinda Dobleman's husband, Dan. Also keep in your prayers, Jackie Smith and her family, whose father passed away on July 30. There is not much to report, since we did not meet in July. Hope you all had a great summer and are getting ready to take on the holidays. They will be here before you know it! Our next dinner meeting is Tuesday, September 10. Hope to see you all then!

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San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

Hi All, We had our regular meeting in June. Our dinner was pizza, salad & cake for desert. We were able to give scholarships to five deserving children: Dominic Marques, Shafer Kramer, Michael York, Grace Caserez, and Luke Widell. Celeste Finneman does a wonderful job as our scholarship chairman each year. Our next meeting is on August 20. Gayton, Marie and sons De Rosa will be making their great BBQ Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Hopefully we will have a good turnout in August! Dick Hogan & Carole Gianuario will be the delegates to the convention this year. Unfortunately, we lost a couple of members this year. Laura Vittacil's daughter, Nadia Holofer, who was a member of So. SF Branch, and Maureen Scully Rice, daughter of Tim and Kathleen Scully (Tim passed away recently). Kathleen and Tim were members for a great many years. We send our condolences to the families. Nancy Van Tricht also passed away. She was a member of the Mt. Carmel branch in Redwood City for many years and was the Treasurer of the District as well. She was a great member and did so much for her branch and the District as well. Nancy will be missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.
*God Bless,
Carole*

Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our August 6 meeting was preceded by a hot dog dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by our president Lorrie Kalos Gunn. It was a fun-filled evening enjoyed by all. The ICF annual convention will take place at La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, California on Labor Day weekend, August 30 to September 2, 2013. Therefore there will no meeting in September. Save the date of September 22, 2013, which is our popular polenta dinner. The dinner will



Music for the Our Lady of Peace Mass provided by members of Santa Clara Valley District with the help of Lisa Crudo.

include antipasto, salad, polenta with chicken and sausage, dessert and wine for \$25. For reservations send check payable to ICF #403 by September 17 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. Raffle prizes will be available.

*Corresponding Secretary,
Rose Marie Morando*

Marin Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

Just shy of 100 members and a few guests met last night at Our Lady of Loretto's parish hall. After a social of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (enhanced by the accordion music of Dave Garbarino) a brief but informative business meeting was held.

An explanation of the role of ICF in the fight for a cure of Cooley's Anemia was given by the president. As usual a plentiful dinner of salad, pork roast, sautéed vegetables, bow tie pasta, ciabatta bread and butter, and a number of varied deserts which are always donated by members who volunteer to bring them at the previous meeting.

San Jose Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Election of officers will soon be here so think about running for an office. Getting involved in your branch has many rewards. Membership is more enjoyable when you participate in as many branch and district activities as possible. Unfortunately, membership continues to drop throughout the Federation. Take a good look at your branch and objectively consider why this is happening. If you are going to the Convention, attend the membership

workshop. If you are not going, ask your delegates what they learned and how you can help. Good luck to all CC candidates and convention delegates. Bring back renewed enthusiasm and great ideas!

The third annual Morgan Hill Italian Harvest Festa is on September 7th and 8th this year. Great entertainment and great food!! Ask your branch president for details.

Our Annual Bishop's Day is at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Lunch will follow at The Three Flames Restaurant. Most of the Seminarians come to the Mass and luncheon. It is a great opportunity to meet our future Priests. It is also a great chance for them to get to know the ICF and the great work we do. Come to the Mass even if you can't come to the luncheon (but you might miss meeting the Seminarians!) Come show your support for Bishop McGrath and the Seminarians of our Diocese. Please see your Branch President for details.

Marcie Rossi

San Jose Holy Cross, Br. 4

Congratulations to Our Own Anna Greco Gonzales for receiving the Young Adult award to be presented at this year's Convention. We are proud of you, Anna. You have really been an asset to the Branch.

The annual District BBQ was well attended by our branch. Mark your calendar with these coming events..

Sept 4.- Fundraiser, Pasta Sausage and trimmings. Get all of your friends and family together so we can have a successful function. Donation \$18.00. Tickets will be available soon. Sept. 10- District Meeting at Holy Cross Branch 4. Everyone is welcome to attend. See



Father George Aranha, as always, delivers a very inspiring homily at Santa Clara Valley District's annual Our Lady of Peace Mass.

how the District operates.

Get Well Wishes to all of our sick members. Vince Cala fell and broke his leg. He is in rehab as I write this.

We have lost 3 long standing members in the month of July. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Natalie Maggi, the family of Pauline Chiamonte, and the family of Mabel Mannina. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, may they Rest in Peace.

"May Your Faith be Bigger Than Your Fears"
*Blessings to All,
Ann Fitzgerald*

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

A big thanks to all who helped and came to the ICF Br. 5 BBQ. Thanks to all those who donated baskets, bakery products, and other items.

August 22, 2013 - Dinner/Meeting - Menu: Coulotte Steak w/Sauted Mushrooms; Baked Potatoes; Tomato Basil Bisque Soup; Salad; Dessert. Cost: \$12.00 Member; \$14.00 Non-member. Time: 6:00pm Dinner/ 7:00pm Meeting.

September 26, 2013-Dinner/Meeting - Menu: Baked 3 Cheese Lasagna, and all the trimmings.

October 27, 2013 - Annual Bishop's Day - St. Francis Cabrini Church, Mass at 11:30AM, and Lunch at Three Flames on Meridian Avenue, San Jose. Costs: \$30.00 per person. Signup and give your money and lunch selection to Mary Ann Ruiz at the Dinner/Meeting and/or by October 4.

Please do your part to make ICF Br. 5 successful. Inspire new members to join, and invite them to the Dinner/Meeting each month.

Pray for all the deceased members and their families. May they rest in peace in the Risen Lord. Comfort the families and friends of the departed.

Next Casino Trip is a Mystery, date is September 16, 2013. Called Janet Glaubke or see her at the Meeting on August 22, 2013.

We wish are delegates to the ICF Convention on Labor Day Weekend, a safe, learning, and enjoyable trip. They will report back to us at the ICF Br. 5 Dinner/Meeting in September. Please drive safely during the Labor Day Weekend. Hope everyone is having a nice summer.

*Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo*

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Best wishes for all members at our convention. Good luck to our delegates, Diana Berry, Gennaro Filice, Louise and Frank Segreto, I know you will come home with great inspiration and new ideas for all of us.

A large thank you to Kathy and Roger Santos for hosting our family picnic in July. Thank you to all the members who attended, and a special thank you to Chris Andrade who did a fantastic job with the raffle.

Our next meeting will be August 19, 6pm in Cullen Hall. It is our annual pot-luck, so get your favorite dishes together and surprise us. It is always the best meal of the year. Raid those gardens of all those fresh vegetables you have grown all summer.

September meeting will be on September 16, Cullen Hall, 6pm

Always remember to keep our sick members in your prayers.

*Ciao,
Anna Barberi*

Mountain View

San Giorgio, Br. 47

Our branch was saddened by the passing of our long time member Elsa Del Frate who helped our branch, parish & parish school for many years. She walked to church daily to say the Rosary before Mass. She was a member for 45 years.

Condolence also to Edith Baretta on the passing of her Father in Italy.

Our branch will have a Walk-a-thon on Friday September 16 at St. Joseph School at 5:00. We want to thank all who made our picnic a success.

I am looking forward to the convention voting for a new president and other officers.

Happy birthday to August members Angel Gonzales & Stephanie Kemp. Happy birthday to September members John Canata, Elsa Hryndej, Abigail Riley, Joe Spinozzi & Joe Teresi.

Please pray for our members.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Joseph J. Teresi*

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Our Branch Appreciation Picnic was a special relaxing event at St. Frances Cabrini Bocce Courts. Prez. Denise stated that because we worked hard this year, we were able to donate large sums to scholarships, Cooley's Anemia, and to our many charitable recipients. In 2003, Mary Poncato, sadly no longer with us, started an "Every Day Saint" Award.



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This year an emotional moment at the picnic occurred when Denise presented this award to a surprised Donna Pfaff! To end the delicious meal, Gaylord Green shared a beautiful cake in honor of Marcia Green's 70th Birthday: Happy Birthday Marcia!

Member Jan Hoy has moved to Aptos, but still wants to serve as our "Sunshine Lady." If you have news about a member, call Jan at [831-685-3665](tel:831-685-3665).

The ICF Italian Harvest Festa is planned for Sept. 7 and 8, 11am to 6pm, at the Uesugi Farms in Morgan Hill. This will be the 3rd year of music, food and fun - see you there! Nonna Marie Antonowicz is proud to announce that grandson Justin Velez graduated from the Marine Corps boot camp on July 19 as a Private First Class - OORAH!!

You still have time to support "Team Valli Girls", as they participate in the Organ Donor Awareness Walk-a-Thon, Sept. 21 at Great America. Please call Denise at 356 2543 to contribute. Their team goal is \$500; let's help them reach that goal!

Congrats to Rose Arnaudo for a successful

Layette Shower. Hope Denise soon recovers from hand surgery.

*Ciao for now,
Lucy Amico*

Los Altos

St. Nicholas, Br. 186

The District Mass at Our Lady of Peace was very spiritual. Father Aranha said the Mass and as usual was wonderful. Thanks to all who helped make it special.. Jim Jones for arranging the music, Denise and Maria Antonowicz for the readings and Noreen Gillio for writing and doing the petitions. The luncheon was well attended and all enjoyed the event. Unfortunately only 130 attended the Mass.

Congratulations to Liana and Andy Cauz celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary. To those who worked on the District Picnic, thank you.

All is well at the Villa Siena Bingo each Tuesday. Reni and Pat Felice reported that more residents are participating.

October 27 will be Bishop's Day. This year Branch 191 St Francis Cabrini will be the host. Mass is at 11:30am, Lunch at the Three Flames. Price: \$30.00. Branch will subsidize \$10.00 of the cost to members. Entrees are steak, stuffed chicken breast, vegetarian entree is pasta with vegetables and mushrooms. Let



Ladies enjoying a nice afternoon at the annual Branch 184 Layette Shower at the Monte Sereno home of Rose Arnaudo.

Elaine know if you are going.

September 5 - Regular meeting - Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm in school center
October 3 - Regular meeting - Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm Election of officers

"Grandparents are a precious gift. They fill your heart with love. They bring special joy to your life. They are sent from above. Grandparents are a treasure, a blessing to adore. If you need a friend, they are always there. After all that's what grandparents are for."

*Happy Grandparents Day September 8.
Elaine*

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Many of our members attended the District Mass at Our Lady of Peace on June 23. It was a beautiful day and Father George Aranha gave a wonderful homily. If you have not had the opportunity to attend the annual district outdoor Mass at our Lady of Peace, I encourage you to make a note to attend next year.

Liz Donaldson, Betty and Joe Antuzzi are asking members for help in preparing the bocce courts for the Thursday night pot luck and bocce games. Members who would like to help should arrive around 5 PM to get tables, chairs and the barbeque ready for the evening's activities.

Thank you to Denise Antonowicz, First VP, and Liz Donaldson, Second VP for running the June monthly meeting and the July board meeting.

Our annual Frank Guidace Tournament was held on July 13. The day before the event, several members gathered at the bocce courts to prepare vegetables for the

Saturday luncheon. Ten teams competed in the tournament. The first place winners had their names placed on a plaque that hangs in the bocce courts.

The quarterly Mass and breakfast was held on July 21. Members joined for Mass at 8 AM and then gathered at the Hickory Pitt in Campbell for breakfast.

July's monthly meeting was held on 24th. The menu was spaghetti and meatballs. Members donated baby items for our annual layette shower.

Please pray for those going to the convention that they will have a safe journey.

*God bless,
Rosemary Janis*

San Jose

Santa Teresa, Br. 368

The men of 368 did a great job as hosting our July potluck. Everything was delicious as usual.

Ed Wendler always gives an inspiring talk. His June topic was about he and his wife Jane's experience in Normandy, France. He said it was very moving to be at the American Cemetery and remember the sacrifices made there. This past month, Ed's topic was the "Swimming Hole" and how God holds onto us no matter our scars!

Noreen Gillio's Heritage talk in June was about the "Ghost Army." Thanks to her grandson she was able to share how these strategic tactics were used in WWII. Amazing! Mike Nunizata gave a Heritage talk about the late Father Andrew Greely and a study he did of Catholicism in the Diocese of Chicago. There were positive and negative aspects that were representative of our American Catholicism.

Mike Nunizata introduced our newest member Robin Hayr. Welcome Robin. Please keep Joe Dyer and Jerry Delfino in your prayers.

Important Dates:

August 16 -- Branch 368 Casino Night

Aug. 30 -- Sep. 2 -- ICF Convention in La Quinta, California

*Ciao
Cheryl Sanchez*

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

With July being a month with so many members traveling out of town, in lieu of the traditional dinner/meeting, we had an outside family BBQ dinner. Everyone had hot dogs, chips, watermelon, beans, and John and Donna Rossi shared the massive avocados from their trees. It was a perfect summer meal, enjoyed in blissful summer weather, and shared with pleasurable company.

Some upcoming dates to keep in mind: August 4 will be the district BBQ at St. Clair, and our branch will be in charge of the raffle. Bring something to donate. Branch 391's chicken BBQ will be August 18. On September 7-8, we will be selling Big Al's Italian Beef Sandwiches at the Morgan Hill Italian Festival. See Marcie if you would like to volunteer.

Have a safe and pleasant summer.

*Baci,
Bianca*

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

At our last dinner meeting on June 20 our branch was treated to a wonderful dinner prepared by Richard and Joan Della Maggiore. A big thank you to them and also to Sal and Denise Campagna for their yummy dessert.

On July 14 our branch hosted Hospitality after Masses on Sunday. We had a good attendance and we are also having our branch quarterly Mass at 10:30 on July 28.

On July 14 at our last branch meeting and dinner we enjoyed a "Happy 4th of July BBQ" prepared by Jerry Caravelli and George Guigliemo. A good time was held by all.

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New members Doug and Diane Hughes, along with the Lencionis and the Buscos, enjoy Br. 391's family picnic.



Br. 391 members were encouraged to invite family members to our family picnic.

In honor of Father Eugene O'Donnell our former pastor at St. Catherine's, our branch made a donation To the Providenza Seminary scholarship fund. He has celebrated 40 years of priesthood.

The annual Festa at Usegi Ranch will be held on Sept., 7th and 8th. Our branch will be in charge of some food booths. Please put these dates on your calendar. We are looking forward to a big attendance.

We are proud to announce that Alissa Wilson granddaughter of Loretta Wilson will receive the ICF college scholarship. She is a graduate of Sobrato High School and she was a guest at our last dinner.

Remember our next dinner meeting will be on Aug. 15.

Please keep in your prayers Janice Perez, a friend of Loretta Wilson, Father Mark for his continued improvement and for Maria Concilla, who passed away and was a sister of Josie Talamo.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.
Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our July 7 Picnic was a great success with 31 members and guests sharing stories, laughter and smiles. Our thanks to Ernie and Eloise Rota for having it in their patio where there was plenty of room for all. Members brought delicious dishes – salads, two types of homemade baked beans, deviled eggs, and yummy desserts. Ernie grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. There was an iced bucket of different types of libation J as well.

Isabella Hernandez, scholarship winner from

our Branch, will be attending Justin-Siena High School in the Fall, along with her parents and brother attended. Lisa Oakley's mother Joyce, her brother Eric, who received the Central Council Scholarship two years ago, and Mike and Ann McLaughlin, her grandparents were there representing Lisa who was unable to attend due to another commitment. Lisa received the Central Council 1st year Scholarship.

Our next project is the Beer Booth at the Napa Town & Country Fair in August. It too is a fun time meeting and greeting those who come to the Booth.

We are happy to see Carol Liguori Stahler at more of our functions after a six month "mending" due to major surgery. Richard



Branch 12 scholarship recipient Lisa Hernandez and family with Deputy Linda Sherman and Pres. Juliann Fontana.



(Above) Past Grand President, Mike Rossi's family at Br. 391's family picnic.

(Below) The Vallorz family enjoys Br. 391's family picnic.



Zantell who is on dialysis also joins us when he is feeling up to it. Jeep Sanza who was in the hospital is doing better too. Sympathy is extended to Carol Demo on the loss of her mother and Joy Tamburelli on the recent loss of her brother Richard Cavagnaro. We pray for Charlotte Anderton who was in the wrong place at the wrong time catching the cold bug that is going around.

Ciao for now,

Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Keep your fingers crossed. We have sent the convention raffle ticket stubs and money to Central Council. Many, many, thanks to all ticket buyers. Good Luck to you. Those of you who kindly purchased tickets for our August 17 dinner dance may not realize the far-reaching good effect you help cause; donations to Cooley's Anemia Research, Catholic Charities, ICF scholarships, Sonoma County Life Pregnancy fund, Handicappeds, Resurrection parish Christmas gifts to the needy, Yountville Veterans Home Pathway House(a special facility for those veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.) Blessings to you all. We have turned in our annual Apostolic/Charity form to Central Council, this past year we donated over \$1,400 to charity and church. Congratulations to Branch 18 St. Rose. We have 23 members. Help!

Happy Days to all,
Marie Canale

Healdsburg San Francisco di Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:
Aug. 30 – Sept. 2: ICF Annual Convention in La Quinta, CA. We wish our delegates a safe journey and productive Convention.
Sept. 10: Harvest Potluck Dinner and Meeting. 6:30pm, Parish Hall. Our delegates will

present their informative reports from the Convention. Please bring your favorite dish to share with members. Check the monthly newsletter for more details.

Sept. 14: Santa Rosa District Bishop's Day. Br. 150, Cotati will host. Please note the change in date due to the Bishop's Schedule. For reservations, call: Carmen Kilcullen: 577-7304.

Oct. 1: Columbus Day Dinner Meeting and election of 2014 officers. 6:30pm, Parish Hall. Nov. 2: Polenta Dinner. This is our first Polenta Dinner of the season. More details, next month.

Happy 80th Birthday to my mother, Carmen Kilcullen, and Happy Birthday to John Del Monte. John and Mom share the same birth date (not year. J)

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

Here's to a successful Convention!

Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Some of our members have been enjoying the summer with much traveling both in the USA and abroad. Some of our bocci playing members joined guests from our sister city of Greve for bocci and lunch. Others who are Italian class members joined for a picnic, a dinner, and are meeting on Thursdays for Italian conversation. Then, let's not forget our Casino trip and picnic at the Larson Winery. All in all our ICF group has been very active. At our meeting in September details of our special project will be finalized and the Bollettino will be notified. Our September dinner meeting will be the chefs' favorite of salad, polenta with sausage, and dessert and wine. For reservations, call Lila Boragno at (707) 996-3448.

Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma**St. Vincent, Br. 127**

Greetings from Petaluma!

Thanks go to all the members who are attending our meetings and supporting our dinners. Our Vice President Bruno Fomasi has done an excellent job of conducting our meetings while our President has been on vacation. Thank you Bruno.

August 12 - Regular Meeting, Room 9
August 25 - Quarterly Communion Mass for deceased/living members. 11:00am - St. James Church. Our Branch picnic will follow in the Courtyard of the Church. Cost is \$10 with details to follow at the meeting. Reservations may be made by calling Spence Burton - 763-9082.

ICF Convention is Aug. 29-Sept. 2 and is in LaQuinta. Convention time is a great time. Informative and fun to go to. This is the first year that Louis and I will be missing the convention. However we will be there in spirit. A good time and a safe trip is wished for our delegates Spence and Bruno and their wives.

Sept. 9 - Regular Meeting, Room 9 - 7:00pm. Officer Meeting - 6:00pm.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to Grace Herrold on the loss of her sister-in-law and to Josephine and Leo Lavio on the loss of their daughter Anna Marie.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Get well wishes to David and Pat Botta. Get well wishes extended to any member who is ill.

Plan to attend Bishop's Day and the Day of Recollection this year. More information to follow in the next edition of the Bollettino. Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata**St. Mary, Br. 144**

What a wonderful Heritage Day we had! Thanks go to Paula Proctor, general organizer, to Shar Evans and Joan Dal Porto in the kitchen, to Pete Stagnoli and Joe Bonino for the Bocce Ball Tournament. Thanks also to all of our members who also worked. We will also welcome any ideas for future improvements. Hopefully we will see you in Eureka on August 11, out in Cutten, Mass at noon. Officer's meeting will be held at Nelida Mills's home at 6:30pm.

Chicken and Polenta will be on Sept. 8. Please plan to come and work with us. Our next Group Communion will be on October 6 at the 11am Mass. Be sure to support our Church Family Picnic on September 29.

Please pray for our ill: John Susan. School will be starting soon. We wish great success for our children in their studies. Hopefully we will be just as concerned with their Spiritual education as we are with their school work. Sometimes we even need to refresh our own knowledge of our Faith. Let's hit the books also. Ciao,
Linda

Eureka**St. Ambrose, Br. 145**

Our June 11 meeting was called to order by President Marian at 7pm. After financial reports and committee reports were given, we discussed our July fireworks sale. The sale was held from July first to July fourth. It was later reported that the sales were very successful. A big thank you to all who participated, from the setting up, to the sales, and to the breaking down of the storage containers. Thank you again!

Another discussion at the meeting was about our membership. We will be meeting to discuss and talk about any ways to help. August was our mezzo agosto picnic hosted by the Sons of Italy. Hope you all had a great time eating, playing bocce, and enjoying visiting with all

The ICF convention was August 30 to September 2. We will look forward to hearing about all of the activities at our September 10 meeting.

Other dates to put on your calendar are the Italian Festa on September 29, the scholarship dinner fundraiser on October 12, and the biscotti sale on November 3, during the pancake breakfast, and finally our parish Christmas party on December 8.

Please pray for all of our members and their families.

Peace and good health to all,
Nancy Paoli

Cotati**St. Joseph, Br. 150**

Summer is passing us by. August is here and fall will be here before we know it. Our August dinner meeting is hosted by the Kany's with a Salad dinner. Yummy.

Marge turned 90 years old and we are celebrating at our August dinner her birthday. Happy Birthday Marge from all your ICF family of friends.

Our sympathy to the Tom Daly family with the passing of his father's favorite sister Julia in Ireland. Tom was able to go back to Ireland and be there for 10 days and be there for the family when she passed. They were all so thankful he was there.

We don't know who is going to convention. It is hard for our branch to do.

Thank you to everyone who bought convention raffle tickets.

It is really fun to hear when someone wins with the raffle or even the calendars. I had a relative in Ohio who had a calendar sent to them as a gift and they won one of the daily prizes, so fun!!!

September will be our Mexican dinner hosted by Jef. Be thinking what you want to bring.

We need to be thinking about where we want our Christmas dinner. Any suggestions? Please bring them up at the meeting.

Please pray for our ill and recuperating members, esp Kathy Nelson and Emily Daly. Enjoy your Day with sunshine and happiness.
Susan Daly

Santa Rosa**St. Eugene, Br. 198**

Dear Brothers & Sisters

The summer months for our I.C.F. brought us "Deli Sandwich" night with ice cream sundaes and a terrific hamburger night. Our next meeting will feature Pizza and Salad at 6:30 on September 9th in the Parish Life Center. The main focus of this article is to highlight three up-coming events.

BISHOPS DAY will be held on September 14 in Cotati. The Bishop will say Mass in the church and then join us for dinner in the Parish Hall.

Our annual Polenta and Beef Stew Fundraiser will be held in the Becker Center on Saturday, October 5. Tickets are still only \$ 16.00 for dinner and cocktails. If you need tickets, call Claire Giampaoli 539-1443.

The "Day of Recollection" for the Santa Rosa District will be held on October 20 in Napa at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$ 10.00 for the presentation and a Chicken BBQ. For tickets, call Bob Acquistapace 545-7376.

Please remember our monthly Mass at 9:00am on September 8.

Our Harvest Potluck is on October 7. 6:30pm, Parish Life Center

Pray for our sick and deceased members.

Ciao,
Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol**St. Michael, Br. 209**

Branch 209 does not meet during the month of July; therefore, the news is brief in this month's article.

Upcoming:

August 13 -- Regular Meeting
August 17 -- Bocce Tournament with other branches

August 30 -- September 2 -- ICF

CONVENTION -- LaQUINTA

September 3 -- Board Meeting

September 10 -- Regular Meeting

September 15 -- Quarterly Communion

Hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer!

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

District Council

Over the summer the District will hold their picnic which I will tell you all about it in the next Bollettino. Many of our members will be attending the convention. The next District Event will be a meeting in October or November the date yet to be determined. It will be in Manteca, hopefully at Tony's Kitchen, the meeting will be at 1:30pm.

All the branches and district delegates will receive a letter with all the details and a notice will be in the next Bollettino.
Cecelia McGhee

Modesto**St. Stanislaus, Br. 48**

We slowed a bit for the summer but September will be very busy. Right after the convention we will have our monthly meeting on September 11, the St. Stanislaus Fall Festival September 27-29 and our bake sale October 5-6.

We hope are members will help at the fall festival where the can. As usual we will be looking for help with the bake sale.

We were happy to see Linda Isola at our June meeting. It has been a long battle for but she is doing great.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday September 8, 2013 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church and Thursday October 17, 2013 5:30 pm "J" Street church.

Refreshments for the September 11, 2013 meeting will be furnished by Carla Wagner. Coming up:

Sept 11 7:00 pm Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

Sept 27-29 St. Stanislaus Fall Festival Maze Blvd Community Center

Oct 5-6 Bake sale after all the masses maze blvd. church

TBA Oct or Nov District meeting

Cecelia McGhee

Stockton**Church of the Presentation, Br. 395**

Our members are out and about this summer as we take a break from our regular meetings. On June 30, Branch 395 participated in Stockton's 1st annual Festa Italiana. Branch 395 had a booth at which we sold Italian note cards. They were a big hit and the Festa was well attended.

Members are looking forward to the Stockton District Picnic on August 18 at the Escalon Community Park. A wonderful barbeque steak dinner is served and the day includes games and a bocce contest.

Our first meeting after the summer break will be September 12 at which we will enjoy pizza and wine.

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Ciao,
Josephine Weber

Angels Camp**St. Patrick, Br. 413**

My predictions came true! The BBQ Dinner Dance was a success, and the St. Patrick's Youth Group made the event very upbeat! I forgot to mention that our hard working Branch President and his wonderful wife, also had a hand in making sure the event went well. It was fun to have five of the branch children working on shucking corn in the kitchen. Four of them were siblings, and they were ages 12 years old, 8 years old, 6 years old, and 3 years old years this July). The fifth child is one of mine and is 8 and a half years old. They shucked the corn under the watchful eyes of Russell Stephens, Tom and Mary Kingshill, and me. The corn turned out to be very sweet and tasty!

Our Stockton District Picnic is coming up on August 18th in Escalon. It is a fun time, and we enjoy seeing old friends from the other branches of our district. The food is delicious and the raffle is very entertaining. My children like the playground equipment the most.

Convention is right around the corner, and I'm looking forward to seeing many friends from other ICF Districts and our Central Council members.

May God bless each of us with the will and ability to do His work through the ICF this year and every year. We keep all the ICF members in our prayers, and ask that you keep us in yours, too. God bless.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger for Amy Schmid,
Correspondence Secretary

Don't Forget Your Bollettino at Home! Please Bring to the Convention.



On August 5, LA District President Carmelo Sabatella and wife Linda visited the LA Waterfront Festival and ICF Booth in downtown San Pedro along with Federated Italian Americans of Southern California President Ann Potenza, Branch 115 President Neal Dileva and 2nd VP Frank Colonna. Thank you to Branch 115 for participating in the LA Waterfront Festival serving pizza along with many other Italian Clubs of San Pedro and bringing ICF to the Community.

The Blood Donation Process

It will take approximately one hour for your entire blood donation appointment. It is advised that before your donation, you eat a well-balanced meal.

Step 1: Registration

You will be asked to provide some basic information (name, address, age, etc.) You must also present official identification with a photo or signature (driver's license, passport, etc.)

Step 2: Medical History and Mini-Physical

A medical history is taken and then a drop of blood is analyzed for hemoglobin content; then your pulse, blood pressure and temperature are checked.

Step 3: Blood Donation

A phlebotomist will cleanse and sterilize your arm before inserting a needle. The needle is sterile, used only once and then disposed. After seven to 10 minutes, you will have donated the "gift of life".

Step 4: Rest and Refreshments

Relax and enjoy fruit juices, cookies and assorted snacks after your donation.

In the next several hours, your blood donation will be tested, typed and separated into various components to be safely transfused into a patient. You can donate blood every 56 days or six times a year.

After your donation, it is recommended that you continue to drink plenty of fluids and not do any strenuous exercise for at least four to five hours.

What Type Are You? Blood Type Breakdown by Population

O positive	38%	O negative	7%
A positive	34%	A negative	6%
B positive	9%	B negative	2%
AB positive	3%	AB negative	1%

Blood Usage for Various Medical Conditions

Type of Ailment/Type of Blood Used/
Average Amounts of Units needed

Shock Trauma (accidents, burns and puncture wounds)

Red cells and/or plasma - 6 units or more

Open Heart Surgery

Red cells - 6 to 8 units

Leukemia

Platelets - 100 units

Sickle Cell Anemia

Red cells - 5 units per year

Caesarean Section

Red cells - 3 units

Liver Transplant

Various blood products - 40 to 50 units

Cooley's Anemia

Red cells - 3 unit every 3 weeks for life

Hip Replacement Surgery

Red cells - 8 units

Bone Fractures

Red cells - 6 units



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Live to Give 2nd Annual Convention Blood Drive

"An Oasis in the Desert"

Friday, August 30

8am-1pm

La Quinta Hotel in La Quinta -

Room: Flores 1

To sign up with Desert Blood Services for the Live to Give Blood Drive please do the following:

1. Go to www.desertbloodservices.org and follow the prompts to sign up.
2. Search for the blood drive by date and place.

If you have questions you can contact Desert Blood Services directly at 760-777-8844, or you may call the ICF office at 510-633-9058 for detailed instructions. You may also contact Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or llevine@mail.cho.org.

For more information, call the Live to Give Committee Chairperson Nina Malone at 916-759-3607



Spiritual Bouquet Request

As part the Bishop's Day Celebration on Sunday, October 27, 2013, the District will be presenting to the Bishop a Spiritual Bouquet.

Please ask your members to record their daily Masses, the Rosaries they pray and their Novenas that will be used for the Spiritual Bouquet.

Please compile the totals on the form below and mail to:
Denise Antonowicz
15591 Loma Vista Avenue, Los Gatos, Ca 95032
(No later than October 11th)

Branch # _____

Masses _____
Communions _____
Days or Nights of Recollection _____
Novenas _____



Sponsor a Seminarian

We are asking each branch to sponsor a Seminarian for lunch at our Annual Bishop's Day. There are 16 seminarians currently at St. Patrick's Seminary and our goal is to have all 16 join us for lunch.

The cost per person is \$30.

Individual donations are always greatly appreciated!

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Branch # _____
Seminarians Sponsored _____
Amount enclosed: _____
Please make checks payable to ICF SCVD

Return form and Check (made payable to ICF SCVD) to:

Aldine Grisenti - 5142 Ishimatsu Place, San Jose, CA 95124
No Later than October 4, 2013
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If your Branch would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine,
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or
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Diocese of San Bernardino

La Quinta, California

August 29, 2013 – September 2, 2013

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013

6:00pm	No Host Cocktails	Main Lawn
7:00pm	Dinner	Capra

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013

8:00am - 9:00am	Convention Registration	Flores Foyer
8:00am - 1:00pm	Blood Drive	Flores 1
9:00am	Depart for Tour	Bus Loading Zone
9:00am	Mass	Flores 5
10:00am - 12:00pm	Convention Registration	Flores Foyer
11:00am	Bocce	Fiesta 7-14
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Pedro Tournament	La Cita
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Convention Registration	Flores Foyer
7:00pm - 7:45pm	Orientation for New Delegates	Flores 5
8:00pm	OFFICIAL OPENING	Flores Ballroom
	Call to Order	
	Steven R. Fuentes - Convention Director's Chairman	
	Past Grand President - CC Life Member	
	Masters of Ceremonies: David Botta - Past Grand President, Life Member of the Central Council	
	Carmen Killcullen - Past Grand President, Life Member	
	Emeritus of the Central Council	
	Opening Prayer: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - ICF Spiritual Director	
	Presentation of Colors: United States Marine Corps - Twentynine Palms, California	
	Italian National Anthem: Nina Malone - CC Life Member	
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	Presentation of Grand President - Jane Dianda - CC Life Member	
	Welcome: John Grisafe - San Bernardino District President	
	Welcome by Jane Dianda	
	Roll Call of Districts	
	Grand President's Award Presentation to Roberta Franchini	
	Closing Prayer: Rev. Jerry Ochetti - Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of San Bernardino	
	"Noi Vogliam Dio": Nina Malone - CC Life Member	
	Accompanied by Pat Mueller - East Bay District	
9:00pm	Meet the Candidates	Flores Ballroom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013

7:45am - 8:15am	Final Registration	Flores Foyer
8:45am - 9:30am	Workshop	
	<u>Open Forum</u>	Fiesta 1 & 2
	Leonard Rossi - Parliamentarian	
	Past Grand President and CC Life Member	
	<u>Membership - Facts and Feedback</u>	Fiesta 3 & 4
	Roselynn Jarrett - Grand Trustee	
	Member of the Central Council	
	<u>Spiritual - Living the Faith</u>	Fiesta 6
	Rev. Chris Bennett - Chaplain	
	Branch 368 - San Jose	
9:40am - 10:25am	Workshop	
	<u>Open Forum</u>	Fiesta 1 & 2
	Leonard Rossi - Parliamentarian	
	Past Grand President and CC Life Member	
	<u>Membership - Facts and Feedback</u>	Fiesta 3 & 4
	Roselynn Jarrett - Grand Trustee	
	Member of the Central Council	
	<u>Heritage - Past, Present and Future</u>	Fiesta 6
	Nancy Corsi - Grand Trustee	
	Member of the Central Council	
10:35am - 11:20am	Workshop	
	<u>Fundraising - Sharing Ideas</u>	Fiesta 1 & 2
	Franklyn Lopes, Jr. - Sergeant At Arms	
	Member of the Central Council	
	<u>Spiritual - Living the Faith</u>	Fiesta 6
	Rev. Chris Bennett - Chaplain	

	Branch 368 - San Jose	
	<u>Heritage - Past, Present and Future</u>	Fiesta 6
	Nancy Corsi - Grand Trustee	
	Member of the Central Council	
11:30am	Memorial Mass	Flores 5
12:15pm - 2:00pm	Lunch Break	
12:15pm - 2:00pm	Chaplains' Luncheon Meeting	La Cita
2:00pm	CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION	Flores Ballroom
	Opening Prayer	
	Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee	
	Family of the Year Award Presentation to The Gillio Family	
	Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation to Anna Greco-Gonzalez	
	Adoption of Rules and Regulations	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Welcome New Branches and Delegates	
	Approval of Officers' Reports	
	Presentation of Proposals/Motions	
	Task Force Committee Report	
	Nomination of Hospitalization Committee	
	Speeches of Central Council Candidates	
	Convention Site Report	
	Attendance Drawing	
	Adjournment	
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Delegates' Reception	Flores Foyer
7:30pm	BANQUET	Flores Ballroom
	Welcome	
	John Grisafe - San Bernardino District President	
	Master of Ceremonies: Michael Rossi - Past Grand President	
	CC Life Member	
	National Anthem: Nina Malone - CC Life Member	
	Invocation: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - ICF Spiritual Director	
	Remarks: Local Dignitaries	
	Presentation of Pope John XXIII Award	
	Jane Dianda - Grand President, CC Life Member	
	Response - Bruno Serato	
	Closing Prayer	
	Rev. Jerry Ochetti - Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of San Bernardino	
	"God Bless America": Nina Malone - CC Life Member	

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

9:00am	GENERAL SESSION	Flores Ballroom
	Opening Prayer	
	Mother Teresa Award Presentation to Rev. Michael Mahoney, OFM, Capuchin	
	Election of Central Council Members	
	Election of Hospitalization Committee	
	Election of Convention Site	
	National Charity Presentation	
	Response - Dr. Elliott Vichinsky	
	Resolutions and Communications	
	Presentations:	
	Apostolate/Charity	
	Membership	
	Scholarship	
	Heritage	
	Ways and Means	
	Announcement of 2013 - 2014 National Charity	
	Donations to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love	
	Good of the Order	
	Attendance Drawing	
	Closing Prayer	
	CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING (Lunch)	Fiesta 14
	following General Session	
3:30pm	CONCELEBRATED MASS	Fiesta Ballroom
6:00pm - 7:00pm	No-Host Cocktails	Flores Ballroom
7:00pm	Dinner	Flores Ballroom
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Entertainment & Dancing	Flores Ballroom
9:00pm	Convention Raffle and Drawing	
	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013	
9:00am	CLOSING SESSION	Flores Ballroom
	Prayer Service	
	Installation of Central Council Officers	
	Installing Officer - Jane Dianda, Past Grand President, CC Life Member	
	Remarks by the Grand President	
	"Noi Vogliam Dio"	
	Adjournment	