

BOLLETTINO



Central Council Announces Convention Award Winners

At the June 8 meeting of the Central Council, the 2013 Convention Award Winners were announced. Grand President Jane Dianda has contacted all the winners, so hearty congratulations can be made to one and all. If someone you nominated for an award did not win, please consider resubmitting the person again next year.

Pope John XXIII

Bruno Serato from the Los Angeles area has answered the call of poor and needy children in his area by feeding thousands of children each day.

Grand President's Award

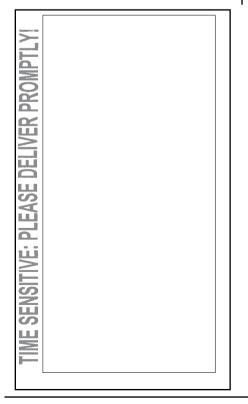
Roberta Franchini of Branch 213, South San Francisco has been a member of the branch for 46 years and during that time has held every office there is. She is always there to help not only her branch, but her parish and community as well.

Mother Teresa Award

Father Michael Mahoney, pastor of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Burlingame, California, and chaplain of Branch 173 is

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Annual Seminarian Night Continues to Be a Success

Michelle Feldman Editor

The Fourth Annual "A Night for the Seminarians" was held on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at the Our Lady of Grace Hall in Castro Valley, California.

The hall was transformed into an evening reminiescent of days gone by. Black and gold fabric was draped over the ceiling, with twinkling lights woven through the panels. Silhouettes of ballroom dancers covered the walls to make the room feel as if a dancing gala was going on in the midst of this special evening.

The evening started at 6:00pm with everyone socializing, enjoying drinks from the bar served by Grand President Jane Dianda, Michelle Standridge and Greg Klever. The drink of the night was "Jungle Juice."

Dinner was then served by the altar servers at Our Lady Of Grace. These young men gave excellent service and raised approximately \$600 for an upcoming trip to Italy.

The dining experience was catered by Melinda Klever and featured a mixed green salad, tortellini and surf and turf main entree, followed by assorted desserts.

Dinner guests were entertained through dinner by the musical stylings of the 17-piece "In Full Swing" Band led by Milt Bowerman. The band played through dinner and provided excellent dancing music for those wanting to "cut-a-rug."

Ways and Means Committee Members Pat Mages and Lisa Crudo, and Committee Chair Franklyn Lopes worked hard to put on a success event that raised \$2,432.26 for the seminarians.

Clergy in attendance were Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, Fr. Paul Quante, and Fr. Stan Zak. The event was honored to have two seminarians in attendance: Mario Rizzo and Anthony Huong Van Le.

CC Members in attendance were Grand President and Life Member Jane Dianda; Parliamentarian, Past Grand President and Life Member Leonard Rossi; Sergeant-at-

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Grand President's Monthly Message

While the end of my two year term as Grand President is quickly approaching, I've been contemplating my many experiences, which soon will become much cherished memories. I would like to share some of these memories with you.

With the Convention in mind, one of my most favorite tasks as Grand President has been informing nominees of our Convention awards that they have been selected to receive. I must say, the reactions received by these most humble and selfless individuals

-- have been truly entertaining and unforgettable.

Most recipients are usually contacted by phone. However, last year's Pope John XXIII Award recipient, Mrs. Laurice Levine, happened to be in



attendance at the Central Council meeting when the voting for these awards took place. I did not allow Laurice to remain in the room during this part of the meeting. When the results came back, I read them off starting with the Pope John award. As I announced that Mrs. Laurice Levine had won, like a deer caught in headlights, Laurice sat in her chair, frozen, staring at me. After the huge round of applause, I asked her if she would like to say something. She finally stood up and said, "You're joking right?, this is a joke right? Am I being pranked?" Realizing this was indeed true, she again became speechless, put her face in her hands and cried. Priceless!

I could tell by the tone of her voice, that last year's recipient of the Grand President's Award, Mrs. Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz, was a bit bothered at having to answer the phone. When I informed her who was calling, she said, "This is Jane who?" -- When I asked her how she was doing, she said, "Well, I'm very tired," (with everything she does for others, no doubt). When I told her she had won the award her response was, "Oh my God, Madame President, I'm so sorry. I won? I won?" Then from the sounds coming through the phone, I'm pretty sure she was running through the house, "Denise it's the Grand President. I won, I won!" Again, priceless!

By the time you read this, I will have already informed this year's award recipients. I'm sure I will receive more interesting reactions and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Another duty as Grand President is to attend officer installations and Bishops' Days throughout the ICF. By attending

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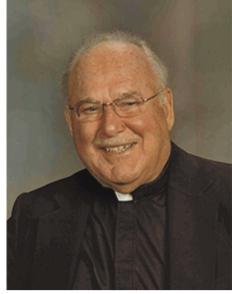
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The Order of Malta, whose ministry is to care for the sick, invited me to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes as a Malade (French word for sick person) from April 30 to May 8. Hundreds of volunteers from California, including the Knights and Dames of Malta, were on the pilgrimage. Several Cardinals and Bishops, together with many priests, also made the journey. There were seven teams of Malades designated by colors and about 55 people in each team assigned to care for and help the Malades. I was in the Red team. The experience was fabulous! It was a veritable retreat and spiritual conversion. One could sense the Living Faith among the pilgrims. They were steeped in devotion. I could almost feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Every year, thousands of people come to the shrine from all over the world to pray at the Grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette. During the week I was there, each day was filled with special and unique experiences.

The first day we gathered at the Church of St. Bernadette to pray the rosary, followed by confessions. Then the Knights and Dames of Malta washed the feet of the Malades as Jesus washed the feet of his Apostles at the Last Supper. We then went to the baths to bathe in Lourdes water and pray for healing. The volunteer attendants at the baths were from Italy, and I had a great opportunity to interact with them in Italian. The day concluded with the celebration of Mass in the Rosary Basilica.

The next day we visited the Grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. What a thrill! We went right into the Grotto and saw where the source of Lourdes water miraculously began. Afterwards, we returned to St. Bernadette Church for Mass, and all the Malades received the anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick. That night we



walked in the candlelight procession with people from all over the world praying the Rosary in their different languages. It was an experience I will never forget!

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UPCOMING:

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2013 Bishops' Days:

July 20 Orange

Sept. 14 Santa Rosa

Oct. 13 Blessed Sacrament

Oct. 16 San Bernardino

Oct. 20 Fresno

San Diego Oct. 27 Las Vegas

San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)

Monterey (Central Coast)

Nov. 17 Los Angeles

Dec. 8 Reno

Roselynne Jarrett Membership Chairperson

This month's article is dedicated to our deceased members. They are the guardian angels of the ICF. Many laid the foundation for the federation by forming branches, developing programs, promoting membership and leading us to where our organization is today. Although gone, we still rely on the example they set to be our guide as we continue to grow and enhance the ICF. Here are few ways your branch can celebrate the memory of those who have gone before us.

Have a Remembrance Mass.

Set a date with your parish to have a Mass said for your deceased members. Invite the branch and the family of the deceased to attend the Mass. Some branches choose to go to eat afterward.

Include deceased members in the Convention book.

Each year you can include the names of deceased members in the Convention book's "In Memory" pages. The donation for each name is \$5. The names will also be displayed on the altar at the Memorial Mass, which takes place during the Convention on Saturday.

Send sympathy cards.

Many branches have a "Sunshine Committee" that sends out birthday and get well cards. Ask this person if they can also send a sympathy card to the family of a deceased member.

Make a charitable donation in the name of a deceased member.

Ask the family if there is a special charity that your branch can make a small donation to. The deceased member may have had a favorite ICF charity that they wish to have donations be made to in their memory.

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

Remembering Our Deceased Members

Members as of June 1, 2013:

10,853

New: 923 Reinstated: Transfer in/out: 43 Non-payment: Deceased: Cancelled:

Recite the "Farewell to a Member."

When a member passes away, encourage branch members to attend the rosary and/ or funeral together. Some branches choose to wear their ICF shirts, jackets or officer scarves. With the family and priest's permission, the president or another person may recite the ICF's "Farewell to a Member," which is printed on the inside cover of the ritual booklet and on our website. The farewell reads:

"We are gathered here today/tonight to pay our respect to our (Brother/Sister) who has been a part of all of us. We have shared many things together, just by sharing life. For this you shall be remembered. Your presence is gone, but your spirit and memory will live in our hearts and in our

(Brother/Sister) you have professed your faith under the banner of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch # it is not the end but a beginning of a new life. You now rest in the sleep of peace for all eternity.

We now call upon our Patron Saints, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, to lead you by the hand to our creator for your eternal reward. May your soul and the soul of all our departed members, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We the officers and members of Branch # bid you farewell."

High Five!

Top five districts and areas with increased membership: (excluding deceased members)

Contra Costa +42 +35 Los Angeles **Blessed Sacrament** +18 San Gabriel +14 Chicago +12

Congratulations to our other districts/ areas with increased membership: Central Coast, Santa Barbara-Ventura, East Bay, Fresno and San Bernardino.

Present the family with a copy of our "Farewell to a Member."

Before the rosary/funeral, type the words to the farewell and personalize with the member's name, ICF anniversary date and number of years they served in the ICF. Print the message on stationary, (frame it if you'd like) then present to the family after reading the farewell. This is a special way to extend the ICF's condolences to the

Membership Reminders

-The membership year runs from July 1 -June 30. Let's begin the new membership year by following up with members who are not current with their dues. Also, please submit new member applications to the office within 7 days of being accepted.

-If interested in learning more about our membership trends and reviewing the results of our membership survey, please join the committee at the convention membership workshop. Attendees will leave with ideas to promote membership, solutions to common membership related challenges and tips to encourage retention.



CONCEPT OF THE LOGO

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

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AROUND THE ICF

Louise Vento Heritage Committee

Summer greetings from the Heritage Committee.

This is a very busy time of year with all of the Summer fun ahead. We wanted to share some of the upcoming opportunities to participate in Italian Heritage events. This is not all inclusive, but it is what we are currently aware of.

Major League Baseball Italian **Heritage Games:**

Oakland A's — August 2, 2013

World Series Champs-SF Giants — August

San Diego Padres — Sept. 21, 2013

Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Arizona Diamondbacks, Anaheim Angels and LA Dodgers do not have scheduled dates at this time

There are many Italian Festas coming up. The ICF is participating in the following events:

San Jose Italian American Heritage Festa - August 24 & 25 -- Information booth

Morgan Hill Festa — September 7 & 8 --Information booth

Santa Rosalia Festa and Parade, Monterey CA — September 14 & 15 -- Float in the parade

San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade -Oct 13, 2013 -- Float in the parade

These are great family events to participate in as ICF members. Our parades need participants in the way of decorators as well as folks to march or sit on the float in the parade. What fun for kids of all ages! Since the theme is Italian culture and heritage consider wearing your Italian costumes or clothing.

Additional events include:

Sacramento Italian Cultural Society Festa - August 3 & 4

Festa Coloniale Italiana at the Italian Athletic Club, San Francisco — August 17

Great Italian Festa, Reno, NV — October 12 & 13

San Gennaro Festival, Los Angeles — September 27-29

WINS

ATTENTION ICF SINGERS

We are looking for voices for our Convention Mass on Sunday, September 1 in La Quinta. If you can carry a tune and like to sing at mass, you are what we are looking for. If interested please contact, Franklyn Lopes at stewartsfloral@aol.com, or Lisa Crudo, at watkins6pk@aol.com.

Scholarship Focus Randy Edwards

University: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Mascot: Mustangs

 ${f M}$ ajoring in Dairy Science, Randy chose Cal Poly because it has a strong dairy science program. When asked why he chose Dairy Science as a major Randy writes, "Because the dairy industry is what I know and love and I believe with a college education I can make a positive impact on the dairy industry, and be a successful individual.3

Randy is appreciative of the support he received from the ICF: "I am currently working every day after school and almost every weekend trying to raise some extra money to get a college education. Along with that, I have been putting a lot of my time into scholarships and grants to help me pay for college so I can achieve my ultimate goal and receive a college education. . . . Financial assistance was greatly needed and I thank you for making an investment in me.'

Randy looks forward to meeting a lot of people who have the same beliefs and morals as he does at college, and he hopes to get involved with many different clubs and extra curricular activities.

Randy's mother, Marie Edwards, and grandmother, Amelia Parreira, members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

To donate to the ICF scholarship fund or to learn more about the scholarship program, please visit http://www.icf.org/ scholarships.html or contact the ICF office.

JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BK	CITY	WINS
6/1	Fr. Vince Scott		San Leandro, CA	\$30
6/2	Peter Lopez	70	Sanger, CA	\$30
6/3	Norma Noceti		Tracy, CA	\$30
6/4	Ed & Marie Bianchi		San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/5	Jean Ornelaz	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	x \$30
6/6	Gene Melone	181	Franklin Park, IL	\$30
6/7	Debra & David Dupuis		Carmichael, CA	\$30
6/8	Ann Mayers		Palo Alto, CA	\$30
6/9	Connie Bianchini		Mountain View, CA	\$30
6/10	Julie Eastburn		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
6/11	Linda Comin		Gilroy, CA	\$30
6/12	Pat Taormino	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/13	Marisa Rocciola	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
6/14	Bill Goldsby	432	Brentwood, CA	\$50
6/15	Dee Paletta	154	Richmond, CA	\$100
6/16	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$50
6/17	Frank Bermel	218	San Gabriel, CA	\$30
6/18	Branch 25		Salinas, CA	\$30
6/19	B.G. & Leonard Zasoski, Jr.	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/20	Lois Houlihan	393	Rancho Santa Margar	rita, CA
				\$30
6/21	Betty Brazil	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
6/22	Mark & Robyn Garibaldi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/23	Art Fricke	91	Sonoma, CA	\$30
6/24	Ila Schoettler	27	Madera, CA	\$30
6/25	Guy Francoz	161	Mill Valley, CA	\$30
6/26	Rick or Jane Kotila	227	Soquel, CA	\$30
6/27	Frank & Irma Manas	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
6/28	Patrick Madej	91	Hayward, CA	\$30
6/29	Autumn & B.J. Schenck		San Mateo, CA	\$30
6/30	George Bacigalupi	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
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Scholarship Donations

Donations received by June 10.

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Jan Farren

In honor of the 103rd birthday of Mrs. Dina Puccinelli Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane

In memory of Guiseppe Bennett Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda

Get well wishes for Karen Rossi Jane Dianda

Get well wishes for Karen Rossi

Fundraising Workshop at Convention

Franklyn Lopes Way & Means Chairperson

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

Editor Note:

Many branch reports are exceeding the 250 word limit. Please remember to keep to the word limit to avoid your articles from being cut.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for **Grand President Jane Dianda's** testimonial dinner on November 2, 2013.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF: DONATED BY:

Nina Kiger Officers/Members of East Bay District Rev. Mark Catalana Officers/Members of SCValley District Nina W. Silverbrand Officers/Members of Br. 145 Officers/Members of Br. 161 George Mazza Joseph Favazza Juliana and Chuck Boccone George Mazza Romolo and Lorraine Iavarone George Mazza Thomas and Ellen McKeon Ed Nannini Mike and Marcie Rossi Val Baroni Mike and Marcie Rossi John Feci Mike and Marcie Rossi Carmela Tringali Officers/Members of Br. 229 Doris and Mary Onetti J. George Mazza Officers/Members of Br. 21 Mary Marsilisi

GET WELL WISHES:

Mario Quevedo Officers/Members of Br. 290 Joann Pohoriles Officers/Members of Br. 290

Joe Donato Walter Stoklosa
Joe Donato David and Pat Botta

Karen Rossi Officers/Members of Central Council

Joseph Smith Officers/Members of Br. 290 Karen Rossi Leroy and Stella Taddei Theresa Dianda Officers/Members of Br. 392 Karen Rossi Mike and Marcie Rossi

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 144 - Arcata.

Donations received by June 10.

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

In Loving Memory

Branch 014

Branch 423

Report Date: 06/12/2013

NORMA BUSCAGLIA

BONNIE LEACH

JOSEPH LOMBARDO Branch 118 Branch 144 DONALD E VANNI CARMELA TRINGALI Branch 229 MARY E PERKINS-ROUSH Branch 250 Branch 303 JAMES BUCHNER Branch 380 Branch 391 PAUL PERSI JOSEPH J CUNEO NADIA V HOLOBER Branch 403 HARVEY S COVA Branch 423

In the June issue of the <u>Bollettino</u> - Rev. Steve Kosinski of Br. 195 and Rena P. Noero of Br. 352 - were listed in the In "Loving Memory" column. This information was reported to the office in error.

Both Rev. Kosinski and Rena Noero are doing well and are still members of their branches. Our apologies to both of them.

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by June 10.
Branch 36
Branch 144
Branch 154
Theresa Cutri
Rita Baretta

In memory of Goldie Ridolfi Aldine Grisenti Get well wishes for Dave Mez

Get well wishes for Dave Mezzetta Aldine Grisenti

In memory of Nadia Holober Aldine Grisenti

Get well wishes for Fedora Taormina Helen Dianda

In memory of John Davies Carla and Adolfo Del Carlo In memory of Mario Delucchi
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Family
In honor of the birthday of Mrs. Melba
Bolla
Triant Varellas
In memory of Nick Triantos
Officers/Members of Br. 403
In memory of Nadia Holober
Ron and Jackie Morton
In memory of Gary Skrehot
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Lou Caserza
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Get well wishes for Karen Rossi

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Apostolic and Charity

Celebrating Catholic Italian Americans

As we all gather together this Fourth of July to celebrate with our family and friends, let us reflect on what this Independence Day means to us. What does it mean to be an American? More specifically, a <u>Catholic</u>, Italian - American? America is of course the great "meltingpot." Many of us have had stories told to us by our relatives of the past generations that immigrated to America for a better life or to escape religious persecution.

The story of Roman Catholicism in the nineteenth century IS the story of immigration. Until about 1845, the Roman Catholic population of the United States was a small minority of mostly English Catholics, who were often quite socially accomplished. In the space of 50 years, the Catholic population in the United States suddenly transformed from a tightknit group of land-owning, educated aristocrats into an incredibly diverse mass of urban and rural immigrants who came from many different countries, spoke different languages, held different social statuses, and emphasized different parts of their Catholic heritage. In 1850, Catholics made up only five percent of the total U.S. population (14 million out of 82 million people) and constituted the

single largest religious denomination in the country. Today, with more than 77.7 million registered members, it is the largest single religious denomination in the United States, comprising 25 percent of the population. The United States has the fourth largest Catholic population in the world.

So, in this year of Faith, on this Fourth of July, as we celebrate our American heritage let us also celebrate our faith as Catholic Italian Americans, and take time to thank God for all that we have and all that we can do for others as this wonderful Apostolic and charitable organization. Think about how best to use your "Apostolic and Charity" funds. Please find it in your hearts to support this great country by sending donations to the Catholic Charities disaster relief funds. So many families have been devastated by these recent natural disasters. If your branch or district is not able to financially help, please take a moment to remember them in your prayers. May God Bless us in all our endeavors. Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

Respectfully submitted, the Apostolic and Charity Committee: Jim Acitelli, Theresa Helfand, Marco Galeazzi, and Lisa Crudo

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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JACKIE BLAIR Branch 014
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Branch 014
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ROCCO ORTEGA
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ROBERT SCANDELLA
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KIM DI VITTORIO Branch 435
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EDWARD ROWEN Branch 438
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FRANCO GIANGUALANO Branch 440

Branch 440

Cooley's Corner

InNeedofYourGenerosity

Oakland Children's Hospital is again sponsoring activities for their Cooley's Anemia patients. Due to your generous donations in the past, we have been able to participate by making a donation. Last year, we were able to donate \$2,225.00. This year we want to continue our program whereby we offer them support, but we are following up to the letter we sent out in April and asking our Branches and Districts to take part and send in donations.

Thank you to the Branches who have already sent in a donation. However, if you have not yet sent in a donation, please consider making one. We are still able to accept donations this month. A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help them have fun and healthy experiences.

Please make your check payable to Italian Catholic Federation, memo it "Children's Hospital Activities Donation" and mail it to the I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

Also, please continue to send in your donations for Cooley's Anemia to go towards our annual presentation at the Convention.

A Decade of SQUID

By Marcela Weyhmiller, PhD Edited by Laurice and Matthew Levine

F or the past 10 years, the SQUID-ferritometer, or just "SQUID," has been an important part of care for the Thalassemia community at Children's Hospital Oakland. Quick, painless and, we admit, a little weird, SQUID is an instrument dedicated to the measurement of iron concentration in the liver and spleen. CHRCO's SQUID remains the only site in the United States (and one of four in the world) to perform the measurement clinically. We are fortunate to offer our patients access to this technique and this is due in large part to the research funding we have received from the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF)! In the last decade over 2400 clinical and research scans have been performed in Oakland. The switch to data from the SQUID by our clinical teams has greatly reduced the need to perform liver biopsies and has been an important tool to monitor iron chelation therapy. This great accomplishment could not have been possible without the teams of people who have supported the technology for the last 10 years, organizations such as the ICF who donated funds to obtain the SQUID, the patients who have been involved in SQUID research studies and the CHRCO staff who have been dedicated to providing SQUID assessments for our

The SQUID Technology

SQUID is an acronym that stands for



Superconducting QUantum Interference Device and refers to the super sensitive magnetic detector at the heart of the measurement. The technique works because of the principle of electromagnetic induction - the same concept behind those forever shake flashlights and the alternator in your car. The slow, downward movement of a patient lying on a bed induces a voltage proportional to the concentration of iron in the liver. The more iron, the higher the voltage.

The Patients

Patient participation in SQUID based research laid the foundation for SQUID to be used as a clinical measurement for hundreds of other patients. In 2004, 4 patients with thalassemia, 5 with sickle cell disease and 3 healthy controls flew from Oakland to Torino, Italy and Hamburg, Germany to be assessed by the SQUID instruments housed there. The "SQUID Calibration Study" was necessary to make sure that all the machines came up with the same result. From 2003 – 2007 several of you volunteered to have a biopsy along

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Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by June 10.
Branch 31
Branch 36
Branch 115
Branch 144
Branch 150
Branch 154
Branch 250
Branch 261
Branch 362
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Live to Give 2nd Annual Convention Blood Drive "An Oasis in the Desert"

Friday, August 30
8am-1pm
La Quinta Hotel in La Quinta Room: Flores 1

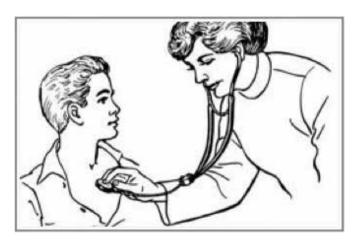
To sign up with Desert Blood Services for the Live to Give Blood Drive please do the following:

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

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

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

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BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Also ONLINE AT ICF.ORG

Saving Italy: The Race to Save a Nation's Treasures from the Nazis Robert M. Edsel

Norton, 2013, 454 pp.

In 1943, Hitler's Nazi army began its occupation of Italy and began seizing the country's rich and valued artwork. With control of Italy, the Nazis could now steal the masterpieces and antiques of Italy's great cities and even the Vatican. However, General Dwight Eisenhower commissioned a group of soldiers, later to be known as the Monuments Men, to protect these treasures. In Saving Italy, Robert M. Edsel tells the intriguing story of these soldiers and their mission to save some of the world's greatest artworks for all of humanity.

In the book, we meet Captain Deane Keller of the United States 5th Army. Portrait painter and Professor of Art at Yale University, Keller believed his knowledge of Italy could be of use to his country during the war and volunteered to join the Army. He left behind his wife and young son at great personal sacrifice, but with his hard work and determination, he managed to rescue some of the most important European treasures from the Nazis.

The reader will also meet Lieutenant Fred Hartt. The Lieutenant had also worked at Yale, as an assistant and cataloguer at the university's art museum, before joining the U. S. Army. He was a noted young art historian building a reputation in the field. In the army, he approached his mission with passionate "go-getter" zeal, acting impulsively at times.

The reader will learn of General Karl Friedrech Otto Wolff. Supreme Leader of SS Troops and Police in Italy. He negotiated a secret Nazi surrender of Italy while holding the Italian artwork as hostage.

As an author, Edsel is able to capture the passion and inner conflicts of these men and others as well as the complexity of the evolving situation in Italy. He is able to



clearly explain the various perspectives on the invasion of Italy, the different desires surrounding the artwork, and the intrigue and secret plans of both the Allied and Axis forces. Not only will readers learn about the Monument Men's project, but they will also learn a lot about WWII in this fascinating historical book. As noted, "Brilliantly researched and vividly written, Saving Italy brings readers from Milan and the near destruction of The Last Supper to the inner sanctum of the Vatican and behind closed doors with the preeminent Allied and Axis leaders . . ."

One will also read about Giovanni Poggi, Superintendent of Galleries at Florence, Arezzo, and Pistoia, who masterminded and oversaw a mass evacuation of some of Italy's greatest artworks from Italian museums to the Tuscan countryside where they were cleverly hidden from the invading army. His experiences in WWI served him well during his mission.

The reader also learns about the different Monuments Men, both from the United States and England, who acted as spies and negotiators during the Nazi occupation of Italy. Having worked in various occupations in the field of art, these men had the knowledge, expertise, and passion to accomplish their mission.

Edsel's book is a page turner that absorbs the attention of the reader. He creates vivid characters and settings, tense scenes, and interesting dilemmas that engross the reader in each page. Both entertaining and educational, Saving Italy will be of interest to a wide variety of readers.

Robert M. Edsel is the best-selling author of The Monuments Men and Rescuing da Vinci and co-producer of the award-winning documentary film The Rape of Europa. Edsel is also the founder and president of the Monuments Men Foundation, a recipient of the National Humanities Medal, and a trustee at the National WWII Museum. After living in Florence for five years, he now resides in Dallas, Texas.

Awards

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well known for welcoming everyone to his "flock"

Family of the Year Award

The Gillio Family -- John and Noreen, their two sons, two daughter in-laws, four grandsons and one granddaughter are active members of Branch 368 and the Santa Clara Valley District.

Young Adult Leadership Award

Anna Greco-Gonzalez is the 2nd vice president of Branch 4 in San Jose, California, a full time nurse, wife, mother and daughter. She spends a lot of her free time helping ICF causes and helping her branch in any way she can.



La Celebrazione di Gioventu --The Celebration of Youth

Family Fun at the 2013 Convention

Enjoy the ICF convention as a family. Here is a peek at some of the activities being offered. Pickup a Family Activity Guide in the delegate registration area for times and further details.

ICF Convention Related Activities

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

Fun & Games

Parents and children are invited to hang out and have fun together. Check the Family Activity Guide for times.

Friday – Putting Green; Saturday – Playground; Sunday – Arcade

Scavenger Hunt

Get to know the ICF and the convention site with your family. Bring your camera or camera-phone and capture your journey along the way. Your final task will be to submit your favorite photo from your family scavenger hunt. The photos will be featured in the Kids Section of the Bollettino.

Crafts

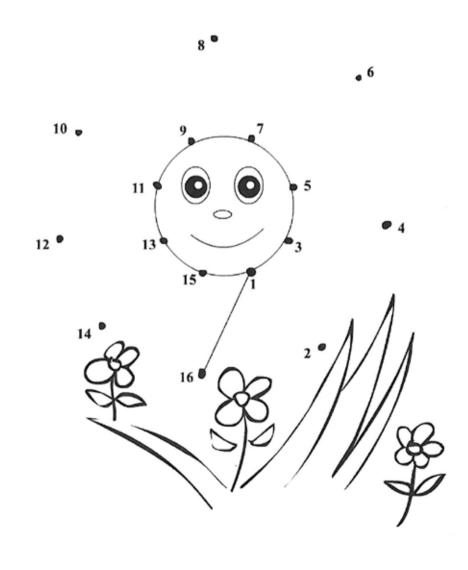
Visit the craft table and create a masterpiece, located in the convention registration area. Please look for the special "Living the Year of Faith" coloring page, which will be used for the Sunday Mass.

Daily Trivia and Puzzles

Visit the craft table for trivia and puzzles to enjoy at your leisure. Check back each morning (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) for the new day's activity sheets.

Children must be accompanied by an adult during all activities. Thank you!

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Bollettino Deadline Change

Michelle Feldman **Bollettino Editor**

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

The deadlines for the upcoming months will be as follows:

Aug. 1 for the Aug./Sept. issue (Same as it has been for years)

Sept. 10 for the October issue

Oct. 10 for the November issue Nov. 10 for the December issue

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Thank you.



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SOUID

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with your SQUID in order to make sure that the SQUID was giving an accurate result. Additionally, your participation has helped bring new chelators to market and establish the efficacy of combination chelation.

The People

So many people have played a role in the SQUID program during the last 10 years - here I highlight only a few. Drs. Paul Harmatz and Elliott Vichinsky initiated the momentum to bring the SQUID to Oakland. Together with Dr. Roland Fischer they lead the teams to set up the technology. Tristan Technologies (San Diego, CA) built the SOUID and have continued to be involved in keeping it running the over the years. Before the SQUID was sent to Oakland, three patients, Huythong, Nguyen, Laurice Levine and Sierra Randall travelled to San Diego to be the first patients measured to calibrate the machine.

Many individuals and organizations. such as the Italian Catholic Federation, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Kalmanovitz Foundation were involved in raising the money to purchase the SQUID and the building to house it. CHRCO's Biomed department, especially Kevin Lautenschlager, have been devoted to keeping the SQUID filled with liquid helium each week. Ellen Fung, Lisa Calvelli, Zahra Pakbaz, Matt Hertz, Catherine Gariepy and me, Marcela Weyhmiller, have worked to establish the SQUID program, help it grow and perform the countless tasks needed to provide SQUID assessments for our

Ellen and Lisa shared their perspective as part of the original SQUID team and what the technique has meant to patient care. Lisa states, "I was thrilled to learn there

were only four of these machines in the world and I would be a part of a new team at Children's Hospital, Oakland involved in starting up the program. I remembered hearing how much easier this would make life for our patients, who would no longer need a liver biopsy." Ellen, who no longer works directly with the SQUID program, was working at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia the first time she heard about "ferritometry." She met Dr. Harmatz at a meeting and she thought he was talking about measuring ferrets!

Both Lisa and Ellen agree that the SQUID has made a huge impact on the quality of care for our patients. Ellen recalls that "10 years ago CHRCO really pushed liver biopsies, knowing that serum ferritin was such a poor indicator of total body iron burden. Although many of our younger patients never had to be subjected to a biopsy, the parents and adult patients know that a non invasive procedure is always welcome over an invasive one". Lisa added that "SQUID is easy to schedule at their convenience, pretty much anyone can do it, as often as every 6 months, so it can really monitor change. You don't need to wait 1-2 years for your next liver biopsy to find out how you are doing with your chelation!!!"

"Being able to follow the same group of wonderful patients over the last ten years" is one of the best parts of the job for Lisa. She states that "watching them grow up, go through awkward teen years and mature into fine adults, trying their best to live healthy, normal lives is very inspirational." Ellen has maintained her connections with patients over the last decade when they come for their DXA scans and states that her relationship to the patients "feels like a family." Although I have only worked as the SQUID Program Coordinator for a year and a half – I totally agree.

Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of the year has come again to consider running for Central Council.

This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members.

If you are interested in being a candidate,

here are the guidelines:

- (1) Central Council candidates must be delegates to the Convention.
- (2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by the start of the Convention General Session on Saturday, August 31. All necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the 2pm start time.
- (3) Present Central Council members attend the Covention as delegates-at-large.
- (4) The deadline for candidate photo and statement of purpose to appear in the Bollettino is Thursday, August 1, 2013.

Become an even more active member of the ICF by running for the ICF Hospitalization Committee position.

This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the ICF by serving your fellow members with a two year term on the Hospitalization Committee.

If you are interested in being a candidate here are the guidelines:

Name

Banquet only

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WELCOME TO LA QUINTA, CA

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

❖ When: Thursday, August 29, 2013

❖ Where: La Quinta Resort - Convention site

No-Host Cocktails: 6:00 P.M.

❖ Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Price: \$47.50



Door Prizes Raffle for Gift Baskets

The Menu will feature:

Salad, your choice of beef or chicken or vegetarian with trimmings, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

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

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

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Phone #					
Total Enclosed \$					
Please make your check payable to the ICF San Bernardino District and mail with the reservation for					

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Roberta Craig

227 Settles Drive

Cathedral City, CA 92234

Italian Catholic Federation Thirteenth Annual & **COURSE:** Laguna Seca Golf Course 10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940 FORMAT: **Four Person Scramble** START: Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M. BANQUET 2:00 -San Carlos Church Hall 500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940 **No-host Cocktails 3:00** -**Sumptuous Four Course Dinner** DAFFIF: There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes! Golfers: \$135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 12th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35 **RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 12, 2013** idual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!* SIGN UD: Handicap Name Handicap Name

ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive, # 110, Oakland, CA 94621 • 888-423-1924 • FAX: (510) 633-9758 • Web Site: icf.org • E-mail: info@icf.org

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

Remember: \$150 per player after July 12th. The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very

excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!

Handicap Handicap

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

Resort Activities

Arcade Indoor Theatre* Foosball Court Sports Ping Pong Tables Classes* *Visit the concierge desk to learn which classes are being offered and the movies being featured.

Family Back Lot Fitness Tour

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

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

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

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

Swimming

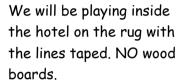
The main pool and kids pool are available, but with over 40 pools to enjoy, chances are you will find one just outside your family's casita.

ICF Annual Convention **Bocce Tournament**

WHEN: Friday, August 30, 2013 WHERE: La Quinta Resort TIME: Registration 11:00 A.M.

COST: \$18.00

*Only 12 Teams (48 Players) - Timed Play.



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

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

Number of	Players Total Enclosed
1	Branch #
	I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
	Oakland CA 94621 Phone #1-888-423-1924

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION PRESENTS DINNER DANGE Special entertainment Starring the Central Council Players



Sunday, September 1, 2013

La Quinta Resort, La Quinta

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

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Reserved Seating according to Date of Receipt of Paid Reservations					
Name	Branch #	Total Reservations			
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Please list additional reservations on the back. Mail Reservations to I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621					

Reservation Deadline: August 16, 2013

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

2013 Convention in La Quinta, California Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013

> Theme: LIVING THE YEAR OF FAITH HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA (Phone: (760) 564-7111 / Reservations: (800) 598-3828 49-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253 -- Visit the link to hotel reservations on our

Web site for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

oom Rate: \$105.00 Single Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & \$5 - Resort Fee

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The resort also charges \$3.00 per room, per day Housekeeping gratuity to your guestroom folio and recommends a gratuity of \$12.00 per person Porterage Charge (includes both check-in and check-out). ► Room Rate:

► Use Group Name "Italian Catholic Federation" or Convention Code "ZIC" when booking

vour reservation

- ► Complimentary Self & Valet Parking
- ► Transportation to/from Palm Springs Int'l Airport:
 - Palm Spring Int'l Airport is approximately 23 miles southwest from the resort. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.palmspringsca.gov. La Quinta Resort does not offer shuttle service from Palm Springs Int'l Airport.
- ► Transportation to/from Ontario Int'l Airport:
 - Ontario Int'l Airport is approximately 91 miles northwest from the resort. For public transportation and rental car information, please visit www.lawa.org.
- ► Transportation to/from LAX:
 - LAX is approximately 145 miles west of the resort. For public transportation and rental car information, please visit www.lawa.org.

www.alaskaair.com

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

AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL DIRECT

Here are a few:

Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522 American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300

Delta Airlines: 1-800-221-1212 **United Airlines:** 1-800-241-6522

US Airways: 1-800-428-4322

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

We did not provide information on AMTRAK, this year, due to distance from the resort and it is only an outside shelter - there is not an AMTRAK station with staff.

PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR DELEGATES!

If you have any questions, please call the I.C.F. Office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924

ICF CONVENTION 2013 TOUR



Celebratory Grand Tour

Friday, August 30, 2013

Depart: La Quinta Resort, La Quinta at 9:30 A.M. Return: La Quinta Resort, La Quinta at 12:00 P.M.

This tour will depart the hotel at 9:30 a.m. and take you to the Old Movie Colony in Palm Springs where you will see celebrity homes. It will continue to the historic downtown Palm Springs and the Las Palmas area and the Windmills. The tour will stop at the Date Garden and you will have a free Date Shake. The bus will return to the hotel by 12:00 p.m.

Price: \$42.00

Deadline for reservations: Aug. 16, 2013

Detach the form below and return with your payment

Please enclose your check with the registration form and make it payable to: ICF SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT. Mail check to: ICF C/O PAT GRISAFE (PHONE # 909-829-1837)

10880 CITRUS AVE FONTANA, CA 92337

RESERV	ATIONS:	\$42.00	
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CASINO TOUR

Friday, August 30, 2013

Depart: La Quinta Resort, La Quinta at 9:00 A.M. Return: La Quinta Resort, La Quinta at 2:00 P.M.

This tour will depart the hotel at 9 a.m. and take you to the Fantasy Springs Casino, a short drive away. Upon arrival at the casino, you will check in with the casino host and receive \$25.00 in comp play when you register with the casino. The bus will return to the hotel by 2 p.m.

Price: \$25.00 (lunch not included)

Deadline for reservations: Aug. 16, 2013

Detach the form below and return with your payment.

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RESERVATIONS: \$25.00 per person

FONTANA, CA 92337

 Name(s)
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 Address
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Lourdes

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The highlight of the whole week for me took place the next morning when I concelebrated Mass in the Grotto. Cardinal Timothy Dolan from New York was the principal celebrant, along with twenty or so bishops and more than a hundred priests. I couldn't begin to count the number of pilgrims in attendance. I have to admit, this Mass at the Grotto moved me emotionally.

That afternoon, we gathered in the St. Pius X Basilica for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. This church is underground and holds 25,000 people. It is huge—filled to capacity every Sunday--and yet very tastefully designed to accommodate everyone's view. Cardinal Dolan carried the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance to every area in the Basilica and blessed the sick. Traditionally, this is where miracles do take place. One could almost feel the prayers of petition and an aura of hope silently present.

On Sunday, we celebrated Mass again in St. Pius X Basilica. Cardinals, Bishops and hundreds of priests concelebrated. The church was packed full with standing room only. People were there from all over the world. Everyone sang! Again, people living their Faith, the universal Church in action!

This was, indeed, an awesome experience. I wish it for all of you. I especially prayed for the members of the ICF, that in this Year of Faith you grow in the love of God through the intersession of Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes.



P. S. Special thanks to the Knights and Dames of the Red Team for ministering to me during our trip—I've never felt so pampered! Special prayers for Noah and Dominic, two eight-year-olds with inoperable brain tumors, who touched my heart.



Grand President

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your installations I have been given the opportunity to meet and befriend, many of you, the wonderful members who make up the ICF. Your warmth and hospitality towards me these past two years has been second to none, and I am forever thankful to you.

While attending the various Bishops' Days I had the opportunity to meet and get to know many of our Bishops. I can honestly say I have learned a great deal from each of them. So unique in personality and rich in charm, each is sincerely grateful for the Seminarian support we offer. The same can be said for all our clergy, whether they are branch or district chaplains, pastors of our parish, or of course, our seminarians. For the ICF to have their support and the gift of their spiritual guidance, is truly a blessing.

We refer to the ICF as one family and for me that has become very true. The ICF has not only become a part of my life but rather a way of life. It is an incredible feeling and comforting to know that wherever there is an ICF branch: Chicago, California, Nevada or Arizona, I'm a phone call away from dinner with friends or a place to stay. Again, my thanks to all.

Fraternally,

Jane Dianda

Grand President



Chicago

Franklin Park St. Gertrude, Br. 181

Happy forth of July tp every one and God bless America.

At our May district meeting Fr. Fanelli gave a short talk on our blessed mother whitch was very interesting.

Bouquets to those who chose the Alta Villa for our Bishop's dinner dance; the food was wonderful service was good and the music made every one there happy and want to dance.

Belated happy June birthday to Joe Miller and a happy July birthday to Barbara Miller. We have raffle books you can split a book with several people, remember we make money on these tickets so try hard to sell some.

We have had several winners on the calenders this year.

Important dates

Golf outing July 19 prizes wanted.

Nite at the races Sept.18. Tickets include a large buffet dinner.

Please continue to pray for all our sick members and their families and friends. Try to call or visit them.

Pray for world peace. Barbara Miller

Calumet City St. Victor, Br. 195

May was a busy and exciting month at St. Victor. We celebrated with our Young First Communicants at all Week-end masses as they were accompanied by their families. They were a lovely and ethereal sight sitting the front of church waiting for their very first "Body and Blood" of our Lord. We celebrated Mother's Day with a special Blessing for all Mothers. On May 19, our own Martha Nowakowski crowned Mary following the 10:30 Mass. On Sunday, June 9, Branch 195 held our Day of Recollection at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana. We were joined by 195 member, Reverend Steve Kosinski, Pastor of All Saints Parish in Hammond, Indiana. Fr. Kosinski combines spirituality and humor to entertain us and to keep us grounded. Br. 195 member Cassandra Holbert joined us for her first Day of Recollection and visit to the Monastery with 195. We are very proud of Cassandra, a member of St. Victor Parish, and we congratulate her on being elected Tax Assessor for Thornton Township. Monsignor Leo Mahon, a former Pastor of St. Victor passed away recently and there will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, June 22 at 4pm, celebrated by Fr. Bill Stenzel. Although Monsignor Leo and Fr. Bill were not 195 Chaplains, many of our members no longer at St. Victor will remember them and are invited to this Memorial Mass in his honor. We continue to pray for Frank Sidote and Bob Faising and for Rev Tom Cima, who was our longest ever Chaplain, 18 years, for their return to good health. God Bless,

God Bless, Jo Merlo

River Forest St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Spring and summer are times of new growth and our branch has seen an increase in membership. Adding to our ICF family we have John Corcoran, Divina Miceli, Marilyn and Jim Marine and David Maller. Welcome!! The Chicago District installation took place at our branch with Lisa Crudo from California presiding. Had about 70 members in attendance. A few days later, the Bishop's Day Dinner/Dance was held with approximately 150 people enjoying a great evening. Rita Bratta and her Branch 418, did a fantastic job. The Chicago District sponsors 2 scholarships

in memory of Rev. Angelo Garbin and Rev. Leonard Mattei. The winners of these scholarships are Matthew J. Hemauer of Western Springs, IL and Marco A. Rodriguez of Burbank, IL. These students and their parents were invited to our June district meeting to receive their awards. June birthday wishes to Catherine Santello and Vicky DeGrazia, and 54th wedding anniversary wishes to Gene and Leonora Gillette.

While summer is now upon us and monthly meetings are somewhat suspended, please support the district Golf Outing on Sunday, July 21 at Arlington Lakes Country Club in Arlington Heights. This is a fund-raiser that benefits the seminarians and you know how badly we need these men to complete their education and be ordained priests to

serve wherever there is a need. Birthday wishes for July go to Gloria Carriglio, Janet Tramelli, Deontae Gillette and Jason Gillette. Some of our members are not in good health so we ask Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to help them get through their pain and suffering. Working for God on earth doesn't pay much... but His retirement plan is out of this world! Leonora

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

May/June are hectic at Branch 392 with preparations and special events.

On Sunday, May 23 our Pastor, Fr. Richard Milek celebrated his 30th anniversary in the priesthood. The festivities included the celebration of Mass followed by a reception in the Church Hall, where all the different parish groups, including Branch 392, served a buffet of sandwiches, deserts and beverages. The many parishioners, friends and members of the clergy present left Fr. Richard speechless. One Sunday, June 2 Branch 392 celebrated Corpus Christi at St. Francis Borgia. The celebration included a beautiful Mass and procession. Small altars adorned in flowers were on the procession path around the church. Branch 392's altar, decorated with a gorgeous array of flowers, was at the St. Padre Pio Plaza. It was the final procession stop for the concluding prayers and hymns. Needless to say the celebration was joyous and inspiring, not even the rainy weather dampened our spirits.

On Saturday evening, June 8 Branch 392 held the annual Mass for St. Anthony. Padre Augusto Feccia celebrated the Mass. After Mass baskets of bread were blessed and shared with the ICF members and friends present. We close on a sad note as Branch 392 lost a long time member and friend, Angela Autieri, in May. Our prayers and heart felt condolences go to our President, Antonietta Gerardi, on the loss of her dear Aunt Angelina and to the entire Autieri Family.

Aurora Pensa

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

We had two intelligent young ladies that were the recipients of this year's scholarship awards: Juliana Chiarelli and Victoria Lynne Rowe. They were honored at our June 11th meeting. Juliana is planning to major in film at California State University Monterey Bay. Victoria was not able to attend the dinner because she was showing an animal at the Merced Fair. Congratulations ladies and good luck with your future. The Chicken take-out dinner that was held May 26 was a success. Many thanks to our chairmen: Jim Cavallero and Jan Petrucci; the barbecue team: Bill Bottoroff, Jeff Bottoroff and Michael Keitz; Bob and Patty Spinelli for their awesome beans and all their hard work; the Kitchen staff: Gary Cavallero, Pat Brooks, Louise Chiarelli, John O'Meara, Angie Kelzer, Kathy Parrish, Marilyn Rowe and Mary Keitz; the ticket sellers: Ada Cavallero and

Camille Overstreet; desert divas: Cecilia Massetti and Joan Massetti. I want to give a great big ICF thank you to everyone who donated desserts and worked at the event. The June meeting also recognized the past presidents; Frank Brunoli, John O' Meara, Ray Chiarelli, and Ada Cavallero. Current president Elsie Bottorff thanked each for their service to the club with a small gift. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao, Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Best wishes for a save drive and a great convention to Patricia Vivenzi for representing Br. 32, at this year's ICF Convention.

Our Membership Drive Kickoff was a success. In the sweltering summer heat three new members joined and we discovered more prospective members. Maria Guglielmino and Don and Mary Reitz, along with Bryant Nieto, Maury DeBenedetto, Claire Pfishing, and Larry Scott will be initiated at our regular meeting and Ice Cream Social on July 23. Welcome to all new members.

Along with June Hospitality chaired by Evelyn Nieto and aided by Franee Ceppaglia, Josie Welch, and Olivia Lopez, Br. 32 had a Bake Sale. Our generous bakers and donors were Natalie Clark, Virginia DePasquale, Patricia Vivenzi, Kathy Vitali, Erna Bonetto, Rebecca Vivenzi, and Rosie and Elaine Lencioni. Many thanks to all the members who baked, worked the Bake Sale, and purchased items. A special thank you to Kathy Vitali and her grandchildren, Emma and Dylan, for selling Convention Raffle Tickets after mass.

Bakersfield San Luigi, Br. 33

Our branch welcomed Sister Celine Dounies - Catherine's daughter, Cathy Vidaurreta and Diane Butkiewicz to our Father's Day Taco Dinner

Thank you Barbara Crear for organizing the dinner and to Madeline Ceccarelli and Martha Ball for providing the desserts.

tha Ball for providing the desserts.
Christina Fanucchi, Vice President of the Italian Heritage, informed us that the Italian Heritage Booth at the Kern County Fair needs to double its sales this year in order to remain open in the future.

We will be taking the months of July and August off to enjoy the summer. Our president will be attending the Convention.

Birthday wishes go out to Lido Marchetti who will be celebrating his 90th birthday. Richard Ceccarelli, Gemma Marchetti and Joseph Passaglia will also be celebrating this month.

Congratulations to Tom and Barbara Crear on their first grandbaby Taylor Marie Crear. We were surprised to learn that we have many members who have upcoming wedding anniversaries. Karen/Mike Cerri, 32 years; Irene/Robert Lencioni (50); Anna/Bob Kirby (54); Joan/Gene Garabaldi (55); Hazel/Angelo Fanucchi (65). Joan mentioned that members Claudia Heinle, Martha Ball, Anna Kirby and Bob Lencioni were all in their wedding 55 years ago in Buttonwillow.

Remember in your prayers Irene Lencioni and Frank McKenna who are still recovering.

Olga Jacobs was our name tag winner but was absent, \$40 next month and Maurice Landry won our raffle of \$58.

Stay cool this summer, safe travels and we'll see you all in September. Barbara Eyherabide

Merced St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Happy summer to all! Congratulations to our graduates and to our scholarship winners, Marisa Marchini and Dante Pecchenino. Don't forget our annual Wiener Roast at Lake

Yosemite on July 10. There will be a short



Alexa DePasquale, granddaughter of Pete and Flora DePasquale of Branch 185, with serviceman Seidel.

prayer service. Bob Tyler our chair does a great job.

Our August meeting menu is make your own "Italian Sandwiches" and enjoy a salad.

A special birthday is coming up. One of our two charter members, Anita Cresci will be celebrating her 100th birthday in September. It might just be the first time in any branch for such an event. She is a wonderful and supportive member.

Don't forget to buy your Convention raffle tickets. We keep \$10.00 of every book sold. Cute story a 7 year old wrote to God:

Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now?

Fresno Sacred Heart, Br. 185

With the fire works over, it's planning time for the 2013 convention in Palm Dessert over Labor Day weekend.

We pray that we all paid tribute to our military and the loss of our loved ones on memorial day. Pete and Flora DePasquale's grand daughter, Alexa Depasquale, had the honor of singing the national anthem for the services at the Clovis cemetary.

Sacred Heart Elementary School, had their

Sacred Heart Elementary School, had their last eigth grade graduation class, the school is now closed. The remaining grades must be relocated to other schools, also the school hall will not be available after June 30, 2013. Three smaller meeting rooms are still available, possabilities for a new parish hall in the future? We will need alot of support!!!

Alexa Gambera, our hopefull to receive the Itailian Catholic Federation, Branch 185, scholarship, was awarded the scholarship by the Central Council. Congratulations!

Debra Shiba, went camping at Mt. Lassen, with family and friends and had a great time! Our prayers to all of those who are feeling under the weather, especialy, Jaye Boen, Christine Ferrare, and Jo Potter. *Just Pray*

F.D.P

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

On June 2 members of Branch 250 attended a mass at 6:30am for the living and deceased members. They enjoyed a breakfast and a local restaurant afterward.

Our Chaplain Father Robert has been appointed by Bishop Ochoa as Vicar for the Clergy of the Diocese of Fresno. We are very proud of our Chaplain. We also appreciate that Fr. Robert (and his black Lab, Bosco) participates regularly in our meetings and



Branch 250, Clovis scholarship recipient, Michael Gennaro. Michael will be attending UC San Diego this fall.

Michael Gennaro is our ICF Award of Scholarship recipient this year. He attended our branch dinner with his parents, Paul and Barbara Gennaro. Michael will be attending UC San Diego in the fall studying Chemical Physics. Michael was grateful for the scholarship and thanked the members of our Branch.

Rich and Mary Zanarini enjoyed a visit in April with their daughter's family in Salt Lake City, Utah and helped their youngest granddaughter, Emily, celebrate her 9th birthday on Easter Sunday.

This will be a year of milestone birthdays for Jennie Campopiano, her daughter, Joan, and her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. Joan will be 40 in June, Elizabeth was 50 in April and Jennie was ??? (She's not telling.) in April. Congratulations to you all.

July birthday celebrants are: Father Robert, Deborah Abate, Madeline Conatser and LeAnne Lavagnino. Prayers are requested for the family of our past member, Dorothy Melfe. Dorothy passed away Saturday, June 1. She was our current member, Betty Massa's

"May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country!" (Daniel Webster) Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281 Our branch has begun our annual summer activities with a hotly contested Bocce Tournament with 16 teams participating. A great day was enjoyed by all! The team led by Marcie Arias "Let's Get It On" lasted through out the matches and came out champions! Team members Jesse Pena, Ruth Gamboa, CeCe Luque and playing for Marcie (who due to elbow and arm issues couldn't play the entire game) was Estaban Ventura, but Marcie cheered her team to victory! Great job guys! A delicious BBQ tri-tip sandwich lunch was enjoyed by players and spectators, thanks to Lenny Zasoski. A big thank-you to Bocce enthusiast and chairperson Allen Watts and

A special welcome to new members Nancy O'Dwyer, Diane and Rick Riley, Jamie Arias, George and Carol Bracchi, Richard and Teddi Fanucchi. Please extend a warm Italian welcome when you see them and encourage them to join in our branch activities. Convention raffle tickets have been distributed and please help our branch by purchasing or selling the tickets. This is an easy and fun fundraiser without any hard work. Please use your return envelope as soon as possible. Our meeting in July will be our Annual Ice-Cream Social at the home of Terri and George Carson, with swimming and ice cream desserts to keep cool in our Bakersfield heat! Looking forward to seeing all members at our next meeting.

Congratulations to Jessica Watts and Thomas Newman for graduating with CSF Honors and ICF scholarships from Garces Memorial High School, quite an accomplishment! Sta' Calmo! Mindy

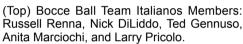
Fresno

St. Anthony, Br. 308
The last weekends in April and May we prepared and sold sausage sandwiches to raise funds for donations.

At our annual Bocce Tournament in early May, six teams competed. The Italianos placed second so congratulations to Russell Renna, Nick DiLiddo, Ted Gennuso, Anita Marciochi, and Larry Pricolo. Also competing were The Bella Donnas: Antoinette Pecora, Maria Pricolo, Angela DeLiddo and Linda Sargent. Cheerleading with cookies in hand was our youngest member Mary Elena Fortunato.

In May we celebrated Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day at our monthly meeting. Among the 80 in attendance were Elena Fortunato, our youngest member, and Mary Ann Prody who remains young at heart after a celebrating





(Right) Cookie powered cheerleader Mary Elena Fortunato.

(Left) Bocce Ball Team Bella Donnas Members: Antoinette Pecora, Maria Pricolo, and Angela

more birthdays than any other member of our

We also welcomed five new members: Bryan Hickle, and The DiCicco Family: Giuliano, Nikki Stamoulis, Evangelea and Evenia. Never Underestimate the Power of Prayer Cynthia Oliphant



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

Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm's way. Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA, President South Pasadena, CA 91030 626 372-7812

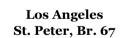
Los Angeles

Los Angeles District Council

On June 30 the Annual Los Angeles District Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon was held at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada. Thank you Branch 374 for hosting this event. Thank you also to ICF Members who attended the Mass and Luncheon and making this a successful experience

The 2013 Bishop Banquet Committee meeting was held on June 13 at Portofino's Italian Restaurant in La Habra. ICF Branch 67 President and restaurant owner Nick D'Egidio hosted the meeting in the banquet room. Preparations for the November 17 event at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles is moving smoothly. All members of the 18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to come and support the ICF and join in giving of the Seminary burse to Saint John's Seminary while enjoying the comraderie of our fellow members and Clergy. Please encourage your Clergy and Seminarians to also attend. Questions? Call 626 372-7812.

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



Spring was a very busy time for Branch 67! A beautiful Polenta Dinner and Dancing at the Casa Italiana on April 22, attending mass as a group at 11:00am every fourth Sunday of the month at St. Peter's Church,

attending the L'Italo Americano event held

June 7, participating in the Los Angeles District Council Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon to be held on June 30 at St. Bede Church in La Canada and planning our next Polenta Dinner to be held in the Fall.

Our Branch will send two delegates to the ICF Annual Convention to be held in La Quinta from August 30 to September 2,

Grazie tanto a tutti.

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

The 2013 ICF Bishop Banquet Committee met at Portofino's Restaurant on June 13 in



Congratulations to the players from the winning team of Branch 281's Bocce Tournament - Jesse Pena, Ruth Gamboa, Marcie Arias, CeCe Luque and Estaban Ventura.

Save the Dates
- July 14, 2013 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee meeting in Burbank from 1 pm to 3:00pm. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- July 21, 2013 - LA District Cooley's Anemia BBQ hosted by Branch 108 at the home of the Sabatella Family in South Pasadena from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Call 626 403-6102 for more information, directions and to make reservations on this important annual event.

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

preparation of this year's ICF Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angelsin Downtown Los Angeles on November 17. Members attending will represent the 18 ICF Branches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. For more information and reservations please call 626 372-7812.

Thank you members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Our prayers go out to those members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Parishioners for a speedy recov-

Save The Dates:

- July 21, 2013 - ICF LA District Cooley's Anemia BBQ poolside at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. Great food, friends and raffle prizes. Bring family, friends and neighbors from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Call 626 403-6102 for more information.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Happy father's day to all. Hope all the fathers out in ICFland had a great day. A big Congratulations to this year's ICF 111 Scholarship Winner, Anna Krista Saenz, along with her parents Annabella & Raul. Anna graduated from Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra, and plans to attend Occidental College and major in Political Science. We wish you lots of success in the next stage of your growth. Congratulations to Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa

Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Ed Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi who celebrated their birthdays in June. Buon Compleanno a tutti! We wish everyone a happy birthday!

Communion Sunday was June 30 at St. Bedes in La Cañada. Mass was celebrated at 11am, with a delicious lasagna lunch that followed. Thanks again for all who participated to make this event a success.

On Sunday, July 21 at 4pm the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser will be held at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. ICF Branch 111 attends every year. This is a great BBQ with unlimited drinks and great raffle prizes. A great event for an even greater cause. We hope all can attend this important fundraiser. This month's quote comes from Jackson Brown, Jr-"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.

Thank you and God Bless, Giuseppe Veneziano



SB/Ventura District Deputy/Br. 380 Lou Mages, SG District/Br. 319 President Andrea Linn, Br. 67 President Nick D'Egidio (Owner), Br. 317 Orator Anne Fasano, LA District IVP/Br. 374 President Al Restivo, LA District Treasurer/Br. 118 Nancy Dolci, LA District Deputy/Br. 108 Theresa Sabatella Shaw, LA District President/Br. 108 Carmelo Sabatella at Portofino's Italian Restaurant in La Habra.

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

I really don't have much to say this month except that June is here and before you know it, the summer will be gone Enjoy each day. We do have a few activities I will mention, so here goes.

July 19-21 -- Mary Star of the Sea Fiesta. Call Pauline to volunteer to work in the booth. 310-832-0563.

August 3-4 -- The ICF will participate in the "First LA Waterfront Summer Festival" on 6th street between Pacific and Centre. We need volunteers to work the Pizza Booth. Call Neal at 310-433-1044.

August 15-17 -- St. John Joseph Tridium and Dinner-Dance: Menu is as follows: antipasto, salad, bread and butter, prime rib with all the trimmings, wine, coffee and spumoni ice cream for dessert. No-host bar. Music by Duo Domino. Price \$35.00. Call Neal for reservations. I can always use help for the raffle prizes so please contact me at 310-548-4312. I will gift wrap whatever you send me. You can also donate gift certificates.

We have nominated the delegates for the annual convention that will be held in La Quinta, CA this year. The delegates are Anna and Neal DiLeva, Nicolina and Salvatore Mattera. Please purchase a Convention raffle book to defray the costs of

expenses.

September 23-26 -- Pauline is planning a 4 day-3 night trip to Chumash Casino. It will also include side trips to wineries and San Francisco. Call Pauline for price and reservations at 310-832-0563. Sounds like a fun trip. San Francisco is always a great city to visit. God bless.

Mary Ann Lauro, Officer and Chairperson





Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Welcome to July...the month of Independence Day events: parades, fireworks, celebrations, BBQ'S, and picnics!

Congrats to Victoria Moore on her graduation from St. Joseph's High School.

Our branch was proud to give many scholarships. Grade 8 St. Anthony of Padua graduates, Chance Liu and Areli Acosta, will be attending Mary Star High and Serra High respectively

Also, Grade 8 St. Catherine Laboure graduate, Kariamu Cross, will be attending Serra High. This scholarship will now be given in honor of Charter member Angie Publico, mother of President Connie Bohannon and tireless supporter of education and children. Angie, enjoy from Heaven!

Upcoming calendar dates to remember: July: Enjoy the lazy days of summer!!!

August 1/Sept. 5 -- Board Meetings

August 18 -- General Meeting

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 -- Annual Convention: La Quinta, Palm Dessert: "Living the Year of Faith"

October 12 -- Columbus Day Dinner-Dance Fundraiser, St. Anthony's Social Hall. Lomeli's Italian Restaurant. Tribute to Sinatra: Vaughn Suponatime; Accordionist: John Dynice; DJ: Cherry Sound. Donation: adults: \$40.00. 12 & under: \$15.

Micheal Roa (6-12) and Don Franson (6-25) enjoyed their June birthdays. We wish joyfilled July B-days to: Rose Moore & Don Bohannon (7-25) and Julieta Roa (7-29). Congrats to Gloria and Martin Castaneda who celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on June 23.

Please keep in your special prayers: Gerlita Roa, mother of John Roa. Also members of our parish who are under the weather: Betty





San Pedro Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva with scholarship recipient Alyssa Bristol who graduated from Port of L.A. High School.

Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva with scholarship recipient Elizabeth D'Ambra who graduated from Palos Verdes High School.

Families and members of Branch 115 scholarship winners attended the Potluck Meeting in May for the presentation of scholarships to Alyssa Bristol, granddaughter of member Titina Iodice and Elizabeth D'Ambra, granddaughter of member Carmela D'Ambra. Congratulations to both!



Branch 362 Pres. Charlene Drobeck, District Deputy Theresa Shaw and Chaplain Fr. John Higgins along with Br. 362 Charity Award Recipients.



Six 8th Grade Students receive Scholarships from Br. 362 Downey.

Moore, Rae Evans, Joseph Skelley, Monica Richtik, Judy Sucharitakul, Raul Romero, and Tony Barba.

Ciao, Eleanor Rose

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

The bad news is that we had to cancel the Karaoke Baked Potato event at the last minute because we were not able to get enough participation to make it profitable. The good news is that the \$530 we had raised, through the goodness of the people who purchased tickets, will be put into our scholarship fund for use later this year.

This year we were able to award two scholarships to worthy St. Bede Elementary School students who wrote outstanding essays. Mark Scarsi, Jr. received \$250.00 and James Peter DeRose V received \$100.00. I presented these awards at the school graduation ceremony. Our thanks to Mark Mannarelli, Director of Scholarships, for all the work he does promoting and managing this important program.

We don't have meetings during the summer, but that does not mean that we will not be having fun. Be on the lookout for Free Summer Nights Outdoor Italian Movies to be held in July and August. Emails will be sent announcing these events.



Several members of Branch 374 and their freinds had an opportunity to see and hear Andrea Bocelli at the Hollywood Bowl on Saturday, June 8. Shown here is Branch President Al Restivo in the forefront with his wife Diane. Other branch members who attended were Jack Kojimoto, Chris Wheeler, Mary Liss and Nancy Fraines. The branch is currently planning Free Italian Movies for the summer at an outdoor theater run by a Gelato Shop in Altadena.



Tournament of Roses Princess Madison Teodo, who will graduate from La Cañada High School in June, is shown here receiving the Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship from Branch 374 President Al Restivo at the May monthly meeting of the organization at St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church.

Madison, whose ancestors come from Alessandria in Piedmont Italy, is the

daughter of Mark and Claudia Teodo. An involved student at LCHS, she has been a member of the Choral Choir and the Bridge Peer Counseling group. She will be attending Cal Poly University in the fall where she plans to major in Liberal Studies with a goal of becoming an elementary school teacher specializing in Speech Pathology. She is a lifelong resident of La Cañada Flintridge and attended St. Bede the Venerable Elementary School. She was selected to serve as a Princess on the Tournament of Roses Queens Court this year.

The ICF \$400 annual high school graduate scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy local high school graduate with Italian familial roots, and is available to qualifying graduates from any of LCF's high schools. ICF also awards scholarships to elementary school graduates and annual awards for service to students through its newly established Distinguished Student Service Award Program

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Important: there are some minor changes to meeting schedules in the fall. Our first general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1 followed by a second meeting on October 29. The October 1 meeting will serve as our September meeting. We will return to our normal schedule in November.

A major membership drive is being conducted on September 29. It will be called RUSH 374 and will be directed by our Director of Membership Development, Joe Layton. Joe will speak at every Mass and we will have two tables outside of church where we will be serving special Italian cookies. We will need volunteers to help Joe make this program a success.

Preghiamo che Dio vi benedica tutti, Al Restivo, President who provided the ice cream and toppings. It will also be Family Movie night with the St. Denis Church Community invited to view the movie "Hachi" based on a true story (rated G) starring Richard Gere. Popcorn will also be served – provided by ICF Branch 317.

The District picnic will take place at St. Luke in Temple City on August 18 for only \$15 per person. Italian sausage, hot dogs, salads, desserts and drinks will be available, along with Bocce ball, games, raffles, etc.

We congratulate our scholarship winner from Los Altos High School – Hacienda Heights, Kaitlyn Clark who, with her Mom Rosa, attended our June meeting.

Have a wonderful summer.

God Bless, Roxanne Perry, President

San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

July 13 – Taste of Diamond Bar – St. Denis August 2 – Hollywood Bowl – Tony Bennett August 9 – General Meeting/ Ice Cream

Social/Family Movie Night
August 18 – District picnic at St. Luke

Church in Temple City

We especially want to thank Gerry and Don and all our wonderful members who presented such a lovely dinner for the Father's Day celebration on June 14. We celebrated Bea Yary's birthday along with Mary Schmidt for June. Also for July - Rose Esposito, Eve Pasternak, Mary Schaefer and Laura Giello.

We have a sold out crowd for the Hollywood Bowl on August 2 in attendance for the Tony Bennett concert. We brought our libations and picnic dinners for a wonderful evening under the stars at the Bowl.

The general meeting will be on August 9, an Ice Cream Social hosted by Juanita and John Guillory with our new member, Jan

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Summer to all of our members! There will be no July meeting.

Our next General Meeting will be held on August 28, 2013 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu for dinner will be: sausage and peppers, regular side salad, French roles and dessert.

Our next Quarterly Mass will be held on September 15 at the 8:00am Mass. Breakfast will follow at Coco's on Baldwin.

The September General Meeting will be held on September 25, 2013. It will include our ice cream social.

Congratulations to Mary Ann and Jim Law on the birth of their new great-granddaughter Alyssa Nichole and Mae Rosenkranz on the birth of her new great-grandson, Robert Weston.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, and Mary Girillo. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy July Birthday to: Ray Massaro, Frances Bonura, Peter Costa, Anne Dandrea,

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(Con't St. Luke, Br. 326)

Mary Girillo, Mae Rosenkranz and Pat Brisco. Happy Anniversary to: Josie and Anthony Basile, 59 years; Pete and Rose Costa, 61 years; and Cal and Val Magro, 36 years. Congratulations!

"The days go quickly by us, then the days turn into years; we wonder whatever happened to all our dreams and fears. ... The time has come to answer as we stand before our Lord. May we always be ready for what we are to say; let's make all our tomorrows better than our yesterdays." (Ruth A. Grubb) God Bless.

Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley **Burbank**

Santa Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Our pizza party was most successful in June. A time for fellowship and fundraising. Thank you all for participating.

(Top) New Members Initiated into Branch 380.

(Left) Erin Donley (left) and Paige Durand (right) receive their scholarship awards from

July 13 -- regular meeting at noon. We meet in front of the grotto for a picture for the convention book. Meeting will follow in Cabrini

Laura Farrington from Burbank High School will receive her schlorship. Please return raffle tickets. We receive \$1000 from each book sold.

Ciao,

We were also proud to initiate 17 new members into our branch (see picture).

We ended the evening with a swing dance presentation by "Dance for Wellness." The dancers even gave our members some lessons - a wonderful evening!

Delegates for this year's Convention are Gino Spinelli, Della Spinelli, and Michelle Inouve

We are also keeping the sick members of Branch 380 in our prayers.

Marisa Interrante (Corresponding Secretary)

Santa Barbara/Ventura **Thousand Oaks**

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

In June, our branch had a Bake Sale Fundraiser and a "Swing into Summer" General Meeting

The Bake Sale included cannoli and a wide variety of Italian and non-Italian desserts and was held after all the Sunday Masses. It was a huge success and parishioners enjoyed the variety of choices. On June 7, we had our first General Meeting of the summer where we enjoyed a delicious barbecue meal and brownie sundaes

We awarded college scholarships to Paige Durand, granddaughter of members Blanche and Iggy Alessandrino, and Erin Donley, daughter of members, Lisa and Tom Donley (see pictures). We would also like to congratulate Jimmy Donley, Bryanna Inouye and Kierstyn Spinelli on their high school graduation. We are so proud of all of you!

Monterey

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Our May meeting was lightly attended as several members were on vacation or could otherwise not attend. A number of items were discussed of branch interest.

Our bake sale held June 2 at Sacred Heart was a success thanks to those who baked, donated and sold a wide variety of desserts. We made over \$650 which will support our convention responsibilities and also our charitable activities. To those who donated both time and money...THANK YOU! You make our branch work.

The District Picnic will be held at the J&M Ranch on August 4 as indicated in prior reporting. Plans are progressing nicely. Our Chaplain, Father Ignacio, will offer Mass. Our Polenta Luncheon will be held on No-

vember 13, 2013 with preparation on the 12th. As always, we need your help to prepare the food, set up tables, sell tickets, and to serve. Please support us if you can.

Our new Branch Deputy is Cheri Huntley, daughter or Jim Friebel. We are very pleased that she is joining our meetings and look forward to working with her. Welcome Cheri.

We also want to thank Franklyn Lopes and Jim Friebel who took time to attend our June 11, 2013 meeting to install our officers for this year. We very much appreciate their support and look forward to sharing ICF activities with them this year.

President Julie Richards will represent our branch at the ICF Convention over the Labor Day Weekend. Raffle tickets are available for sale and members are encouraged to purchase and/or sell them to support the ICF. Congratulations to Lauren Tomasello, our scholarship recipient for 2013. Lauren is a First Honors senior at Notre Dame

We are saddened to report the death of Dorothy "Dottie" Stoffey who passed on May 28, 2013. Dottie was a well known artist in the county and a staunch supporter of our Branch. She was a well known artist in the Monterey County. We will miss her. Our prayers go out to Donald Stoffey and his family.

Ciao

Roy Frontani

Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Greeting from Hollister, I am sorry to say that we had to cancel our June meeting due to everyone being so busy with graduations and Fathers' Day. Congratulations to Joseph and Louis, our President Cheri Huntley's sons, on their graduations! Unfortunately we will also be cancelling our July meeting due to it being close to the 4th of July. A happy birthday to all members born in July. Next dinner meeting to be August 7, hope to see you then. Enjoy your 4th!

Sincerely, Jennifer Frusetta Corresponding Secretary

Monterev

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36
July 11 - Our "big event", annual birthday party for our members 85 and older. Birthday honorees are free, adults \$15.00, children 6-10 \$6.00, 5 and under are free. If you are having more than 6 at your table, they will have to be paid for in advance. This is our favorite party, to honor our older members who kept us going through the years

We are happy to report Jim Friebel will be our new deputy, sad to report our long time loyal deputy, Carl Armento, can no longer serve due to health reasons. We will miss

Eddie Leonard is working diligently on Branch 36 heritage and history from inception. I can hardly wait to see it in print!

Our Convention delegates will be Eddie and







Branch 51 Vice President Leonora Barlow presenting the I.C.F scholarship to graduating senior from Palma High School, Gregory Stefani.

Bella Leonard and George and Lillian Mika. They will bring us back all they learn. July 19 -- Branch 36 hosts the Central Council Golf Tournament.

Our deepest sympathy to Chris and Betty Arcoleo and family on the death of their grandson Todd

And to Don Stoffev on the death of his "Dottie", she was a beautiful woman and a very talented artist.

July 4th - We have an Independence Day because of our men and women in uniform. God bless them all, past, present, and future because of them we are still one nation UN-DER GOD.

Peace be with you, Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51 Summer's here!

At our last meeting we elected our representative to the I.C.F. Convention in La Quinta. Pauline Bigby, our President, will represent Branch 51. Raffle tickets were distributed—for every book of tickets sold the branch receives \$10.00.

The Board will be meeting during the summer to discuss upcoming events including our potluck and election in October, a date for initiating our new members and other fall

Please keep our sick and recovering members in your prayers.

Branch 51 would like to welcome our new deputy Geri. Thank you for coming to our last meeting, it was very nice to have you there with us.

Birthday U.S.A.! Нарру God has given us many blessings, our family. friends, etc... but He's also given us this beautiful country. God Bless America! Our God is an awesome God.

Ciao. Leonora Barlow

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our June meeting honored our eight recipients of Branch 227's Frederico and Rena Perlino Scholarship. The scholarships, in their 9th year, were awarded to Alexa Stefanko, Nicole Shay, James Schaarschmidt, Stephanie Laverone, Lori Laverone, Erin Laverone, Drew Armanino and Peter Ambiel. Each college or college-bound student received a \$1,000 scholarship, which can be used toward tuition or textbooks. Following the awards, the lamb and chicken dinner prepared by Dan Casagrande, John Scurich and Loretta Reaves

A reminder: members, please mark your calendars for the annual branch picnic Saturday, July 27, at DeLaVeaga Park.



Congratulations to Josephine and Joseph Volanto, from Branch 291, who recently celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary!

Members are free and guests pay \$10. The social begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Reservations are due by July 24 please call Mary Montonye 465-0293 or Dolores McCartney at 475-4407 to reserve your spots. Please specify chicken or steak when calling. Members are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry and their dinnerware and steak knives. As usual, there will be great food, fellowship and bocce!

John and Sylvia Raffetto are coordinating the branch bus trip to Reno for the Italian Festival, Oct. 11-13. The cost is \$227 per person double occupancy, and \$340 per person single occupancy. The price includes the bus, hotel, refreshments, and happy hour. To sign up, please contact John and Sylvia Raffetto. President Franklyn Lopes announced branch delegates for Convention: Bob and Mary Montonye and Linda Calciano. And we welcomed our new deputy Rosa Radicchi.

Kathleen Martinelli

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 is proud to announce our First Year Scholarship recipients: Andrew De Sesa, Joseph M. Hall, Sarah Salvini and Anne Marie Smith. Congratulations to these welldeserving students who will each receive a \$400 First Year Scholarship!

Even though we're smack dab in the middle of summer, it's not too early to start thinking about our fall Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers! The dinners will be held on September 14, October 19 and November 16 from 4-7pm in the St. Patrick's Church hall. Members are encouraged to help at one or all of the dinners, and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a delicious spaghetti meal.

Our Branch would like to congratulate longtime ICF member, Josephine Volanto and her husband Joseph, who recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary! Congratulations to the Volantos and may you be blessed with many more years together! We are sad to announce the loss of one of our members, Tony Ferroni. Please pray for Tony's family and his dear friend and ICF member, Jan Hilton, who cared for Tony for many years. Jan also lost her son the day before Tony passed away, so please keep Jan in your prayers during this very difficult time. Also, please pray for the following members who are experiencing health issues, and all our members who may be suffering with pain or heartache: Marge Caruso, Bob and Floralee Harris, Trish and Dan Jimenez, Joe Slavin, Josephine Volanto, and Jens and Sonia Wagner.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July! Keely Sanchez Recording Secretary

Oakland

East Bay **District Council**

June was an eventful month for the East Bay District. Our Lady of Grace Church Hall in Castro Valley was the venue for the Central Council's 4th Annual Night of the Seminarians on June 1, 2013. Congratulations to the Ways and Means Committee for hosting such an elegant and fun event. Special thank you's to Pat Mages, Lisa Crudo and Franklin Lopes. There is nothing like enjoying yourself at an event and raising money for a good cause at the same time.

The East Bay District's Annual Day at the Races was held on June 6, 2013 at Golden Gate Field in the Turf Club. There were 34 of us who had lots of fun placing bets on horses with silly names and the buffet luncheon was wonderful.

Your correspondent had the opportunity to attend her first Central Council Quarterly Meeting on June 8, 2013. If you don't believe Central Council members work hard, challenge you to attend one of these quarterly meetings. A lot business was conducted in the general meeting and the various committees met prior to that.

Laurice Levine, Outreach Coordinator for the Cooley's Anemia Program at Children's Hospital Oakland was also in attendance. Sadly, she had to announce the Southern California camp site used for the Summer Camp for Cooley patients was destroyed by fire. She thanked the ICF for all there support to the Cooley's Anemia Program. She and her Outreach staff plan to regroup and make future plans to provide a camp experience next year for their Cooley patients. Respectfully submitted, Êran LaTorre

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We hope you are enjoying a beautiful summer. A reminder that our next event is the Annual Barbeque/Bocce Ball/Birthright scheduled for Sunday, July 28, St. Philip Neri Church Hall. Play Bocce from 1-3pm at near-by Lincoln Park (if you wish) then on to the church hall for social hour 4pm and dinner 5pm.

Steaks, baked potatoes, baked beans, salad,

garlic bread and dessert. Adults \$20, children 12 yrs and under are \$10. For reservations please call JoAnn Dorn at 510-710-6959 by July 22. Also let her know if you wish to play Bocce Ball.

A representative from the Birthright Organization will make a short speech at the dinner, This year Birthright is in need of newborn diapers and monetary donations. (Donations of either are appreciated.) Until Next Month

Peace and Love to All Jean McElroy

Oakland Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy 4th of July. The Italian Catholic Federation raffle tickets have been mailed. Winners will be drawn at the convention in September. Mail your tickets stubbs with your checke by the end of July. Our branch recieves \$10 for each book that is sold. Good luck to all. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have questions contact Anna Alberti, 562-1179.

Upcoming events:

July- No monthly meeting August 1 - Monthly meeting 7pm September 5 - Monthly meeting 7pm

Happy Birthday to Darreel Andrada, Lawrence Francis, Vito Muscardin, and Betty Young. God Bless you. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing members of our branch, especially Elsie Giani, Anna Alberti, Leroy Casale, Mary Devincenzi, Aldo Innocenti, Dave Rose and Vhris Zanata.

Thought: Wisdom is the wealth of the wise. Anger is the stone thrown at a wasp's nest. Ciao,

M Francis and L Francis

Oakland St. Theresa, Br. 223

In our last article we asked that you watch for future activities of our branch in our July article. However, as of this writing, we do not have specific dates due to the St. Theresa Church/School Calendars, which will indicate what dates are available for our functions. We do know that Carla Gaul and Mary Anne Giuntoli are the Chairpersons and Holly Raineri will take reservations for our Fall Dinner. We can look forward to a wonderful time.

Congratulations to Member Joseph Carriere, who made his Confirmation at St. Theresa Church on May 18. Joseph is the son of Branch 223 President Nancy Carriere and Jim Carriere. Joseph is a tremendous help at all our branch events.

We pray for our members who are not well: Cookie Rossi, Larry Polito, and our former Chaplain, Father Patrick Goodwin.

Applause Congrats to our member Daniel Murphy who graduated from St Mary's College on May 24. He graduated, with honors, in Sociology and Communications. Daniel is the son of Linda and Timothy Murphy, grandson of Marilou and Larry Polito, and brother to Lauren, Michael, and Megan Murphy, who are all Br. 223 members. Our delegates to the 2013 Convention are President Nancy Carriere and Alfreda Baroni. We wish them a wonderful and informative time.

Happy 4th of July and Happy Summer! Yoli Moglia

Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

On May 17 Judy and David Wellbeloved hosted our business/dinner meeting. We en-



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Members of Branch 285 who attended the East Bay District Quarterly Mass at St. Augustine's, Pleasanton.



Branch 343 decided to award an eighth grader with a scholarship towards her Catholic High School education. At the recent graduation ceremony at Our Lady of Grace, we had the honor of presenting Miss Madisen Bilodeau a \$300.00 scholarship. Madisen will be attending Bishop O'Dowd High School. The recipient was chosen in honor of outstanding performance in academics, leadership and service. Madisen was also one of several students who helped the Branch at our recent anniversary dinner dance, by serving the guests with grace and style. We wish her the best of luck in her high school career. Respectfully submitted by the Officers and members of Branch 343, Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley.

(Con't St. Filomena, Br. 285)

joyed a great pasta dish and the usual additional potluck fare. Ed Sacca gave an interesting talk about his career in the navy. He is our resident World War 2 hero. Thanks Ed and also to Judy and David for a great job. On June 6 at the Shrine Center, Livermore,

President Pat Mueller presented our scholarship award to Jeremy Martin. Jeremy is the grandson of Past Grand President Bob Aquistapace. Jeremy is very entitled to our scholarship and we wish him luck in his ca-

Grandparents Carl and Judy Bates were happy that their grandson Michael Gennaro was awarded the ICF Scholarship Award from Br. 250 in Clovis, CA. He will be attending the Univ. San Diego majoring in Chemical Physics. Way to go Michael.

June 11 was our annual Bocce Ball/Pizza outing hosted by Don Merucci and Joe Buonsante. This event is always lots of fun and through the years participants have gotten real good at Bocce Ball. We now have "Bocce Ball Stars." Thanks Don and Joe for putting this together.

The California Knights of Columbus at their

statewide convention awarded Chuck Bellavia the 2012-2013 Knights of the year plaque. He was picked from 71,000 Knights statewide and the award had not been given for 7 years. Chuck says he was shocked. We applaud him.

Welcome to our new member Lola Bobba. Thanks for joining us Lola and we look forward to your friendship.

Happy Birthday America and Sempre Avanti Pauline Kirk

> **Castro Valley** Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Even though June is a month in which there is no branch meeting it has still been a busy month and we are only 1/2 way through it! It was nice to see the good turn out at the Night for the Seminarians; the hall was beautifully decorated, the food, good and the band had folks up and dancing. The center pieces looked lovely on the altar at Mass on Sunday, thanks to the winners from our branch. Then we were off to the races, where there were a few winners, so we hear. And even if some of us did not win it was a fun time. Our next meeting will be our July 11 -- hot dog and beans dinner. Hope that not too many of our members are on vacation as this is always a fun time. And on a more serious level we will be getting organized for the Convention over Labor Day weekend.

Please keep our Branch President Karen Rossi in your prayers as she continues her recovery from ankle/leg surgery.

In the meantime have a safe and sane 4th of July. *God Bless America!*

Pat Grasso

Contra Costa **District Council**

The next district meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27 at St. Isidore's in Danville at 7:30pm.

Our District President Joseph Flores wants to encourage each branch to send its district delegates to our district meetings for full rep-

By now all of the branches should have nominated their delegates for the Convention. The Convention will take place over the labor day weekend in La Quinta, near Palm Springs, Ca. We should promote the sale of Convention raffle tickets, the branches get a commission for each Convention raffle ticket they sell. If you want raffle tickets contact your local branch.

The district is excited about the membership drive set for July 13/14 at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. It will be followed by an informational meeting. Updates will be posted with information regarding the date of the inauguration Mass and ceremony. Please contact Joann with dates of special events that you would like to have listed in the district reports. Let's all try to support each others' branch events.

Have a blessed and enjoyable summer.



Congratulations to Branch 14 Scholarship Recipients. Julia Ratterman, Samantha Parr, Lindsay Erickson, Zachary Boyett, Samantha Houle and Gabrielle Hingley. Great Job.

Crockett San Carlo. 14

I would like to say our June Scholarship Dinner was a wonderful success, and I'm sure it will be, but the deadline for this Bollettino article and future articles has been changed to before most of our meetings, so unfortunately, news will now often be a month in arrears.

I can tell you, however, that the branch scholarships will be awarded to three branch members: Zachary Boyett, whose proud parents are Mary and Cliff Boyett; Lindsay Erickson, daughter of Cindi Erickson, and Samantha Parr, daughter of Cliff and Kym Parr and granddaughter of Rich Pastori. Julia Ratterman, a relative of Inez Bellaria Foley, will receive a scholarship in memory of Cliff and Leona Ledford, Louise DeTomasi's parents. Gabrielle Hingley, granddaughter of Clare and Dave Alvarado, will receive a scholarship in memory of Louis DeTomasi, and our branch member Samantha Houle, daughter of Kathy Houle and granddaughter of Ceasar and Ann Airoldi, will receive a scholarship in memory of John Regalia. Congrats to all these outstanding students. We offer sincere sympathy to the family of our longtime, beloved member, Norma Buscaglia.

All who knew Norma will miss that friendly, mischievous twinkle in her eye.

Don't miss our July 9 Western Night, when we celebrate the Branch's 86th Anniversary! There will be no mass or meeting, but come and enjoy Barbeque Tri Tips at 6:30, prepared by famous Chef Johnny V, followed by Casino Night, all for \$8.00. Sounds like a fun night! Wishes for a bright, beautiful summer to all! Ciao.

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

By the time you receive this the Reno overnight bus trip will have passed. Profits will be listed next month. We thank Joann for chairing our many bus trips. Upcoming:

Sunday, July 28 - Make up meeting. Notices were mailed. Member appreciation picnic, pool party, potluck, raffle and meeting. 2:30pm at 4661 Teakwood in Oakley.

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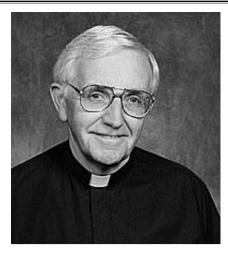
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After almost 20 years of selfless service, it is difficult for many St. Rose of Lima parishioners and ICF Branch 14 members to bid farewell to Father Ciaran Dillon.

As his name implies, Father Dillon is Irish, but he embraced our large group of Italians with enthusiasm and support. Of course our many Irish and non-Italian members understood his fondness for telling Irish jokes.

We appreciated our monthly meeting masses and looked forward to our St. Joseph's Table celebration, where Father Dillon, with great gusto, blessed us with holy water. Lots of holy water.

As our parish priest, he was ever reverent and humble, and a great source of comfort and understanding in troublesome times. He was quick to learn a name and was always willing to visit the sick, whether at home or in a hospital or care facility. His strong sense of social justice and his interest in world events were expressed at each mass. Father's stamina and "quick way of driving" are legendary, as is his frugality. Parishioners were fortunate to have had a priest who preferred to repair items rather than purchase new ones. The number of projects Father himself completed is unknown; while they were completed with skill and professionalism, they were always done with little fanfare. One of Father's strongest points is his knowledge of church finances, and his desire to use the people's money wisely. This has served St. Rose and its people very well indeed.

Father Dillon took seriously his responsibilities. He religiously encouraged us to follow the Lord's teachings, not only through his words, but more importantly, by his unwavering Christian example. ICF members and parishioners shall miss him. but there will always be a place at the ICF table for Father Dillon. As he said to us many times, we now say to him, "God Bless You."

Sunday, August 11 - Meeting. Members will be notified of location and time. Due to surgery, our hostess and second vice Josie will not be able to host.

Aug. 30 – Sept. 2 - ICF Convention in La Quinta near Palm Springs, Ca. Pre-activities start with a welcome dinner by the host district on that Thursday. Saturday, Sept. 7 - Bus trip to Monterey for

the Santa Rosalia festival. Call Joann at 925-

No branch meeting in September.

The Contra Costa District will have its Night of Recollection dinner and spiritual talk given by Chaplin Father Larry Young. The Richmond branch will host. Details will be posted next month.

The Polenta dinner will not be held in the summer. It will be in November when our branch celebrates our anniversary.

Have you bought your Convention raffle tickets? If not, Call Jane at 925-432-7889. Branch 72 will once again nominate Roselynne for re-election at the Convention. We are proud of all that she has done and wish her luck.

That is all for now. Happy 4th of July, Helen Politakes

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154The June meeting honored our scholarship winners and their families. Winners were Antonio Costa (branch member) from De La Salle; Laura Macchiavelli from Salesian High; Matthew Donoghue from Salesian High; Kristen Pastor from Carondolet; and David Yake from Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Washington. President Walter Costa and his cooking crew prepared a great ravioli and salad dinner.

Thanks were given to the Martinucci family for the very successful polenta dinner, netting approximately \$4,000. Gino's family carried on brilliantly with Gino monitoring activities from a hospital bed.

Members voted to give Salesian High \$500, Gifts of Love \$1000, and Cooley's Anemia

Mark your calendars for Joe Meneghelli's Casino trip to Cache Creek on July 22. Cost is \$30. Reserve with Joe at 234-2208. August meeting will feature hamburgers and salad for only \$5.00 Reserve with Walter Costa at 925-385-9953 by August 8.

We were very sorry to hear that Chaplain Father Nick Reina is being reassigned to the Los Angeles Area. We will miss his assistance, faithful dedication, and friendship. Until August 1 he will assume duties as temporary Executive Director of the West Contra Costa Boys & Girls Club.

Remember Dee Rosier, Gino Martinucci, and Vickie Christophe in your prayers.

There will be no meeting in July. Look forward to seeing you on August 12.

God Bless Joyce Peterson

Concord

St. Agnes, Br. 214Our meetings will resume in September. However our events continue. We had a successful Wine Tasting Fundraiser, considering it was the hottest day of the year. Appreciated all our help and support from members. Also, thanks to our committee Roberta Healy (President), Barbara Faircloth, and Karen Gee.

Ron Artale and Al Tufo are putting Pedro Tournaments back into the program. We are excited about new prospective members noting that our events have brought interest.

Prayers continue for Bill Bungard (aneurysm) (Diane Lorenzetti's husband), Fr. Vince (our Chaplain), all our elderly who are unable to attend, God Bless them All. Ciao.

Christina Artale

Danville San Isidore, Br. 352

At our May Dinner Meeting, our first year scholarship recipient was present along with her parents. Rebecca Spanger, will be attending UC Davis while studying Environmental Sciences. Congratulations Rebecca.

Our delegates are gearing up to attend the "Annual ICF Convention" in La Quinta, California. We send our wishes for a very productive Convention.

No meeting scheduled for July (vacation month)

We are planning our annual "Harvest Festival Dinner." It will take place Saturday, October 19, 2013. The menu will be Polenta, sausage Sauce, Roast Chicken, Salad, Dessert. Coctail & Wine bar, soft drinks, coffee, tea.

Happy Birthday to all our July Birthday members.

Madeline Cefalo

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432 All of us at branch 432 wish all of the fathers

in our ICF family Happy 4th of July! On June 10 we held our 10th Annual IHM Golf Tournament Fundraiser.

Our ICF branch and IHM's KOC members work very hard every year to make this event the best ever. This year was no exception, the 140 golfers had a great time, the volunteers did a great job, everyone enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner, silent auction and terrific raffle prizes. All the proceeds are donated to the IHM Community Center Fund. Under the guidance of our Chairperson, Jay Risso, who by the way has chaired this event for the past 9 years, there are many others to name, Gene Simonetti. Jack Cocker, Art Landos, Ron Lopes, Steve Grimm, Ryan Jones, Gil Karr, Don Martin, Curtis Pinion, Kelly Pratt, and Denny Hagburg. Thank you to all, and also to the many volunteers too numerous to mention here.

At our May meeting the delegates for the 2013 Convention in La Quinta were voted in they are, Phyllis and Don Lilly, they will be attending this year in place of Gene and Marilyn Simonetti, who had already made plans to be out of the country at that time.

Our 5th Annual Festa D' Italia and Car Show is coming up in September and the various committees are already at work preparing for this major fundraiser for Br. 43

We continue to keep our members, Bill Arrietta, and Mary Goldsby in our prayers. Until next month,

Phyllis Lilly

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

On a very warm Sunday evening of June 9, more than 35 members and guests enjoyed a delightful full-course pasta dinner prepared and served by Charlyne Pacini, Voni Ramos, Joe Bear, Mary Jo Wiese and Virginia Zorio. Many thanks.

After dinner, President Carolyn Smith introduced two new members - Patrick Senge (Bob & Kathy Acquistapace's grandson) and Vonnie Ramos. Also, the guests introduced at the meeting were: Jerry Depoli, Bob & Kathy Acquistapace, and Andrea Senge.

Meeting items included a vote to send Central Council \$500 for a second year scholarship; and an announcement that our annual Polenta dinner would be on Saturday, November 9 at the Boy's & Girls Club. As our members are aware, their help is needed for this important event so people "please mark this date on your calendars." Also President Carolyn Smith asked members for their continued prayer on behalf of her husband, Michael -God, we pray your loving Hand would be on Michael

Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Idlewild Park at 12 noon on Sunday, September 22, 2013.

Have a good summer everyone. Submitted by,

Tony DiGuglielmo

Sacramento

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St. Mary, Br. 45

Our last meeting and dinner was held on Sunday, June 9 in Giovanni Hall. Members and guests had a great time and enjoyed our chicken and polenta. Thanks to our members who helped in the kitchen and with set-up and clean-up.

We welcome a new member, Pat Wood, who

joined our branch at the dinner. We look forward to getting to know you and thanks for

A district fundraiser, Mangiamo Italiano, dinner will be held on Sat., July 13 at Branch 73's Parish, St. Rose of Lima Church Hall, 615 Vine Avenue, Roseville, at 5:30pm. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10. For reservations, please contact Tina Tallman at (916) 217-8654. Let's make this a successful event by having a good showing from our branch.

Our next meeting and dinner will be Sunday, September 8 with the meeting at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. We will have lots to talk about after the Convention, so come to the meeting. For dinner reservations, call Bruna at (916) 515-9380 or me at (916) 714-6867. Calendar at a Glance:

Sat., July 13 - District Mangiamo Italian dinner, Roseville

Sun., Aug. 18 - St. Mary's Church Festival Fri., Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 - Convention at La Ouinta

Sun., Sept. 8 - Branch Meeting & Dinner, Giovanni Hall, 4:30pm

Buon Compleanno to Members in July: Antonette Bonanno, Sheryl Cecchettini, Bob Gianatasio, Livia Hamrah, Mary La Tona turns 100 !!, Marie Leonard, and Albert Lo-

Get well wishes to Sheryl Cecchettini who had surgery in June. Happy 4th of July !!

Ciao,

Janine

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73On Sunday, 9 June, some 25 members and guests gathered for a Mother/Father's Day dinner at Visconti's Restaurant in Folsom. Those present enjoyed good food and pleasant company. Martina Ferri was given a certificate indicating her receiving a \$400.00 first year college scholarship.

The \$500.00 scholarships donated by Branch 73 to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who plan to attend a Catholic high school were awarded to Christopher Milton and Bridget White. Both will attend Christian Brothers High School in the fall. They and their families will be invited to share a light meal with us at 6:00pm on 20 August. The monthly meeting will then follow.

Members are reminded to return their raffle tickets prior to August first. Remember that \$10.00 of the \$20.00 cost remains with the Branch.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di luglio. Buon compleanno anche agil Stati Uniti il 4 luglio.

Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

At our June Membership Appreciation Dinner, we were pleased to give out scholarships to three very deserving young ladies. As reported last month, Ariana Jensen was the recipient of our college scholarship. We also gave scholarships to Darby Carillo and Emma Piziali who will be entering high school in the fall. Congratulations ladies! Maria Fregosi and I have been elected as delegates for the next Convention. We look



Longtime member of Branch 342, Norma Harris, was honored for her service and generosity to our branch.

forward to seeing everyone again!

Please make sure that you save October 12 as the day to attend our first annual Auburn Italian Festa! We are all working very hard to plan a day of fun, food, and family time. We hope to see you all there. More details to come soon.

Ciao! Pam Andersen Bolletino Contributor

San Bernardino

St. Joseph, Br. 210We celebrated Fathers Day with roast beef dinner, donated by Nan Judge, who also celebrated her "39th" Birthday, which makes her the youngest adult member of our Branch. Nan is a great baker and provides the homemade bread, we enjoy with our monthly pot lucks. Thanks Nan! Most of the meeting was discussing plans for the LaQuinta Convention. Members submitted names for the Memory and Sponsor Pages. Member, Paul Beherns, Our Branch Photographer, volunteered to find some pictures from this years events to submit for the Heritage Book Marco Galeazzi is putting together.

Our President Mauro Rommagnoli and Pat Grisafe were elected as our delegates. At the next meeting, members will be asked to sign up for the times you can help at the Convention. Roseanne Rovere will be in charge of getting members to bake cookies for the Convention Sunday Night. Decide whether you are going to the Saturday Night

Mauro announced the closing of our Parish Bingo, which provided our main fundraiser. We were compensated for manning the snack bar, Thank You, Ron and Roseanne Rovere for operating Bingo for the last 15 years. We will have to find another source of revenue. Our sympathy to Dora for the loss of her husband and our Past District President, Jim Buchner, who lost his battle with cancer on May 21. We will miss him.

Two days later we attended another funeral of for one our past members, who planned Vegas Bus Trips, told jokes, or was always in the kitchen cooking or providing dozens of cookies for various events. We will miss you Marge Camaioni-Bulik.

Ciao, Jack Grisafe

San Diego San Diego

District Council

On Monday evening May 20, 2013, the San Diego District Council met at Our Lady of the Rosary Social Center. District President, Tony Anthony, presided at the meeting. Most of the discussion during the meeting focused on forthcoming events. Forrest Price, Chairman of the district picnic and bocce tournament reported that it will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2013, at the Allied Gardens Park beginning with a 9:00am open air Mass to be celebrated by Diocesan Chaplain, Father Bill Stevenson. Thereafter, there will be a bocce tournament with a picnic luncheon break. Trophies for the top 3 teams will be awarded in the late

On Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 10:30am there will be a district-wide workshop presented at the St. Therese social center. Central Council workshop Committee Chairman and CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi and CC Life Member Jim Friebel will conduct the event. CC Life Member Emeritus Jody Balestrieri, CC Member Emeritus Forrest Price, District President Tony Anthony and former CC Member and District Secretary, Maria Tollefson will assist. A free lunch will be available. All district officers and branch officers, deputies, and prospective officers should attend this special event.

The forthcoming Federation Convention on Labor Day Weekend at the La Quinta Resort was discussed as was our forthcoming Bishop's Day Banquet to be held on Saturday, October 20, 2013, at Santa Sophia Church. Bishop Flores will preside at the 11:00am

Forrest Price

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230 Cari Amici.

Branch 230 held a general meeting on Friday May 17, it was preceded by a dinner social. Thank you to Jack Battaglia and the setup crew and to Sherry Thurston, Carolyne Koebrich, Theresa Cutri and Mary Lou Terramagra for cooking. Thanks also to Jim Bregante for bartending and to Julie Bolton for doing the drawing.

Branch 230 voted to send Jim Cardinale-Hill to the ICF Convention in La Quinta, Ca., Aug 30-Sept 2,2013, he will be accompanied by his wife Martha.

Branch 230 donated the proceeds of the Annual Fish Fry to Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

It was nice to see Rachael Bentley and Michael and Elizabeth at the dinner- meeting. We hosted the San Diego District quarterly meeting on Monday, May 20. Thanks to Carolyne and Sherry and Theresa for their work in preparation, and to Maria Tollefson for baking a cannoli cake and helping out.

We had corporate Communion on Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 Mass.

Don't forget to send in your ticket stubs and monies or unwanted tickets for the Convention drawing.

Remember the Branch Picnic at Spanish Landing Park on Sunday, July 21-10am to late afternoon.

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

Pace di Cristo Richard Barker

San Diego St. Therese, Br. 261

We do want to recognize the Tim Tallarida family... Tim's so Nick was a recipient of an ICF scholarship... He is attending the UC Irvine post graduate science program.

While Tim is a Kitchen Crew member he is better known as a dessert chef His chocolate cookies - from a great-grandmother recipe are so popular that our member Vera Covitt has a standing order to purchase all of them at our bake sales.

Congrats to our members who have their children graduating from colleges: Karen & Steve Fleury - a son and daughter. Pamela & Vic Tallarida - a daughter. A "Well Done" to the parents!!!!

Our St. Therese Academy graduate of our Branch 261 scholarship is Umberto Vega. The grant was presented at the June Graduation by Pamela Tallarida. The 2014 Academy Scholarship will be increased to \$500. The Central Council Award was given to Brooke

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Our June meeting was held at Gaetano's Pizza Restaurant. We enjoyed a gourmet Italian buffet.

San Francisco

San Francisco **District Council**

Remember:

No Meeting in July

Meeting: August 8, 2013--Corpus Christi Hall--Host 1

Also remember to support ICF and your Branch: Buy Raffle tickets

San Francisco Maria SS Immacolata, Br. 1

Please note the following events as we start

the second half of 2013: July 28 -- Branch Mass, 10:30am, ICC

Aug. 7 -- Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm. Host: Olga Basso

Convention tickets have been distributed. Cost: \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 12. Return stubs (stapled together) with money to Pres. Vic Arnaudo, 1 Fairway Drive, Daly City, Ca. 94015. Half of the proceeds go to the branch.

Stay Healthy! Enjoy the summer! Ciao! Toni Morsello

San Francisco Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our regular meeting on June 8, in the month of Fathers' Day, went very well. We had two Dads present... Patrick and Cosmo! It was great to have you join us again Patrick. We've missed you!

We went over our meeting agenda for the month. Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, spoke to us about Father's Day, and had each one of us, stand up and speak about our Fathers... names, where they came from, what they did, a little about their life story. It was a very interesting and fun listening to each person talk about their Father. Maria also talked to us about Domenico Ghirardelli and how he started in business and later how he began the Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory at Fisherman's Wharf here in San Francisco. Of course she gave each one of us two Ghirardelli Chocolate Squares... delicious! Thanks Maria for always treating us to a great report & goodies, too.

Our luncheon this month was a "Brown Bag Lunch," but we had a special dessert.

We're planning to invite our Branch #38, Scholarship Recipient, Kimberly Anne

Verzano, to our next meeting on August10. We hope she will be able to attend so we can present the certificate to her. Congratulations Kimberly!

A reminder: There will be NO regular meeting in July!!! Branch 38 will be on Vacation! Stay safe and healthy!

When we come back on August 10 our branch will have a "Hawaiian Luau" with ham sweet potatoes, salad, a pineapple Jell-O mold, and a Hawaiian surprise dessert from Patrick. The Varacchi Sisters are planning whole lot of extras: Singing, Dancing, Music, and Leis, too.

Ciao,

Ci Vediamo il 10 di augusto! Mara Amato

San Francisco Santo Stefano, Br. 50

We members are enjoying our summer vacation before the start of a busy fall season. Remember there is a branch meeting August 7, before the annual convention in Palm Springs. Look for the postcard with information on this meeting.

Our annual scholarship to a graduating SVDP student was announced at the graduation in May. The recipient of this scholarship was Gian Carlo Gratz, who will be attending Stuart Hall this fall. Congratulations to Gian Carlo and his family. We wish you much success at your future high school.

Liana Figone will be our Convention delegate this year, with Diana Bacigalupi the alternate. Plan to attend the October meeting to hear the news of the Convention and the Federation.

Fr. Michael Strange is retiring and will be much missed by all. We hope he will come by for visits to our branch.

Please contact Eleanor Pieretti with the news of anyone ill or who has suffered a loss. Remember to pray for our service men and women who serve far from home and in harm's way.

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our Pot Luck Dinner was another huge success. We want to thank all of you for attending. A big thank to all of you who brought their favorite dish. Thanks to all who helped set up and those who stayed to clean up after the dinner. Tante Grazie!!

Our Yosemite trip May 27-28-29th was great. The weather was very good to us. The many falls were beautiful. The train ride was so informative. Flo, thank you for the great

On June 18 we are going to the Frstalanza Club in Oakland for lunch. The Stars and Stripes Tribute to the U.S.O. should be a beautiful program. We are looking forward to this trip.

Our sincere sympathy to Rose and Vince Tudoni on the death of their son Anthony. You are all in our prayers.

Hope the Convention will be a successful one. Good Luck to all of you.



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We wish a safe and nice summer to all of you

Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's.

Congratulations to all the Graduates. Best of Luck to all of you.

Happy 4th of July to everyone.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers.

Meeting Dates to remember:

Board: July 1 Meeting: July 22 Mass: July 28 Eva Perata, President.

San Francisco Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Cari Membri

A heartfelt thank you to all members who contributed to the success of the June Champagne-Bingo luncheon.

All proceeds from this event were given to Corpus Christi Church.

Members, please remember to buy your Convention Raffle tickets. Half of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets goes to Central Council, while the other half remains with our Branch 290.

Please keep Joe Smith in your prayers. Joe is recuperating from surgery.

There will be no meeting in July, so we will convene on August 15 for a complimentary summer dinner at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting at 7:00pm.

Happy summer to all!

Ciao,

Jeannette

San Mateo San Mateo District Council

Happy 89th Anniversary ICF!

Hope all delegates to the convention have been elected and are making their reservations ASAP.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, August 22, 2013 -- District Meeting 7:30pm at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Refreshments following hosted by Branch 163.

Friday, November 8, 2013 -- Chaplains Night hosted by Branch 351, Menlo Park at San Mateo Elks Club.

District Communions -- Branches 213 and 351. Dates to be announced later.

Christmas Branch 130. No date yet.





Seniors at the public Jefferson High School in Daly City graduate on Thursday May 23. On Wednesday May 22 a Baccalaureate Mass and breakfast was hosted by Branch 19, Colma in their honor. The students, excited, not all Catholic and most not Italian came to share the event with us, their teachers and local dignitaries. The sermon and speeches were inspirational and moving; the breakfast simple with coffee, orange juice, fresh fruit, muffins, bagels and Danishes. The hall decorated in the school colors of blue and yellow with favors they took home for their scrapbooks. The day ended in a round of applause, as a thank you, for coordinating this event for them and for being a part of their special occasion. And later the comments and personal thank you from students, teachers and individuals who have never experienced this event and were amazed at how great and memorable it was.

MC was Past Grand President Al Teglia also an alumnus of Jefferson High and member of Branch 19. With humor and sincerity he entertained over 160 students, teachers and dignitaries. Also present were Past Grand President Steve Fuentes and Grand Secretary Deborah Rodondi. The event was chaired by Cheryl Simon and her committee were: Al Heckman, Rose Huffman, Rose H., Norene Thurman, Patty Giusti and Deborah Rodondi. In a small way we touched the hearts and souls of all present this day as they in turn touched ours.

Submitted by, Deborah Rodondi



A motion was made at the last District Meeting to give a 2nd year ICF Scholarship in honor of Father Frank Murray.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers: Fa-



(Left) Dist. Pres. Sylvia Row with scholarship recipient. (Above) The workers: Norene Thurman, Cheryl Simon, Patty Giusti, Rose H., Rose Huffman, Al Heckman, Deborah Rodondi taking picture

ther Frank Murray, Nancy Van Tricht and Rose Marie Sickle.

Assistance is still needed for Father Frank. He's having dialysis 3 times a week now on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and still needs rides to and from Mills Hospital. Call Mr. Conrad from Knights of Columbus at 650-368-2705 if you can help. Father Frank's address is: 2087 Isabelle Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403. Please send him a card or visit him. I know he would love to hear from or see his Friends.

Have a Happy July 4th! Anne O'Brien

Colma

San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

Many thanks to Kathy Trevizo, Deborah Rodondi and their helpers for serving the delicious Pulled Pork/Sloppy Joe dinner on June 10. Everyone who attended the Champagne Bingo on June 15 enjoyed the good fellowship as well as the tasty food. Some attendees went home very happy winners. Thanks to the committee and members who assisted at the fundraiser.

Remember that our Branch is able to retain on-half of our sale of Convention raffle tickets. \$20 per book for tickets. Sell or buy as many as you can and send money and stubs to Donna Barnes, 183 Santa Paula Dr., Daly City, CA 94015. Need more tickets, contact Donna at (650)991-0178. An easy way to

raise money for the charities and events of Central Council and our Branch.

Our 3rd Annual Garage Sale will be held in the Fall. Now is the time to go through closets and garages and put aside useable items for the Branch. Drop them off at Kathy and Al's or phone (650) 993-8336 to have them picked up. Help is needed for pricing, setting up and selling on sale days. Check with Kathy

Mark your calendar for July 8. We will be honoring our scholarship recipients at our Annual Hot Dog Dinner with all the trimmings. 5:30 no host cocktails; 6:30 dinner; followed by a short meeting. Reservations to Cheryl Simon, (650)755-0878 by July 5. Leave message. There will be no meeting on July 22.

May you all enjoy a safe July 4th and please keep our servicemen and servicewomen in your prayers.

Happy Summer, Ruth Lapachet

San Mateo St. Matthew, Br. 163

REMEMBER: No board meeting and no general meeting in July and no board meeting in August.

As promised last month, the elected delegates are Harold and Virginia Fuentes and alternates are Lena and Frank Venturelli.

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Si Parla Italiano





Branch 163, San Mateo, had a special cake for scholarship winner, Matthew Boland, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boland who joined the branch for its June dinner.

Our scholarship recipient is Matthew Boland, who just graduated from Serra High School. We had the pleasure of meeting him and his family at our June dinner meeting where Harold Fuentes presented his award. He will be attending Notre Dame University in Indiana. Many thanks to Virginia Fuentes and her helpers for the delicious chicken dinner that evening -- 26 members and our three guests of honor attended.

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – River Rock Casino trip, price \$40.00. Pickup will be at St. Mark's Church, 7:15am. Send check to Virginia Fuentes at 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, payable to ICF Branch 163. These casino trips help us with our funding. Try to come.

Congratulations to Lena and Frank Venturelli on their 62nd wedding anniversary, Monday, July 8!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and send check to Virginia Fuentes.

Remember in our prayers Father Frank Murray, Rose Marie Sickle and Nancy Van Tricht.

Happy 4th of July! Peace be with you. Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

I would like to thank our President Joe Crosetti, for thinking highly enough of me to nominate me for the Grand Presidents Award. And to all my friends who wrote let-





ters, I am so honored. Thank you all so very much for your support. This is such an unexpected and wonderful honor for me!

Many thanks to all our friends and members who worked so hard to make our June 22 Champagne Bingo Luncheon a huge success. This is our only annual fundraiser, and we depend on its success to fund our charity programs and convention expenses.

Thanks to all the members who turned in their convention raffle tickets and money. We are at almost 100 percent! Good job!

Please keep in your prayers our members with health issues: especially Reuben Barrera, who is going through a pretty rough time right now; send him a card or give him a call to cheer him up. Also remember Franco Franchini and John Cannon.

Bill Houwer spent a few days in the hospital mid-June, so he could probably use some cheering up also. I would also like to say hello to Mary Rose Favuzzi and encourage you to let her know she is missed.

Please also keep in your prayers, the VanTricht family, who lost their mother Nancy VanTricht on June 16. Nancy was a long-time member of Branch 6 in Redwood City and San Mateo District Treasurer for many years. A devoted Federation member.

There will be NO meeting in July! Have a great summer! *Roberta*

Menlo Park St. Patrick, Br. 351

Our branch was able to give two \$400.00



Kitchen crew of Branch 332.



Laurice Levine visited Branch 173, the children were very attentive and asked many question, from left to right: Jack Martinelli, Laurice Levine, Mariano Wemiz, Michael Martinelli, Olivia Tomasello and Emiliano Wemiz.

first year scholarships this year. Our recipients were Matthew Denton and Jillian Louise Geary, both graduates of Sacred Heart High School in Atherton. Jillian and her Mother were able to join us at our June meeting where they were treated to a traditional Italian dinner of polenta, chicken and all the trimmings. Thanks to our head Chef Al Genevro and all of his helpers.

No Meeting In July!!Happy 4th to all!!!
Our next meeting will be Thursday, August
8 - 5:30pm Mass at Church of Nativity followed by dinner.

Please send in your check with completed raffle tickets stubs and the questionare by July 15.

Thursday, September 24 - Indian Casino Gambling trip to Black Oak - \$30.00 per person - For reservations call Theresa at 650-324-0421

Please pray for our many sick members, especially Fred Gaggiolli, Mary Riviello, Rose Edel, Mary Henriques and Charles and Martha Stephens.

Hope everyone has a safe, fun and Healthy Summer!

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Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our June 4 meeting was preceded by a chicken dinner prepared by Carla del Carlo, which was enjoyed by all.

We have no monthly meeting in July. At our next meeting on August 6 we will be served a hot dog dinner with chili beans, potato salad and dessert prepared by our president Lorrie Kalos Gunn. For reservations send check of \$10 payable to ICF#403 to Dan Capodanno (see address below) by August 1, 2013.

Save the date of September 22, 2013, which is our popular polenta dinner. The dinner will include antipasto, salad, polenta with chicken and sausage, dessert and wine for \$25

For reservations send check payable to ICF #403 by September 17 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. Raffle prizes will be available.

Corresponding Secretary, Rose Marie Morando

Marin Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161
On Tuesday, June 18 we had our monthly meeting Our quest speaker that evening was

meeting. Our guest speaker that evening was Laurice Levine from Oakland Children's Hospital who brought us up to date on Thalassemia.

By now you received your Convention raffle tickets, a book of 12 tickets is \$20 and our branch retains \$10.

Mark your calendar for July 21 for our Mass and brunch. Mass will be at 9:30 at St. Vincent's in Marinwood with brunch at the McInnes Golf Course Restaurant.

Our deepest condolences to Sylvia Mazza and her family on the passing of George. Also to Charlie Young and his family on his passing. Our deepest condolences are with you all.

Due to vacations our next meeting will be

Due to vacations our next meeting will be September 17.
Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery

to all of you who aren't feeling well. Until next month,

Anna Biggio



Bev Smith, Diane Gizzi, Joe Bondanza, and Lisa Steiner, officers of Branch 332.

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

President Joe Bondanza welcomed members and guests to the June dinner meeting. He reminded us that the Italian Catholic Federation will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary next year. The Italian Catholic Federation was founded in 1924 at Immaculate Conception Church in San Francisco.

Joe Bondanza, Jr. and his wife Amy will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in style cruising to the Caribbean.

Ray and Aline Bondanza are welcomed as new members of Branch 332.

Bey Smith, Darryll Crist, and Lisa Steiner will represent Branch 332 at the upcoming ICF Convention at the La Quinta.

Thanks to Dave Paganini for donating liquid refreshments to the branch.

While Tecla and Dino Salvestrin are vacationing in Venice, Angie McDuffee and her able kitchen assistants Jim Raccanello, Frank Salvestrin, John Raccanello, Gino McDuffee, and Mike McDuffee prepared and served a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meatballs.

Next meeting will be July 9.

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

Santa Clara Valley **District Council**

July already!! As always, a big thank you to everyone involved with our District's Our Lady of the Peace Mass and luncheon. Congratulations to the ICF Family of the Year, the John and Noreen Gillio family from Branch 368, and the ICF Young Adult Leadership award winner, Anna Greco Gonzalez from Branch 4. We are so proud that they are a part of the Santa Clara Valley District! Besides the list below, check individual branch reports for more opportunities to support our charities, eat great food, and make new friends. We are all looking forward to a wonderful convention at La Quinta. I hope you have made hotel reservations. Don't forget to review the proposed branch by-law change. Convention raffle tickets help with convention costs and make money for your branch. Sell to family and friends

Branch and district and CC events:

If you want your event published in the future, please let me know.

July 19 -- Central Council Golf Tournament - see flyer in Bollettino

August 4 – District Tri tip BBQ at St. Clare's, check with your branch president for tickets. August 7 – District San Francisco Giants–Bob Basuino (408)439-1758

August 18 -- Br. 391 chicken barbeque-Cathleen (408)248-6728

August 30-September 2 – ICF Convention

at La Quinta September 7th and 8th -- 3rd Annual Italian Harvest Festa Morgan Hill

October 27 - District Bishop's Day at St. Francis Cabrini 11:30am. More info. to follow.

Have a great summer! Marcie Rossi

San Jose Holy Cross, Br. 4

Thanks to you, Bill Greco and family for a great Rib Dinner. Also, a big thanks to all who helped selling tickets, decorations, accounting, and cleaning up. It was very successful.

Congratulations to Branch 4 Scholarship Recipients:

Michelle Georgette, Presentation High School, and Mariel Viano, from Abraham Lincoln High School.

July 12- Bocce Ball Picnic at Backesto Park. Pot Luck Dinner, Please bring your own chairs.

Have you sold your Convention Raffle Tick-

Hope All Dad's had a great Father's day! To all our sick members, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Remember a phone call or card can help a sick person feel better. God Bless.

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5Come one Come all to the Br. 5 BBQ on July 14, 2013, and enjoy a wonderful Chicken BBQ at St. Clare BBQ Area from Noon -3:00pm. Call Matt Dutra for information.

Bring Bake Goods to the Cake Booth by baking or purchasing them from your favor Store or Bakery. Bring them on the day of the BBO.

The District BBQ is scheduled for August 4, 2013 at our own St. Clare BBQ Area. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy. Menu is: Tri-Tip and all the trimmings. Costs: \$15.00 Adult; \$7.50 Kids, Hot Dogs Kids \$4.00. The BBQ starts at Noon – 2:00pm. No Dinner/Meeting for ICF Branch No. 5 in July. Please come to the BBQ on July 14, 2013. Bring all your relatives, neighbors,

Please inform people that you know that you are a member of a great ICF Br. 5 in Santa Clara. Talk about what the ICF does and show them the Bollettino. Invite them to join, and

come to the next dinner/meeting. Italian Harvest Festa, September 7 & 8, 2013 from 11:00am to 6:00pm both days at Ursugi Farms. See Bollettino for more information. Hope everyone is healthy and happy and enjoying life.

Ciao. Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilrov

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Upcoming:

July 20 -- Br. 28 Family Picnic, Santos Residence 1195 Buena Vista Ave., Gilroy

August 4 -- District Annual BBQ St. Clare's Church, Santa Clara

August 19 -- General Meeting. Potluck 6pm, Cullen Hall

Our family picnic will again be held at Roger and Kathy Santos residence. We will start the day off with mass at 11am, followed by lunch. The branch will supply water, but members are urged to bring your own refreshments as far as drinks are concerned. Also we again will share desserts. Important, bring a dessert that does not need refrigeration.

Also we need raffle prizes. Please contact Chris Andrade at 831-634-1994, if you have any item to donate. This is always such a nice day, and a good time to visit with all of our families. Put this date on the calendar and make an effort to attend, and bring the kids and grand kids.

Hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July celebration, and an enjoyable summer.

Ciao. Anna Barberi

Mountain View San Giorgio, Br. 47

Our delegate to the Convention is Joseph Teresi. Our district picnic is Sunday, August 4 with lunch from 12 to 2. Our branch will bring a basket.

Our branch picnic is Sunday, August 11 at Cuesta Park at 3:00. A flyer will be sent to the members.

A special Happy Birthday to Aldo Ausano. He will be 95 on the Fourth of July. Aldo has been our chief cook for many years. Happy Birthday to Edith Baretta, Joan Bruzzone, Lisa Butler, Brent Howe, Michael Noah, Shirley Pruett, Addison Marie Randazzo, Madeline Riley, Lance Supera and Flora Sexton.

Please pray for our sick members. Sincerely in Christ.

Joseph J. Teresi



Congratulations to Branch 391 First Year Scholarship winners! All three are members of our branch. Pictured are Scholarship Chairperson, Sal Lipari, Scholarship winners Kevin Schenk, Anthony Busco, and John Lencioni, and Branch 391 President, Marcie Rossi.

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184
The ICF Convention, "Living the Year of Faith", is soon approaching and you will be receiving raffle tickets to sell. Remember, our branch gets to keep \$10 for each ticket book sold. Denise Antonowicz and Donna Pfaff were elected delegates to the Convention, Don and Rose Arnaudo are the alternates. This year the Convention will be in La Quinta, Ca. over Labor Day weekend.

Bocce will be rolling on Sunday, July 28, at 4pm. Look for a postcard in the mail with details. A catered BBQ dinner for our branch is planned. Post this date on your calendar and be sure to RSVP! There will be no regular meeting in July, so do plan to attend this annual branch gathering.

On September 21, at Great America, we will participate in the Organ Donor Awareness Walk-a-Thon. Representing Branch 184 is the team of Julie Klem-Brusco, Denise, Marie and Michelle Antonowicz and Donna Pfaff. Eileen Fritsch is working on the raffle for this program. Our team has the goal of raising \$500 -- please support this worthy endeavor, and make their goal a reality!

Sure miss seeing Jan Hoy at our meetings, since she recently moved to Aptos. Hope you can join us from time to time.

Keep all of our members and their families in your prayers for a happy, healthy summer. Ciao,

Lucy Amico

Los Altos St. Nicholas, Br. 186

Congratulations to Brynna Gross our St. Nicholas Scholaship Winner. Brynna will be going to St. Francis High School in the fall. We know she will do well.

The August 1 meeting will be at the school, but we don't know what room, as the rummage sale will be going on and they use the school center. We will let members know which room we will use. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share, 6:30pm.

August 4 is the District Picnic at St. Clare Park. Menu is BBQ Tri-Tip, Beans, Salad, Bread. \$15.00 adults, kids 12 under 7.50. Noon to 2pm.

Because of no meeting in July, you will have to call Elaine for reservations. Deadline July 27. Come and enjoy a day of fun.

Two anniversaries were celebrated in June. Bee and Chuck Tapella 54 years, Bob and Elaine Osorio 67 years. Well Done!



Branch 368 Pasta & Meatball Dinner

Members having July Birthdays, Anna Barbieri, Geri Burns, Joan Cole, Angelina Herceg, Anna Petro, Bernadette Tapella and Stefano Tarigo. Happy Birthday to all.

"Look at the flag, as it floats on high, streaming aloft in the clear, blue sky, rippling, leaping, tugging away, gay as the sunshine, bright as the day, throbbing with life, where the world may see, flag of our country, flag of the free.

Celebrate July 4th Elaine

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

Congrats to our Branch Scholarship Recipient, Robert Cabri from Leigh H.S. We were happy to have Robert and his family at our May meeting. Lots of luck Robert.

Our Frank Guidace Bocce Ball Tournament will be on Saturday, July 13 beginning at 8am. Cost is \$45 per player and we are asking all Branches to try and enter a team. Lets see which Branch has the better team! Continental breakfast, lunch and drinks will be provided. If you would like to sign up for the Tournament, contact Betty Antuzzi at 408-559-4268.

Our Convention Delegates have been elected. They are; myself, Rosemary Janis, Jaime Portillo and Aldine Grisenti. Congratulation to all of them.

Roz Castello & Ed Smith will be co-chairing our Wine Tasting Dinner/Dance on Saturday, October 19. The Theme for the Dance will be "The Roaring 20s". You know this will be a blast!, so plan on ordering your tickets early. Hopefully, all you fathers out there had a great Fathers Day.

Ciao.

Joe Medoro

San Jose

Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Thank you to our dinner hosts Joyce Robba and Pep Bethel. The main course salad idea was great, especially for summer.

Our Meatball Pasta Dinner was a great success. Over 100 dinners were served. Thank you to all the members who either sold tickets, cooked or served. You always do such an outstanding job! A special thanks to Joan Delfino for her wonderful sauce.

Important Dates:
July 19 -- Golf Tournament in Monterey Aug. 7 -- SF Giants Italian Night

Aug. 16 -- Branch 368 Casino Night Aug. 30 - Sep. 2 -- ICF Convention in La Quinta, California Ciao

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Summer weather calls for summer food, and Bob and Rachel Gorini did an excellent job BBQ'ing our June meeting rib dinner. Of course, no meal is complete without the help from our "Kitchen Crew": Jeff Prolo, Mary Lipari, John Rossi, and Diana and Al Vallorz. At the meeting we honored three scholarship winners who are all members of branch 391





Branch 408 Scholarship winners Liz Baker (left) and Lydia Estevialla (right).

A special congratulations to John Lencioni who will be attending Sonoma State and majoring in business or finance marketing; Anthony Busco who will be attending Purdue and majoring in engineering; and Kevin Shank who will be attending Cal Poly and majoring in graphic design/communications. Also at the meeting, Louise Vento's heritage report surrounded Memorial Day and honoring the men and women who fought and died for our country.

Upcoming events: We will not be having a formal meeting on July 2. Instead, it will be a hot dog family BBQ. Bring your family for the get-together. August 4 will be the district BBQ at St. Clair, and our branch will be in charge of the raffle. Branch 391's chicken BBQ will be August 18. September 7-8, we will be selling Big Al's Italian beef sandwiches at the Morgan Hill Italian Festival. See Marcie if you would like to volunteer. Baci.

Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to our 2013 Resurrection School ICF Service Award Winner Lydia Estevilla. This ICF service awards are made each year by the School Principal and is made to deserving graduating eigth-graders who have demonstrated a committment to service. This year only a single award was made as the class was composed of only young women. ICF member and 8th Grade graduate Elizabeth Baker was also chosen by the Principal for the 2103 Peacemaker Award – Congratulations to both of these desrving young ladies!

Remember to turn in your ICF 2013 Convention Raffle Tickets. Ten dollars stays with the branch as a fundraiser and you'll have a chance of winning the \$2500 prize.

Tickets are on sale for the ICF District Picnic which will be held at St. Clare's on Sunday, August 4 from noon - 2pm- good food- (tri-Tip garlic bread, salad and beans) and good fellowship.

Remember to include our ongoing sick members in your prayers - especially for Virginia Mirrione (who is back home now), Marie Volp and Franco Ciacchella (who has suffered another fall and has broken his hip).

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

By the time you read this Bolletino our meeting for May and June have passed. An excellent dinner was served by John Sorci, Jerry Caravelli, and their wonderful crew of

The Della Maggiore's were the volunteer chefs for our June dinner meeting. We appreciate them putting on this dinner. We definitely need more volunteers to help with our events. Loretta Volpi has stepped up to the plate and has offered her services as a volunteer.

Delegates for Convention Aug. 30 are Sal and Denise Campagna. Alternates are Ann Friebel and Mary Ann Friebel.

Mark these dates on your calendar: July 18 our next dinner meeting Aug. 4 SCVD barbecue at St. Claire's

Aug. 15 our next dinner meeting Please keep Loretta Wilson in your prayers.

She is missed by all at ICF. Hope you all had a happy Mother's Day and

happy Father's Day. God bless all our members. Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa San Guiseppe, Br. 12

Our June 3 meeting was held at Las Palmas Restaurant. There were 12 members and our Branch Deputy Linda Sherman and her husband Glen in attendance. It was a very interesting, if not a noisy evening. All went well until a group of high school band members started practicing drums, trumpets, etc outside the restaurant

Our members signed up to attend and add to the meal at our July 7 Picnic Ernie and Eloise Rota's. The festivities will begin at noon.

Our scholarship winners will be honored at the picnic: Isabella Hernandez, to Justin Siena High School, from St. Apollinaris Elementary School. College bound scholarship winners are: Olivia McCoy and Gianna Pappas from Napa High School, and Lisa Oakley from Justin-Siena High School. Lisa's proud grandparents, Mike and Ann McLaughlin, are members of our Branch. Congratulations ladies!

We donated \$100 to the St. John's Parish Festival. We have negotiated with Paul, who prepares meals for KC's, to prepare a meal in St. John's Hall, for our branch in October. This will be on a trial basis. Members attended our Quarterly Communion Mass June 8 with 4:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and onto Trancas Steak House for dinner.

Our next Mass for living and deceased members will be Tuesday, July 9, at the St. John's 12:05pm Mass.

Our Quarterly Communion Mass and Dinner was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Trancas Steak House. We had a great time and delicious meal. Msgr Brady joined us for dinner following Mass.

God bless.

Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Many thanks to all Convention ticket buyers who have sent in their ticket stubs and \$20.00. Good luck to all. More tickets are available. Deadline to turn in tictet stubs and money, August 11.

The winners of our two \$400 ICF scholarships; Paige Nonella and Daniel Catelli, from Cardinal Newman High School, Santa Rosa. Their scholarships were donated in honor of our living and deceased Branch 18 members. Our very best wishes to the winners. We look forward to meeting them and families at our August 17 Dinner Dance to be held at the Scottish Rite Center, Santa Rosa.

We honored Mother's Day and Father's Day with a \$100 each donation to Sonoma County Life Pregnancy Services and also to Yountville Veterans Home Pathway House. Marie Canale will serve as our delegate at the ICF Labor Day weekend Convention to be held at La Quinta resort.

New members, we need them, welcome them to help us do the Lord's work for Church and community.

Happy Summer, Marie Canale

Healdsburg

San Francesco de Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:

August 7 -- Meeting at Nancy Seppi's house. Please note, the change in date from Aug. 6 due to the Plaza concerts.

Sept. 10 -- Meeting and Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall. More details, next month. On June 11, we had a wonderful BBQ for

Mother's and Father's Day. More than 80 people enjoyed the nice weather and dining outside. The tri-tip, BBQ beans, salad and dessert were delicious! Fr. Walt was in attendance and we all thanked him for his many years of service at St. John's. We'll miss him and wish him a happy retirement.

We elected out Convention delegates: Pres. Nancy Seppi, John and Mary Del Monte and Teri Rolleri. Alternates are Carl Seppi and Lauren Kilcullen.

Treasurer Dee Rochester reported that since Jan. 2013, Br. 52 has donated more than \$17,000 to St. John's Church and School, Cooley's Anemia, ICF Scholarships and Catholic Charities. Branch members should be very proud of this! Happy Fourth of July!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Mass schedule at St. Peter's here in Cloverdale will change effective with the July 6-7, 2013 Masses

Saturday -- 5pm, St. Peter's, Cloverdale

(English) Sunday -- 8am, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Asti) Énglish

-- 9:30am, St. Peter's, Cloverdale, English -- 11am, St. Peter's, Spanish

All Masses will be said by our Pastor Father

Fergal Mc Guinness. Mary Louise

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

The June meeting is the last one until after vacation in July and August. However, our branch has made plans for an outing to River Rock Casino in July and a picnic on August 4 at the Larson Winery where we will have a great barbacue.

At our meeting in September details of our special project will be finalized and the Bolletino will be notified. Our September dinner meeting will be the chefs' favorite of salad, polenta with chicken stew, and dessert and wine. For reservations, call Lila Boragno at (707) 996-3448.

Saluti.

Marie-Therese Denning



President Wurst and Deputy Scinto discussing fundraising.

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127

We're so lucky to live in such a beautiful area where the weather is so beautiful and the people so friendly. A great place to raise a family and eventually retire. Look around and thank God for all he has given us.

Thanks go to Louis and Louise Vicino for chairing the Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this dinner the success that it was.

July 8 - Regular Meeting

July 27 - Our next dinner is a special pasta dinner called Spaghettata. The dinner is to be held on Saturday, August 10 in St. James Church Hall following the 5:30pm Mass. There will be hors d'oeuvres served at 6:15pm, dinner at 7:00pm, salad, pasta made with Dennice DiGirolamo's special spaghetti sauce, special dessert, coffee and wine served with the meal. Cost for adults \$16, for children under 12 years of age \$5. Make res-

ervations with Louise, 707-769-7389.

Aug. 12 - Regular Meeting

Aug. 25 - Quarterly Communion Mass for living and deceased members, St. James Church, 11:00am with branch picnic to follow in the church courtyard. Cost \$10. More information to follow.

If you haven't done so, please send in your bakeless bake sale donation to Margaret Cordrey. Also, please return your convention raffle tickets to Tula Bologna as soon as possible.

Get well wishes to Giacco Manni, Janet Leone and anyone else who is ill.

Happy Fourth of July to all! And a special thanks to all the servicemen who serve our Country.

Ciao. Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

After much discussion about Convention expenses, we settled on the fact that we should have more projects to earmark for Convention. Please don't forget to get your ticket stubs and monies (plus God forgive, any un sold tickets) back to Linda Spallino BY August 1.

Paula gave a real cute report about her trip to the Italian district in New Orleans. We also talked about Polenta coming rightup, as well as some other dates.

On July 7 we will have our Group Communion at the 11am Mass. Then at 1pm that same day, we will have a Heritage Picnic at the De Peel's home.

There will be an Officer's Meeting on July 11 at 6:30pm at Nelida Mills' home (all members are welcome).

The Eureka ICF branch is having its Chicken

Bar-B-Q on Aug. 11 at Noon. Please pray for our ill: John Susan. Blessed

peace for the soul of Don Vanni. July 4th is the birthday of our country, and

July 15 is the birthday of Sr. Cabrini. Our country was founded on and in Christian principles, by a variety of believers and nonbelievers. We are supposed to be a nation of compassion and toloreanc under the rule of law, tempered with justice. Pray, pray, pray that we do not sit back and let a small group of unhappy souls take away our rights to worship (our own religion) and to pray anywhere we choose. May God bless America as



St. Joseph, Br. 150 Cotati celebrated its graduates of 2013. Pictured are Massimo Cardarelli, Rachel Shroyer, Beau Muster and Mike Dillon. Not pictured, Brian Cox, Justin Fairbrook, Ashley Gleed, Ryan Camozzi and Kathleen Daly. Congratulations to all. We are so proud of you.

it was at it's foundation so many years ago!!!

Cotati St. Joseph, Br. 150

The June Scholarship Dinner was wonderful. We had 57 people there and five graduates out of nine who were able to come. Thank you to Dara, Jim Greg, Kathy, Millie, Jack, Tom, Carol, Emily, Beverly and her pesto sauce that went quickly, our most fantastic pasta guys Gene and Livio, Dorothy and Lydia who supplied the delicious cakes, Jef for the graduate wreath that she has always brought to our dinner, and Carol Martinez for running the raffle. We sure had a wealth of prizes. Thank you to everyone who brought the great prizes. Everyone was so helpful in everything they did. I enjoy hosting this dinner and doing everything I can to make it a wonderful evening for everyone and the graduates.

Our graduates this year are Rachel Shroyer, Beau Muster, Brian Cox, Massimo Cardarelli, Mike Dillon, Justin Fairbrook, Ashly Gleed, Ryan Camozzi and Kathleen Daly. Congratulations to all.

August will be our salad dinner, Kany's are hosting, more info to come. Please plan to attend not only for the dinner social but for an important meeting concerning our club. We need input from everyone concerning up coming events and where we want to go with our club.

July 21 is St Joseph Parish festival. Carol Martinez is in charge for ICF. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact her at 795-1168.

John Fomassi turned 92 this June, Happy Birthday Johnny!!! Happy Summer to all Susan Daly

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters

President Bob Acquistapace sends his thanks to the branch for helping us get four new members the past two months with the promise of more to come. Ask your friends and family to join our branch.

The successful potluck in June shows how much we enjoy this kind of activity and we look forward to our Harvest potluck in Oc-

Please pray for the soul of our former member Fred Vitorelo who died at the age of 100. We also ask you to pray for Pat Costaglio and Ezio Mangiantini.

Future events which should be marked on your calendar:

July 21- Mass for living & deceased ICF--7:30 am

August 15- Hamburger Nite 6:30pm Parish Life Center

August 15 -Mass for living & deceased ICF-

August 18- District Council meets at St. Eugene's- 2pm

Thanks to Kathy Acquistapace, our 2013 Convention delegate.

May you and your family enjoy a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209

The month of June features our annual Father's Day Dinner. This year, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Yvonne Watson and Pam McAlvain, respectively, provided us with a 'Summer Pizza Party" with a special treat of Root Beer Floats! Thanks so much, Yvonne

Sunday, June 9, was our Quarterly Communion at St. Sebastian's. Breakfast followed for those who attended.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: It is urgent that Convention Tickets and/or money be returned to Jackie Corsetti as soon as possible. We do not meet in July and the tickets must be returned to the ICF Office by August 15. This is a fundraiser for our branch – we keep \$10 for each book sold. There are 12 tickets in each book – you get two tickets free - and your donation per book is \$20. Thanks to those who have already returned their ticket stubs and money. Please remember to NOT remove the staple from the ticket stubs.

Upcoming: July -- No meeting August 6 -- Board Meetng
August 13 -- Regular Meetng
August 18 -- 11am -- Bocce Tournament Happy 4th of July!! Lona Bertoli

Stockton District Council

This is a reminder that we are having our annual district picnic. Invite your family and friends and bring your bocce game, horse shoes, cards or any game you might enjoy

Each branch will receive a letter with the details and what each branch is as to bring for the picnic.

Stockton District will host their annual picnic August 18, 2013 at Escalon Community Park 1051 Escalon Ave. Escalon. It will begin at 11:00am with lunch approximately 1:00pm ending at 5:00pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person. It will be a steak dinner with all the trimmings.

Invite your family and friends.

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

Cecelia McGhee

Modesto St. Stanislaus Br. 48

Our branch activities will slow down in July and August since we do not have a meeting. There is still plenty for us to do. The district picnic will be held August 18, 2013 in Escalon so invite your family and friends for a great after noon.

We also have the convention which some of our members attending beside as well as our delegate.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday July 14, 2013 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. Church and Tuesday August 6, 2013 5:30pm "J" Street church.

Bank Night winner was Cecelia.

Coming up:

July -- No meeting

August -- No meeting
August 18 -- Stockton District Picnic in Escalon 11:00am to 5:00pm

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

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca

N.S. Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Summer has arrived too quickly. We must thank Sharon and Dino Cunial for allowing us to hold our annual May picnic at their home. It was a beautiful day! We had a great time playing bocce and eating steak! It was here that we got the results of our Shrimp Dinner held on April 27. We made a nice profit, which will let us fulfill our financial commitments.

At our June meeting we gave two \$400 first year scholarships from Central Council to two high school seniors. They were Anthony Baciocco from Ripon and Emily Sarale from Stockton. We also gave our \$350 scholarship to our member, Christopher Prestifilippo. Good job and congratulation to all of you! We hope everyone has a safe and Happy 4th of July. We will not have a meeting in July. We hope you can attend the Stockton District Picnic to be held in Escalon on August 18. They will be serving steak and we will be providing the potato and macaroni salads. It starts at 11am and only costs \$15. Call our Pres. Anna 982-5458 if you want to come. Have a fun filled summer and we will see you at our August 27 meeting. *Ida Queirolo*

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

On May 19, Branch 395 hosted the quarterly Stockton District meeting which was well attended. A delicious lunch was served and the business meeting was productive. Thank you to all members who contributed delicious food for this event

Our June meeting was held June 2 after members attended our quarterly communion mass and then indulged in the World Famous Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.

Congratulations to Jana Colombini, of Linden High School, who was presented with the 1st year scholarship of \$400. Jana is the daughter of member Janice Colombini.

The branch also designated delegates to the annual convention: Karen Rosson, President and Josephine Weber, Vice President.

Upcoming events include participation in the Festa Italiana to be held June 30 in Stockton. Branch 395 will have a booth at which we will be selling Italian note cards. This promises to be a really fun day with great entertainment and a celebration of everything Italian!

The Stockton District Picnic will be held August 18 at the Escalon Community Park. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Josephine Weber

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413
Summer has arrived with all its heat (for some of our ICF Branches) and its beautiful colors. As I write this, our annual Western BBQ Dinner Dance has yet to be. So, I am predicting that it will go well and be a success, just like previous years. The youth group will have made it a very upbeat event for all attending, I'll bet.

At our June meeting, it was decided that the Kingshills and the Pachingers would attend the National Convention in La Quinta this year. Our branch will also purchase a small ad in the Convention Souvenir book to use for a picture of the Branch 413 children.

Branch 413 awarded two scholarships this year. Katie Gianelli received the \$500 scholarship. The other scholarship was awarded to Gabe Singleton. He has been an outstanding member of Branch 413 for several years now. Gabe has grown into a young man, under the watchful eyes of our members. We wish him the best in all his endeavors, but we expect him to be at most meetings and to continue to be the great help that he is during our fundraisers.

We hope that everyone has a fun and blessed Fourth of July!

Ciao,

Annette Pachinger for Amy Schmid, Correspondence Secretary

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Branch 433 celebrated the 90th birthday of Larry Masi.

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In addition to the Seminarian Night held in June, the Chicago District held one in March. This event raised \$1,100 for the seminarians. Job well done Chicago!

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11:15-12:15	OPERATION ROCK - FEATURING FRANK, JOHN, AND CHRIS CAMPO
12:30	NATIONAL ANTHEM - WELCOME BY MAYOR CHUCK DELLA SALA

1:00-1:45 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND

2:00-2:45 PASQUALE ESPOSITO

3:00-3:45 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND

TARANTELLA DANCERS

4:00-4:45 PASQUALE ESPOSITO

5:00-6:00 ORACIO AIELLO, RACHEL MAROTTA, AND THE MONTEREY STRING

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11:00-12:00 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND

12:15-1:15 PASQUALE ESPOSITO

1:30-2:00 MIKE MAROTTA, SR. AND REE REE BRUNELL TARANTELLA DANCERS
2:15-3:15 ORACIO AIELLO, RACHEL MAROTTA, PLUS MONTEREY STRING QUARTET

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3:30-4:15 THE ANTHONY LANE BAND

4:30-5:30 PASQUALE ESPOSITO

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