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Pope Saint John XXIII Award Winner Geraldine “Gerry” Saitta

Geraldine Zanussoe was born July 30, 1939 in Passaic, New Jersey. She attended Carnegie Institute of Technology in New York City, where she graduated summa cum laude and received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, along with a four year scholarship to Rochester Medical School. Due to her family financial responsibilities, she declined the scholarship and started her career as a Medical Technologist.

In 1961, Gerry got married and continued to work full time to support her husband while he attended college for electrical engineering. In 1973, the family was transferred to Barstow, California. With both children attending Mount Saint Joseph Catholic School, which was located in a low income area, she began volunteering at the school.

It was apparent that there were many children who had not been immunized and who came to school without a lunch. Gerry began documenting the need to bring a State sponsored hot lunch program and health (immunization) program into the school. After compiling the statistics, she submitted the request for both programs to the State of California's Department of Health and Welfare. The State approved MSJCS to participate in both programs.

In 1974, the family moved to Huntington Beach and so began 34 years of service at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. While her children attended St. Bonaventure School, Gerry was always available to help with any project.

In 1972, St. Bonaventure's Pastor Mon-

signor Duffy established an organization called “Helping Other People Everyday” (HOPE). HOPE's sole purpose was assisting those less fortunate in making their lives “a bit more livable.” Shortly after arriving at St. Bonaventure, Gerry began volunteering at the HOPE office. In 1978, at the request of the Pastor, Gerry took over responsibility as Director of the program. Under her guidance, HOPE has grown to one of the largest and most respected food distribution sites in the County. Last year alone there were 10,572 households assisted, which translates into 26,635 individuals. Over the years, Gerry's main goal has been to guarantee that the HOPE Office continues to have the ability to serve all individuals that are in need.

The most dramatic example of this growth is the Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Programs. During the first holiday season after Gerry took over, 25 families were

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Grand President's Award: Elizabeth Grammatico

Elizabeth Grammatico from Branch 36, Monterey has been chosen to receive the Grand President's Award for 2014.

Better known as “Liz”, she has held the title of branch president for the past 12 years, during which time she was also the Central Coast 1st vice president and president. Liz has also held the office of branch trustee, and is currently a district trustee.

In her 12 years of leadership she has taken Branch 36 from approximately 300 members to over 700 today.

As president of Branch 36, Liz mails letters to new members, draws up the agenda for board meetings, plans activities for special events, such as their “85 and over” -- a recognition that last year honored approximately 90 members in that age bracket. The branch's St. Joseph's feast



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Young Adult Leadership Award: Kierstyn Spinelli

Kierstyn Spinelli of Branch 380, Thousand Oaks, has been awarded the Young Adult Leadership Award for 2014.

Kierstyn has been a member of Branch 380 since March of 2010. During that time she has held, and currently holds the position of childcare coordinator; was a youth officer in 2012 and 2013; and in 2014 became the youth officer coordinator.

She has been instrumental in growing the activities and programs for the branch's youth. Her active involvement and dedication has made the branch a place where families and children feel welcome.

Kierstyn plans and supervises themed craft activities, plays with the children, and monitors a provided movie as well. All of the children adore her and don't want to

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Mother Teresa Award: Rev. Msgr. “Father” Joe Carroll

Born in the Bronx, Father Joe Carroll came to San Diego at age 22 with only \$50. He was ordained in 1974, and in 1982 Bishop Leo T. Maher asked him to lead St. Vincent de Paul. Carroll became known for his TV public-service announcements asking for money, one in which he called himself a “hustler.”

His fundraising success — used to buy more properties for helping the needy — received national attention. By the time he retired, Father Joe's Villages had 500 employees and a \$40 million annual budget. Services rendered include meals, medical care and housing.

In retirement, Carroll continues to help raise money for various charitable causes. He also enjoys watching movies. And he's still having lunch with donors: “As long as they're willing to pay, I'm willing to go,” he quipped.



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Family of the Year Award: The Antonowicz Family

The Antonowicz family isn't a stranger to receiving accolades, or to the pages of the *Bollettino*. Last year, at the 2013 Annual Convention, the ICF honored Marie Antonowicz, the family's matriarch with the Grand President's Award. This year, the family as a whole, is being honored with the Family of the Year Award. A befitting accolade for a family that believes in traveling and staying together.

The Antonowicz family is very dedicated to the Italian Catholic Federation.

Marie Antonowicz, a member of Branch 184 and 191 has held the title of President, 2nd Vice President, Orator and Trustee. Daughter Michelle Antonowicz has been and currently holds the title of Financial Secretary. Daughter Germaine Antonowicz has held the title of Trustee. Youngest daughter Denise Antonowicz has been the 1st Vice President for Branch 191; Trustee,



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Geraldine Saitta

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selected to receive holiday food baskets. In 2007, the number of those receiving food baskets at Thanksgiving had increased to 836 families (2,974 individuals). For Christmas, 802 families (2,899 individuals) received food baskets, which included gifts for the children and seniors.

In order to ensure that the HOPE Office is able to effectively assist their clients, Gerry works and coordinates with many organizations. Some of those organizations include: Community Action Partnership of Orange County Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, Oakview Task Force, Senior Advocacy, Catholic Charities, United Way, Project Self-Sufficiency, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Armory. Once again, these relationships ensure that the HOPE Office continues to have the ability to serve all individuals that are in need.

Throughout Gerry’s life she has exemplified unselfishness, self-sacrifice, determination, empathy and patience. Through her example she has led her family, the individuals in her organization(s) and those that she assists on a day to day basis, to understand that giving of yourself is a privilege not an obligation.

“Gerry stands out as the community partner who has provided the most consistent, highest quality, and longest term service to the community,” said Mark A. Lowry, director of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County.

“Gerry’s service to a diverse community has extended beyond the boundaries of her parish. Gerry is collaborative and although she seeks no attention, she is well known for the quantity and quality of service that she provides.” Lowry said. “She does what she does with a loving and generous heart. She seeks no recognition, but I believe her life of service is deserving of acknowledgement from the Italian Catholic Federation.”

In one instance, a senior community was beset by a property management company that was taking undue advantage of the resident. Saitta helped uncover this treatment and through her diligence, the City Council decided to change that management company’s contract to expire and to hire a better firm for the sake of the elderly.

Also, city funds for enforcement of local sanitation codes were diverted from an economically depressed housing development in Huntington Beach, but were reinstated through Mrs. Saitta’s leadership and intervention.

“In addition to the many programs that she has directed for the needy, she has always taken a lead roll in advocating for those who have no voice,” said Fr. Bruce Patterson, Pastor at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Huntington Beach, California.

“Gerry is a dedicated individual who does a wonderful job overseeing the day-to-day coordination of the whole undertaking as well as running it special projects and programs (like the food boxes at Thanksgiving and the gifts program at Christmas),” said Rev. Martin R. Benzoni, O. Praem. “She has always impressed me as a strong woman with a sense of purpose who is motivated by a genuine desire to make a difference for the better in the lives of those less fortunate.”

Elizabeth Grammatico

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day dinner dance brought in 300 people through her planning and leadership. The Christmas Dinner Dance -- for grown-ups and Children’s Christmas party are examples of her attention to detail in an effort to make them fun and successful. And she puts on an apron and works in the kitchen besides the crew.

Liz also oversees the scholarship qualifications for 6-8 San Carlos Grammar School students each year.

One of Liz’s well orchestrated events is the St. Joseph’s Feast Day in March with 400 people arriving for a sit down 4-course dinner. Liz has a special gift of getting those around her to not only volunteer, but enjoy doing so. The volunteers run like a well-oiled machine, and more importantly keep coming back. Further, the event has many traditional touches so attendees have a real sense of what it might be to attend such an even in Sicily.

One example of Liz’s success and attention to detail are the Branch 36 Annual Lenten Fish Frys. The Lenten Fish Frys spans 6 weeks and the branch serves more than 750 weekly. These dinners raise between \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the parish. Through Liz’s leadership, the volunteers work flawlessly from the kitchen to the tables.

“What I have observed over the many years of attending this event, it has brought the community closer together,” said Dan Albert, former mayor of the City of Monterey. “There is a true sense of community in the hall.”

“She is an amazing person who sees the best, and brings out the best in every person she encounters,” said Teresa Bennett, principal at San Carlos School.

Under Liz’s leadership, Branch 36 has been very supportive of the Central Council Ways & Means Committee for many years. The branch arranges to donate the hall for the annual Golf Tournament, then cooks a fantastic meal for the participants, and provides items for the raffle.

“Liz Grammatico is highly respected not only for her administrative skills, but also for her positive and friendly personality,” said Past Grand President Leonard Rossi. “She always makes you feel like you are the most important person that she will meet that day. Liz loves her God, her church, and the Italian Catholic Federation.”

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Secretary, 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President of the Santa Clara Valley District; and President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Trustee, Treasurer, Orator and Secretary for Branch 184.

“Needless to say this family is passionate about the Italian Catholic Federation,” said Past Grand President and member of Branch 191, Jim Jones. “They work equally hard at both branches as officers, head of committees, serving food at meetings, and practically volunteering for everything. What is most important, they love doing it.”

Kierstyn Spinelli

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miss any of the general meetings, which has led to their parents becoming more active branch participants, since they know their children are in such good hands.

Kierstyn has coordinated games, activities and prizes at the annual branch picnic and has led 10 craft tables at the annual Christmas party. The Family Christmas Party attracts about 200 attendees, 60 of which are children.

Kierstyn has also been a camp counselor at Boys and Girl’s Club of Los Cerritos Middle School in Thousand Oaks; she has performed with members of the Santa Susana High School Choir at the Disneyland Park Candlelight Ceremony; she has assisted the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child Program at St. Paschal Baylon Church; and for 2 years was the religious education hospitality coordinator at St. Paschal Baylon Church.

Kierstyn is currently attending Moorpark College pursuing an Associate of Arts Degree so she can teach preschool.

Due to her involvement we are able to of-

Fr. Joe Carroll

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As Southern California’s largest residential homeless services provider, Father Joe’s Villages and its partner agencies St. Vincent de Paul Village in San Diego and Martha’s Village & Kitchen in Indio, CA have been empowering people to achieve self-sufficiency for over 62 years. What started as a small chapel serving San Diego’s impoverished has grown into a cutting-edge provider of innovative housing programs and services. Father Joe’s Villages and its partner agencies prepare up to 4,000 meals and provide a continuum of care to nearly 1,500 individuals every day—from infants and adolescents to adults and seniors. This includes over 200 children and over 200 military veterans. As industry thought-leaders, the agencies offer innovative solutions to address the complex needs of the homeless, regardless of age, race, culture or beliefs. The organizations’ primary goal is to transform lives and end the cycle of homelessness. To this end they provide housing, healthcare, food, clothing, education, job training and child development in an internationally modeled “one-stop-shop” approach. The organizations’ mission is made possible only through the efforts of compassionate staff, dedicated volunteers, and generous public and private donors.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society

They are well known to the Santa Clara Valley District for their outstanding achievements in decorating, programs, Bishop’s Day programs, or wherever there participations are needed. Just a phone call and they are willing to help. – Denise Campagna, past president of Branch 184.

For the past 6 years, the Antonowicz family has opened up their home during the holidays as a fundraiser for the Gifts of Love. One special day in December they transform their home into a magical fantasyland of delicious Italian food and cookies surrounded by the sights and sounds of Christmas at every turn. It takes Marie and her daughters two months to set up this display, which features

fer so much more to our members with children and of course potential members. The ICF needs more young adults of this age group to stay involved for they are the future leaders of the organization. Furthermore, through her investment in and commitment to our children, she is helping to shape the next generation of active ICF members.

“Her enthusiasm and caring for our children is evident in all of her interactions,” said Jean Fontana Bridges, member of Branch 380 and the 2012 ICF Young Adult Leadership Award recipient. “Kierstyn never misses an opportunity to help out with anything that may come up. It is clear that Kierstyn Spinelli embodies the Italian love of family and friends, which she is able to share at the ICF meetings.”

“Kierstyn is an exceptional young woman. She is honest, mature, and responsible. She truly loves her faith and lived up to her role as a peer minister,” said Michelle S. Durocher, director of Confirmation at St. Paschal Baylon. “Everyone who knows her praises her sense of responsibility and giving nature. She truly is a special young woman with a drive to succeed.”

and Foundation awarded four Americans with the “Service Before Self honors” medal and Father Joe is one of the recipients. His work to help San Diego’s homeless has become a template for other agencies across the nation. He received the medal during a ceremony near the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

Notable Awards:

1990 President George H.W. Bush recognizes the Village as the 42nd Point of Light

1997 Peter F. Drucker Award from the non-profit Physicians Reach-out Program

1998 Lifetime Hero Award presented by the Arthritis Foundation

1998 President Bill Clinton bestows the President’s “Service Award”

In 1982 Bishop Leo T. Maher appointed Fr. Joe Carroll, director of the St. Vincent de Paul facility for the homeless, which at that time was nothing more than a lunch line and a thrift store. Today the edifice Fr. Joe has created in the Name of Our Lord, has brought MEALS and shelter to the homes. But Fr. Joe realized that meal was only the first step. Now, there needed to be a more substatntial collection of programs and services. With that, Fr. Joe developd a “one stop approach” to rehabilitation and since that moment of realization, his on-going projects continue to be successful.

more than 800 houses and accessories from Department 56. Visitors are whisked away to a Dickens Village as the story of Ebenezer Scrooge plays out, and then you can visit an Alpine Village, New York at Christmas, Elvis’ Graceland, and Bethlehem. Asking only for a \$5 donation, they have been able to donate \$1,000 per year.

In 2013, Marie became famous for her Chicken Dance education, and coordinating chicken costume. From the Convention in La Quinta, to the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco, Marie has been wowing and entertaining audiences with her bright, feathered costume, and her joyful chicken-dance moves.

2014 Convention Agenda

HONORING THE PAST AS WE ENVISION OUR FUTURE
84th Annual
NATIONAL CONVENTION
Diocese of Oakland
Oakland, California
August 28, 2014 – September 1, 2014

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014

5:00 p.m.	Bus Departs for Dinner	Lobby
6:00 p.m.	No Host Cocktails	Fratellanza Club
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Fratellanza Club
<u>FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014</u>		
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	OCC
9:00 a.m.	Mass	Junior Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
9:50 a.m.	Depart for Tour - Cathedral of Christ the Light	Bus Loading Zone
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Tour - Children’s Hospital Oakland	Bus Loading Zone
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Bocce	Junior Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Pedro Lessons	Room 202, 2 nd Floor
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Bingo	Grand Ballroom
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Pedro Tournament	Room 202, 2 nd Floor
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Orientation for New Delegates	Junior Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
8:00 p.m.	OFFICIAL OPENING Call to Order Steven R. Fuentes - Convention Director’s Chairman Past Grand President - CC Life Member Mistress of Ceremonies: Lisa Crudo - Grand Trustee Opening Prayer: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Dir. Presentation of Colors Italian National Anthem: Nina Malone - CC Life Member National Anthem: Nina Malone - CC Life Member Presentation of Grand President - Robert Basuino - CC Life Member Welcome: Patricia Pasquinelli - East Bay District President Welcome by Robert Basuino Roll Call of Districts Grand President’s Award Presentation to Elizabeth Grammatico Closing Prayer: Rev. Stanislaw Zak - East Bay District Chaplain “Noi Vogliam Dio” - Nina Malone - CC Life Member Accompanied by Pat Mueller - East Bay District	East Hall
9:00 p.m.	Meet the Candidates	East Hall
<u>SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014</u>		
7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Final Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Workshop <u>Charitable Giving to the I.C.F.</u> Deborah Rodondi - Grand Secretary, CC Member	Grand Ballroom ABC
	Workshop ICF Operations - Behind the Scenes Roselynn Jarrett - Grand Treasurer, CC Life Member-Elect	Grand Ballroom FGH
	Workshop Spiritual - 90 Years of Evangelization Rev. Larry Young - District Chaplain, Contra Costa District	Junior Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	Workshop Open Forum Michael Rossi - Past Grand President, CC Life Member	Grand Ballroom
	Workshop ICF Operations - Behind the Scenes Roselynn Jarrett - Grand Treasurer, CC Life Member-Elect	Grand Ballroom FGH
	Workshop Spiritual - 90 Years of Evangelization Rev. Larry Young - District Chaplain, Contra Costa District	Junior Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
10:35 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	Workshop Introducing the I.C.F. Strategic Plan Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Grand First Vice President, CC Member	East Hall

11:30 a.m.	Memorial Mass	Junior Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Chaplains’ Luncheon Meeting	Oakland
2:00 p.m.	CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION	East Hall
	Opening Prayer Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee Family of the Year Award Presentation to The Antonowicz Family Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation to Kierstyn Spinelli Adoption of Rules and Regulations Credentials Committee Report Welcome New Branches and Delegates Approval of Officers’ Reports Presentation of Proposals/Motions Nomination of Hospitalization Committee Speeches of Central Council Candidates Convention Site Report Attendance Drawing Adjournment	
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Delegates’ Reception	Grand Ballroom Atrium
7:30 p.m.	BANQUET Welcome Patricia Pasquinelli - East Bay District President Master of Ceremonies: Robert Acquistapace - Past Grand President, CC Life Member Emeritus National Anthem: Nina Malone - CC Life Member Invocation: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Director Remarks Local Dignitaries Presentation of Pope Saint John XXIII Award Robert Basuino - Grand President, CC Life Member Response - Geraldine E. Saitta Closing Prayer: Rev. Larry Young - Contra Costa District Chaplain “God Bless America”: Nina Malone - CC Life Member	Grand Ballroom
<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014</u>		
9:00 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION Opening Prayer Mother Teresa Award Presentation to Rev. Msgr. Joseph Carroll 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 Announcement of 2014 - 2015 National Charity Donations to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love Good of the Order Attendance Drawing Closing Prayer	Grand Ballroom
	CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING (Lunch) following General Session	Room 208, 2 nd Floor
3:30 p.m.	CONCELEBRATED MASS	East Hall
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	No-Host Cocktails	Grand Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Grand Ballroom
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Entertainment and Dancing	Grand Ballroom
9:00 p.m.	Convention Raffle and Drawing	
<u>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014</u>		
9:00 a.m.	CLOSING SESSION 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	Grand Ballroom



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Central Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Holy Angels Hall, Colma, CA

Meeting called to order at 12:59 pm by Grand President Bob Basuino.

Opening Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Bob Basuino

Bob Basuino announced this morning's birth of his grandson.

Roll Call of Officers: CC Member excused: Nancy Corsi

CC Life Members Emeritus and Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Bob Dianda, Carmen Kilcullen, Jerry Delfino, Forrest Price and Jim Jones.

Introductions: GP Bob Basuino welcomed guests.

CC Meeting Minutes: Minutes for February 8, 2014 approved as presented.

Communications

- Thank you from ICF office for donation to Providenza Fund in memory of Chuck Sperrazzo.
- Thank you from Carol Holland for donations in memory of her father Chuck Sperrazzo.

Reports

Spiritual Director - Monsignor Daniel Cardelli –

- Looking forward to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, believes it will be the salvation of the ICF. To love God we need to love our neighbor, to love our neighbor we need to love God.

Grand President – Bob Basuino

ATTENDED:

- Installations: Las Vegas (Feb. 11); Fresno (Feb. 23); Chicago (Feb. 27)
- Bishops' Day: East Bay/Contra Costa (March 14); Stockton (March 29); San Francisco/San Mateo/Marin (April 27); Chicago (May 4)
- Strategic Plan: in Oakland (Feb. 15); Go-To meeting Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 20; March 24: April 26 Oakland; May 14 Go-To meeting; May 17-18 weekend retreat/workshop; June 4; June 11
- Executive meetings: March 14; April 11; May 16
- Other Events: March 19, Redlands, CA city wide St. Joseph's table; May 1, Branch 36 Monterey initiation of 65 new members
- Other meetings: May 16, met with Fr. William at Immaculate Conception Church SF; June 9 met with Fr. Andrew Our Lady Mother of the Church in Chicago; Ways and Means June 5 and June 12; Finance June 13; June 21 CC meeting

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ICF Enjoys 90th Anniversary Gala Celebration Success

Michelle Feldman
Editor

The month of June, year 2014, was filled with momentous celebrations honoring the Italian Catholic Federation's 90th Anniversary.

As the founding fathers of this organization created the framework by which the current members and council work, it is a testament to their passion for the Federation that those currently enjoying the fruits of their labor were able to take the time to enjoy each other's company and regale.

Under the leadership of Ways & Means Committee Chairperson Lisa Crudo, the galas were not only a success for the ICF, but they were a monetary success for the Providenza Fund. All proceeds from the galas went directly to the Providenza Fund. Final numbers have not yet been released.

After the last glass of wine was drunk, and the last piece of cake enjoyed, approximately 700 people enjoyed the historic and spiritual significance of these celebrations.

Chicago

The first of the gala celebrations started in Chicago on Sunday, June 8. The day's festivities began with Mass at St. Francis Borgia Church, followed by a dinner banquet at the Pescatore Palace Hall. There were approximately 160 people in attendance, including ICF members from throughout



Original banner from Branch 1, San Francisco from 1924.

the greater Chicago area; Central Council members; and even the great grandson of Luigi and Augusta Providenza.

Central Council Member Teresa Helfand organized the day's festivities that included mass and a dinner dance.

Traveling from California, Grand President Bob Basuino was joined by fellow Central Council members Lisa Crudo, Jim Friebe, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Marco Galeazzi, Pat Mages, and Andy Pappani.

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Strategic Plan to be Discussed at Convention Workshop

After much discussion and planning, the Italian Catholic Federation officially has a Strategic Plan that will help chart the way for the organization's future.

Session 3 of the Convention Workshops will

be dedicated to the Strategic Plan. This will be the only workshop offered at the 10:35am time slot, so all delegates can attend.

Please turn to page 2 for more information regarding the Strategic Plan.



Members attending the Strategic Plan Retreat in May.

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

Welcome to the 84th Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation in Oakland, CA. How fitting we gather in this great city that for the past few years has been ranked as one of the coolest and most exciting cities in America (according to various magazines and websites). This ranking is based off of Oakland notably having the most number of movie theaters, theater companies, and museums per square mile. It is also known as one of America's more Hipster Cities, for luring the hippies from San Francisco.



I hope you get to experience this hip environment and the excitement of this City as we come together with old friends while making new ones. Accomplishing this, all while gaining knowledge from our various educational workshops. Your voices will be heard as you vote on the proposed by-law changes and vote for the next year's Central Council members. May our Masses and fellowship bring us all closer to God and our fellow members. I know you will all be filled with a sense of pride that comes with being a member of the ICF.

As my first year of serving you as Grand President comes to a close, I want to extend my gratitude to all of you for your encouragement and cooperation. This includes my family, especially my grandchildren, who have been patient and laid on the guilt when I missed a birthday or baseball game. Nothing that a pizza or bowl of yogurt would not fix. I actually think they looked forward to our celebratory nights out.

We have had an outstanding year celebrating our 90th Anniversary with three fabulous gala events. The Masses of Thanksgiving, that started each of our functions, were inspirational and uplifting. Spending time with all those that were able to attend brought such joy to my heart. I have never been more proud to be a member of the ICF and share these days with generations of members.

It also was so exciting spending the weekend in May with members from all our districts working on our Strategic Plan, which will be rolled out at this Convention. A BIG thank you to all of the Central Council members who worked so tirelessly to make these proposals come true.

Once again, to all of our delegates, enjoy every minute of this fun-filled weekend, and

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Honoring the Past As We Envision the Future

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HONORING THE PAST. Early Italian immigrants who came to America found it difficult to transition from one country to another, one culture to another. They didn't speak the language and were not accepted, at first, in their new country. This made it difficult for them to blend into the social and political norms of the United States. To keep the Italian people close to their Catholic faith and help them integrate into our country, Father Albert R. Bandini and Luigi Providenza founded the Italian Catholic Federation in 1924. Throughout the years, the ICF grew and is now established in the states of California, Nevada, and Arizona and Illinois. Eventually, it grew to a membership of more than 23,000 people. The ICF held people close to each other and, more especially, close to their Faith. The ICF became a strong support to the dioceses in which they belonged and to their parishes and their communities.

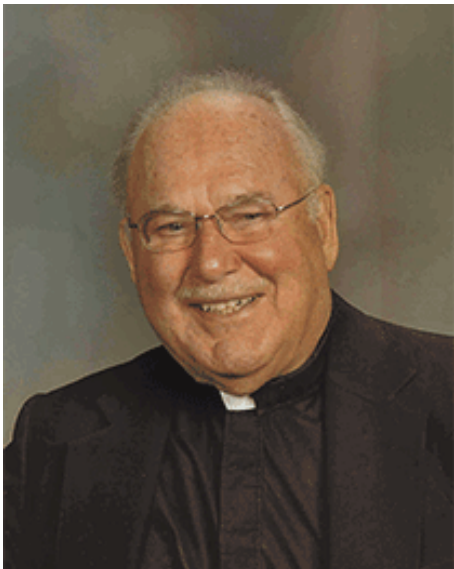
Today we reap the harvest of the ICF contribution to our country and our Church. The ICF is well known as a recognized charitable association. It has the respect

of bishops, priests, and parishioners alike. However, the influx of immigrants has diminished; and the membership has fluctuated.

WE ENVISION OUR FUTURE. We now embark on the NEW ICF. Today, we emphasize the CATHOLIC more than the Italian. Our organization has evolved into a Federation that stresses outreach and charity as well as fraternity. ICF members support Cooley's Anemia research, the Seminary Burse, Gifts of Love, blood drives, organ donor awareness, and college scholarships. The ICF is also committed to serving its parishes and pastors, its members actively participating in multiple ministries to further the mission of the Church.

All CATHOLICS and non-Catholic spouses of Catholics are welcome as members of the ICF, not just Italians. There are members whose names are Jones, O'Brien, Zasoski, Lopes, Cannady, Friebel, Jarrett, Helfand, Mages, Kilcullen, Price, and many more. The ICF is a family-oriented organization. Children are welcome as members. Besides the outreach, members enjoy social gatherings that include, of course, Italian cuisine, which most people love.

Recently, the ICF launched a process to



study, evaluate, and improve its purpose. It is hoped that the resulting Strategic Plan will move the ICF in new directions that will enable members and potential members to participate in an organization that is passionate about its mission to bring people to Christ.

May this Convention inspire the ICF and spark new life and enthusiasm in its members.

Strategic Plan, "Moving the ICF into the Future"

Leonard Zasoski
Grand 1st Vice President
Task Force Committee Chair

The Strategic Planning process has been ongoing throughout most of the year, starting back in February with the hiring of a planner to help with the development of the plan.

Throughout the process we have had numerous committee meetings along with a survey that was sent to all members for their input, a webinar for further member involvement and a two-day retreat held in May at a hotel in South San Francisco.

The retreat involved Central Council members and a representative from all Districts and areas from throughout the Federation. The purpose of the retreat was to come together for two days as a group to discuss our organization and what we see as our strengths and weaknesses. By meeting together we were able to come up with a plan that would build upon strengths and shore up weak areas.

During the two days our group of 50 individuals had several differing opinions in regards to our strengths and weaknesses, but ultimately we weren't that far apart when we completed the plan outline on Sunday.

After the May Retreat the Strategic Planning Committee had the mission of putting the notes from the retreat into a format given by the planner. It was then reviewed and prepared so that the completed document could be ready for submission to the Central Council at the June meeting. The plan was given to the Central Council members prior to the meeting for their review. At the meeting during the Strategic Plan proposal discussion period there were a few modifications made from the Central Council members in regard to specific wording within the plan. These changes did not alter the content that was agreed upon at the May Retreat. The plan was adopted unanimously by the Central Council at the June meeting.

The plan has several different phases that will be implemented over the next three years, which will involve a close working relationship between Central Council committees, districts and local branches. We will be starting to put into action the first phase of the plan this upcoming year.



A representative from each district attended a two-day retreat held in May at a hotel in South San Francisco to provide feedback for the Strategic Plan.

The Task Force Committee will be recommending to the Grand President's committees to oversee and review implementation of the plan quarterly. The plan is a living document that will be reviewed yearly, and if needed, it can be modified or changed to meet the goals stated in the outline of the plan.

The Task Force Committee felt that input from our members was, and is, vital to the success of the plan and the growth of our organization. We will continue to solicit our members' input as we go through the process.

At this time I would like to thank the Strategic Planning Committee members for their commitment and dedication. I would especially like to thank Roselynn Jarrett for her accounting of the expenses and organizing the planning of the May Retreat; Vince Piro for putting the information that was gathered at the Retreat into the templates given to us by the planner; B.G. Zasoski, a non-committee member who had the task of typing the notes from both the February Meeting and the May Retreat; and lastly to the Denner Group, Eric and Jerri Denniston, who were a vital part of the process for preparing a plan.

This Strategic Plan is our plan, not someone from outside the organization's vision for our future, but our vision. The plan was created with input from all levels within the Federation.

The Task Force Committee looks forward to the success of the Italian Catholic Federation, for not only our current members but also for the next generation.



UPCOMING:
2014 Bishops' Days:

- Oct. 8 San Bernardino
- Oct. 12 Fresno
- San Diego
- Oct. 19 San Jose
- (Santa Clara Valley)
- Santa Rosa
- Oct. 26 Blessed Sacrament
- Nov. 2 Las Vegas
- Monterey (Central Coast)
- Nov. 9 Los Angeles
- Dec. 7 Reno

Thank You For Your Donations

The Apostolate Charity Committee

Thank you to the following branches and individuals that sent in donations for activities at Children’s Hospital Oakland for its Cooley’s Anemia patients. We collected a total of \$2,625.00 for 2014, and have sent this donation to Children’s Hospital.

This donation will support the hospital’s Summer/Fall patient programs by helping with sending patients to the Painted Turtle Camp, picnics and outings, family conferences and patient retreats. It is wonderful that we can assist Children’s Hospital with the needs of the patients and their families.

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

- Branch 6
Branch 144

Branch 14
Branch 163

Branch 40
Branch 230

Branch 51
Branch 368

Branch 102 - In Memory of Tony Galante
Branch 417

Branch 130
Branch 423

Fr. Thomas Martin
Viva Palumbo
Edward Torres
- We hope that more districts, branches and individuals will be able to participate next year so that the hospital can continue these beneficial activities.

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

If your Branch or District 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
email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Hospitalization Plan - Fact Sheet

Dear ICF members,
One of the best kept secrets in the Italian Catholic Federation is the Hospitalization Plan; open to all members under 70 years of age. The following information briefly outlines the benefits, conditions and costs:

Benefits

After 90 days of membership in the plan, the fund will pay:

\$75 for 1st day - \$50 for 2nd day - \$25 for 3rd day and any additional days thereafter

NOTE: A member must stay overnight in an acute care facility unless an outpatient surgery is performed. Stays in convalescent and rehabilitation facilities are not covered by this plan and do not qualify for reimbursement.

\$100 for the use of operating room during a hospital stay or outpatient procedure at a state-licensed Surgical Center

\$500 per calendar year

\$500 maximum per illness

Features

Payments are made directly to you

No medical examination is required to join

Membership continues beyond 70 years of age

All claims are accepted for up to one year after hospital stay or outpatient procedure

Cost

\$25 per year - paid to Branch Financial Secretary

We encourage all members of the Italian Catholic Federation under the age of 70 to take advantage of this very beneficial ICF program.

ICF Hospitalization Committee: 1-888-423-1924; Email: info@icf.org

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Mike & Nick Migliore		San Anselmo, CA	\$30
8/2	Antonietta Gerardi	392	Itasca, IL	\$30
8/3	Josie Leontini	72	Pittsburg, CA	\$30
8/4	Angela Canepa	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/5	Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
8/6	Josephine Del Papa	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/7	Mr. & Mrs. Gene Melone	181	Franklin Park, IL	\$30
8/8	Dina Macdonald	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
8/9	Jim Eli	7	SSFrancisco, CA	\$30
8/10	Deacon Dave Holland	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
8/11	JoAnn Scagliotti		Hollister, CA	\$30
8/12	Mary Ann Mikles	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30
8/13	Rita Bertoncini		Fall River, MA	\$30
8/14	Robert Holter		Carlisle, PA	\$30
8/15	Most Rev. Joseph A. Pepe		Las Vegas, NV	\$50
8/16	Branch 130		Redwood City, CA	\$30
8/17	Roxanne Perry	317	Hacienda Heights, CA	\$30
8/18	Branch 111		Montebello, CA	\$30
8/19	Carol Salmeri	39	Merced, CA	\$30
8/20	Doris DeLashmutt	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
8/21	Ann Zacharias	419	Sacramento, CA	\$30
8/22	Donna Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/23	Carole Jobe	154	Hercules, CA	\$30
8/24	Adrian & Diana Macias		Fontana, CA	\$30
8/25	Rob Basuino		San Jose, CA	\$30
8/26	John Sepulveda	14	San Pablo, CA	\$30
8/27	Carmen Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$100
8/28	Barbara Northam	317	Diamond Bar, CA	\$30
8/29	Carol Salmeri	39	Merced, CA	\$50
8/30	Connie Torrisi	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
8/31	Fr. Eric Swearingen	417	Fresno, CA	\$30

JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	David Trevizo		SS Francisco, CA	\$30
7/2	Joe & Judy Crosetti	213	San Bruno, CA	\$30
7/3	Diane Altergott		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/4	Nancy Royal	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$100
7/5	Dave Cardoza		San Jose, CA	\$30
7/6	Branch 326		Temple City, CA	\$30
7/7	Tina Tallman	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
7/8	Frank Manas	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
7/9	Virginia Etcheverry		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/10	Rosena Todahl	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/11	James & Kristina McGee	10	Fremont, CA	\$30
7/12	Linda Bertuccio	139	Ripon, CA	\$30
7/13	Polly Fitch	12	Napa, CA	\$30
7/14	Bob Ghiorzi		Ceriana, Italy	\$100
7/15	Vicki & Michael Codinack		Stockton, CA	\$30
7/16	Marlene Farber	161	Greenbrae, CA	\$30
7/17	Marina Balestreri	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/18	Traci Di Miceli	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/19	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/20	Josephine Agosta	14	Vallejo, CA	\$30
7/21	Lauran Rinck		San Carlos, CA	\$30
7/22	Robert Basuino	191	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
7/23	John Parker	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
7/24	Margaret Gustafson		Redwood City, CA	\$30
7/25	Frank Borge	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/26	Blanche Unti	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/27	Robert French		La Porte, IN	\$30
7/28	Louise Chiarelli	27	Madera, CA	\$30
7/29	Diane Hecker	19	Troutdale, OR	\$30
7/30	Dina Macdonald	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
7/31	Branch 258		San Francisco, CA	\$30

Report Date: 08/04/2014		VALENTINO LENCIONI	
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	Branch 004	ANGELO LEONI	Branch 127
JOHN I DALY	Branch 007	JAYE M BOEN	Branch 185
RITA STUCKMAN	Branch 014	ADELINE BARONI	Branch 195
TERESA V FAILLA	Branch 027	GINO RUGGERI	Branch 195
ADRIANA ROBBA	Branch 028	WILLIAM F KELLER	Branch 236
SANDY ALIOTTI	Branch 036	MARY B SEMAS	Branch 250
SANTO S BALESTERI	Branch 036	FOSCA BUSTOS	Branch 290
JOHN T CARDINALLI	Branch 036	CATHERINE E HENDREN	
THOMAS CHRISTIAN	Branch 036		Branch 319
CESCA GIAMONA	Branch 036	ANGELO C D'ERAMO	Branch 362
LOUIS J RODRIGUEZ	Branch 036	SAMUEL SADORA	Branch 362
LEROY A CASALE	Branch 040	JIM M BARRETT	Branch 382
IDA REGGI	Branch 040	VIRGINIA A MIRRIONE	Branch 408
DONNA MARTIN	Branch 047	LEE R SLICER	Branch 441
BIANCA PASTEGA	Branch 085	ANTONIO B GRANZOTTO	
JIM J LOMENZO	Branch 103		Branch 442
		CAESAR NUTI	Branch 442

Report Date: 08/04/2014		MADELINE H SASSAMAN	
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DAVID ORSI	Branch 014	GAYLE WAGNER	Branch 227
CARMELA P PASTORI	Branch 014	J MARIO AMBRIZ	Branch 229
PAUL J PASTORI	Branch 014	L MARIA AMBRIZ	Branch 229
THERESA A DE FRANK	Branch 027	ANTOINETTE COTTON	Branch 230
DAN C PROSPERI	Branch 027	MIKE COTTON	Branch 230
NANCY J PROSPERI	Branch 027	GERLITA ROA	Branch 237
BETTY A SCALISE	Branch 027	CAROL M RICE	Branch 250
MARIA ALIOTTI FORD	Branch 036	LORRAINE K TAYLOR	Branch 261
MICHIKO I RIDDLE	Branch 036	CASEY R REYNOLDS	Branch 291
RANDALL L RIDDLE	Branch 036	COLIN D REYNOLDS	Branch 291
MARILYN J WEBB	Branch 036	EMMERSON E REYNOLDS	
ANTHONY M CISTARO	Branch 038		Branch 291
BELLA R CISTARO	Branch 038	LILLIAN G REYNOLDS	Branch 291
DOMINIC M CISTARO	Branch 038	MASON P REYNOLDS	Branch 291
GIANMARCO M CISTARO	Branch 038	WILLIAM A REYNOLDS	Branch 291
MELISSA S CISTARO	Branch 038	RENITA SMITH	Branch 317
ELISABETTA V FAVERO	Branch 050	MARGARET ROSE RENZULLO	
CHARLES R BOCK	Branch 075		Branch 319
DIANE HECKENBERG	Branch 075	ANDY P MARINO	Branch 342
JOHN HECKENBERG	Branch 075	COLTON MARINO	Branch 342
WILLIAM G HILLAR	Branch 075	DIXIE K MARINO	Branch 342
CAROLE J PASQUINI	Branch 075	LOGAN MARINO	Branch 342
KYLE STEWART	Branch 075	VELIO (AL) BRONZINI	Branch 343
SAMANTHA STEWART	Branch 075	CHRISTINE LANGE	Branch 367
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KENNETH H GRIFFIN	Branch 145	BARBARA SCOTT	Branch 379
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ROCCO DE COVOLO	Branch 169	PETER B SHORES	Branch 379
ROSE DE COVOLO	Branch 169	VALERIE GIGANTE	Branch 392
LORRAINE R LUCIVERO	Branch 215	FRED OEHLER	Branch 425
JUDY M TAFOYA	Branch 218	MARK S GAGLIARDI	Branch 432
ELIZABETH CASS	Branch 227	EDWINA SHERMAN	Branch 432
DOMINIK F CASTILLO	Branch 227	JOANNE GITNER	Branch 435
JESSICA G CASTILLO	Branch 227	DONNA JACUZZO	Branch 435
		TOM CARAVELLO	Branch 441
		ANGIE RUGGERO	Branch 441

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Branch 1	Marina Bacchetti
Branch 6	Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
Branch 10	In memory of Giovanna Rosso
Branch 10	Sylvia Row
Branch 14	In memory of Nancy Van Tricht
Branch 67	Barbara Firpo
Branch 91	In celebration of 50 years ordained to the priesthood for Father Lawrence Goode
Branch 111	Officers/Members of Br. 362
Branch 118	In memory of Samuel Sadora
Branch 154	Patti and Walt Phillips
Branch 173	In memory of Jennifer Mieuli Jameson
Branch 191	Officers/Members of Br. 47
Branch 210	In memory of The Deceased Members of Br. 47
Branch 215	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Branch 217	In memory of Adriana Robba
Branch 261	Pat and Louie Cordich
Branch 317	In memory of Adriana Robba
Branch 319	Roger and Kathy Santos
Branch 351	In memory of Betty Scarper
Branch 362	Roger and Kathy Santos
Branch 417	In memory of Reggie Bravo
Branch 423	Roger and Kathy Santos
Branch 434	In memory of Marie Cefalu
Branch 440	Officers/Members of Br. 362
Santa Rosa District	In memory of Angelo D'Eramo

Grand President

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go back to your branches with your newly ignited fire burning brightly. Encourage those members that were not able to attend this year's Convention to make it a goal to join us next year in Las Vegas. I plan to make this a special celebration. My entire family is planning on attending. Meanwhile, please keep the ICF in your prayers and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in all we will be doing for the betterment of our Federation.

*Fraternally Yours,
Bob Basuino*

ICF Ornaments Are Back



These lovely keepsakes will be available for purchase at this year's annual Convention and through the ICF office. Call or email

to order yours now. \$15.00 each. Thank you!

CC Minutes

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- Galas: June 8 Chicago

TO ATTEND: SF Gala June 22 and Los Angeles Gala June 29

Grand Treasurer – Roselynn Jarrett

- Reviewed 2014 Budget up to May 31, 2014.
- Added a line to the budget for the ornament and charms.
- CC/GP expenses down with the help of Go-to meetings.
- Looking into soliciting bids for Workman's Comp and Liability Insurance.
- Installed new computer systems and upgraded database in the office. Also changed phone systems. Per capita bills went out a little late due to this change.
- Using the 510 area code phone number saves us money, using the 800 number we are charged per incoming call.
- Will check into having only one signature on checks under \$250, or using automatic pay for some bills.
- The Silva Trust money can only go to Cooleys and Gifts of Love as stated in the will.
- UBS recommends not making any changes at this time.

- UBS will have a workshop at convention regarding endowments before and after death.

- 89% of branches are now sending in Treasurer reports. CC members check with your Financial Secretaries that they are being sent in by your branch.

Deputy Chairperson – Leonard Zasoski

- No report today

Committee Reports

Awards – Jim Friebe

- Unable to get a celebrity for Grand President Award. This year emailed all the reference letters to CC for review, in the past it was only 3 letters sent out. Mailing only 3 letters out to CC gave all nominees an equal number.

Workshop – Dante Galeazzi

- 150 years of experience on committee.
- 4 workshops this year, 3 last year.
- Suggested that we have professional give a workshop on officer training at convention.

Ways and Means – Lisa Crudo

- Laguna Segga Golf tournament chaired by Leonard Rossi. Lunch at San Carlos Hall, Monterey.
- Franklyn Lopes working on calendars.
- Have commemorative ornaments for sale for \$15, have about 575 to sell.
- Pat Mages has the charms for sale at \$12. Now that mold is made can be produced in other forms (tie tacs, etc)
- Looking to do an Alaska cruise in 2015.
- June 8 Chicago Gala Teresa Helfand did a wonderful job, well attended. Made about \$3600.
- Next Sunday the 29th is the Gala in LA about 160 people to attend. Pat Mages reported that it would be buffet.
- Dante Galeazzi working on tomorrow's Gala in San Francisco, 360 to attend. Charlene Kramer did a great job in helping out.

Bob Basuino announced award winners:

- Pope John XXIII: Geraldine Saitta
- Grand President: Liz Grammatico
- Family of the Year: Antonowicz
- Mother Teresa: Msgr. Joseph Carroll
- Young Adult: Kierstyn Spinelli

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski

- Still working on getting the officer and committee chair responsibilities descriptions from CC members. Trying to finish up by end of August.
- 51 attended the 2 day Strategic Plan retreat. Leonard Zasoski thanked the Task Force members and all those that took the 2 days and attended the retreat.
- Vince Piro explained what he did to draft the strategic plan 25 page report; was also reviewed by the Denner Group. Once it has been approved and reproofed will put it on the website, too many pages for Bollettino.
- Committee moves that the plan for 2014 to 2017 be approved.
- CC members suggested several word changes for clarification and typo corrections.

- Carmen Kilcullen stated key underlying factor of this plan is membership. We need to develop a membership plan that will bring us the branches and membership.

- Proposal from Task Force to accept plan as corrected today PASSED

- The strategic plan is ours to move forward with, even if we don't agree with everything we need to support all of it.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- August 13, 2014 to award 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships.
- Awarded 178 1st year scholarships this year.

Public Relations – Vince Piro

- New printer hired, the results are great. Paper has gotten out on time and even early.
- September issue to be devoted to the 3 Gala's, convention and scholarship recipients. Should be an amazing issue. No columns/articles in this issue (heritage, book review, apostolate, etc.).
- On the website golf tournament will be put up front now that Gala's are done.
- Will be looking into a hard-drive for storing the Bollettinos.
- Dante Galeazzi asked if we send Bollettinos to the seminaries in the areas? No, but good idea.

Membership – Nina Malone

- Published the survey again in the *Bollettino*.
- Reviewed parameters of awards.
- David Botta mentioned the membership status report; we need to look at it and question when there is a high rate of cancellations.
- Updated the Script for Mass announcement.
- Live to Give – Jane Dianda
- Blood drive Friday at convention.

Hospitalization – Andy Pappani

- Went over advertising and a new pamphlet, hope to have it for the convention delegate packets.
- Trying to come up with codes so that the claims can be tracked efficiently.
- 408 members as of May 31, 2014. Dues paid this year to May 31, 2014-\$6,700; claims paid out so far in 2014-\$4,150.00. In UBS fund \$873,000 as of May 31, 2014.
- Reviewed proposed changes to the Hospitalization plan.
- Change age from 65 to 70
- Change 1st day from \$50 to \$75
- Change second day from \$25 to \$50
- Change 3rd day on from \$10 to \$25
- Change operating room payment from \$75 to \$100
- Change receive benefits after 6 months of membership to 90 days

Bob Acquistapace state changing what is paid out is not the issue; we need to promote the program.

Proposed changes, PASSED. The new benefits effective immediately (if you are hospitalized from this day forward).

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Gifts of Love D o n a t i o n s

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Jim and Martha Cardinale-Hill
Theresa Cutri
John and Carolyn Cardinalli
In memory of Lana Shaffer
Aldine Grisenti
In memory of Pauline Davis
Lorraine Spargo
In memory of Paul McNeill
Officers/Members of Br. 5
In memory of Frances Silva
Bea Cunha
In memory of Frances Silva
Bob and Esther Ramonda
In memory of Pauline Davis
The Dianda Family
In memory of Leroy Casale
Fran and Al Teglia
In memory of Gino Bertolucci
Officers/Members of Br. 236
In memory of Gene Bertolucci
Officers/Members of Br. 161
In memory of Steve Lombardi

Fran La Torre
In memory of Leroy Casale
Donna and John Rossi
In memory of Alice Sparrow
Joanna C. Van Blaricom
In remembrance of the birthday of Earl E. Van Blaricom
Bruce and Lonnie Swarrigim
In memory of Anthony David Ghiossi
The Dianda Family
In memory of Lois Valva
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In memory of Dorothy Farana
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In honor of the wedding anniversary of Roger and Kathy Santos
Officers/Members of Br. 47
In memory of The Deceased
Members of Br. 47
David and Pat Botta
In memory of Lorene Timek Bottini
Guido Zan
In memory of Julie Zan
John and Kris Kaiser
In honor of the birthday of Delores Baima
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In memory of Virginia Mirrione
Nina Malone
Get well wishes for Albert Teglia and Fran Foglia-Teglia
Officers/Members of Br. 291
In memory of Jan Hilton
Barbara Firpo
In honor of the 90th birthday of Anne O'Brien

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by August 1, 2014

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Officers/Members of Br. 434
In memory of Kelli Raffanti
Ms. Janet Farren
In honor of the 104th birthday of Dina Puccinelli
Roger and JoAnn Dorn
In memory of Leroy Casale
Ilia J. Ponte
In memory of Fosca Bustos
Ed and Jo Bertaccini
In memory of Edward Paretti

Ed and Jo Bertaccini
In memory of Lupe Portillo
Loreen Dow and John Legge
In memory of Adriana Robba
Mrs. Emily Corral
In memory of Richard (Dick) Kern
Joe and Celeste Melehan
In honor of the birthday of Elise Marsalli
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane
In memory of Jackie Santich
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane
In memory of Lorraine Adams

CC Candidates 2014-2015

Maria Abate

Br. 392, Chicago, Illinois

Ciao a tutti! My name is Maria Francesca Abate. Presently, I am in my senior year at Elmhurst College. My major is Organizational Leadership & Communications. Upon graduating I plan on focusing on Human Resources Management with an emphasis on training and development strategies. I am an active member of the Human Resource Association. I am highly involved in my community and serve the Italian Catholic Federation. I am very passionate about what I do, and someone once told me, "Maria, you just do not have a mean bone in your body." I enjoy helping others and love to impact others in a positive manner.



At the tender age of 10, my father passed away; this is something that no child should experience. My mother has been very inspirational to me with her encouraging words and made it possible for us to join the Italian Catholic Federation, which has become a second family to us. The Federation was welcoming, and I have always been heavily involved with various activities since I was young. One of the greatest accomplishments I achieved this year was to build my branch its own website as I felt there was a need to enlighten the public about what the organization has to offer. In the past 16 years, I have accomplished so many great things as a proud member of the Federation, which I dearly support in its efforts. At the end of day we are family and family always stays together.

My goal as a member of the central council is to increase membership, help train responsible officers, and last but not least extend our services to other branches who are in need of our support.

Keep smiling!

Denise Antonowicz

Br. 184, Los Gatos, California

My name is Denise Antonowicz and I am running for a position on the Central Council. I have been a member of the Italian Catholic Federation for 49 years and a member of Br. 184 Los Gatos for all that time. I have held every office in our branch and am a four time president. I am currently the president of Br. 184, St. Mary's in Los Gatos, 1st vice president of the Santa Clara Valley District and a member of Br. 191, St. Frances Cabrini in San Jose.



I have been an active member in the ICF, and I feel I have a lot to offer. Our family, for the past 10 years, has held an open house and collected about \$1,000 each year for Gifts of Love or scholarships. I was a participant in the recent Strategic Plan Task Force workshop in San Francisco, and am hopeful that this will give our organization the fresh outlook it needs.

I love the ICF and will work to bring it back stronger than ever. We are constantly telling each other what great works we do, but I feel we are remiss in sharing this with our communities. Through promoting our works of charity, our scholarship fund, the work in our parishes, fundraising for Cooley's Anemia Research and Gifts of Love, and of course, our work with seminarians and Bishops, we can show just what we stand for; faith, family and our heritage. We are the best examples of what it is to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation; let's show it off and be proud to be a member.

With your prayers and votes, I will help recreate the Italian Catholic Federation to be the vibrant, living organization that I truly believe it is.

Lisa M. Crudo

Br. 343, Castro Valley, California

I have had a wonderful and exciting 2 years 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 all of you.



I was elected as a Grand Trustee this year, and have been learning so much about the inner workings of this wonderful organization. I was chairperson for the Ways and Means committee and had the pleasure of supporting my committee members as they planned and organized three separate gala's celebrating our 90 years. I have also served on several other committees. The Apostolic/Charity committee with Chairman Jim Acitelli, and fellow Central Council Members Vince Picciola, and Michael Cannady are 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 Live to Give committee with Chairperson Jane Dianda, Nina Malone, Laurice Levine, Jim Acitelli and Al Teglia. We have been fortunate to have been able to host blood drives at our conventions. 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 Directors committee, and am looking forward to a wonderful convention in my home district.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than meeting and spending time with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve for the past two years, and I look forward to many more years of service as your Central Council member.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Marco Galeazzi

Br. 139, Manteca, California

My name is Marco Galeazzi, and I am asking for your vote to return me to our Central Council of the ICF. I have been on the CC for four years, and will keep working hard for you and this great organization.



If you think a pamphlet, brochure or a name tag will save this organization, you are wrong. What will save this organization, is hard work from you and me, and our true belief and love of the ICF. I believe that the membership is our #1 concern for the ICF. Everyone must bring in one member. It might take one person you ask to join, but it might take 100. Do not give up! Practice in the mirror on how you will ask and what you will say to the prospective member. Let them know what the ICF does. Remember, the new member does not have to be of Italian descent, just have the heart and appetite of an Italian. Keep them involved, informed and welcomed.

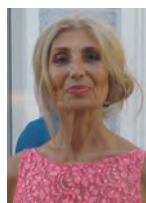
We do need to change the performance of the ICF, if we are to survive. The Task Force is a beginning, but we need more input into this process. We need to also change some ICF Central Council Statutes. One of the statutes that I believe needs to be revised, is the statute that the CC picks the officers of the CC. The delegates at the convention should pick the president and other officers of the CC. Another statute I believe that should be revised, the CC members should have staggered terms of two years, where you vote for half the board every year. This will make the CC more accountable to its members, for its actions.

Thank you and please vote Marco Galeazzi.

Teresa Helfand

Br. 392, Chicago, Illinois

I have been part of the ICF family for over 20 years having joined the St. Francis Borgia – Branch 392 in January 1993. Since then I have held many posts at Branch 392, at the Chicago District Council, and have been a Central Council member for five consecutive years. My responsibilities, while at times challenging, have been quite rewarding. During the past five years I have been a part of many of the Central Council committees. This opportunity has given me a broader knowledge and insight to better serve you and the ICF. The positive experiences have helped me grow as an individual and strengthen my faith. Thanks to all my ICF colleagues and friends!



In keeping with our Catholic heritage and traditions I continue to focus on charitable works, support my local parish, and take an active role in my community.

Like you, I am a firm believer in helping others. Promoting the ICF charities and programs have remained priorities. Supporting parish fundraising initiatives and volunteering at Radio Maria (religious

programming in Italian for our elderly, sick, and shut-ins) are still very much a part of my everyday work.

I continue to be active in parish affairs and promote the ICF and what we stand for. Accordingly, I serve on the European American Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago, representing the Italian Community, and am Vice-Chair person of the St. Francis Borgia Apostolic and Parish Pastoral Councils.

My platform is simple. If re-elected I promise to continue with my apostolic work and fundraising activities, campaign for new branch openings and grow membership. With faith, prayers and camaraderie we can achieve the ICF goals. Let's work together to keep our founding fathers' visions alive!

Please vote for me for Central Council.

Anne Interrante

Br. 380, Thousand Oaks, California

I joined the Italian Catholic Federation in 1999 as a member of Branch 380 in Thousand Oaks. Along with my husband, Richard, and children, Marisa and Ryan, we have served the ICF for almost 15 years.



I held the offices of President, 1st Vice President, Trustee and Membership Committee Chairperson, and assisted on numerous other committees for my branch. In 2004, I was privileged to receive the 1st ICF Young Adult Leadership Award. I was also responsible for starting many new programs – childcare at meetings, Italian language classes, ladies' luncheons, a Youth Officer Program, and more. The Youth Officer Program offers a way for our youngest members to stay involved and grow in leadership. We now have 15 elementary/high school aged children serving in our branch.

I have assisted with two presentations at our ICF national conventions – "How To Become A Successful Branch" and "Heritage Programs". I served as a member-at-large for the Central Council Ways and Means Committee and participated in a forum for the Strategic Plan.

My goals as a Central Council Member include sharing successful ideas from not only my branch, but other branches in the ICF through our website and Bollettino so that they can be utilized right away to build membership. I plan to participate as a presenter in branch and district workshops. I firmly believe my experience, commitment, enthusiasm and positive attitude will be instrumental as we go forward with our Strategic Plan. These are just a few ways I plan to help!

I thank the members of Branch 380 for their friendship, encouragement, and support as I offer my candidacy for Central Council. I am blessed in so many ways by being a member of the ICF. It would be my honor to serve you.

Lauren Kilcullen

Br. 52, Healdsburg, California

Buon giorno cari fratelli e sorelle, I am Lauren Kilcullen from Br. 52, Healdsburg and I humbly ask for your vote for Central Council. I have been an active member of the ICF for 33 years, joining when I

was 15 years old. Throughout my years with the Federation, I have held many offices, including Santa Rosa District President; Santa Rosa District Deputy; Deputy to Br. 18, St. Rose; Recording Secretary of Br. 52, Healdsburg; and am currently Trustee for Br. 52. In addition to my leadership roles in the district and branch, from 1990 – 1996, I was production manager and editor of the Bollettino. In 2004, I was honored to receive the Grand President's Award.



Throughout my years of membership, the ICF has become a second family to me and my parents. Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me and I believe the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities. I know at Br. 52, Family Memberships are very important to us and have been a key to our growth in the last few years. On Sundays, as I look around at Mass at St. John's in Healdsburg, the church is full of ICF members, many of whom participate in assisting with Mass.

I think the ICF is still a relevant and needed organization in today's world. I have read the Strategic Plan and am encouraged by its goals and plans for our future, as it addresses key issues as a solid base for our future.

With your votes for Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future. Grazie! Ciao!

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Br. 227, Capitola, California

As we meet in Oakland, I want to thank you for the support you have given me this past year. And I ask that you continue to support me as a Central Council Member.



Born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA., I am of Italian-Portuguese heritage. I currently serve as a Trustee of the Central Council, Chairman of the Heritage Committee, and member of the Ways and Means and Finance Committees, President of Branch 227, Capitola, CA and 2nd Vice of Central Coast District. Also, Past Deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz. I have been a volunteer with the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz for the past 12 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 15 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 90 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 Oakland. 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 Mages

Br. 67, Los Angeles, California

This is my second year with Branch 67. Thank you Branch 67 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 24 years I've also held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chaired fundraising events. In 2002, my husband Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award.



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

For 31 years I've been an advocate for victims of family/domestic violence; currently with the Port Hueneme Police. And, I'm 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.

I've been a member of Central Council for 5 1/2 years. This past year I served as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee; a member of the Ways & Means (chaired the successful Los Angeles 90th Anniversary Gala); and Task Force Committees. One of my main goals as a Central Council member is to include more of the general membership on the various committees. I'm happy to say that the Gifts of Love Committee accomplished this goal. At least 15 new members are involved with this worthwhile committee. We've met in Roseville, Long Beach and Oakland, plus, integrated the use of conference calls to those who wish to participate. My other goals of increased membership and member retention are being addressed through the Task Force's proposed Strategic Plan. The Task Force is implementing input from everyone, most importantly, from the general membership. This plan will represent all members, not a select few.

Let's work together to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, for a strong family-orientated ICF.

Andrew J. Pappani

Br. 28, Gilroy, California

Ciao, I am Andrew J. Pappani from Branch 28 of Gilroy, Calif. (know 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, Calif., on December 17, 1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani. I am the youngest of six children.

I married my very lovely, 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 Clemente, Calif.

I joined Gilroy, Branch 28, in 1980 and served several offices including President for three years then moved up to 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.

At the 2006 Convention I ran for Central Council and was elected. I held the office of Sergeant of Arms for a two year term and a two year term office as a Grand Trustee. I currently hold the office of Grand Second Vice President of the Italian Catholic Federation.

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

As a member of the Central Council I am here for you (TO HELP KEEP THE FIRE BURNING).

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

Vince Piro

Br. 39, Merced, California

People often ask me, "What do you think the future of the ICF will look like?" I have come to say, "The Lord's Banquet Table on Italian night." Our organization is grounded in our Catholic faith. It is the table at which we all sit. However, the meal is distinctly Italian. It is our night to serve the meal and we do it by drawing on what our ancestor's taught us. We serve up meatballs, polenta, risotto, pasta, calamari and wine. However, in a Christian spirit, we invite our neighbors to our big Italian dinner table, and we also make them feel welcomed and valued by asking them to add to the meal. We scoot our chairs over and ask them to join us and to share their stories, too. We all have the same faith, so there is much to share: our belief in God, our love and commitment to our church, and our concern for the less fortunate.



This is how I see the future of the ICF. If it is a vision you can believe in, I ask that you reelect me to the Central Council.

Over the last year, I have worked hard on the Task Force Committee to create a Strategic Plan that while looking forward also honors our past traditions and customs. I believe that we must focus on membership recruitment and retention, leadership, finances, and community involvement over the next few years. Last year, I also chaired the Public Relations Committee, which hired a new printer for The Bollettino, improving print quality and delivery time. I also served on the ICF Executive Committee this year. These are accomplishments that I am proud of and illustrate my commitment to the Federation. It would be my honor to serve the Federation again.

Please turn the page for more candidates.

Julie Richards

Br. 25, Salinas, California

At last year's convention in La Quinta, I ran for Central Council for the first time. I was amazed at the support I received. It was great meeting all of you and listening to your concerns for the future of the ICF. I'm excited to run as a candidate in Oakland. It would be an honor to serve you as a Central Council member and lead our Federation into the future. I feel proud knowing that I am carrying a 90 year tradition forward by doing all I can to help grow and preserve the ideals this great organization of ours has to offer.



Born and raised in Salinas, California, I am Portuguese and Swiss Italian. I am a 25 year member of the ICF, currently district president of the Central Coast District (the largest district in the ICF). I'm president of Branch 25, Salinas, Sacred Heart Parish. I take pride in being a good organizer and fundraising planner. I have hosted many charitable events at my home including the ICF district picnic and Christmas parties. It's a chance to meet new people and raise money for charitable causes and meet potential new members. That my friends is why I love the ICF.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to use my talents and experience I have gained in running a branch and a district to serve you. The ICF is a great organization, I want all its members and branches to succeed. By supporting me with your vote, I will work toward that goal. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to have the chance to meet and talk with you in Oakland about your ideas for the success and future of our Italian Catholic Federation. Thank you for your support and vote.

Deborah Rodondi

Br. 19, Colma, California

Convention time is once again upon us, a time of renewing friendships and making new ones, sharing our faith and heritage. I look forward to seeing and visiting with you this year in Oakland.



I want to thank all of you who have helped and guided me as a Central Council Member for the past 6 years. It has been an honor to serve; an adventure meeting members at the Branches/Districts, the friendships bonded are priceless and enriching. As a Central Council member, I hold the office of Grand Secretary, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, member of Finance, Task Force and Convention Director's Committees. At convention I will be taking care of registration, the Pedro Tournament and Credentials. Currently I am Secretary of the San Mateo District (7 years) and Treasurer of Branch 19 Colma (12 years).

When I moved back to California in 1998, Mom (June) was the reason I became a member of the ICF. Her love and devotion for the Organization fueled me to become a very active member and be where I am today. My parents taught me that we are individuals that work together for common

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goals: spirituality, apostolate, heritage and friendship. We work hard; yet have fun. We go out into the community promoting our faith and heritage. Keeping lines of communication open and awareness of each other is essential for our success.

I ask for your support and vote, so that I can continue my journey as a Central Council member. Thank you for being a part of my life and believing in me and the Federation.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Br. 281, Bakersfield, California

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

This year we have adopted a Strategic Plan, which will be used for guiding and growing our organization. We need to focus our energy from this convention along with the

Strategic Plan and put into action the areas outlined for this year. This will help us grow our organization and move in a direction that will best attract and keep all members.

For our success in the future, a big part will be to not only involve our newest members but we must engage and listen to the younger members for their input, as this will become their organization in the future. We can upgrade our organization by making the changes necessary to meet the next generation's wants and desires, all while continuing to be a vital part and giving back to our parish and community.

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 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 serving you again on the Central Council.



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Balcony cabins start at \$2,394.00 per person

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prices include port charges and taxes

CC Minutes

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Heritage – Franklyn Lopes

- Covered Heritage Nights at the different ball games.
- Using the ornament for the design of the float for the SF Columbus Day Parade, October 12.
- Heritage table at Convention with video of last year's parade and interviews.
- Any bills being sent in for reimbursement must have receipts to be paid.
- Mike Cannady has things that were set up for heritage displays needs someone to pick up and store.

Gifts of Love – Pat Mages

- Changed page 2 of application so that it specifically states not for tuition. Promote program within your community and branch.

Finance Committee - Roselynn Jarrett

- Reviewed expense voucher for Convention. Steve Fuentes mentioned to add submit with receipts in the black box on the lower right of form. PASSED
- Will clean up some outdated instructional paperwork.

Expansion – David Botta

- At Christ the King Church in Las Vegas got 37 names interested in a branch there. First meeting 10 people showed up. Gave it one more try, sent letters to the 37 people only 4 replied.
- Other areas checking into St. Francis of Assisi Henderson, NV; Holy Spirit Las Vegas; Rohnert Park; Fr. Prevati (SF District Chaplain) wants to try getting a branch at his parish in Half Moon Bay.
- Thinking of looking at branches with less than 25 members and re-establishing them giving help to boost them up. Need to work on saving the branches we have.
- At this time working with several branches in the hopes of keeping them open.
- Bob Acquistapace stated that the Priests in the parishes make a big difference for the Federation.

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes

- Book rooms by August 8.
- Local district very busy with novelties and Thursday Night dinner.
- Convention Book deadline July 15.

By-Laws and Rituals – David Botta

- All proposals legal and can go to delegates.
- Roselynn Jarrett mentioned we need to change the name of the Pope John the XXIII Award to Pope St. John the XXIII.

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

During the past year the committee has tried to give thoughts and suggestions to everyone in the hopes they would give and support their communities and each other.

Jim Acitelli announced he would not run for CC this year at convention.

Thalassemia Research, Children's Hospital Oakland voted our National Charity for 2014-2015

Unfinished Business



At the June Central Council meeting CC Member Vince Picciola stepped into the role of Life Member Emeritus while Grand Treasurer Roselynn Jarrett became a life member. Thank you Vince for your 23 years on the Central Council!

Vote for a new Life Member-Elect, Vince Picciola is now Life Member Emeritus-Elect. Roselynn Jarrett and Andy Pappani nominated for the Life Member position. Congratulations to Roselynn Jarrett on becoming the next Life Member-Elect.

No New Business

No Action on Communications

Good of the Order

George Bacigalupi thanked all for prayers and cards.

Nettie Descalso-DelNero thanked everyone for keeping Tom in prayers. Doing well.

Nina Malone asked to keep Al and Frances Teglia in our prayers.

Donna and Mike Cannady celebrated 39th anniversary today.

David Botta wished a Happy 90th anniversary to all. Needs our prayers as a computer has made it into his house but not hooked up.

Steve Fuentes thanked Vince Picciola for his 23 years of service.

Vince Picciola thanked us.

Closing Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm by Grand President Bob Basuino

Gala Celebrations

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Mike Providenza, the great grandson of Luigi and Augusta Providenza spoke of the importance of the ICF to not only his family, but himself.

There was a special presentation to Vince Picciola, the newest Central Council Member to move to the role of Life Member Emeritus. His years of service to the ICF and the Central Council are to be commended.

Those in attendance said it was a beautiful day and a great celebration.

San Francisco

Moving to California, the gala celebrations made a stop in San Francisco, and paid homage to the birthplace of the Italian Catholic Federation with mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel, home to ICF Branch 1.

The Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, presided and was joined by Immaculate Conception Pastor Father Guglielmo Lauriola, ICF Spiritual Director Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, and 8 branch and district chaplains.

There wasn't even any standing room left in the chapel, as those in attendance were witness to a very spiritual event. The readings were done by Ann Bottino-Briones and Caroline Briones, the grandchild and great-grandchild of Alice Providenza Bottino.

Once mass was complete, the day moved on to the Basque Cultural Center. The packed house of more than 350 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner.

Dante Galeazzi and Leonard Rossi were the night's emcees. The program included honoring the past grand presidents in attendance and a presentation of Resolutions for the Italian Catholic Federation from the State Senatorial Department.

Even though all the proceeds are going to the

Providenza Fund, a special presentation was granted to Reverend Gladstone Stevens, the President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary. An anonymous donor generously donated \$25,000.00 to further the education of the seminarians.

All in all, there were 8 past grand presidents, 28 Central Council members, and 8 clergy members in attendance.

It was a day no one is soon to forget.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles rounded out the month of celebrations.

On June 29, the gala began with mass at St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church in Los Angeles, home to ICF Branch 67. Fr. Louis Piran presided over the Italian Mass said to a capacity crowd.

Central Council Member Pat Mages oversaw the day's activities, which included a buffet luncheon at Casa Italiano, the hall across from the church.

Members from the Los Angeles District and San Diego filled the hall. There were more than 185 people in attendance.

Presentations were made by Co-Chair Pat Mages followed by a presentation of certificates to ICF Grand President Bob Basuino from Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti by Los Angeles Archdiocese District President Carmelo Sabatella followed by letters of congratulations to ICF on their 90th Anniversary from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Governor Jerry Brown and a beautiful plaque by Branch 67 President Nick D'Egidio.

The musical duet Duo Domino provided the dinner and dancing music building up to the Traditional Tarantella that had almost everyone to their feet and into one or more of the four giant circles of dancers.

With the success of these three gala celebrations it is a wonder what can be planned for the ICF's 100th anniversary. There are only 10 more years to go to find out.

of the work that you did. Our Providenza fund was supplemented by this gala, and the seminarians in the Diocese of Chicago will benefit from their labors.

Thanks again to Teresa and her committee for making my job as Ways and Means Chairperson so easy! Much love and blessings to all of you!

San Francisco Gala - June 22, 2014

Sunday, June 29 was an historic event! 10:30 Mass at the Immaculate Conception Chapel in San Francisco, where the ICF first began was a beautiful celebration. The Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, was our presider and he was inspirational to say the least. It was also such a blessing to have so many other branch and district chaplains, including our own Spiritual Director, the Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli. Also, I can't say enough about sweet Father Guglielmo Lauriola, the loving pastor of Immaculate Conception. He was beside himself with joy at having the celebration at his beloved church. Everything was perfect, from the music, (led by Karen Rossi, and members

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Thank You!

Lisa Crudo
Ways & Means Chairperson

As Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making all three of our special 90th Anniversary Galas so very successful. Even though I have special thanks for each of my event chairpersons; Teresa Helfand, Dante Galeazzi and Pat Mages, I cannot begin to express to all of you how heartwarming it was to see such dedication and enthusiasm expressed by all who attended these three functions. All in all, there were over 700 members who took the time to celebrate this most momentous occasion. It makes me so proud to be a part of such a caring organization. It is all of you, dear friends, who played a part in supporting our Providenza fund and most importantly the seminarians who may well become our future chaplains and spiritual guides. This is what the Italian Catholic Federation is all about; this is what it means to serve God and one another. Thank you, from the bottom

of my heart!

Chicago Gala - June 8, 2014

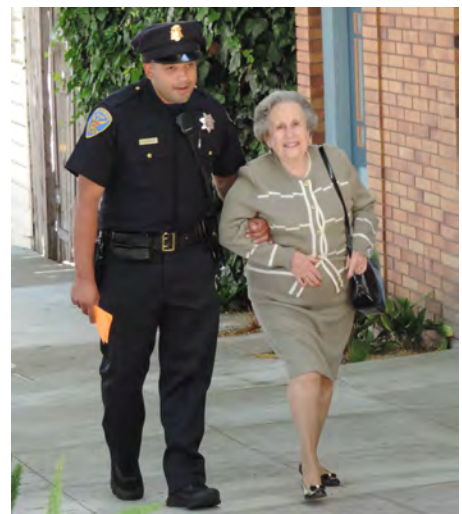
On Sunday June 8, we began our celebration with the first event of our "triple-crown" of Galas. Chicago hosted the event with a lovely Mass at St Francis Borgia Church followed by a delicious dinner banquet at the Pescatore Palace Hall. There were approximately 160 people in attendance including our Grand President Bob Basuino, and many other Central Council members. Mike Providenza, the great grandson of Luigi and Augusta Providenza was also in attendance. There was a special presentation to Vince Picciola, who will become life member emeritus later this month. I would personally like to thank Teresa Helfand, and all of the Chicago members who made all of us "Californians" feel so welcome. Their warmth and hospitality were greatly appreciated. A very special thanks goes to all the members that contributed to make the event so successful. From the Mass, celebrated by Father Feccia, to the delicious dinner and wonderful raffle, everything was perfect! You should all be very proud

Chicago Gala Celebration



San Francisco Gala Celebration





Los Angeles Gala Celebration



Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

In July, twenty-five members from Br. 195, celebrated another Day of Recollection with a trip to St. John, IN, and a tour of Christ's Path of Passion with a wonderful narration at each Station. After our tour we enjoyed Box Lunches of Teibel's famous fried chicken on the Patio adjoining the gift shop. Jane Rowland (195 member) joined us on this Day of Recollection. Jane is Director of the Calumet City Library and has done great things in Programs at the Library.

In July, St. Victor hosted VictorFest 2014 with music, food, arts and crafts. Some 195 members who worked tirelessly to make this a success were Denise Kelly, Mary Alice Kelly, Ruben Rodriguez, Ann and Stan Long. Others contributed by patronizing the events. We are most grateful to our member Len Casey for paying his own expenses associated with his being 195's Convention Delegate. This is a significant cost in view of our diminishing fundraising ability. We are, however, working hard to sell our Convention raffles.

St. Victor has one of the most talented Music Directors in the Archdiocese in Dr. Michael



Members and officers of the ICF Central Council along with President Anna Tamburello and officers from Branch 439.

Koller (he's M.D. to a number of priests in the Archdiocese), and we are saddened since he is experiencing serious health issues. He is currently in an intensive treatment program and we ask our branch and St. Victor Community to pray for him every day since we are not the same without his leadership.

Br. 195 member Bob Faising has authored a book titled Slovaks in Chicago - its available on Amazon or contact Jo. Our wonderful Associate Pastor Fr. Bob Sprott has left us to go to St. James Church in the Bronzeville neighborhood in Chicago. Condolences to the family of Adeline Baroni, who passed away on June 24. Adeline has been an ICF member since 1957. We are also saddened by the passing of Gino Ruggeri, long time parishioner at St. Victor and supporter of our St. Joseph TAVOLA. Our Nite at Balmoral Park is scheduled for September 6. Best wishes for a successful convention in Oakland.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

"Do not forget that your life does not belong

to you, but it is a gift with which you must bring joy to others". And that gift was enjoyed by many who attended the summer celebrations. The Chicago district 90th anniversary in June of the ICF was fantastic and well executed by the committee. In July, 30 golfers enjoyed a good day to play the game. 10 other non-golfers came by for dinner that was real yummy. The day closed with many winners of the raffle prizes taking their gifts home to be enjoyed and remembering the great time they had. A big "thank you" to Al Cimino who was responsible for the well-organized Chicago district fund raiser. Our branch will visit the retired Scalabrinian nuns on Sunday, Sept. 7th at 2 pm. They really enjoyed seeing us the past 2 years. The summer is swiftly leaving us; hopefully we all enjoyed its short stay in Chicago. We look forward to the last district fundraiser for 2014-the Nite @ the Races on Sept. 19th @ Maywood Park Race Track. Invite your friends for a great evening and worthy cause. Some of our members are enjoying birthdays -- Cathy Pope, Josephine Karr, Philomena Frischberg and Joe Santello. Will close this month's article with a short reflection... Each of us has a job to do in life even when ill or retired. Blessed we are when we find our daily work something to look forward to each morning. There are many who lack any



Branch 418 - 1st. Year Scholarship winner; Carrie Castellano receives her certificate from Pres. Rita Bratta, flanked by 1st. V.P. Nick Tenerelli and Treasurer; Lydia Modugno. Carrie plans on attending Miami University of Ohio. Good luck; Carrie.

Thank You

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Nina Malone at the organ, and the little choir composed of Marcie Rossi, Jim Jones and Leonard Rossi) to the beautiful orchids provided by Franklyn Lopes, Jr.; and thanks to the wonderful men in blue of the San Francisco Police Department, even parking was a breeze.

The Banquet that followed at the Basque Cultural Center was very well attended. Even though at first it was a bit confusing, everyone was soon seated and ready to enjoy a wonderful feast and great company. With 360 in attendance the dinner was reminiscent of the banquets of yesteryear where many Italians would gather for delicious food and a wonderful social. Dante Galeazzi and Leonard Rossi did a fabulous job with the program and honored so many dignitaries who were there to celebrate. It was wonderful to see so many Past Grand Presidents, and even the wives of our deceased Grand Presidents. They were presented with a gift of our commemorative ornament depicting the 90 year anniversary. Twenty-one members of the Providenza family were in attendance

as well! What a wonderful way to celebrate the legacy of Luigi Providenza.

A presentation of Resolutions for the Italian Catholic Federation from the State Senatorial Department was present to Grand President Bob Basuino. A very special presentation was made to Reverend Gladstone Stevens, the President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary. Anonymous donors, only known as "friends of the Immaculate Conception Church" so very generously donated \$25,000.00 to further the education of our beloved seminarians. Kudos to Dante Galeazzi for arranging so many wonderful donations, not only the special one for St. Patrick's, but our Providenza fund will have benefitted from his hard work as well.

I'd like to thank Dante Galeazzi, Leonard Rossi, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., and Bob Basuino for everything they did to make this event the huge success it was.

Los Angeles Gala – June 29, 2014

Mass at beautiful St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church was the beginning to the third and last, but certainly not least of our gala celebrations. Fr. Louis Piran celebrated a beautiful Italian Mass with us which was followed by a lovely buffet luncheon in

means of making a living. Even the humblest task is ennobled when done in God's sight and for His honor.

Leonora

Chicago

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439

On June 8th ICF Branch 439 members and their families celebrated the ICF 90th Anniversary in Chicago. The event began with a mass at St. Francis Borgia Church, followed by the Gala Anniversary Celebration at Il Pescatore Palace Restaurant. It was a wonderful event shared with members from Central Council and other Branches. On June 13th, ICF Branch 439 honored St. Anthony with a mass, followed by a reception, at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The mass was celebrated by Father Augusto Feccia and was a special evening of prayer and devotion to St. Anthony. In addition, members celebrated Heritage Night after their General Meeting in June with delicious, homemade panzerotti.

Des Plaines

St. Zachary, Br. 441

At the Italian Mass on Sunday, July 13th, two \$500 Scholarships were awarded. The recipients were called by President, Tony Arredia, and the Scholarship Chairman, Florinda Partipilo, awarded the two scholarships: one went to Loredana Lappano who will be attending Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, IL, and will pursue her education in Speech Pathology; the second scholarship went to Marisa Sciafani who will attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She will pursue her studies in Public Health.

Future scholarships will be called the LEE SLICER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS. Lee was in charge of running our past two very successful fundraisers. Sadly he passed away in July -- he will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Lee.

Plans are underway for our third Annual Fund Raiser -- Grand Prize will be two Regular Season Chicago Bears Football Tickets. A Spaghetti Dinner is planned for the Fall.

Ciao,

Rose Marie Berg



Lou Mages, Lisa Crudo, Franklyn Lopes, Pat Mages, Nina Malone, Natalie Malone, Rosalind Crudo, and Leonard Rossi at the San Francisco Gala.

Casa Italiano, the lovely hall across from the church. It certainly was a treat to see so many of our Central Council members, life members, life members emeritus and members emeritus in attendance. A group from San Diego made the trip for this special event, including Lady Jody Balestrieri and Forrest and Prudence Price. There were over 185 in attendance and everyone had a wonderful time. There was a short program and presentations from the Mayor and the Governor were presented to our Grand President Bob Basuino. The buffet was plentiful and delicious! There was more than enough food for everyone to enjoy. Music by Duo Domino pervaded the room, and allowed several members to enjoy dancing.

I'd like to thank Pat Mages and her committee Nick D'Egidio & Branch 67; The LAAD District, Carmelo Sabatello, Theresa Shaw and Andrea Linn for the wonderful job they did to make the day so memorable.

I have always been proud to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation and the efforts of these men and women to make sure we had a successful event is a great testimony to this wonderful organization. Everyone can be proud of the role they played in raising money for our Providenza fund. May God continue to bless you and the Italian Catholic Federation.

Fondly, Lisa Crudo, chairperson, Ways and Means Committee

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

At our June 10 meeting we honored two intelligent young men that were the recipients of this year's scholarship awards: Eric Peters and ICF member Thomas Keitz. The proud parents of Thomas are members District Attorney Michael Keitz and his wife Mary. Eric is planning to attend Santa Clara and Thomas is going to California State University, Fresno. Congratulations gentlemen and good luck with your future. The Chicken take-out dinner was held June 22nd and was a huge success. Thanks to Elsie Bottorff who lead an incredible crew. High praise to everyone who barbequed, shopped, sold tickets, worked in the kitchen or made desserts. There are just too many to name, but you know who you are: Thank You! In June long time member Theresa Failla passed away. Please pray for her family and as always, say a prayer for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Here we are, ready for another convention. Conventions are like family reunions.

This year we have a new delegate, Evelyn Way. First time delegates learn so much of the Federation, they get a bigger picture of what the ICF is about.

We had our annual Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite and members and guests enjoyed hot dogs, beans, corn on the cob, tomatoes and peppers and you got to make your own ice cream sundae. We had a cakewalk and a White Elephant Raffle. No one won the White Elephant!!!! Our chairman, Bob Tyler did a great job. Thanks to Evelyn Way and the Roland Noyas for the delicious beans and to Maria Giampaoli for the tomatoes and peppers. The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. Next on our agenda is our August meeting/social.

Come and enjoy "making your own sandwich", a salad, dessert and wine.

Come early for snacks and wine and visiting. We will be bringing the 2015

calendar fund raiser back from the convention with us. Cash prize every day and you get 365 chances to win. Carol Salmeri chairs the sale and she has been the top seller in the Federation for the past few years. When you see her, buy one. We get to keep \$5.00 of every calendar we sell. Calendars are \$25.00 each.

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Congratulations to our four new members who were initiated at our July meeting. They



Members of Branch 32 at the July meeting.



Branch 250, Clovis scholarship recipient Gabriella Guaglianone & grandparents LeRoy and Dolores Guaglianone.

are Sarah Stanziale, Cindy Newton, Linda Stockwell and Carol Rice.

Also members participated in a Silly Hat Contest. Frank Pimentel took 1st place and LeAnne Lavagnino, 2nd place.

LeRoy and Dolores attended their granddaughter, Juliet's wedding in Carmel at the San Carlos Mission. LeRoy and Dolores were married at the San Carlos Mission 60 years ago in July. They will be traveling to Yakama Washington in August to attend their grandson Michael's wedding.

Jenny Campopiano's daughter, Barbara, announced her engagement and plans to be married in March, 2015.

Debbie Abate's brother (and Corrine and Julius' son), David, was married June 28 to Julie Sanfilippo. He requests prayers in his new role as step-father to three young children.

Glory and John Spatafore were in West Virginia for a family reunion and John's 60th class reunion.

Rich and Mary Zanarini celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. They went to Illinois in July to visit Rich's mother who turned 102.

John and Tony Rainaldi and Cindy Newton attended a family reunion in Tooele, Utah. 125 family members attended.

Pray for the soul of a very dear member, Mary Semas, who passed away. Keep Linda Stockwell and Angelo Lavagnino in your prayers. Linda is undergoing hip surgery in August and Angelo had eye surgery in July.

Happy Birthday to Lena Daddino (8/19), Angelo Lavagnino (8/2), Betty Massa (8/29), John Spatafore (8/22), Glenn Vietti (8/13) and Deputy Flora DePasquale (8/25).

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Wow! Our branch members are excited about the events being planned for the rest of the year. We will meet at Dana and Cynthia



Branch 250, Clovis - Contest participants - Jessie Budd, Frank Pimentel, Jenny Campopiano, LeAnne Lavagnino, Madeline Conatser



Branch 250, Clovis members Mary Semas & Sylvia Dalton. Mary passed away on June 26.



Branch 250, Clovis - Silly Hat Contest winners. 1st prize winner, Frank Pimentel & 2nd prize winner, LeAnne Lavagnino.



Branch 250, Clovis new members, Carol Rice, Cyndi Newcome, Sarah Stanzalie & Linda Stockton.

Munn's home for an unorganized potluck for our Sept 11th meeting. We will hear a report from our convention delegates.

Coffee and Donuts will return the first Sunday of September after parish masses. George Carson organizes this and appreciates members stopping by to help and talk to the parish members. Having membership applications handy encourages parishioners to come to a meeting and maybe join.

We welcome new members Beverly Traynor, Martin and Jeanne Varga, Robert and Therese Dill, and Patsy and Darryl Ebel.

Gary Moles and his team will return to provide our quarterly Pancake Breakfast October 5th, contact Gary to volunteer. Remember many hands make light work.

Our Annual Night at the Races will be held October 11th, contact Allen Watts to see how you can help. Marian Zasoski will be asking people to purchase a horse so please say yes when she inquires. Bring friends, make a night of it! This is one of our largest fundraisers and members can make it bigger by

bringing guests.

October 12th is the Bishop's Bourse Sanger. More information to follow the September meeting.

Ciao,

Mindy

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367

Since St. Francis school was out for the summer, we were able to have a potluck dinner at our June meeting. After a delicious dinner, we had a short meeting, and presented Christine Lange her Award of Scholarship for 2014. Christine is an autistic child, but managed to graduate 92nd out of a class of 530. Christine is a Girl Scout Senior Ambassador, an Irish Dancer, an LVVW Intern, and a Server/Lector at St. Francis de



Branch 367 President, Frank Vatalare, presents our Scholarship Winner, Christine Lange, her certificate at the branch's June, 2014 meeting.

Sales Church. She is certainly a good example of a young Catholic woman. One who had to overcome some educational challenges. Congratulations Christine! Christine and her mom, Kelly Lange, both became our newest members that night. We welcome you and hope you enjoy your membership in the Italian Catholic Federation.

Because some of our members did not get to eat on the last Lake Mead Sunday Brunch, they have offered us to go on another cruise in September for half price \$19.50, OR an evening dinner cruise for \$38.25 (normally \$65.00). We will be taking a vote as to which we would rather do. Also, our Branch picnic will be at the Super Summer Theatre between September 4th through the 20th. The show we will see is "Arsenic and Old Lace". Good news! The Pahrump Winery is finished with its renovations, so we will be voting on when to go there. We also have our Bishop's Day on November 2nd.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District Council

Congratulations to ICF on 90 Successful Years!

On Sunday, June 29th, the ICF 90th Anniversary Gala at Saint Peters Catholic Church in Los Angeles was a great success. Branch 108 would like to thank Central Council Members and Co Chair Pat Mages for organizing and managing an excellent event from Mass in St Peter's Church through the buffet Luncheon to the dancing in Casa Italiana. The Duo Domino provided classic Italian music bringing many members to their feet and dance floor. Highlight of the dance was members rising to their feet to dance the Tarantella; in three sometimes four large circles.

On Sunday, July 20th, the 28th Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ was a great success. Thank you members, staff and guests for joining District Branches and making



Nick and Tony having a good time at the 90th Gala Lunch.

LA District Calendar

- August 30, 2014 - LAADC General Meeting from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the ICF National Convention, Oakland, in the LAADC Hospitality Suite.

- September 7, 2014 - Branch 108 Bocce (1:00 to 2:30 pm), Lunch Social and General Meeting (3:00 - 5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm). Call 626 403-6102 for more information.

- September 14, 2014 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm hosted by the LAADC Santa Barbara/Ventura Region. ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Meeting 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Chapel Library. Call 626 372-7812 for more information

this a fun-filled event. This is the 28th year that Branch 108 hosted the Cooley's Anemia event with the Sabatella Family and invited all 18 District Branches to Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. This event was originally created by Luigi and Ines Sabatella to celebrate ICF and support this worthwhile cause in a combined District effort. This year guest speaker Laurice Levine joined us poolside and brought us up to date on the Cooley's Campaign effort in Oakland.

Thank you ICF Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Parishioners for a speedy recovery and especially to the family of ICF Member Sam Sadoro (Branch 362) who recently passed to his eternal reward.

May God bless and keep you healthy "per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President -

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South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

Congratulations to ICF on its 90th Anniversary!

Have a great Convention experience!

On June 29th, Branch 108 Members joined members of many branches of the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange County and San Diego Branches along with Central Council Members at the ICF 90th Anniversary Gala at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles. Mass was followed by a delicious buffet luncheon in Casa Italiana.

On Sunday, July 20th, the 28th Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ was hosted by Branch 108 and the Sabatella Family at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. Thank you Laurice Levine, Chef Chris, Branch and District Staff for making this a successful fundraiser.



Members of the LA District at the 90th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

Sabatella Family, Branch 108, Annual Cooley's Fundraiser



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Members of Branch 111 and the Annual Cooleys Anemia BBQ.



Members of Branch 111 at their annual picnic.



Branch 111 Picnic- Bocce winners.

Save The Dates:

- September 7, 2014 - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Branch 108 Bocce with Lunch Social and General Meeting in the Galilee Room from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Mass is scheduled for 5:30 pm following the Branch Meeting.

May God bless and keep you healthy "per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President -

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Montebello**St. Benedict, Br. 111**

Ciao a Tutti,

Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe 4th of July 2014 with all the firework spectaculars. Only a few months left for this year. Let's make them memorable.

ICF Branch 111 members attended the ICF 90th Anniversary Gala at Casa Italiana in Los Angeles. Great turnout for a 90 year celebration.

Also in July Branch 111 members attended the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. What a great turnout for a great cause.

Happy birthday to all our July birthdays Rachel Lujan, Rose Mary brougher, Daniel Bermudez, Paul Adragna, & Gabriel Macias.. Also congrats to our August birthdays Mario Castello, Giuseppe Veneziano, & Ruben Valdez. and September birthdays Elizabeth DeLorenzo, David Melendrez, Rose Licari,

Giuseppina Sorce, Esperanza Chavez, & Leonardo A. Salomone. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Our Annual branch picnic was held on Sunday, July 27th at Montebello City Park. We had a great time hanging out, eating food and having family fun. Congratulations to our professional Bocce team consisting of Rosemary & Gary Brougher, Alfred Viera, and Salvatore Sorce who won our annual bocce tournament.

Get ready for our Annual ICF Convention this weekend weekend. I am sure lots of valuable information will be shared throughout the weekend. Enjoy, relax, and have fun at all those workshops and events.

This month's I leave you with a quote from Mark Twain - "Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience." Rise Above. Always Believe.

Thank you and God Bless,

Giuseppe Veneziano

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

We are happy to report that our representatives to the 2014 annual convention will be President Neal Dileva with 1st VP Anna Dileva, Carmela Gioiello and MaryAnn Canneti. We look forward to all the new information our delegates will bring back.

Thanks to all members who helped in any way to make our annual Parish fiesta a huge success. Our meatball/sausage sandwich and pizza booth which is a long standing tradition was a great success.

These past 60 years have been a blessing to maintaining the history of this community and I look forward to exciting new ventures in our next 60 years. In these next few years, let us encourage new members to join and witness first hand the joy of these decades' old traditions.

Next General Meeting will be held on August 21 at 7:30pm. Annual trip will be discussed.



LA Branch 111 - L.A. 90th Anniversary Gala

Save the Date Potluck meeting Sept 18th at 6pm

Sept 21-23rd Trip to San Diego. Two night stay at Viejas Casino with daytime sight seeing in San Diego. Cost is \$170.00 per person double occupancy. \$230.00 single occupancy. Casino will give \$25.00 per day free play and \$10.00 food credit per day. Reservations and payments must be received by August 27th. If we do not have at least 40 people trip will be cancelled. Please call Pauling Iacono (310) 832-0563

God Bless and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Anita Gioiello Trujillo

Treasurer

Gardena**St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237**

Branch 237 continues its winning ways, Three calendar winners last month and one more this month! Selling calendars has been a great promotion for us.

June 13th, our parish celebrated St. Anthony of Padua with a mass and dinner Pictured is associate Pastor Elmer Empinado with some of the children from our branch.

We sent President Connie Bohannon and Vice-President Rose Moore with their spouses to the 90th gala celebration. Also attended was shown Connie's grandson Johnny Roa pictured in front of the altar at St. Peter's. It was a great day.

We are now planning for the annual convention and our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance, October 18th. Details to follow at a later date.

Wishing you all a restful and safe summer.

Respectfully,

Micheal Roa



Branch 237 President Connie with assoc. pastor and children.

Temple City**St. Luke, Br. 326**

Warm Summer Days are here!

Congratulations to St. Luke 8th Graders, Sarah Day and Alexander Martinez, who were awarded our ICF Scholarships. This year we were able to award 2 scholarships thanks to the success of our pancake breakfast.

Our next General Meeting will be held on August 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be sausage and peppers, salad and dessert.

The September General Meeting will be held on September 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. It will include our ice cream social.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Anne Dandrea, Roberta Nangelo, Andy Bonura, Eleanor Cuneo, Eva Arrighi, Pat Buccola, Joanne Miller, Herminia Saez, and Ann Primising. Please pray for Lena Merendino who broke her foot and is recuperating. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members. Please continue to pray for George Zavala. Also, keep in your prayers members Vera Montemayor, who lost her brother Jerry Tavares and Tony Farinella, who lost his brother Paul Farinella.

Happy August Birthday to: Eva Arrighi, Anthony Basile and Joe Donofrio.

Happy September Birthday to: Luigi Arrighi, Ester Capriotti, Irene Courselle, Lila Donofrio, Joanne Miller, Roberta Nangelo, and Frances Scorsone.

Happy August Anniversary to: Fred and Linda Peritore celebrating 44 years. Congratulations!

"Smile, be happy, laugh a lot, don't shed another tear; A wonderful life is waiting for you, so face it without fear. There'll be problems to solve, hurdles to cross, work hard and know you can cope. With God at your side, Him as our guide, each day will



Branch 237 President Connie Bohannon's grandson loved the altar boat of St. Peter's at the 90th Anniversary Gala Mass.



Pictured here is the delegation, which represented Branch 374 from La Canada Flintridge. Standing left to right: Phylliss Harb; Al Restivo, branch president and Vice President of the Los Angeles District; Diane Restivo; past president Mary Wynton, and Jack Kojimoto. Seated: Rae Ann Mertz; Alice McCormick; Paula Clinnon, and past president Fiorina Marcucci Murphy. ICF Photo by Neal DeLeva



Katherine Altmeyer, Branch 374 ICF Scholarship winner is flanked on the left by ICF Scholarship Chairman Mark Mannarelli, and on the right by ICF Branch 374 President Al Restivo in the Sanctuary of St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church in La Cañada Flintridge, California.

bring you new hope.”

(Ruth Moyer Gilmour)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The June meeting featured the presentation of scholarships to two worthy students who each received checks to be used to pay part of their first year college tuition. ICF's continues to spotlight the outstanding accomplishments of local Catholic high schools. This year St. Francis and Sacred Heart, Seniors Dante Orlandini who will attend the Catholic University in Washington D.C., and Katherine



St. Francis H.S. graduate Dante Orlandini displays his ICF scholarship certificate from Branch 374 with St. Bede Pastor and Archdiocese of Los Angeles ICF Director Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti.

Altmeyer who will attend Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received the awards. Scholarship Chairman Mark Mannarelli and Monsignor Cacciapuoti presented the awards as the parents of the students proudly looked on.

In July several members including branch president Al Restivo and his wife Diane and members Mary Wynton, Jack Kojimoto, Alice McCormick, Rae Ann Mertz,

and two guest friends attended the annual Archdiocese of Los Angeles District Cooley's Anemia BBQ at Villa Sabatella, the home of long time ICF member Ines Sabatella. As usual, the event was a huge success represented by 70 members from our 18 branches. Our branch stood out with the most members from one branch attending. Several members from distant parts of the district, included members from Thousand Oaks and Claremont. The event is conducted by South Pasadena Branch 108.

The August main event was a Home Mass and Steak Dinner held at the home of former California State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino and his wife Ellen. This is an event held in the homes of volunteer member



Branch 319 honored its scholarship recipients.

families; it spotlights both the spiritual and family and fraternal objectives of our branch.

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday, September 16th. It is hoped that all of our members attend as we launch the second part of 2014. It promises to be an exciting four months. It will be the month where the nominating committee is formed to select a slate of officers for 2015, as well as a program organized by our program coordinator Nancy Ammirato.

President Al and Diane are excited to have been selected as delegates to the convention in Oakland where strategic planning will refocus the future of ICF. A report will be presented at the September meeting of our branch.

Auguro a tutti voi abbondanti benedizioni di Dio

Al Restivo, Ph.D., President

San Gabriel Valley Region

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

08/28 – Communion Sunday at Holy Angels

08 29 – 09/01 2014 Convention in Oakland, California

09/12 – St DENIS Branch 317 General Meeting

10/12 – ST DENIS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The summer months are winding down and

ICF is looking forward once again with the convention in Oakland and Communion Sunday hosted by Holy Angels Catholic church in Arcadia. More details later in the newsletter.

The convention will put forth once again with new ideas, workshops, friendship and the love and spirit of ICF.

Our General Meeting on September 12th will take place after our summer rest. Details will be included in the September newsletter after discussion at the board meeting.

St Denis Branch 317 would like to congratulate the committee on the 90th anniversary Gala on June 29th 2014. The festivities included a wonderful dinner, a delicious cake, lovely music and dancing. There was beautiful orchid centerpieces, all elegantly planned by Lisa Crudo, Bob Basuino; Franklyn Lopes, Jr and Pat Mages, Grazie!

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

On June 20 our Annual Scholarship & Contribution Dinner was held. We “thank” long time members; Dick & Helene Santia whom prepared and served Pasta dinner. Meeting was then called to order by President Bill Mussatto and after opening prayer & flag salute, Sylvia Stephens read minutes and were approved as read, we then had a brief meeting.

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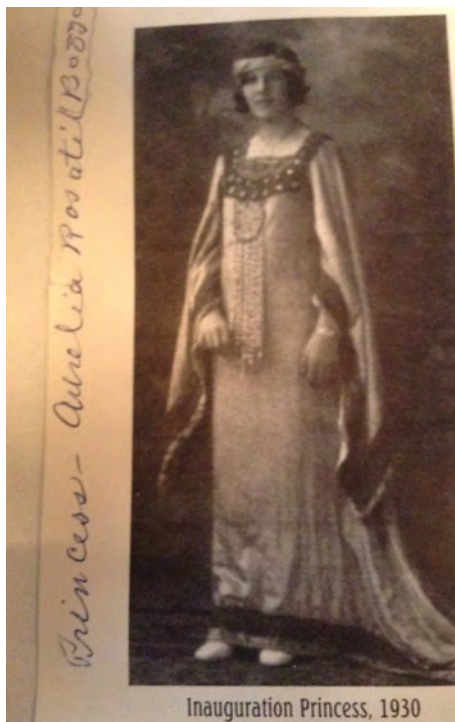


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At the 90th Anniversary Gala, Branch 21 member Aurelia Bozzo, at the age of 99, was honored as a long time ICF member. In 1930, at the age of 15, she was a Princess in the ICF Inauguration Parade in Hollister.

Our scholarship recipients & their families were our guests. The recipients were: Michael Murphy, Joseph Provenzano, Lauren Anding, Lily Ramirez and Alexander Viencek along with our Pastor Fr. Charles Ramirez. Some of our contribution recipients were present (U-Turn, Beta Center, OLA Church & School, etc.) accepted our donation. The event was enjoyed by families, charities & members. We also hosted this year's Annual Regional Picnic on Sunday June 22 at Larkin Park, (which includes San Gabriel Valley Region) that went very well. Our next upcoming event will include Bingo on August 22, with a Star Gazing Event set for fall. We look forward to summer!

Ciao,

Olivia Romero

Santa Barbara/ Ventura Region

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch had an excellent meeting in June. A wonderful dinner was served and our members participated in karaoke.

We awarded out annual scholarships.

We hope to everyone at our next meeting.

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Our Branch is proud to announce that 16 new members plus 3 children have been added to our splendid group. They are, in alphabetical order: Elsa Cardenas, Fay Carrasco, Diane Collopy, Amanda Danner, Catherine Ghio, Tom Ghio, Chris Luffman, Pete Pappas with Josie, Robbie, and Paulie, Savatore and Diane Pecoraro, Gary and Helen Plummer, Roberto and Anita Raffaelli, Linda Seigle, and Mary Lou Weidlich. We welcome all the new members to ICF Branch 21. A new member initiation will be performed at a future general meeting, so stay tuned!

Well, bags are packed and ready for the Convention in Oakland. Branch 21 delegates, Roseann Costabile, Patty Morelli and Norma Wilson, are eager to embark on this fun learning experience. We wish them a productive and wonderful time.

Our Branch members who attended the ICF 90th Anniversary Celebration reported that it was a roaring success. And as a bonus, our very own Aurelia Bozzo, at the age of 99, was honored as a long time ICF member. In 1930, at the age of 15, she was a Princess in the ICF Inauguration Parade in Hollister. She was and still is a pretty lady. (See included photo)

We have an important event coming up on Saturday, August 23rd.....a celebration honoring both ICF's 90th year and also those Branch 21 members who are 90 years or older. Believe it or not there are 20 such members in our Branch! This will be an indoor summer picnic and ice-cream social at Holy Cross Hall. Come and eat yummy food, meet the honorees, and hear their stories. Please contact Roseann Costabile or Norma Wilson for more information and to make reservations.

We hope the rest of your summer is blessed with wonder and good fun. And remember what Mark Twain once said, "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it don't matter."

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

We were pleased to welcome Jim and Janice Jones at our branch meeting July 8, 2014. Jim discussed an ongoing ICF strategic review underway and asks all to participate in and support the review.

Our picnic was held after this issue was mailed but, with all the planning that went on, it is safe to say that it was a big success.

Plans were for our Chaplain, Father Ignacio to start the day off with a beautiful mass in a beautiful country setting. We hope you all attended and enjoyed the day. Thanks to Julie and Joe for hosting the picnic once again at the beautiful J&M Ranch. Thanks also to all who helped by setting up, cooking and serving a wonderful meal.

Julie Richards and Don Stoffey are delegates to the ICF Convention this year. All members are welcomed to attend the convention one or more days to visit with delegates, attend workshops, and meet with friends from other branches. There is no charge for such activity beyond that of travel and parking.

Convention raffle tickets are still available. Please contact a branch officer.

Our major fundraiser will be held on Nov 5th at Sacred Heart Hall. Flyers for the Polenta Luncheon will be posted at markets in Salinas, and all members are asked to come and encourage your friends and neighbors to attend as well. November is a great month to have polenta, so mark you calendars and enjoy the event.

Dates to Remember:

November 5th - Polenta Luncheon. Preparation on the 4th.

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

Hollister

Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you are having a beautiful summer so far. Our branch had A BBQ theme dinner at our last meeting. We celebrated all the July Birthday's which consist of Sarah Jane Amoroso, Betty Brookshire, Robert De Vincenzi, Bernard Freitas, Jennifer Frusetta, Josie Gallegos, Martha Gibson, Harry Hill, Kathy Hill, Kathy Hough, Tony Lobue and Anthony Trebino. We also celebrated Robert & Juanita De Vincenzi's 57th anniversary. We spoke about Convention and we are looking forward to it.

Sincerely,

Cheri Huntley

Branch 26 Secretary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Congratulations to our President Elizabeth Grammatico who is receiving the Grand President's Award at the Convention, Elizabeth is so deserving of this award, she works diligently for the ICF, and not just for our branch.

Our Convention delegates are: Elizabeth Grammatico, Ted Ursino, JoAnn Riso, Carrie Dalton, Eddie Leonard, Bettye Sollecito.

Our big event for July – the annual 85 and over party honoring our older members with their birthday party, some were not able to come, many did and they had such a wonderful time being in the limelight, they know they are special and that we love them.

Thank you to Central Council members who attended: Jim & Maryann Friebe, Marco & Diane Galiazzi, Dante Galiazzi, and to Br.25 Pres. Julie Richards.

We appreciate having you there to help our older members celebrate.

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets, we should have sold more considering the size of our branch, this is a fundraiser for us, this helps your branch to continue the many charities we support.

Very sad to report the death of Thomas 'Tom' Christian Sr., Tom and his wife, Louise were



Monterey Br. 36 honored Josephine Haidich, the oldest member, at the annual 85 and over Birthday Party. She will be 100 years old in November.

strong supporters of our ICF, Tom was one of our telephone callers, Francesca Giamona, another wonderful volunteer, she worked at every event we had, our Past President John Cardinali, president for 14 years, he is happy now with his wife Hope, Santo Balesteri, Santo, when he was well, came to every dinner meeting, and to Phyllis Poma on the death of her son Salvatore. If we believe what we are taught, they are in a much better place and at peace. God bless them, and us!

Mark your calendar for Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival Fri. 9/5,

Joe Sharino Band, 6:00-9:30 PM, Sat. 9/6, Mass at San Carlos at 10:30 AM, Parade immediately following from San Carlos to the Monterey Plaza for the Blessing of the fishing fleet, then entertainment all day, all food booths

Open, Sunday, 9/7, entertainment all day, food booths open. See you there!

August 2014 (now) will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays, this will not happen again for 823 years.

The love of God is like the ocean, you can see its beginning, but not its end.

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51

Summer is here!

This is the time to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with family and friends.

The Convention is just around the corner and our delegate, Pauline Bigby, is looking forward to her trip. I'm sure she will have a lot of information to share when she returns. Have a fantastic time Pauline!

Many of our members are preparing for the annual Relay for Life to be held on August 23rd and 24th. It will take place on the grounds of the Andy Ausonio Library across from Our Lady of Refuge Church. I encourage all our members to come and support this truly worthwhile event.

Father, we invite you to be our guide through life. We welcome your holy guidance.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

After a rousing game of Bingo, the Members enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner at our last meeting. We had a fun group and enjoyed meeting Sarah Jane's guest, Dionisio Cimareli, a well-known sculptor.

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Branch 291 recently initiated the Reynolds family! Pictured here are: Back row - Pres. Pete Gallagher and Billy Reynolds; front row - Emmerson, Colin, Casey and Lillian Reynolds. Not pictured: Mason Reynolds.

President, Sarah Jane Amoroso, attended the Gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation, which started with the Mass at Immaculate Conception in San Francisco and ending with a banquet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. It was a wonderful weekend and well attended.

Our next meetings are July 25 and August 15. Enjoy the rest of your Summer. God Bless!

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our annual picnic was another success with over 130 members and guests enjoying themselves. The weather was beautiful, and the steaks and chicken were delicious. We were happy to see so many friends from our neighboring Branch 21. Thanks to Bob Montanye (and Mary) for coordinating the event. Helping Bob at the barbecue pit were Gary Podesto, Frank Locatelli, Rick Kotila, and Ed Lavarone. Thanks to all the members who helped in so many ways.

On Sunday, October 26, we will host Bishop's Day. The 11:00 a.m. mass will be followed by a luncheon in the hall.

It was with sorrow that we learned of Joan Lundell's passing after a lengthy illness.

Helen Summerfield, Branch 291 Scholarship Chairperson, and President Pete Gallagher presented certificates to the First Year Scholarship recipients at the June General Meeting. Branch 291 recipients were Sarah Castellino (2nd from left) and Toby Tonascia (far right), both graduates of Arroyo Grande High School. They also presented a certificate to Gregory Conti, (second from right) a graduate of Mission College Prep, on behalf of the Paso Robles Branch.



Branch 291 recently initiated and welcomed its newest members, Jack and Kathleen Gallizio, pictured here with Pres. Pete Gallagher.

Joan belonged to ICF for nine years and was an active member of St. Joseph's parish. Our sincere sympathy to her loved ones.

Condolences also to Jolene Smith and Sharleen Hedgpeth on the sad passing of Jack Smith, who was Jolene's husband and Sharleen's brother.

Get well wishes to Sylvia Raffetto, who is home after a short hospital stay.

One of the unsung heroes of our branch is our Treasurer, Marie Mungai. Marie has served in that capacity for five years and goes above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to maintaining flawless financial records, Marie prepares the roster of members and a handy meeting schedule listing all the activities for the year. At each meeting, she is at the check-in table with a warm welcome (and ready to take our money). Because of her knowledge, Marie is the "go-to" person for many of us.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 would like to wish our delegates and all other attendees a fun and successful convention! Our branch delegates are Jerry and Sandy Quintiliani, Rose Haupt and Joanna Van Blaricom.

We recently initiated and welcomed two new

families to Branch 291 – Billy, Casey, Mason, Colin, Emmerson and Lillian Reynolds, and Jack and Kathleen Gallizio.

At our June meeting we introduced and welcomed our First Year Scholarship recipients and their families, along with a recipient from Branch 354. Our scholarship recipients were Sarah Castellino and Toby Tonascia, both graduates of Arroyo Grande High School. Branch 354's recipient was Gregory Conti, a graduate of Mission College Prep.

Our fall Spaghetti Dinners are right around the corner! The first dinner will be held on Saturday, September 6th from 4-7PM in our church hall. All are welcome! Net profits will go towards our Registration Assistance Program.

Please continue to keep in prayer Sr. Carol Carter, Annette Grimaud, Stevie Hall, Floralee Harris, Trish Jimenez, Jean & Emil Minicucci, Joe Slavin, Lorraine Spargo, Sonia & Jens Wagner and Mary Ann Zogata. We recently lost a dear friend and member, Jan Hilton, so please keep Jan's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ciao!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St Rose of Lima, Br. 354

We are already midway through the year having had a very successful Pasta Dinner and the popular bake sale. With the cooperation and assistance from members, parishioners and friends the club was able to award \$400.00 scholarships to Genaro Olvida from Paso Robles High School and Gregory C. Conti from St. Patrick's High School in Arroyo Grande. We wish these two young men success in their future academic goals.

Due to the fact that we had no June meeting, we will have many loose ends to cover in our July 11th meeting. We will select delegates to the Oakland Convention, plan to participate in the always favorite Madonna Del Sasso's district meeting in Salinas on August 3rd, and hold discussions on our various upcoming projects.

We are asking for your prayers for the recovery for Santa Salvia and Alice Mastagni, who have been hospitalized during the past week. These two ladies, Charter Members, have been very important to our branch's success, and we miss them. Get well, ladies.

In the last newsletter, we indicated that our male members would be responsible for making Father's Day tray favors for the male patients at The Vineyard nursing facility. Tony Salvia came through- he made and delivered them. Thanks Tony.

Enjoy the lazy days of summer and remember,

"One person caring about another represents life's greatest value"-Jim Rohn.

Theresa Sollazzo

Correspondence Secretary

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Our branch has had a busy summer so far. For June meeting we all enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

With the help from our cooking crew. We also enjoyed an interesting history about the Holy Family Church in San Jose. It stood on River St for 63 yrs. and was relocated to Pearl Ave. when the Freeway needed the land. Holy Family was Br.#3 for the ICF. Louise Vento shared this story to us.

We also attended our quarterly 10:30 Mass with many of our members. Father Mark gave us good recognition during Mass, and many enjoyed the coffee and doughnuts after Mass.

Our July dinner meeting was something special. George Guglielmo a dedicated trustee of our board volunteered the use of his

Beautiful vineyard setting. The ambiance and the food was awesome. We had the best New York steak, pasta con pesto, corn on the cob, salad and garlic bread. The night was complete with yummy tiramisu. Giulia Gallego decorated the tables with lovely centerpieces.

We also presented the ICF college scholarship to Caroline Rose Seifert. She is the daughter of Brain and the late Lisa Seifert.

Emily Corral from br. 191 presented it to Lisa. She also graduated from Notre Dame High School.

Please keep Jerry Caravelli in your prayers and enjoy the rest of the summer.

God bless,

Donna Basilin

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Heigh-ho! Heigh-ho! it's off to the convention we go! Well it's down to the wire, time to show the 7 dwarfs what our 7 branches can do to make this a fun and successful convention.

On the fun side, there are the three dinners, Bingo, Pedro, and Bocce. On the work end there are outgoing sales people needed in the novelty booth and cooks to make those plates of hors d'oeuvres for Thursday night's



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dinner and dozens of cookies to serve after Sunday night's dinner. Hope everyone has made their reservations. There are always interesting workshops to attend during the mornings on various topics, lots to learn. We also have a chance to attend daily Mass.

The district will have a hospitality room at the convention, so come, greet and support Lisa Crudo as she runs for reelection to the Central Council. Go Lisa!

After this busy weekend, come enjoy the district picnic at Al and Deanna DeNurra's on Sept. 20th. It is always lots of fun and a nice way to unwind.

With all this business we were still able to donate a second year scholarship again this year.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We are sponsoring a pilgrimage to the California missions and other religious sites of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties on the weekend of Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19. The tour, which is operated by Pacific Mission Tours, begins with boarding of the charter bus at 6:30 a.m. on the 18th at Saint Philip Neri Church, High and Van Buren Streets, Alameda. The bus is scheduled to return to Saint Philip Neri at 7:00 in the evening on the 19th.

On Saturday the pilgrimage will visit the Shrine of Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer in Santa Cruz, Mission Santa Cruz, Saint Charles Borromeo (Royal Presidio) Cathedral in Monterey and Mission San Antonio de Padua in southern Monterey County. The pilgrimage will leave Mission San Antonio de Padua on Sunday morning for Soledad Mission, then stop at Mission San Juan Bautista before returning to Alameda.

The price, \$300.00 per person for double occupancy and \$350.00 per person for a single room, includes transportation, meals, guided tours and overnight accommodations at Mission San Antonio de Padua. Todd Stagnaro is the owner-operator of Pacific Mission Tours.

For reservations and other information, contact Sheila Doan, (510) 207-2957 or alamedalady1@comcast.net. Payment is due on September 19.

We are preparing to provide large-scale assistance with the ICF Convention in nearby Oakland. We will be helping with the private tour of the Cathedral of Christ the Light of the Diocese of Oakland on Friday, bingo on Friday, the Saturday night and Sunday night dinners and the Italian-themed novelty booth.

We held our annual bocce and barbeque in beautiful Lincoln Park in Alameda on Sunday afternoon and evening, July 27. The function served as a fundraiser and shower for Birthright, and guests brought gifts for babies and donations.

Our next social event will be the annual ravioli dinner on Saturday, October 4 at Saint Philip Neri. For information and reservations, contact Branch 10 president Dave Rose, buncle@earthlink.net or (510) 522-6004.

We will see you at the convention and hope that you can return to the East Bay in early October for our ravioli dinner.

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Hello to all. Summer is coming to an end and Autumn will soon be upon us. Our ICF Convention will take place over the Labor Day weekend., August 28th thru August 31st

in Oakland. Our good wishes for those who will attend.

On June 11th Leroy Casale passed away. He was not only our long time beloved Branch President, but more important he was a dear friend to all. Leroy will be remembered for his freindship, caring nature and dedication to all that he did in life. Our love and prayers are with his wife Elma; son Paul and their families. Leroy, Your presence is gone, but your spirit and memory will live in our hearts and in our prayers. God Bless You.

Upcoming:

Sept. 4th Monthly meeting 7PM

Oct. 2nd Monthly meeting 7PM

Oct. 12thColumbus Day

Meetings are held at Sacred Heart Cafeteria.

Happy Birthday to Anna Alberti, Elma Casale, Anna Castagnini and Ralph Mossino.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing of our branch.

Thought: When you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, you'd better turn around because the train is behind you!

Ciao!

M.A. Francis, L. Francis

Oakland

St. Theresa, Br. 223

Congratulations to Keenan Brekke, who is the recipient of the I.C.F. Scholarship that Br. #223 donated. Keenan graduated from Technical High School in Oakland, and will continue his studies at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. He received his award at our Br. #223 Anniversary Dinner on July 13th. We were truly happy to meet Keenan, his parents, and also his brother.

Our meeting in September will be held on Thursday, September 18th

Fall Bake Sale will take place the weekend of Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th at St. Theresa Church. Don't miss out on the delicious baked goods baked by our women and men who are Br. #223 members. Reasonable prices. Sale will be after the 5P.M. Mass on Saturday and after the 9A.M. and 11A.M. Masses on Sunday.

Currently we are working on a Fall Dinner and Christmas Ravioli Sale. Please let President Nancy know if you wish to participate in the planning, etc. (510) 665-3446

Have a wonderful time at the Convention in Oakland and have a Happy Summer

Yoli Moglia

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

In the good old summer time! By now we have celebrated our Italian heritage by cheer-



Branch 223's scholarship recipient, Keenan Brekke, with President Nancy Carriere at the Branch's anniversary dinner in July.



Members of Branch 442 Pleasant Hill at the Oakland A's game.



Members from Branch 432, Brentwood at the Italian Heritage Day.

ing the A's on to victory and enjoying the food and fireworks. Our August meeting is an ice cream social at The Creamery, so the fun continues.

Now it's time to get down to the hard stuff, work. We will help man to novelty booth at the convention. On Thursday night we have been asked to supply some of hors d'oeuvres and raffle baskets. Then on Sunday we will be supplying some of the cookies for after dinner. Time to get out all those special recipes! Hopefully someone has sold or better yet, won, one of those big raffle prizes on Sunday night.

Come September we have two chances to meet; first at our steak dinner Sept. 11th and then at the district picnic on Sept. 20th. Let's make plans now.

Hope to see lots of you at the convention.

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

It was a fun summer of activities for our branch. Seventeen members braved the heat to play bocce and thirty gathered at Gay 90's Pizza for our annual Bocce/Lunch Day, in July. Sixteen members enjoyed an evening of Italian food and camaraderie at the Oakland A's Italian Heritage Night. And, a great time was had at our summer Swim/Barbecue, held on Sunday, August 10th.

Our members are really looking forward to the ICF Convention! Branch president, Bobbie Farrington, is our delegate. Twelve people have signed up to help at the booths and

others are doing food and raffle baskets. Ten members, plus Rev. Chris Renz, O.P., are attending the banquet. We hope to see many from our branch at the Mass on Sunday.

The September branch meeting will be held at 6 pm. on Thursday, September 18, at Applebee's Restaurant, 4301 First St., Livermore. Call Pauline Kirk for information and reservations.

We will be having a cookie booth at the CCOP Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 21, St. Augustine's Church, Pleasanton. Carolyn Cardinalli will be asking for those yummy biscotti, pizzelles, brownies, etc...and help from our members. Proceeds go to charity.

Our branch has two new members, Denise and Johnny Miano, who are members of St. Michael's Church. Benvenuti al nostro gruppo!

Members having birthdays in August are: Melanie Calabrese, Marlene Dianda, Rose Stack and Peggy Zanatta. September birthdays are: Shirle Viada and branch deputy, Karen Rossi. May God bless you all on your special day and all year!

Ciao,

Mary Merucci

Contra Costa

District Council

The Contra Costa District Officers would like to mention a few upcoming events that we will be looking forward to seeing everyone.



Branch 14 Crockett along with Lisa Crudo.



Member of Branch 13, Martinez.



Roselynn Jarrett and David Botta.

(Right) Scoreboard message at the Oakland Coliseum.

The annual convention will be held over the Labor Day weekend at the Marriott hotel in Oakland. We offer best wishes to all that are involved, and we thank the convention directors committee for their work.

We offer congratulations to Roselynn Jarrett (of our district) who was elected to be a ICF life member of the Central Council. One thing that this will mean is that Roselynn will no longer need to run for reelection to the Central Council. We are proud of you

The Contra Costa District Night of Recollection will be held on Sept 12. Dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by a spiritual talk by district Chaplain Father Larry Young. The Danville Branch will host at St. Isidore's. Check with your branch president for dinner cost and more details, and to reserve a seat in advance. Please make every effort to attend.

The district meeting will be on Oct 23rd at 7:30 at St. Isidore's in Danville. We will hold election of officers for 2015 at this meeting

I have not been feeling well, and sorry that I forgot the last article. I must remind myself that when you are at a hopeless end, trust God and you will have an endless hope.

Martinez

St. Catherine, Br. 13

Congratulations to Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship recipient Emerelga Delos Reyes. This award 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. Emerelga will attend Carondelet High School in

the fall.

Tickets are now on sale for Branch #13's Annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 25, 2014, 6 PM No Host Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Mel-lus 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 4:30 pm mass. So, you can attend mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there.

Upcoming in Martinez: St. Catherine Speaker Series on third Fridays monthly though Join us for this free monthly series. And, all are welcome to join Branch #13 for the annual Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 21. 2015 Calendars are now on sale for \$25.00 each.

Branch #13 wishes all ICF delegates a productive and fun-filled convention weekend.

Ciao for now,

Mary Cook

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Our 87th Anniversary BBQ and Casino Night Celebration was great fun! Our Extraordinary Chef, Johnny V (Valentini), exceeded our expectations.

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Father Fred Riccio. Although he was only



Some of the members from Branch 14, Crockett celebrating the branches 87th Anniversary with a Western BBQ and a fun casino night. Congratulation Branch 14.

at St. Rose for one year, he quickly became an important part of our Branch and of our lives, and he will definitely be missed. God Bless, Fr. Fred, and heartfelt thanks for your support.

If you plan to attend our August 23rd Branch Picnic at the DeTomas Home, you must contact Pat Botta, 787-1131 or Donna Hoffman, 799-2336, by August 18th. It is always an enjoyable event. Thanks for having this at your home, Louise, especially this year.

Our condolences to Rita Stuckman's family on her recent passing. May she rest in peace.

Glad to take John Sepulveda off the "sick list" and to see him at the meeting. Looking good, Sup!

Our September meeting will be held on the 9th, with mass at 5:30, a \$7. chicken and risotto dinner at 6:30, and a 7:30 meeting, when we will hear convention reports. After the meeting, those ever popular, limited polenta tickets will be sold. This year's polenta dinner will be held on October 25. Can't wait!

Don't forget our Friday, September 26, Bingo and Hot Dog Night, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Invite your friends; everyone is welcome. Spend a fun Friday night, with hot dogs and all the trimmings, plus bingo, for \$10. Pat Botta, with her unique sense of humor, will be calling out the numbers.

We hope everyone has enjoyed a splendid summer and is now ready for an amazing autumn!

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

On our bus trip to the Thunder Valley Casino we made a profit of 500.00. We thank Chairperson Joann for all of her work. Speaking of Joann, keep her in your prayers. She has been dealing with a lot of pain and may need back surgery.

Our branch picnic will be held in the fall. Details will be mailed.

We wish to congratulate Roselynn. She was elected to be an ICF life member. Quite an honor. One thing this means is she will no longer need to run for reelection to the Central Council. Way to go, Roselynn!

Upcoming

Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 - Annual Convention at the Marriott hotel in Oakland CA.

No branch meeting in Sept.



Martinez: Scholarship Coordinator Rosemary Cook presents graduate Emerelga Delos Reyes with the award as the 2014 Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship at the St. Catherine of Siena Parochial School graduation.

Friday September 12 – District Night of Recollection at St. Isidore's in Danville. Dinner catered by Boston Market at 6:30 PM followed by spiritual talk from District Chaplain Father Larry Young. Donation – Adults \$14.00, Children 9-12 \$10.00, 8 and under free. Call Patty at 925-228-0810 before Sept. 5 to reserve a dinner spot and make payment.

October meeting date will be changed. Notification letter will be mailed well in advance.

Oct. 12 - 13- Reno overnight bus trip to the Italian festival. Call Joann at 925-625-0863 for cost and details.

October 19- District Communion Breakfast. Hosted by the Crockett branch. Mass will be celebrated at 9: AM. Breakfast will follow. Send check for breakfast in advance. Call Patty at 925-228-0810 for cost and details.

October 23- District meeting at 7: 30 PM in Danville.

Until Next time,

Helen Politakes



Branch 154 Walter Costa, Grand Sanchez, Elyse Campo, Gloria Martinucci.

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

We are happy to announce the winners of our scholarships:
Emily Beckon -- Northgate High School, Walnut Creek

Amanda Brady -- California High School, San Ramon

Elyse Campo -- Campolindo High School, Moraga

Grant Sanchez -- De La Salle, Concord

Rachael Valencia -- Carondolet High School, Concord

Attending the presentation of scholarships were recipients Elyse Campo, who will go on to San Louis Obispo to study Bio Chemical Engineering and Grant Sanchez who will be attending Chico State. Also attending were their parents. The presentation was followed by a ravioli and salad dinner.

We are excited as we get ready to attend convention. Walter Costa and Lorraine Acuña will be attending as our delegates, along with Domenica Paletta and May Barbano as alternates.

September 8th is the next meeting. Chicken dinner will be served, reserve with Dee, 232-1387 by Sept. 6th. September 25th, is our Night of Recollection, updates to follow at the September meeting.

It is not too early to think about the next fundraising Polenta dinner on October



Ron Artale and Angie Monson of Branch 214 at the 90th Anniversary Mass at ICA.

18, 2014 at St. Jerome's Hall. Mark your calendar! Cost is \$22.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for children.

Also on the agenda for October is the bus trip set for October 27, 2014. Call Joe Meneghelli, 234-2208 for information and reservations.

See you at convention!

Lorraine Acuña

Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214
includes: St. Agnes, St. Bonaven-
ture, St. Francis of Assisi
and Queen of All Saints

A few of us were able to attend the 90th Anniversary Mass, which was just a beautiful event.

Members enjoyed "Our Annual BBQ", held at President Roberta Healy's home. It is great to see our elder members who are unable to make our evening meetings but can do this daytime event.

Congratulations to Nicholas Peery who was awarded his ICF Scholarship making our event even more special.

Our Branch name has been changed from St. Agnes to "Todo Santos - Chapter #214". Todos Santos being the original name of Concord.

With the name change our hope is to recruit new members from our other parishes. We didn't want anyone to feel excluded.

Our donations & support go to The Blue Star



Angie Monson of Branch 214 attending the Anniversary Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel.



Branch 442 Pleasant Hill members: Celeste Peterson and Julia Nuti serve at mass.

Moms; for our Military Persons & Veteran as well as donations to Cooley's Anemia and Scholarships.

God Bless our Military, our Sick & our Elders.

Wishing Much Success to Our 84th Convention.

Ciao.

Christina, Correspondence Secty.

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352

We honored our scholarship recipient Colin Chiapello, who joined us with his parents, at our June 16th dinner/meeting. Colin will be attending Harvard University. We thank our scholarship Chairman Dick Reynolds for introducing Colin and his parents to the branch.

Our recruitment drive at St. Isidore's on June 21 & 22 was successful. We recruited one new member and the parishioners became more acquainted with our organization when our member Paul Cowell spoke from the pulpit after all the Masses. Many thanks to all who participated in this event.

By the time you receive this article we will have had our August 2nd Champagne Bingo fundraiser. I will give you a report in the September issue.

The Annual Convention will be at the Marriott Oakland City Center from Friday, August 29th through and including Monday, September 1st. The theme is "Honoring the Past as We Envision Our Future". The Convention is open to all ICF members.

Our next general dinner/meeting is on Monday August 18 at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you then.

A reminder that we will have a special Barbecue dinner at our September 15 meeting. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chili and beverages will be on the table for your enjoyment.

October is the month when branches nominate officers for the following year. Please consider becoming an officer on 2,015, it's a worthwhile endeavor.

Happy Birthday wishes to our members born in the month of August.

In closing: To be human is the human thing to be.

Joseph

Orange
Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

For our June meeting, we held our annual ice cream social. Members brought various ice cream toppings and accompaniments. The ICF provided the ice cream. In addition, we celebrated the birthdays of several Members. It was a very festive meeting!

We welcomed Bryan Harris, our branch's scholarship winner to the June meeting. It was at the meeting that we presented the branch scholarship to him. This worthy recipient has been active in the church by participating in Life Teen, Get On The Bus, and the Knights of Columbus. He is also working on becoming an Eagle Scout. In addition, he is also active in the community. He is a recent graduate of Orange County High School of the Arts in Santa Ana, California. Bryan will be attending Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, then transfer to the University Of Southern California (USC).

Martina Mason was awarded a scholarship from Central Council.

Tom and Joann Jordan will host the Progressive Dinner at their home in Fallbrook on Saturday, August 23. The festivities will start at noon. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please let the Jordans know if your will be attending.

Meetings will resume on Friday, Sept. 19.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

Reno

Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135

July and August represents a two month summertime "vacation" from our regular dinner and meeting schedule. Our next Branch get-together will be our annual picnic at Idlewild Park on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

Two of our members are set to attend this year's convention, August 29 - September 1, as delegates - they are Charlyne Pacini and Vonnice Ramos.

Our annual fund-raiser will be a polenta with chicken & pork dinner, in remembrance of Virginia Zorio, at the Boys & Girls Club of Reno on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

Hope everyone is having a good summer and see you at our annual picnic at Idlewild Park at 12 noon on Sunday, September 21.

Ciao,

Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Convention time is here! Attending this year's convention in Oakland will be branch president, Janine Orsi and vice president, Tina Tallman with secretary Bonnie Lally as an alternate. Be sure to return your convention raffle tickets; great prizes for the winners as well as the sellers.

Chicken and Polenta is on the menu for Sunday, September 14; cost is \$12.00 for members and \$16.00 for non-members and guests. Make your reservation by calling Bruna, 916-515-9380 or Janine, 916-400-3283; please call by September 9. Meeting time is 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. All members are invited to attend the meeting; there is more to the ICF than just dinner! Come and see; your input is always welcome.

Buon Compleanno to our members Michael Ebert, Deacon Luigi Del Gaudio, Mary Ann Heinen, Enes Manfredini, Anabelle Ebert, Forrest Frazier, Diane King, Patricia Wood who are celebrating August birthdays;

Birthday wishes also to September honorees Ivana Berton, Rev Francis A. Quinn, Leda Costamagna, Mary Jo Lee, Adele Viglione, Bonnie Lally and William James.



Tommy Ventanas, Entertainer; Branch 438, "Date Night".



Branch 438 -- Angela & Frank DiGrande, co-chairs, "Date Night".

Branch 45 has recently lost two long time members, Dr. Ralph Isola and Virgil Petrocchi. Our sincerest sympathies to both of their families.

At a glance:

October 26, Bishop's Day

November 9, look for a repeat of our Chicken and Polenta dinner, it will be the last one for 2014. Meeting is at 4:30PM and dinner served at 6PM.

December 14, Branch Christmas Party.

Ciao – for now - Mary Jo

Roseville San Vito, Br. 73

The two \$500.00 scholarships donated by Branch 73 to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will be attending a Catholic high school were awarded by the school to Dominic Wall and Rachel Kostecki. In the fall, Dominic will attend Jesuit High School. and Rachel will attend St. Francis High School. We extend best wishes for much success in all the aspects of their high school experience. Dominic and Rachel and their families will be invited to share a light meal with us at 6:00 in the Convent on 19 August, prior to our meeting that evening.

Bruno Novi and Terri Terrio are continuing their recovery from their medical procedures. Faustina Picchi, a member of Branch 73 for many years, is now in a rest home. Since she is experiencing dememtia, it is unlikely that she will be able to return home. Let us pray for these and any other ill members of the Branch.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di agosto. Auguri in un modo speciale a Bruno Novi, il quale arriva all' ottant anni il 3.

Robert Delpippo



Branch 438 Members, Ginny & Jim Pathe, with Paula Scarpelli, Past Pres, at "Date Night".



John Hynes, first year scholarship recipient, and David Brill, Branch 438 President.

Amador County

St. Katharine Drexel, Br. 428

Just a reminder that our Branch 428 has no meeting scheduled for July/2014.

We will have our next meeting and monthly dinner on August 19, 2014. We would like to remind all that our Annual Ravioli Dinner will be held on October 18, 2014 (Please note the date change) at the IBS Hall and grounds. Good food and great prizes makes for a great night out, so please join us.

If you are interested please contact our branch, Alba Arosio @ 209.223.0622 or Lynda Cook @ 209.267.9235. The fall weather and colors in the Gold Country should be beautiful.

Marilyn (Bertorello) Anderson

Past President

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

We did not have a regular meeting in July but got together for hamburgers and hot dogs and fun. Tony Selvaggi offered to bring his grill and did the cooking. It was a late Independence Day Picnic. We attended the Southern California ICF 90th Anniversary Celebration on the 29th of June in LA. What a great event! 11 am Mass was held at St Peter's Church. Celebrants Fr. Louis Piran and Fr. Luigi Gandolfi said a bilingual Italian/English. After Mass a delicious buffet was served next door at the Casa Italiano Hall. Many of the Central Council officers and Life Member Emeritus were in attendance. Grand President BobBasuino, First Vise Leonard Zasoski, and Roselynn Jarrett, TheGaleazzi Brothers, Franklin Lopes and Pat Mages. In all due respect, I really enjoyed seeing and visiting with Jody Balestrieri and Angelina Iorossi-Armenio, and Forrest Price, who I haven't seen in a while. They are all aging very well! The entertainment provided by the "Duo Domino" kept people on the floor dancing and singing traditional Italian Songs.

What a great job Branch 67 and the Central Council and their Committees did! Those of us from Branch 210 and 215, from the San Bernardino District, had a good time and gave it a BIG thumbs up. I just wish more of our Members could have attended. You missed a really great time. Happy Birthday to all the July and early August Celebrants.

Ciao,

Jack Grisafe

Redlands

Sacred Heart, Br. 217

Well, Branch 217 got off to a terrific start for summer 2014. We held our final meeting amid an array of good Italian food and lovely friends. We welcomed our young recipient of our ICF scholarship fund donation, and we made several monetary donations to our local charities. Our new program, "Donare la Pasta" came into full bloom in June with more than a half dozen boxes filled to the brim with donations of packages of dried pasta and jars of spaghetti. We are helping to feed the hungry children in Redlands by collecting pasta and sauce and donating it to two charities which have programs in place to feed the hungry children of Redlands. The program has been well received by our parish.

We will meet again at the end of summer, but for now, stay cool, happy and healthy! Happy summer, everyone!

San Diego

San Diego

District Council

The San Diego district Council held its general meeting on Monday evening July 14, 2014, at Our Lady of the Rosary church in Little Italy. District President, Richard Barker presided at the meeting. C.C. Life Member Emeritus, Jody Balestrieri, reported on the Strategic Planning Meeting held in May. Jody also announced that Father Joe Carroll will be presented with the Mother Theresa Award at our forthcoming convention. Jody and Branch 229, St. Rose of Lima, were given applause for nominating Father Joe. C.C. Member Emeritus, Forrest Price spoke about the District Picnic and Bocce tournament to be held on Sunday, August 3, 2014, at Allied Gardens Park.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the scholarship certificate to Rosa Vargas who was the winner of our district's 2014 first year scholarship. Rosa made an excellent thank you presentation. Rosa is a graduate of Francis Parker School who plans on attending Yale University. She



First year Scholarship winner Rosa Vargas receives her Award From the San Diego District.

received much applause when she stated her goal was to become President of the United States. President, Richard, thanked the ladies of Our Lady of the Rosary for preparing the pre-meeting buffet. Our next district meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, at 6:q5 P.M. at St. Therese Social Center.

Forrest Price

Chula Vista

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

Happy Convention! Hope it's a successful one!

The big event of the summer was a "Night in Napoli" held on Saturday, July 19th at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. There was plenty of delicious food, made by President Robert Maruca and his son Mario! The DJ was very entertaining! There was a raffle and many won lovely baskets and other goodies! Everyone had a great time, whether it was dancing or just sitting around the table and chatting with old acquaintances and making new friends!

Don't forget the San Diego District Bishop's Day scheduled for October 12, 2014, 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Rose of Lima, followed by a catered lunch at the Parish Hall. Cost is \$20 per person. We hope to see you there!

Our Parish has a new Pastor, Fr. Luke Jauregui and a new Associate Pastor, Fr. Alex De Paulis. We welcome them to their new home!

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, and for those in need. When you see a man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military! God bless America! God bless the ICF!!

Ciao!

Karen Judson

Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Francisco

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. 24 Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am

Aug. 29 - Sept 1 : ICF Convention - Oakland

Sept. 3 Monthly Meeting - Convention Reports - 7:00 pm Hosts: Toni Morsello and Mary Zadra

Sept. 28 Branch Mass ICC 10:30am

Oct. 1 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm Nomination and election of 2015 Officers. Hosts: Ollie de Micheli and Anna Doyle.

Best wishes to President Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat for a successful Convention!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

As our members know, Branch #38 was on vacation in July. We hope all our members had a relaxing, enjoyable month and a safe 4th of July.

In the June Bollettino I teased everyone by saying that at our June meeting we might have a surprise or "5." Well the surprise never

happened! The surprise was that a new family has joined our branch...but the surprise was on me. Unfortunately, our new members were not able to attend, but we all look forward to meeting them soon.

Our June meeting was very nice. Since June was the month of Fathers' Day. Our Heritage Chairlady Maria Gloria wanted our members present to tell us something about our own Fathers...when they came to this country and their courageous travels to an unknown foreign land. Maria gave each one of us a Chocolate Cigar to commemorate the occasion. Maria also pointed out that our meeting was on the actual Flag Day...

June 14, 1771. Thanks Maria for your constant good work.

We were going to invite our Branch #38, 2014 Scholarship Recipient, Savanna Puccinelli, to our August meeting, but I spoke to her Dad. He said she will be at Camp Mather until the end of August, however, she'll be happy to attend our September meeting before she leaves for college. On a sad note, I read in the obituary that her grandfather Richard Puccinelli recently died...we offer the family our condolences.

We want to thank Rose Mangini for being our Branch #38 Convention Delegate. We know you will have a good time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. We look forward to hearing all about the Convention at our September meeting.

Ciao,

Ci Vediamo il 9 di agosto!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our Potluck lunch was another Hugh success. We had many delicious dishes and all were so good. Salads, Cold Cuts, Pastas, Corn Casserole, and many desserts, including Biscotti. It is always nice to see friends and visit with them. It was such a pleasure and honor to present Samantha Tudoni her

Scholarship Certificate in person. Samantha's. Grandfather, Vince Tudoni, attended our Potluck lunch with Samantha. Unfortunately, her Grandmother, Rose recently had surgery and was unable to attend the lunch. We wish Samantha good luck and all the very best in the coming years.

July 28th to August 8th: looking forward to our Alaskan Cruise. Hope we see some animals!

August 22nd: we have plans to go to Thunder Valley. We always enjoy our trips.

We wish everyone a very successful Convention. Please return your Raffle tickets as we keep \$10.00 on each book of tickets sold. Let's try to get all the books sold for our Branch.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those who have their special day coming up.

We all enjoyed the 90th Anniversary Gala at the Basque Restaurant. Saw many Present and Past Officers. This event took a lot of work, so to those involved we say Thank you on a job well done!

Happy to see Rose Tudoni is well on the road to recovery after her surgery. We have missed you and Vince. Hurry back!

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please remember these dates:

Officers Meet: Sept 1st

Mass: Sept 28th

Meeting: Sept 22nd

Ciao

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Friends,

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended the June 19 dinner honoring scholarship winners, Alexandra Repetto and Romeo Guerrero.

We were very impressed by these intelligent, personable and appreciative young people, and we wish them much success and happiness during their college years.

In October, we meet on Thursday, the 16th, for a pizza lunch. Guests are welcome for \$5.00.

An important part of the meeting to follow lunch, is the election of officers for 2015. Hope to see you there.

Save the date of Saturday, October 4th. It will be our final Champagne-Bingo luncheon of the year,

As always, price of the luncheon is \$25.00.

Branch 290 is saddened by the death of long

time member and past president, Fosca Bustos. We pray that she is resting safely in the arms of the Lord.

Our get well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery go out to all members who are not feeling well or who are recuperating from surgery or a fall.

Almost forgot to remind you that our September meeting on Thursday, the 18th, will begin with a spaghetti and meat ball lunch at 12:00 noon.

Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Please call Mary Rowe and let her know if you will be attending.

Ciao,

Jeannette

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer.

Of course, end of summer means Labor Day and Labor Day always means our Federation Convention. Since Br. 365 was unable to send a delegate last year, President George is looking forward to representing us in Oakland this year. First lady, Nancy, will accompany him. Of course, we old timers, Ann & Joe, are also looking forward to attending. This will be a very special convention for us because Joe's nephew, Bob Basuino, is the current Grand President of our Federation.

This is a good time to think about election of officers for next year. Florence O'Malley has been great about holding the offices of Financial Secretary & Treasurer for over six years. She has done a super job but does not want to continue in that capacity. These are offices that entail more than meeting attendance. They do require dedication, and, do not have to be held by the same person. I am asking that each of you give this matter prayerful consideration, and perhaps, be ready to accept a nomination.

Next meeting - Sept. 10th at 7 p.m. President's report on Convention. Potluck to follow.

October 11th - Saturday, 11:30. Meeting with nomination of officers, followed by a pizza & beer party.

November 12th - Regular meeting at 7 p.m. Voting (if necessary.) Raffle. Plan branch calendar for 2015.

God Bless and "let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds"

Ann Basuino

San Mateo

San Mateo

District Council

Salutations! Hope this finds you rested and ready to get back into ICF official business

again after an enjoyable but very hot summer. Many thanks to the Committees in charge of the three 90th Anniversary ICF June Gala, 360 people attended the San Francisco Gala Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church and the great dinner following at the Basque Cultural Center.

The 2014 Annual ICF Convention will be held Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center in Oakland, California. The theme for this year's convention is: "Honoring the Past As We Envision Our Future". We look forward to the new ideas our delegates will bring back to share with us.

Mark your calendars:

November 7, Chaplain's Night, Branch 6.

Christmas Holiday Party, Branch 163.

January 17, 2015 Installation, Branch 403.

Note: The San Mateo District will be 50 years old on October 5, 2015. Start thinking about what you would like to see done.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers: Father Frank Murray, Tom Pollicita and Al Teglia.

God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Welcome back from summer. We hope you all had a restful and relaxing vacation.

Our first dinner/business meeting back from vacation was August 6th. Our thanks to head Chef Sam Bonanno for his wonderful "Pasta Alla Bonanno". Of course thanks goes to all our helpers too!

Be sure to save this important date. Our "Western BBQ Dinner-Dance" Fundraiser will be Saturday, October 25th and we will celebrate our 89th Anniversary for Branch 7. Look for more information to follow on this events as time draws near.

The business/dinner meeting for September will be on the 10th and we will be serving "Pot Roast" by head Chef Jimmy. The October business/dinner meeting will be on the 1st and we will be serving good "Old Fashioned Meat Loaf"!

My goodness, that brings us into the holidays. The November business/dinner meeting will be on the 5th and we will be serving a Turkey dinner. And last but not least, the last meeting of the year is December 3rd and it is always great fun because there is no business on the agenda. We just all take the time to really enjoy each other's company.

So, until next time...a little thought to ponder, "While writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen"!

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masetti

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Anne O'Brien of Branch 163 celebrated her 90th birthday in San Mateo with a party hosted by Anne's family. Son, Mike, is taking picture in second photo. Friends from St. Timothy Parish along with friends from ICF and family enjoyed a delicious buffet at Kingfish Restaurant, Saturday, June 28.

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Salutations! Hope you have been having a relaxed and enjoyable summer and now are ready to get back to ICF business again.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, August 14 Dinner and meeting. Reminder: Price for dinner will now be \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for guests. The raise in price will help us pay for the person to set up tables and take them down. We find that our members are unable to do this now.

Our recent Casino trip was very successful. Everyone had a good time and we raised over \$600 for the Branch.

The ICF's 90th anniversary celebrations were huge successes and enjoyed by all who went.

The 2014 Annual Convention will be held from Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center. Our delegates to the convention are Virginia Fuentes and Frank Venturelli along with President Harold Fuentes. We hope they will enjoy the event and come back with great new ideas to share with us.

Our branch will be celebrating our 52nd anniversary this year. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19th. More information later.

Keep Father Frank Murray in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace and Love

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Time is starting to get away from us as summer will be ending soon and we will be diving into our fall events. We had a busy summer with our Ravioli Dinner in June and special thanks to our chairman, Norm Bennett, and all of his helpers who were too numerous to mention here but all the efforts were greatly appreciated.

We also held our first I.C.F. picnic at Washington Park in Burlingame. Mary Ann Camacho was our chairperson and we all had fun having our faces painted and enjoying a nice sunny day. Steve Martinelli and Tony Tomasello were the BBQ chefs and a special thanks to them. Bocce ball was a big hit as many of us had never played before. Thanks to Bob Tomasello for organizing that event.

Our August meeting will be Pizza and Bingo and a discussion on some issues being proposed at the September convention.

Upcoming events:

8-29 - 9-1-14 Convention

9-11 September meeting 6:30 PM

10-5 Polenta Dinner

Please keep in mind our delegates and the successful passing of issues pertaining to our Italian Heritage. Also, keep Maria Camicia, Patricia Mayer and Carol Norcia in your prayers and hopes for speedy recoveries.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

In lieu of a regular dinner meeting on July 8, we had a committee meeting to firm up plans for our August 2nd Magic Show. We were very pleased with the turnout at the show and Illusionist/Comedian Patrick Martin's performance was outstanding. Our thanks to all who helped make this annual fundraiser a success: the members who donated money to help with the expenses for supplies and desserts; to the members who made the delicious hors d'oeuvres; to Jackie Smith for handling the beautiful raffle; to Father Rene and his staff who help promote this fundraiser; and, of course, our faithful patrons who always support our endeavors. Special thanks to Patrick! We could not have a Magic Show without him!

Best wishes and good luck to our convention delegate, President Joe Crosetti, and to alternate delegate, Donna DeVoe. Hope you and our other members attending, Judy Crosetti and Barbara Gabriel, have a good time and meet some new friends.

I believe this will be a first-time convention for Donna and Barbara, so have a great time ladies!

As always, remember our sick and deceased members; keep them and their families in your prayers.

Our next regular dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9th. I'm not sure who is hosting this meeting, since we did not meet in August.

Happy Summer and Happy Labor Day!

rf

Menlo Park

St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thank you Al Geneviro, our head chef, and his right arm and wife, Theresa for all the years they prepared and cooked our delicious ICF dinners!! At the young age of 91, Al decided it was time to retire. Al, we hope you will continue to share some of your secrets with us! You know we need your guidance, so we know you will step in and help if needed and show us how it's done!!!!

Thursday September 4 - 5:30pm Mass for our Living and Deceased Members followed by Dinner at 6:30pm. Call Cory at 650-867-8946 for Reservations.

Wednesday September 17 - Cache Creek Casino Trip - \$35.00 per person - Call Theresa Geneviro at 650-324-0421.

****DATE CHANGE**** - Our dinner honoring our 90+ Members will be held on October 2nd. Call Cory at 650-867-8946.

Our Dear friend and Charter Member Mary Riviello has lost her long battle to Cancer. Mass will be Thursday October 2nd at 5:30pm at Church of Nativity.

Please pray for all of our deceased and many many sick Members.

cr

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We had 13 members attend the ICF 90th Anniversary celebration, which was a memorable and wonderful event. We were proud to have our own Carla Del Carlo do the first reading in Italian.

Save the following date:

October 12, 2014 is our annual Polenta Dinner, which be held in the Parish Center with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM, dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include salad, antipasto, polenta with chicken and sausage, bread, dessert and wine for \$25 per person. For reservations send check payable to ICF#403 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

On Sunday, July 13th we had our Mass at St. Vincent School for Boys in Novato. After the Mass we had brunch at Beso Bistro at Hamilton Field. Twenty-five people attended and everyone there enjoyed the great food and atmosphere. We thank everyone who helped make it a great day.

With a break during summer, we being our monthly meeting in September with the first of monthly guest speakers that we will have each month. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's church in Healy Hall. Our guest speaker for September is Marian Privitali, who will speak on "How the Italian Catholic Federation was Instrumental in God's Plan for Vocations." She is the mother of Fr. Joseph Privitali, current Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Pillar Church, Half Moon Bay.

We would like to thank everyone who bought convention raffle tickets. Hope you're a winner.

Our deepest condolences to Barbara Lombardi and her family on the loss of her husband, Steve, who recently passed away, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.

Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren't feeling well.

See you next month,

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

We had over 110 members and guests at our July dinner meeting. Our president, Greg Erigero asked for a moment of silence for two of our members who had recently passed away – Msgr. Richard Knapp and Fedora Taormina. Msgr. Knapp was a long-time member who enjoyed going on our Reno excursions. Fedora has joined her beloved husband Sam who we lost just 7 months ago. Our entire cooking crew and their families took an extended visit to Italy in June. We are awaiting a report from them, hopefully at our August 12th meeting. Bev Smith and Darryll Crist will once again represent our branch at the annual convention. Vince Cerruti, one of our 1st year scholarship winners attended the meeting with his parents, both sets of grandparents, his great-grandmother and his girlfriend. Vince talked about his achievements in high school and his future at the University of Arizona where he will study Engineering.

Diane Gizzi



Scholarship recipient Vince Cerruti with Branch 332 President Greg Erigero.

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Congratulations to the Antonowicz family for the 2014 family of the year award. Like the Antonowicz family, getting involved in your branch has many rewards, so think about running for an office at your October meeting. Good luck to all CC candidates and convention delegates who will bring back renewed enthusiasm and great ideas!

Our Annual Bishop's Day is on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at Santa Teresa Church. Lunch will follow at The Three Flames Restaurant. Meet our future Priests. Come to the Mass even if you can't come to the luncheon (but you might miss meeting the Seminarists!) Show your support for Bishop McGrath and our Seminarists. See your Branch President for details.

Please support the following district and branch functions.

8/17/14 Br. 47 Mtn. View -summer picnic-\$10 adults, \$5 for child 12/under call by 8/10 Joanne (650)917-0422

8/18/14 District golf tournament 8:30 A.M. shotgun start - 9 hole scramble reserve by 8/11- \$65 per player, \$20 lunch only, hole sponsorship \$75.00 call Pat (408)842-6065

9/13/14 Br. 191 Memorial Bocce tournament, 8:30 A.M. 4 person teams\$40. per player, \$15 lunch for nonplayers, Betty (408)559-4268

Donate Life/Run/Walk at Great America Theme Park moved from 7/26 to 9/27

10/18/14 Br. 191 dinner dance - more info. to follow



SCVD's Scholarship Chairperson, Emily Corral, presented our Santa Clara Valley District's first year scholarship awards at our luncheon following the Mass at Our Lady of Peace. Matthew Piro was presented with the Papa Joe Marsalli award, and Leah Bacon was presented with the Antoinette Sunseri award.



(Above)

Monsignor Milani leads the SCVD in Mass at the Our Lady of Peace statue in Santa Clara.



(Left) Santa Clara Valley District celebrates their annual Mass at Our Lady of Peace.

10/25/14 Br. 184, St. Mary's in Los Gatos, dinner/dance/auction to celebrate their 50 anniversary - details to follow

11/9/14 St. Francis Cabrini pilgrimage at Holy cross - 12:00, refreshments afterwards.

Marcie Rossi

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

We wish Branch No. 5 Delegates, Maryann Ruiz, and Judy Hare, a learning, fun, and enjoyable, ICF Convention in Oakland on Labor Day weekend. Delegates will give us a report back at Branch 5 September Meeting.

September 25, 2014 – Dinner/Meeting. Menu: Yankee Pot Roast with all the trimming.

Cost: \$8.00. Time: 6:00PM Dinner; 7:00PM Meeting.

Upcoming event: Art and Wine Festival, Central Park, Meatball Sandwich Booth. Date:

September 13 & 14, 2014. Please call Janet Glauke and/or Judy Hare to volunteer or

Signup at this month Meeting. You may volunteer to Saturday or Sunday or both.

This is an important fundraiser for Br. 5.

Thanks goes to everyone who helped in any way at the ICF Br. 5 BBQ in July. It was a successful.

Drive safe and have a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

On behalf of the members, thank you to Kathy and Roger Santos for again hosting our family picnic. It was a wonderful fun filled day. Thank you Peggy Fortino and Louise Segreto for all the two of you did. Everyone had fun playing those games. And Father Joe and Father Felix for the beautiful Mass to start off the day.

Best wishes to our delegates for a very successful convention, as we celebrate 90 years of our Federation this Labor Day Weekend.

Our August dinner meeting will be our annual pot-luck dinner and it will be on August 25, one week later than usual as the floor of the gym has to be refinished. Bring your best dishes, and as always it's the best meal of the year.

September dinner meeting Sept. 15, Cullen hall 6 PM

October 11: We will be holding our Taste of Italy dinner fund raiser. Reserve your tickets early.

Our sympathy goes out to the Robba family on the passing of long time member, Adriana.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

It's hard to believe that 2014 is half gone. Where does the time go?



Ladies joined together to attend the Branch 84 Annual Layette Shower.

The picnic potluck at Backesto Park was enjoyed by all who attended. Sorry I couldn't make it.

Sept. 3- fundraiser- pasta with sausage, our great salad bar, and dessert. Wine included. Soda & water will be available. Donation \$20.00. Lets get behind this function and make it successful.

Sept 9th- District meeting to be held at Branch 4. It would be nice if some of our members could attend. We always have dessert and more!

Have you sold your Convention Raffle tickets? Also, have you remembered to send your \$5.00 to Bill for raffle gifts? This is not a must-do, only if you want to help purchase gifts.

To all of our sick members, and members that are homebound, we send our thoughts and prayers.

Gods Blessings,

Ann Fitzgerald

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Our Branch was pleased to award scholarships to two St. Mary's School students. Denise Antonowicz presented Edmund Fanslau and Sophia Madden each a \$200 scholarship. Edmund will attend Bellarmine and Sophia will attend Presentation.

With the Convention around the corner, you will be pleased to learn that the "Family of the Year Award" will be presented to the Antonowicz Family. This award is given to a family who demonstrated Christian Service in their local community and Parish. Mother Marie and daughters Michelle, Denise and Germaine are always willing to volunteer to help whenever needed, in so many ways. Congratulations to you all and thank you for all you do. Branch 438 – St. Clare of Assisi



In the last issue of the Bollettino we announced that John Hynes was the recipient of this year's first year scholarship. John is the grandson of members Gene & Betty Nunziati and he will be attending Santa Clara University. We are now including a photo of John in this issue, as he attended our June Anniversary Dinner with his family.

We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. The theme is "Back to the 60's Beach Party and Auction". Flyers will be arriving with all the details. Recently we learned that Reno Di Bono, who leads the band for our dinners, has been a professional accordionist for 40 years. In addition to raising a family of four, he taught History for 33 years and continues to lecture on American History.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 14. Until then, remember to keep our members and their families in your prayers.

Be safe, Lucy Amico

Los Altos

St. Nicholas, Br. 186

Thanks to those who made the District Picnic fun, especially Gene and Bob who went on Saturday to set-up.

Congratulations to Liana and Andy Cauz celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary.

Pat and Reni Felice report that more and more residents are attending the weekly Bingo Game at Villa Siena. They do like those quarters given as prizes!

Happy Birthday to Gene Canderle, Liana Cauz, Lee Lera, Ed Paoli, Assunta Romano, Margaret Teresi.

Please continue to keep Rita Fraguglia, Joan Freitas, Richard Burguillos and Chuck Tappella in your prayers. Richard had a bad fall and needs to wear a neck brace. So they need to be remembered.

September 4th - Regular meeting - Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 PM School Center.

October 2 - The meeting will be special. Please try to attend as a vote will be taken on the possibility of closing the branch. Cen-



June is often a month we think of as the perfect time for a wedding. At the Branch 5 June 26 meeting, members of Br. 5 took a look back to remember and share their special day. Many brought gorgeous wedding photos to share. They toasted the evening with a sip of sparkling cider and afterwards feasted on BBQ ribs and cream puffs. The branch's longest married couple (present that evening) of 68 years, is Branch Deputy Elaine Osorio and her husband Bob. They were sent home with a bottle of bubbly!



Former scholarship recipient from Br 191 Nicholas Johnson and his grandmother Gloria Garcia. Nicholas is a recent graduate from the University of CA in San Diego with two degrees in Socio- Cultural Anthropology and History. He is preparing to go to Mexico to do field work.

tral member David Botta and District Deputy Jerry Delfino will attend to explain procedures. A letter will be sent out in September to remind you. 6:30PM School Center.

October 19- Bishop's Day - Branch 368 will be the hosts. Mass will be 11:30 AM at Santa Teresa Church . For those wishing to attend the luncheon, it will be held at the Three Flames restaurant. Our branch will subsidize \$10.00 of the cost to our members.

Entree choices will be steak, chicken or vegetarian dish. Elaine will have details.

"Grandparents are a precious gift, they fill your heart with love, they bring special joy to our lives."

Happy Grandparents Day September 7th.

Elaine

San Jose, St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Several of our members attended the Our Lady of Peace Mass on June 29th. Members Jo Bertaccini and Emily Corral participated in the Mass by doing the readings. Member Jim Jones lead the singing.

Camille Orlando had volunteered to cook dinner for our July dinner meeting. The menu was Italian sausages with onions and bell peppers, rolls and salad. A variety of dessert was provided by our members.

Lonnie Swarringim takes pride in organizing the annual July layette shower. She asked members to bring new and slightly used clothing for newborns to the July meeting. Members are always very generous with their donations.

Flyers have been distributed for the 2014 Frank Guidace Bocce Ball Tournament which will be held on September 13th. If you would like to participate in the tournament or have questions, contact Betty Antuzzi at 408-559-4268.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our branch. Denise Antonowicz and Aldine Grisenti are asking members to share their ideas of how to celebrate this monumental event.

Members Joan & Charlie Schenck are the proud parents of Corporal Chris Schenck, USMC. Chris was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and was named "Marine of the Quarter". Sgt. Schenck works at Miramar Marine Air Station in San Diego in charge of aviation ordinance. He is a graduate of SFC Class of 2000, AMHS '04, and earned an ICF#191 scholarship to attend St. Mary's College '08.

Our October wine tasting-dinner dance is right around the corner. Jim Jones and Jo Bertaccini have chosen the theme "Wild, Wild West". More information will be available next month.

God bless,

Rosemary Janis



Branch 191's July Layette Shower generated many baby items and monetary donations for Lonnie Swarringim to take to the Diocese Layette Program. The baby items are given to mothers in need.



San Jose Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Thanks to the men of ICF for providing us with a great barbeque. This was a fun way to celebrate summer. There were plenty of special guests, daughters, granddaughters, grandsons, friends and newcomers to enjoy the evening.

A very special guest this evening was our new pastor, Father George Aranha. He will be a great addition to our church community and our ICF Branch.

Mike Nunziata reported on the 90th anniversary of ICF which was celebrated in San Francisco.

Ed Wendler gave a spiritual reflection "Five Lessons We Can Learn."

A vote was taken regarding an amendment to the ICF bylaws regarding making our organization more inclusive. A vote was taken with an overwhelming "Yes." Our representatives will take our vote to the convention. A reminder: everyone is encouraged to attend the convention whether or not they are a delegate.

Ed Wendler's Heritage presentation tonight was about "After Pearl Harbor, USS Hornet's role and the bombing of Toyko.

Joan Delfino reported on "Gifts of Love." Our contributions help so many families.

Father Bill has moved into his apartment and any calls would be welcome.

Mark your calendars:

August 29-Sept 1 ICF Convention, Oakland
Ciao,

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Branch 391 didn't have a July meeting, due to many of the members being on exciting vacations, but we did have our annual family hot-dog BBQ. Thank you Lencioni Family for preparing the hot dog dinner. And, as always, thanks to the Kitchen Crew (Mary Lipari and Diana and Al Vallorz) for preparing the sides.

Remember, if you know of an ill member, please contact Leslie Plaque, our branch sunshine person!

We hope everyone is having a happy and safe summer! Stay cool in the heat!

Ciao for now,

Bianca Vallorz



Branch 391 is blessed to have the Lencioni family host its annual July picnic.

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Our next District Event will be the District BBQ at Saint Clare's Picnic Grounds on Sunday 3 August . We will be serving Pasta and Salad and BBQ Chicken from noon to 2PM. Come out for Fellowship and Good Food. Please Contact Mary Jo DiMuccio (650.969.4399) or Ric Shimshock for tickets .

Remember to purchase Convention Raffle tickets to support this annual Event held this year in Oakland over Labor Day weekend.

Our next Branch Event is the Rez School year kickoff Pancake Breakfast on 17 August which will be held after the 7AM, 8:30 AM and 10 AM Masses. We need volunteers to serve and attendees to participate. We also will be hosting the donuts for Parish fellowship that weekend.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for a Special Intention, Susie Quaglia (broken angle) and Aldo Lucaratti.

Ric

Santa Rosa Napa San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our newest member is Laura Silva. She is being initiated by our District President Dante Corsette and Branch Deputy Linda Sherman. Laura's parents were members of our Branch many years ago.

Our Branch is getting ready for participation in the ICF Beer Booth at the Napa Town & Country Fair. This has been a successful fundraiser for many years. In August we will have our annual picnic at the home of Ernie and Eloise Rota. Everyone will bring their favorite item to add to the BBQ hamburgers. Our Scholarship winners, Rylee Schmidt, Michele Menegon and Payton Orr and their families will join us. A special note is Rilee Schmidt is the granddaughter of Al and Julia Adamo. Julia was one of the founding members of our Branch. We are so proud that the District has instituted a Scholarship in our long time member Carol Lugori Stahler. Carol passed away a year ago. She would be so happy to know that our District monies



Juliann Fontana, President, Branch 12, Napa, presents 1st year scholarship to Hannah Faso in memory of Carol Ligouri Stahler, Branch 12, Napa.



Members of the Santa Rosa District enjoy the ICF 90th Gala.

will be helping a student. Hanna Faso from Cloverdale is the first winner.

Angela Vidaurreta and yours truly are the delegates to the Convention in Oakland.

Our dinner/meetings will be held back in St. John’s Hall from September on. It is easier to hear and gather to chit chat with each other.

Hope you are having a great summer.

Ciao, Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Next important event: Our annual District Day of Recollection; Sunday, September 21st, Host Branch 198, St. Eugene’s Parish Life Center, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, 1:30 P.M. Join us for interesting, thought-provoking and inspiring presentations by Lauren Kilcullen, Past District President and candidate for the Central Council and her co-presenter, Rev. Fergal McGuinness, Pastor, St. Peter’s parish, Cloverdale and our new and most welcome District Chaplain. There will also be time for meditation and recitation of the rosary ending with a fine chicken barbecue. Price @ \$10.00. This event is a fine time to meet fellow members from other branches of our District. Call Marie, 707/431-0563 if planning to attend. Deadline; September 3rd. We turned in our convention raffle tickets and money to Central Council prior to the Labor Day Convention. Thank you to all who bought tickets to help support convention expenses. Our heart-felt thanks to our outgoing Branch Deputy, Eleanor Berto of Branch 103, Sonoma for her years of support and guidance. A warm welcome to our new Branch Deputy, Louise Vicino, Branch 127, Petaluma. Louise keeps our District Meetings lively and fun-filled, she is our Heritage Chairperson.

Buona Festa D’Autunno!

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

San Francisco Di Sales, Br. 52

Br. 52 has taken a much needed rest for the summer and we hope all our members had a fun summer. In September, we gear up again, for what promises to be a busy fall season

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 9: Potluck dinner and meeting. 6:30 PM. Make your favorite dish to share with branch members. The Convention delegates will give their reports from the Convention.

Sept. 21: Santa Rosa District Day of Recollection at St. Eugene’s. Mass: 12 Noon. Program: 1:30 – 4:00 PM. Chicken BBQ: 4:00 PM. Cost: \$10.00. Call Carmen or Lauren: 577-7304 for reservations. The program has 3 interesting talks on vestments of the Church, modern day Jerusalem and Saints. We encourage everyone to attend this spiritual event.

Oct. 12: Golf Tournament at Tayman Park Golf Course. John Torres is organizing a great event for the branch. Space is limited for golfers and dinner.

Oct. 19: Bishop’s Day at St. Eugene’s Church. More details, next month.

Nov. 1: Our first Polenta Dinner of the season. Mark your calendars! This dinner is always popular.

We wish our convention delegates a safe, fun and productive trip to the Convention!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L’Annunciata, Br. 75

What a thrill it was to host our District Meet-

ing on Sunday, June, 29th. Dante Corsetti presided over a meeting dealing with topics from serious (upcoming Oakland Convention/Day of Recollection) to silly as Louise Vicino pummeled us with a medley of her favorite jokes. We met bright and beautiful Hannah Faso and Nicole Curreri, recipients of ICF scholarships, and their proud parents. They joined us for lunch as we feasted on sandwiches, salads and a decadent double chocolate concoction served up by M.J. Dell’Aquila with vanilla ice cream served from Jr. Master Chef, Kyle Stewart’s special scoop. Kyle, our youngest ICF member was accused of rigging the raffle as Cloverdalian after Cloverdalian won the draw! Sorry everyone! It was just our lucky day! We also honored Father Fergal McGuinness on the 28th Anniversary of his priesthood and presented him with a “token” of our esteem. Fun-loving, Robert Aquistapace, made the roast and toast. Sal Casciaro made sure our drinks and salads remained cool with his hand-painted, red, white, and green, Italian ice-bucket!

In our prior planning/dinner meeting we had a quick post-Father’s Day dinner/potluck.... we must emphasize “luck” because it was beautiful and scrumptious. Besides planning for our district meeting we voted to send delegates to the convention and pay their expenses, we received laminated copies of the Official ICF Song, Noi Vogliam Dio, heard about M.J.’s upcoming Food Fair which is a major event for providing food to people in our area, and we encouraged each other to keep inviting and encouraging friends to join the branch.

Our next event (third Thursday at 6:30) is a Pizza Party chaired by Theresa Derosier at which she will demonstrate how to make the ice-cream treats that we plan to sell at the next Cloverdale Citrus Fair. Mmmm

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

The St. Sebastian branch celebrated summer with its annual picnic at Larson Winery. The food was picnic fare, with cooking supervised by President Tom Wurst. We thank the Larson Family for their generosity to the Branch.

It is with great regret that we bid farewell as chefs to John Boragno, Tony Ginocchio, Len Poli. Now they will be sitting and enjoying their meals at the table. We thank them, and thank them again, for their service to the Branch and wish them well “in their retirement.” The Branch is happy to announce that we will not go hungry and welcomes our new, competent, chef Diane Klauber, who has had experience cooking for many parish events. She will be starting with her first dinner at our September meeting. The menu will be a surprise, but as always, the wine will be flowing. For reservations, call Lila at (707) 996-3448.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I’m so excited, the Convention is almost here and I am planning to be there to see old friends and make new friends. Our President Bruno Fomasi, our First Lady Judi and Sharon Hromek and I will be attending and representing our Branch. Thanks to Mary Ann Ciabattari for the great job she did in handling the convention raffle tickets. Hope we get some winners in our Branch.



Louise Vicino, Santa Rosa District Orator, presents 1st year scholarship to Nicole Curreri in memory of Estelle Moretti, Branch 127, Petaluma.

We will have had our Branch Picnic by the time this goes to print. Thanks go to Margaret and Jim Cordrey for making the salads, and to all the other members who worked on making the picnic a success. It is a fun time for all of us to get together as one big happy family.

Plan on attending our Day of Recollection at St. Eugene’s Church, Santa Rosa on Sunday, Sept. 21. It is a great day which will start with Mass at 12:00, a reception at 1:00 p.m., 1:30 - 4:00 Presentations, meditation and rosary. 4:00 p.m. a chicken bbq. Cost is \$10 for the day. Make your reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

Plan to attend Bishop’s Day on October 19th at St. Eugene’s Church, with 12:00 Mass in the Cathedral and a 2:00 p.m. luncheon of Stuffed Roast Pork at a cost of \$20. Reservations can be made with Louise.

Sept. 8 - Regular Meeting

Oct. 13 - Columbus Day Pot Luck and Meeting

Oct. 25 - Polenta/Stew Dinner

Keep prayers going for Settimo Torrano, Frank Cresci, Aileen Zanco and Louis Vicino who are ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating in August and September.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our July 8th meeting was called to order by President Joe Bonino. After opening prayer and flag salute Marian Griffin read the minutes of the last meeting; approved as read. Marian also reminded us that Betty Chin is still in need of travel size toiletries. She will make up bags to be handed out to the homeless as needed, so if you have any unused travel size toiletries, your donation would be much appreciated. Also peanut butter and jelly is a constant need.

This year we had voted to try a food booth in Old Town for the July 4th festival instead of selling fireworks. We sold sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, cold drinks and biscotti. The Sons of Italy items were a big hit. Overall we made a small profit, but much was learned as this was our first experience. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a successful fundraiser.

Dates to put on your calendar are the Mezzo Agosto picnic on August 17th and the Italian Festival on September 28th. Please plan to attend these events and have a great time visiting, eating and playing bocce.

Please pay for all members and their families, especially those who are ill and those

who are alone and lonely.

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As Summer winds down we look forward to the Fall. The warm nights, the harvest moons and a time to pick our pumpkins brings us back to memories of our youth and we remember going back to school after the prunes were picked.

For our ICF we begin to plan for our October Polenta and Stew Fundraiser. Claire Giampaoli has the tickets. Call her at 539-1443 and reserve your seats NOW.

If you have not purchased your ticket to the Day of Recollection at St. Eugene’s on September 21st you should call Bill Scinto (823-2275). Mass is at noon and the BBQ is at 4:00 pm. Only \$10.00 for the whole day.

Mark your calendars for the Bishop’s Day at St. Eugene’s on Sunday October 19th. More details to follow at our next meeting in the Parish Life Center at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 8th. This is our Pizza night. Be There!

Pray for RoseAnne Sikes, Tom Timko, Dolores Neal, Frank Castelli, Ryan McCalmont, and any other members who are ill or need our prayers.

Our condolences to our charter member Rose Anderson on the loss of her husband, Richard.

Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend.

Ciao,

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

Hope everyone has enjoyed their summer – although with our unusually cool weather it really doesn’t seem like there was too much “summer” weather!

Branch #209 does not meet during the month of July so this will be a very brief report.

We were saddened to learn that our member, Luigi Cesaretti passed away on July 7th at the age of 86. We will certainly miss seeing him at our meetings. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Diana, and their family. We were also sorry to hear that our former member. Virginia Woodall, has passed away. She and her husband, George, were longtime members of Branch #209. Our prayers are with George and his family.

Upcoming:

August 24 -- Bocce Ball Tournament

August 29 – September 1 ICF Convention – Oakland

September 2 -- Board Meeting

September 9 -- Regular Meeting

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

The Chicken Cacciatore & Polenta dinner turned out okay even though it was a little hectic. The walk-ins were more than expected so we had to make a run for extra food.

It all worked out in the end. We would like to try for another dinner in October but it will be a little more organized and no walk-ins



Branch 390 awarded scholarships to Giacomo Oliveri, who graduated from Tracy High and Dalton Gualco, who graduated from Millennium High. They are pictured here with Branch 390 President Lucy Orsi at the recent dinner meeting.



From Branch 413, married 30+ years ago in August are Lisa Bruzzone & Rich Kotowski at Sonoma - St. Francisco Solano church.

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our Branch 390 scholarship recipients attended the dinner meeting and graciously thanked the ICF for their generous contribution to their continuing education. Giacomo Oliveri, a recent graduate of Tracy High School stood at the podium and thanked everyone, as did Dalton Gualco, a graduate of Millennium High School. Both gentlemen have been attending and serving ICF meetings since they were small children and we wish them well as they start their college education and careers.

Many members attended the ICF 90th Anni-

versary Gala in San Francisco. The celebration began with Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel. This parish is where ICF Branch #1 was founded, so it was very sentimental to many ICF members. Participants then traveled to the Basque Cultural Center for lunch and continuing ceremony.

Branch President Lucy Orsi, Treasurer Serena Martocchio and delegates Steve and Anita Ridolfi are traveling to the August 29-September 1st ICF Convention in Oakland, CA for this year's event. A report will be given at our September dinner meeting.

September 19, 20 and 21st are the dates for St. Bernard's Church Festival, an annual event that raises money for the parish and the building site fund. ICF Branch 390 will have their own booth manned by members all three days, serving pizza and lemon slushes. All proceeds go to the parish.

Have a healthy, happy and safe rest of your summer,

Betty Hollars

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

The summer has been busy for our branch. We had our barbeque dinner in June. It was well attended for an event in the foothills of California. Everyone enjoyed the steaks or chicken. We are now looking forward to the District picnic in August. Additionally, our branch has been asked to provide a meal

for a group of college-age bicycle riders on a mission from Maryland raising funds for cancer treatment. Our pastor has graciously offered our hall so that they can rest and spend the night. Our prayers go out to all who will be attending the convention this year. May they have safe travels to and from Oakland. We will see you soon.

Robert Pachinger

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only advanced ticket sales.

Some of our members attended the June 22, 2014 Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco and enjoyed the day very much. The mass was beautiful, food was excellent and the program was very nice. We visited with a lot of old friends.

The St. Stanislaus Parish will be holding their annual Fall Festival September 26 thru 28, 2012. We invite everyone to join us. There will be dinners, games, country store, silent and oral auctions, a carnival and entertainment. It will be at the community center 1214 Maze Blvd. Modesto.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday September 7, 2014 8:00 am and Sunday October 5, 2014 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:

Sep 10 7:00 pm - Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7th & K Streets Modesto

Sep 26-28 - St. Stanislaus Fall Festival

Oct 4-5 - Bake Sale after all the masses

Oct 8 - Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets Modesto

Oct 26 8:00 am Annual mass and breakfast

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca

St. Anthony, Br. 139

The summer started off very nice with a branch picnic held at Dino & Sharon Cunial's home in June. The club served steaks and the members brought the side dishes. Many thanks to the Cunial for letting us use their beautiful backyard. Our club had a booth at the Festa Italiano in Stockton on June 29. That was a great event. Lots of food booths, wine tasting, entertainment, and lots of good friends. We sold hats, aprons, mugs and license plate holders.

Our delegates for the Convention are John Pesta, president and Frank Re, 1st Vice. This is their first time attending a convention and are looking forward to it. It will be good learning experience. You can learn so much from the work shops and the meeting. They should have a great time in Oakland. It is always will planned.

Our next meeting with dinner will be September 23rd in the cafeteria at 6:30 pm. We will be making plan for the Polenta Dinner to be held in the St. Anthony's Gym on October 18. Save the date and plan on attending. Call Ida 209 982 5710 for tickets & info.

Have a great summer.

Ida Queirolo

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Franklyn Lopes
Central Council Grand Trustee

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Form ABC-221 must be submitted to the local ABC District Office which has jurisdiction over the event location.

The form needs to be received, at your branch, within 10 days of the event.

Police Department approval may be required if your branch is hosting a large number of people, a casino night is held, or it's the first time an event is being held at the location.

If conducting the event on church property, you must obtain the signature of the business manager of the church, or whoever else may be in charge.

If conducting a raffle in which wine or liquor will be included in a basket or other gift item, a \$100.00 Special Temporary License will be needed. This special license can be found in Section C on the ABC-221 form.

For any other questions you may have, please contact Franklyn Lopes at (831) 464-7570.

Monetary Donation Reminder

Roselynn Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

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

Additionally, when making donations to multiple programs, please write a separate check for each donation as there is an individual account for each fund.

Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.

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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 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: golf, 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 safe journey to us and safe travel 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 Palm Desert, 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!

Faternally,

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 Bishops Day and gifts.

Thank you from Mundelein Seminary for the Seminary burse given at Chicago Bishop 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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Best Wishes to our 2014 First Year Scholarship Winners!



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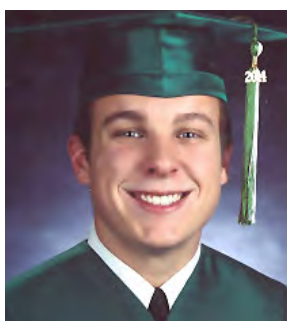
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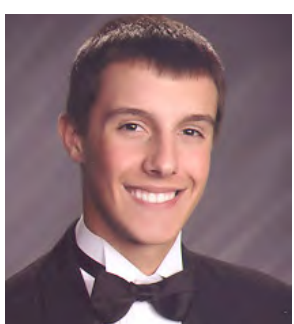
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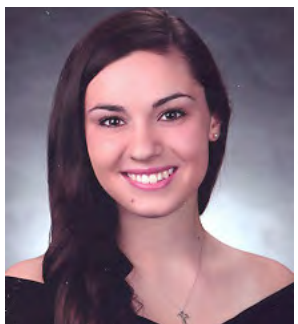
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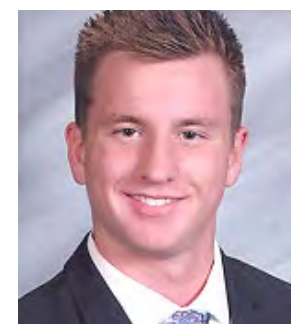
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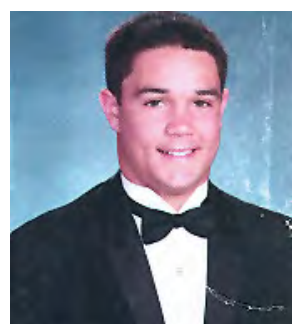
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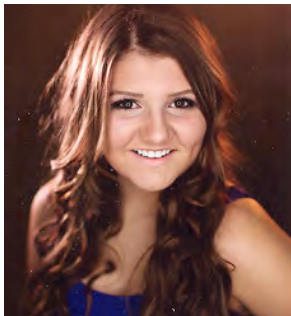


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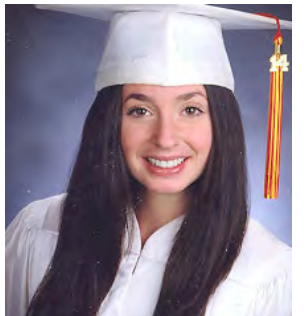
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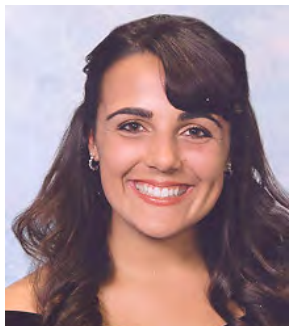


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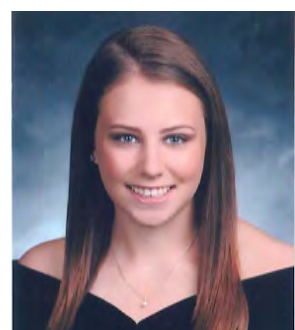
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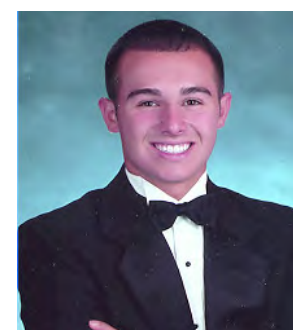
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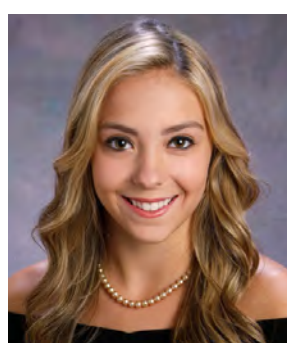
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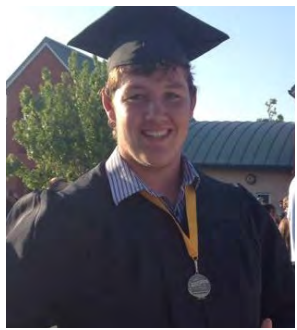
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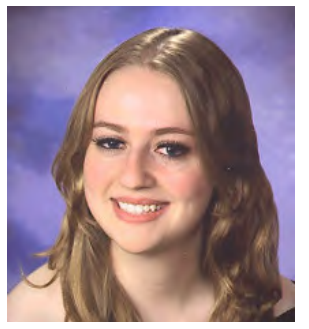
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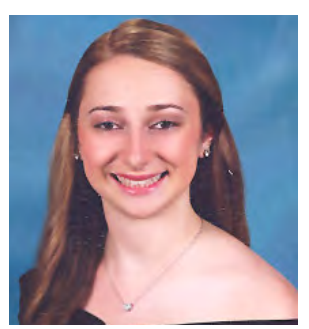
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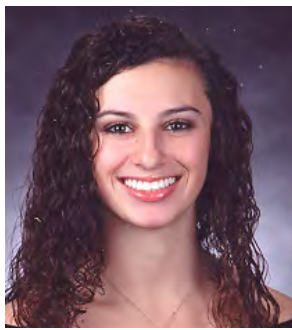
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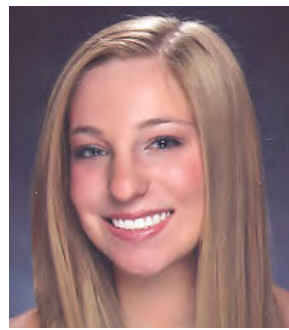
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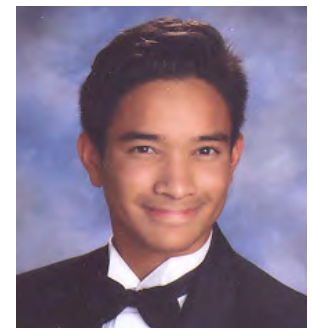
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