



BOLLETTINO



ICF Ornaments Are Back



Celebrate our 90th anniversary with this lovely commemorative ornament, brought to you by the Ways and Means Committee. These lovely keepsakes will be available for purchase at this year's annual Convention and through the ICF office. Call or email to order yours now. \$15.00 each. Thank

Bollettino Deadline for Convention Issue

The deadline for the next issue of the Bollettino is August 1, 2014. This is for the combined August/September issue of the Bollettino. Please feel free to send your articles in earlier, but nothing will be accepted after August 1.

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Make Plans to Attend the Annual Golf Tournament

The Italian Catholic Federation is proud to announce the Fourteenth Annual ICF Golf Tournament on July 25, 2014, at the Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey, California. This golf tournament is always a favorite of golfers and friends from all over the country because of its beautiful golf course, four person scramble format, numerous prizes, and elegant banquet. The day starts at 7am with a hot buffet breakfast for all registered teams. A shotgun tee off begins at 8:45am.

The early entry fee for the tournament is \$135 per golfer and includes the hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, and banquet following the tournament. After July 18, the fee is \$150 per person. Don't miss the deadline for the early entry fee, and sign up today.

The banquet following the golf tournament

is at San Carlos Church Hall in Monterey. Golfers and friends will be provided with a sumptuous four-course dinner that will leave them delighted. The banquet will also include no-host cocktails and an exciting raffle with an impressive array of prizes. The non-golfers in your group can meet up with you and attend the banquet for only \$35 per person.

There is also an opportunity to sponsor a hole at the tournament for \$100.00 per hole. A professionally designed sign will be made and placed at the hole of the sponsor's choice.

For more information and an entry form, please see page 9 of this issue of *The Bollettino*. Proceeds from this event support the Italian Catholic Federation.

Time to Plan For the 2014 Convention in Oakland

The 2014 Annual ICF Convention will be held Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center, in Oakland, California.

The theme for this year's Convention is: "Honoring The Past As We Envision Our Future".

Reservations can be made at the Marriott Oakland City Center by calling (800) 228-9290. The hotel is located at 1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607. Visit the link to hotel reservations www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/oakdt-oakland-marriott-city-center/ or go to the ICF website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

The room rate is \$119.00 Single Occupancy plus 14.17% (subject to change) tax. \$119.00 Double Occupancy plus 14.17% (subject to change) tax. Please use the group name "Italian Catholic Federation" or Convention Code "ICFICFA" when booking your reservation. With your reservation you receive complimentary self parking.

Reservations must be made by August 8, 2014. After that the rate will not be honored, nor will there be a guarantee of rooms.

For transportation, the Oakland International Airport is approximately 10 miles southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.oaklandairport.com

Transportation to/from San Francisco: San Francisco International Airport is approximately 20 miles west from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.flysfo.com.

The East Bay District will be hosting the Thursday Night Dinner on August 28 at the Fratellanza Club. No-host cocktails start at 6pm with dinner starting at 7pm. Show your team spirit and wear your favorite team jersey and enjoy salad, cold cuts, rolls, roasted



chicken, roasted potatoes, carrots and dessert. A bus from the hotel to the Fratellanza club is provided with your dinner fee.

The Cathedral of Christ the Light Walking Tour will be on Friday, August 29 with the shuttle picking up guests at 9:50am at the hotel and the tour from 10:30-11:30am.

The annual Bocce Tournament will also be on Friday, August 29. Registration time is 10am. Get your teams together because only 12 teams will be able to play. Cost per person is \$18.00.

The Bingo Tournament will be on Friday, August 29 from 1-4pm. The entrance fee is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Six Bingo games will be played with the final Blackout game paying \$250.

The Pedro Tournament will be on Friday, August 29 from 3-6pm at the Marriott Oakland City Center, Oakland. The registration deadline is August 15. Entrance fee is \$15.

If you have never played Pedro here is your chance to learn. On Friday, August 29 from 1-3pm you can take a free lesson and learn the "official" card game of the ICF.

The Sunday Night Dinner Dance will feature the In Full Swing Band with dinner at 7pm and dancing from 8-11pm. Price is \$55 per person. Tickets for delegates and guests will be included in the president's packet at registration.

Please check pages 8-11 for additional information on reservations for all of these events.

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

As my family is getting ready to celebrate the 4th of July, I see and hear the excitement in my grandchildren's eyes and voices. I know they are thinking about our family BBQ, eating hot dogs and hamburgers, swimming, and playing a little baseball. It reminds me of my childhood holidays with family, food and fireworks in the backyard. These are some of the best memories growing up, along with family vacations. These were always fun times for my family and me.



I am looking back on the month of June, and all the excitement the ICF generated with our 90th anniversary celebrations. Our three galas were indeed special. I had the privilege of going to Chicago to join in their celebration, and what a celebration it was! The event started with a beautiful Mass where Fr. Feccia's message of how the Holy Spirit helped Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini in forming the ICF was so inspiring to all who attended. The Gala dinner was outstanding, and everyone there enjoyed themselves.

Antonietta Gerardi stated, "this was like a wedding, everyone is so excited and happy, what a wonderful thing for the ICF members to be able to come together for this wonderful event."

What an honor it was to meet and spend time with Michael Providenza, the great grandson of Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta, who traveled from Boston, Massachusetts, to attend the celebration. In one of our conversations Michael stated, "there is still a need for organizations as the ICF, and we need to continue all the great works that we do."

In San Francisco, the city of the birth of the ICF, we had 360 people attend the Mass and Gala. We started the day by going back to our roots and celebrating a mass of thanksgiving at The Immaculate Conception Church (Branch #1), where Fr. Guglielmo Lauriola welcomed all of us with open arms. During the planning stages Dante Galeazzi and I had been able to spend time with Fr. Guglielmo and learn from his stories of Sir Luigi and Fr. Bandini. Fr. Guglielmo has been at the Immaculate Conception Church since 1969. The Gala dinner was outstanding! When we began planning the event we had set our goal at having 300 people attend, but with the hard work of the committee we were honored to have 360 people, the full capacity of the Basque Center, and about 20 or so were

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UPCOMING:
2014 Bishops' Days:

Oct. 5 Las Vegas
Oct. 8 San Bernardino
Oct. 12 Fresno
San Diego
Oct. 19 San Jose
(Santa Clara Valley)
Santa Rosa
Oct. 26 Blessed Sacrament
Monterey (Central Coast)
Nov. 9 Los Angeles
Dec. 7 Reno

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

Contra Costa +90
Central Coast +16
Santa Rosa +14
Santa Barbara +4
San Diego +3

**Membership Stats as of
May 31, 2014:**
10,489

Members as of July 1, 2013:
10,878 = 389 member loss
New: 1016
Reinstated: 24
Transfer in/out: 38
Deceased: -198
Cancelled: -1038
Non-payment >12 mos.: -193

90 Years and Counting

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

In 1924, Father Albert Bandini and Luigi Providenza were a godsend to the Italian immigrants. The Italians, new to this country, unable to speak English, immersed in a strange culture, were lost and scared in this new world. They experienced prejudice and bigotry on the part of some people. Some immigrants even strayed from the practice of their Faith. To help these Italians adapt to their new country, Father Bandini and Luigi Providenza founded the Italian Catholic Federation. The ICF gave the Italian people a place to go, a place to feel secure, and a place to practice their Faith.

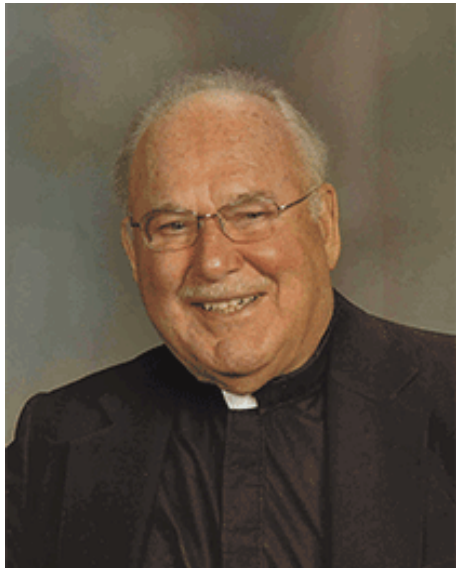
Over the years the ICF grew in numbers, at one time to as many as 23,000 members. It was, and still is, a haven for Italian immigrants. This group not only gained in numbers, but also in strength. Italians became influential in the workforce and the community. Their contributions to this

country have enhanced the caliber and security of the communities in which they live.

Today, the ICF is still going strong. It has lost some members due to a variety of reasons. One is that the Italians immigrants are not coming into our country as they did in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

After 90 years, the ICF has evolved into a charitable organization. It reaches out to help people in need: seminarians who are training for the priesthood, the sick, the poor, and the physically challenged. It still stresses spiritual goals, the love of God and neighbor. The ICF also now has OPEN MEMBERSHIP; all Catholics are welcomed as members, and non-Catholics of Catholic spouses are also welcomed. The ICF stresses family involvement, children, young adults, singles, parents, widows, and widowers. The ICF especially cherishes its senior members, who have much experience and wisdom.

As Jesus came to light the fire of love, so



too the ICF came to light the fire of love: love for God and love for our fellow human beings... and love for a big plate of pasta! Happy 90th Anniversary!

Double Your Size

Dante Galeazzi
CC Life Member

The hot summer months are here to relax and celebrate with our families, and many ICF branches have decided to also take some vacation time to shut down and enjoy their summer. Now that the year is half over did your branch, your president, the members or yourself reach the goal set to increase membership, or did the branch lose members since January 2014? Your membership in the branch has the responsibility to all its members, especially if you believe in the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) concept of the five "F's", Faith, Family, Fellowship, Fun and yes, Fundraising.

Each branch president should immediately, after attending the annual Convention, select their best recruiter, motivator, creative and friendliest member to be the Membership Chair for the upcoming year, to develop new ways of recruiting members, and yes, to retain the new members who have accepted the concepts of the ICF.

Did you, along with others members in your branch "recruit a new member since January?", if the answer is "yes," GREAT !!! Now see if you can do the same and duplicate before December. Remember, the Branch can only increase its membership by recruiting and by signing-up a new parishioner at the next meeting and the next following meeting. Imagine, if you and every member in the Branch sign-up at least one new member, repeat "every member in the Branch sign-up at least one new member" during 12 months, one year, 365 days, your branch will double in size by January. Membership is very important to the branch and your parish. By doing so the branch can achieve its apostolic and charitable works in the parish community. It's your turn to enroll, sign-up or recruit a new member to be involved with the ICF in

your parish. Don't wait, invite, encourage, bring someone from the family or a friend(s) to the next meeting to see what valuable charitable and apostolic works are being achieved by your ICF branch. At least every month each branch should enroll and accept one new family or a couple or individual into the branch's membership (increasing by 20 to 25 members annually or 100 new members in 4 years). Membership growth is fun and great for your chaplain to see the involvement and growth of ICF members in his parish. What a fantastic way to get the moral support from your pastor.

The three ICF branches that have been very successful are Branch 36 Monterey, Branch 52 Healdsburg, and Branch 395 Stockton with recruiting and doubling their size. The enrollment may take more than one year, but set the goal to accomplish what these

branches have already achieved. Monterey has more than 750 members in 10 years and it initiates 50 to 70 new members annually during a Benediction service; within several years Healdsburg has grown to more than 250 members; Stockton with almost 80 members has increased in a short amount of time where they sat at approximately 30 members.

The goal to increase membership can only be achieved by each and every member, from the president of the branch to the newest member who must also recruit! The Membership Chair is one of the most important positions in the Federation family, so now is the time to go and recruit your new members and show all the good the ICF does in the name of Jesus.

This is the time to finalize your goals and share this plan with the branch and your district, showing the benefits of growth and the increased membership in the parish community and to the Italian Catholic Federation.

Grand President

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placed on a waiting list. Included in the 360 people we had 10 Past Grand Presidents and more than 20 members of the Providenza family in attendance.

On the last Sunday of June I joined our members in Southern California for our third Gala. Fr. Louis Perin opened his church to us for Mass at St. Peter's in Little Italy. A beautiful celebration followed at Casa Italiana right next door. At this Gala we had members travel from Northern California, Central California and the San Diego area to celebrate. Everyone enjoyed music and dancing to the Duo Domino Band.

With all the outpouring of love and dedication our Federation has been shown during the 90th anniversary celebrations I know in my heart that we will be here helping others for many more years to come. I want to send out a BIG THANK

YOU from the bottom of my heart to Lisa Crudo, Chairperson of Ways and Means, and the Committee: Dante Galeazzi, Teresa Helfand, Franklyn Lopes Jr., Patricia Magees and Leonard Rossi. Without your hard work over this past year our Galas would not have been as memorable for our members and for myself. Thank You!!!

I am looking forward to many more great memories to come from our future celebrations. God Bless America on this the birthday month of this great country, and God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation!

Happy 4th of July!

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HERITAGE

AROUND THE ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee Member

Did you know California has many Italian-American museums and Cultural Centers? These museums help to preserve our Italian American cultures and heritages and promote the future of our communities.

The Italian American Museum of Los Angeles opened in April of 2014. The museum is located in the historic Italian hall that was built in 1908. The museum has a collection of more than 6,000 artifacts, photographs and documents dating from the 18th Century to the present day.

The Museo Italo American Museum is located in San Francisco at Fort Mason Center; it opened in 1970 and is both an art museum and a cultural center. The museum contains a number of highly acclaimed exhibits on the history of Italian Americans.

The Little Italy of San Jose, as part of its project, is trying to revive the original Italian settlement in San Jose. For the past 5 years they have been moving Italian businesses into the project area and acquired some of the Historic Italian homes for a new museum and cultural center. They sold bricks for the walkway in the plaza and now are selling bricks for the new Little Italy Arch. We have a brick that reads "The Vento Family Alia, Sicily."

A new modern Italian Center of Northern California is in Sacramento. Located in Carmichael, it is one of the newest museums and cultural centers. It contains several major exhibits on the Italians of the region like the Italians of the Gold Country and the Italians of Sacramento. It will also be used as a cultural center. If you are travelling around California this summer, take some time to visit these wonderful, historically rich museums.

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
6/1	Enzo Martinucci	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
6/2	Mst. Rev. Jose H. Gomez		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
6/3	Paul and Suzanne Peterson	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
6/4	Lonnie & Helene Chase		Pleasanton, CA	\$30
6/5	Maria Gloria	38	San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/6	Ann Baziak	326	Temple City, CA	\$30
6/7	Dean Gualco		Tracy, CA	\$30
6/8	Katalin Antal		Covina, CA	\$30
6/9	Valerie Vanni	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
6/10	Alice M. Mastagni	354	Paso Robles, CA	\$30
6/11	Allie Bondanza		San Rafael, CA	\$30
6/12	Msgr. Craig Harrison	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/13	Richard Barker	230	Lemon Grove, CA	\$30
6/14	Lisa Forner		San Bruno, CA	\$50
6/15	Laura Isaacs		San Bruno, CA	\$100
6/16	Teddy & Nita Fraguglia		San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/17	Mindy White	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/18	Louise Vento	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/19	Erick & Carmen Waddington	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
6/20	Gerald and Barbara Payne		Alameda, CA	\$30
6/21	Joan Silva	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
6/22	Richard DeFrancisci	408	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/23	Valente, Marini, Perata & Co.		San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/24	Roland & Katherine Codiga	28	Fish Camp, CA	\$30
6/25	Carol Salmeri	39	Merced, CA	\$30
6/26	Sal Lipari	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/27	Concejo Herrera		Alameda, CA	\$30
6/28	Patricia Richard	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
6/29	Linda & Betty Moore		Torrance, CA	\$30
6/30	Mary Lou Terramagra	230	San Diego, CA	\$30

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East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults

Attention 21-35 year olds. There is a new group within the Oakland Diocese called the East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults. The group holds various spiritual and social activities at churches and venues around the diocese. Activities enjoyed so far: Dinner and movie night, Eucharistic Adoration, Bowling, Walk for Life and listening to guest speakers at various churches. ICF members who are between 21-35 are welcome to take part in these activities.

For more information, please contact
Rose Jarrett (925) 957-0269.

2014 Workshops Come to a Close

Dante Galeazzi
Workshop Chairman
CC Life Member

The Workshop Committee had another successful year with four (4) workshops and serving about 270 members at the seminars this season. The Grand President appointed a committee from the Central Council with 150 years of service in the Federation. My committee is composed of Robert Acquistapace, Past Grand President (PGP), Life Member Emeritus; David Botta, PGP, Life Member; James Friebel, Life Member and myself Dante Galeazzi, Life Member. This committee is proud to have presented seven Workshops these past two years for the Federation.

We were given the privilege to participate in November in the Santa Clara Valley District under the leadership of John Gillio, District President. The program offered training to all the newly elected officers in the District. James Jones, PGP, Life Member Emeritus, assisted me in the presentation for membership recruitment and retention.

This past month in May 2014, the Workshop Committee conducted three (3) more workshops. The first was in

early May in the San Diego District with Robert Acquistapace and Dante Galeazzi presenting many topics of the Federation, with assistance from Jody Balestrieri, Life Member Emeritus and Forrest Price, Member Emeritus. The other two Workshops were both presented on the last day of May. In the Central Coast District, they requested that their presentation be about Financial Reporting which Robert Acquistapace and Jim Friebel. The Los Angeles Archdiocese District requested through President Carmelo Sabatella the subject of "the good leadership of a non profit organization." Again, Jim Jones volunteered and dedicated his time for the presentation. Both Jim and I supported this newly formed District with suggestions, additional tools, ideals and concepts for their valuable seminar on leadership in the ICF.

If your district has not had a Workshop in two years, then it is past time for the branch presidents to discuss at the district level how the district deserves the information to administer, update, enhance and motivate its' branches to function at maximum efficient capacity.

For more information be sure to contact the chair, a committee member or the office on how, what and why for helpful hints to schedule a District Workshop.

Children's Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

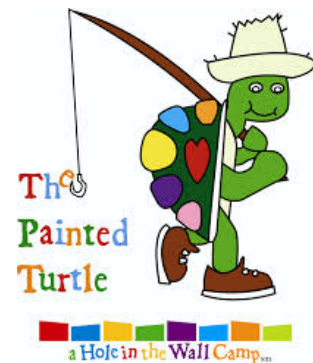
Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2013 and ends in August 2014. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley's Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children's Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley's Anemia patients that they treat. ICF donations, make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Picnics and outings.
- Family conferences
- Patient retreat

Last year, the ICF donated \$1,800 and this year the ICF wants to continue the program whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again, ask our districts, branches and individual members to participate and send in donations. Please

discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation in whatever amount you are able to give towards this very worthwhile program.



A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children/young adults or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help make fun and healthy experiences available to them. Please consider making a donation to help bring these events into their lives.

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.

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report.

Thank you.

James Acitelli

Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

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

If your Branch or District would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine,
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or
email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Lana Shaffer	Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda
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Chuck Sperrazzo	Officers/Members of Central Council

GET WELL WISHES:
Doris Onetti Officers/Members of Br. 161

HAPPY 22ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Rich and Marilyn Graham Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Jack and Edelweiss Geary The Kilcullen Family

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 21 - Santa Cruz.

*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.

Correction:

The Stem Cell Conference in Rome article in the June issue was written by Jeanne Asdourian. Her contact for questions about the article is: jeanne.asdourian@sacredsfs.org.

icfeditor@gmail.com

The only email address to send things for the Bollettino is icfeditor@gmail.com. All other email addresses have been closed. Please make a note of it.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by June 10, 2014	
Branch 21	Robert and Judith Voyer
Branch 52	In memory of Lee Fontana
Branch 108	Roger and Kathy Santos
Branch 115	In memory of Bernice Kiser
Branch 209	Margaret Hilliard
Branch 368	In memory of Lena Fontana
Branch 408	Bruna Quilici
Branch 416	In memory of Lena Fontana
San Gabriel Valley Region	Steve and Louise La Roche
Theodora S. Balicudiong	In memory of Lena Fontana
John and Natalie Canata	Frank and Donna Peralta
In memory of Lena Fontana	In memory of Lena Fontana
Bill and Juli Bertagnole	Sandy Hurley
In memory of Lena Fontana	In memory of Lena Fontana
	Officers/Members of Br. 186
	In memory of Lee Fontana

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by June 10, 2014.	Please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund for next year's scholarship recipients.
Scholarship Donations - 1st Year	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda	
Get well wishes for Jackie Santich	

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 06/11/2014		GLORIA FAVOR	Branch 227
		RUSSELL J MANOR	Branch 227
JOHN VACCARO	Branch 005	JOHN M RAFFETTO	Branch 227
DELLA TROVATO	Branch 039	JOHN P CONSIGLIERI	Branch 290
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ANNA CRISAFI	Branch 173	SUSAN MUSCARELLA	Branch 382
REUBEN M BARRERA	Branch 213	MARSHA L TREVISAN	Branch 391

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by June 10, 2014	
Branch 408	Carla Del Carlo
San Gabriel Valley Region	In memory of Mario Delucchi
Andy and Liana Cauz	Ralph and Lorraine Del Prete
In memory of Lena Fontana	In memory of Lena Fontana
Eva Stern	Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda
Speedy recovery wishes for Phil Robba	Get well wishes for Lorraine J. Adams
Aldine Grisenti	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get well wishes for Phil Robba	Get well wishes for Mike Nunziata
Aldine Grisenti	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get well wishes for Fred Giusti	Get well wishes for Philip Robba
Mary and Medoro Pagni	The Antonowicz Family
In memory of Lena Fontana	In memory of Dave Mezzetta
Anita St. Denis and M.J. Shulman	
In memory of Sam Madonia	

Live to Give

3rd Annual Convention
Blood Drive

"90 Units for 90 Years"

Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 - 8:00am to 1:00pm

Marriott Oakland City Center - Oakland, CA



This year, as you know, the Italian Catholic Federation is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. For 90 years, our wonderful Organization has provided countless hours of service to its communities. To continue these great efforts and to commemorate the past 90 years, the theme for the Live to Give Committee's 3rd Annual Convention Blood Drive is "90 Units for 90 Years."

The past two Convention Blood Drives yielded a total of 50 units of blood. We need 40 more units to make our theme come true and to reach the magical number of 90. Donating blood at this year's Convention in Oakland, CA is a great way for you to contribute to this significant milestone.



Give the Gift of Life...Donate Blood

Life to Give Committee: Chairperson, Jane Dianda;
Committee Members: Jim Acitelli, Lisa Crudo, Nina Malone; Consultant: Laurice Levine

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Mr. Robert Basuino,

Thank you so very much for sharing your precious time with Chicago members. It was especially rewarding for my wife and I to be recognized, last night, for the many years I have devoted to the ICF in the past. While family matters have limited my involvement for the past few years, the Ideals of the ICF continue to stimulate me to do whatever I can to benefit our ICF, and I am always eager to see beneficial activities, such as last night's celebration.

Please express my sincere thanks to the other Central Council Members that were in attendance, I know its very difficult to travel the distance just for one event, but I believe it was very much appreciated by the members here to see the affirmative intentions for the advancement of the ICF in the Chicago Area.

Happy 90th Anniversary to all ICF members!

Cordially Yours and with God's Blessings,

George & Pauline Nicoletti

Time To Make a Difference and Run

Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of 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 August 1. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.
- 3) Present Central Council Members attend the Convention as Delegates-At-Large.
- 4) The deadline for Candidate Photo and Statement of Purpose to appear in the Bollettino is also August 1.

Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

Hospitalization Committee Candidates

That time of year has come again to consider running for the Hospitalization Committee.

This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation 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:

- 1) Hospitalization Committee Candidates must be Delegates to the Convention.
- 2) Candidates for election to the Hospitalization Committee must declare their candidacy by August 1st. All necessary paperwork must be submitted by this date.

Please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 if you are interested, in order to obtain the necessary paperwork.

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990 EZ or 990 STATE FORM 199-N & FORM 199

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990-N & FORM 990 EZ or 990 FRANCHISE TAX BOARD FORM 199-N & FORM 199

As you are aware, the IRS and State of California are requiring annual tax returns to be filed by our Branches and Districts.

- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 are required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.
- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 are required to file Franchise Tax Board Form 199.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file Franchise Tax Board form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

The forms should have been filed by May 15, 2014.

Numerous small exempt organizations have come under IRS scrutiny for failure to file information returns. Organizations that have failed to file the appropriate form for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. This includes the group ruling holders and their subordinates (Branches and Districts for the I.C.F.). We are now scrutinized by the State of CA as well. The IRS and State have asked us to please make sure that no subordinate (Branches or Districts) unintentionally throws away its tax exempt status.

If you have not yet filed the 990-N (e-Postcard) or the 990 EZ or 990 or the 199-N (e-Postcard) or the 199 even though the May 15 deadline has passed, please file it as soon as possible. If you have missed filing for any reason in the past two years (this applies to the IRS and the State), please make sure that you file now (for the tax year ending 2013) so that you do not fall into this category. The e-Postcard and other forms can be accessed through the IRS site (www.irs.gov) and the Franchise Tax Board site (www.ftb.ca.gov).

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2013. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You, Roselynn Jarrett, Grand Treasurer

Celebrating Catholic Italian Americans

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate Chairman

This year as we gather with our families to celebrate America's Independence, let us take the time to thank God for all that we have and all that we can do for others. Take the time to think about our many charities and how best to use your Apostolic and Charity funds. Please find it in your hearts to not only support the charities that are a part of our organization, but also reach out to your communities and to this great country. You can send donations to the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Funds or have a food drive for the needy in your own neighborhoods.


If your branch or district cannot help with a monetary donation, please take a moment to remember all those in need in your prayers. As time for our convention draws near and the branches prepare the Apostolic and Charity report, please have your chairperson list all the ways in which your Branch helps others. Write down the little things you do in your parish to reach out to those in need. Include the times you visit the homebound and deliver the Eucharist, or say the rosary. All of these

spiritual donations are needed as well. Has your branch ever had a Day or Night of Recollection? Ask your priest to put on a spiritual workshop and invite the district to take part. Have a luncheon afterwards so that unity is continued. It is important to help others become healthy spiritually as well as physically.

It is also widely known that our organization celebrated our 90th anniversary. The galas that were held raised money for our Providenza fund. What a wonderful thing it is that we do! To give money to the seminaries for the education of priests is most rewarding. Our future priests also need your spiritual support on their life journey. It was a blessing to see so many of our members gather together to celebrate our 90 years in three separate celebrations. This togetherness is what bonds us as the Italian Catholic Federation family.

May God continue to bless the Italian Catholic Federation with many more years of faith, fellowship and love. Have a blessed and safe 4th of July.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Acitelli, Lisa Crudo, Michael Cannady and Vincent Picciola Apostolic and Charity Committee



Tour Children's Hospital Oakland

Friday, August 29, 2014





We will meet Laurice Levine at Children's Hospital in Oakland at 10:30 am.

Join Laurice and her team on a guided tour and learn all about the ICF's National Charity – Cooley's Anemia research and see what your money does to help at the Hospital where it all takes place!

A bus will pick up passengers at the hotel at 10:00 am. Specifics on where to meet will be available prior to Friday 8/29/14

Cost: \$25.00 per person
Max 100 people

Tour will include:

- Main hospital
- Hospital Lab
- Transfusion Unit/Day Hospital Atrium
- CHORI -Oakland Research Institute
- HEDCO Sciences Building
- (home of the Ferritometer, which was funded by the ICF)

Please RSVP to:

Pat Pasquinelli

Paintedwild2@hotmail.com

Please send the portion below with payment to: Pat Pasquinelli

549 Lincoln Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

Name of attendee(s) printed _____

Number attending: _____ amount enclosed: \$ _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cooley’s Corner

Submitted By:
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
SeniorThalassemia Outreach Coordinator

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) adopted Cooley’s Anemia (also called thalassemia) as its national charity in 1983 when David Botta was the ICF Grand President. The funds went to Dr. Hyman at Cedar’s Sinai, Los Angeles, and in 1994, when Dr. Hyman retired, donations went to the Thalassemia Program at Children’s Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO), under the leadership of Dr. Vichinsky. The ICF has donated a total of \$1,789,754 towards Cooley’s Anemia since 1983, with \$760,000 going to CHRCO, which houses one of the six specialty centers for thalassemia in North America. The funds go to the following areas:

Research and the SQUID — Children’s Hospital Oakland conducts cutting-edge research to improve the quality of life for

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

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

Patient Sponsorship — Many patients live in remote areas of California and/or come

ICF Donates Over \$1.5 million to Cooley’s Anemia/Thalassemia

from around the globe to visit our center. If U.S. patients cannot afford to travel, some ICF funds are used to offset their expenses. Patient sponsorship may also include helping patients travel to a retreat, camp, or conference.

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

Education and Outreach — Children’s Hospital Oakland has the only thalassemia outreach program in the United States - thanks to the ICF. We provide in-services to health-care providers, attend and present

information at conferences, and distribute information at healthfairs and on college campuses. The goal is to raise awareness and educate the community on thalassemia. In 2012, we published the Thalassemia Standards of Care for Providers 3rd Edition and the Thalassemia Research Update. Our Perspectives newsletter, which often highlights the ICF, is published twice a year. (Please contact Laurice Levine if you would like to be put on our mailing list.)

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

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

Year	Amount	Research & SQUID	Patient Events	Patient Sponsorship	Pt. Medical Exp.	Educ/Outreach
Sept. 2013	\$78,000	\$60,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
Sept. 2012	\$75,000	\$46,000	\$13,000	\$5,500	\$8,000	\$2,500
Sept. 2011	\$77,000	\$53,000	\$8,000	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$3,000
Sept. 2010	\$58,000	\$42,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$9,000	\$1,000
Sept. 2009	\$62,000	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$1,500
Sept. 2008	\$57,000	\$39,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$0
Sept. 2007	\$54,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$500
Sept. 2006	\$52,000	\$30,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$3,500
Sept. 2005	\$113,154	\$65,000	\$10,154	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$8,000
Sept. 2004	\$45,000	\$23,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$12,000	\$3,500
Sept. 2003	\$51,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
Sept. 2002	\$56,000	\$52,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sept. 2001	\$49,000	\$27,500	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$2,000
Sept. 2000	\$52,000	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1999	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$2,000
Sept. 1998	\$58,000	\$39,000	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$8,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1997	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$5,500
Sept. 1996	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1995	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500
*Sept. 1994	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
*Sept. 1994	\$40,000	\$760,100	\$122,154	\$95,000	\$124,500	\$53,000
Sept. 1993	\$60,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1992	\$60,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1991	\$60,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1990	\$50,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1989	\$60,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1988	\$55,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1987	\$55,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1986	\$45,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1985	\$50,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1984	\$50,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	
Sept. 1983	\$50,000		----	To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA	----	

Grand Total \$1,789,754

Notes:
2011 ICF donation included \$30,000 from Kemp Trust
2012 ICF donation included \$10,000 from Kemp Trust
2013 ICF donation included \$10,000 from Kemp Trust
1983-1994 Donations went to Dr. Hyman at Cedar’s Sinai in Los Angeles
1994-present Donations go to Dr. Vichinsky at Children’s Oakland

*To Dr Vichinsky at Children’s Oakland
*To Dr. Hyman at Cedars Sinai LA

BOOK REVIEW

Robert Pachinger
Br. 413, St. Patrick's
Angels Camp

Pope Fiction

By: Patrick Madrid

Basilica Press, 338 pages

We all know who the Pope is. We also know some history about the Papacy. For many of us the Pope is the far-away leader of our church. Many of us have not seen him, and many may never see the Pope. Having such a distance and such little knowledge of the Papacy has left many of us disconnected from the Papacy. How can we adequately respond to those who question the authority that the Pope has in the Roman Catholic Church? Patrick Madrid's book helps us to explore 30 myths and misconceptions that those who are not Catholic point to in order to validate the repudiation of the Papacy and the Catholic Church. Unfortunately for those who wish to dismiss the Papacy, their arguments are not based on well-founded points. Patrick Madrid shows us the error of their arguments.

The book begins by looking at misconceptions regarding the authority of the Pope and the establishment of the Papacy. Protestant denominations deny the primacy of the Pope by claiming that Jesus never established the office or meant that Peter was the leader. These issues are easily dismissed by studying scripture, in particular Matthew 16:13-19. With regards to the primacy of Peter, it is interesting to note that Peter's name is mentioned in the New Testament more than 190 times. The next most mentioned Apostle is John at almost 30 citations. If Peter were not preeminent, why would his name be mentioned so much in scripture? Once this misconception is dismissed, we are faced with those who declare that Jesus did not establish the lineage of Popes. However, if one reads the letters written by the earliest church fathers, including Irenaeus of Lyon, Clement, and so on, it is clear that they understood the establishment of a succession plan. They understood that the Bishop of Rome was preeminent. Jesus established His church to last until the end of time. He also established a leader of the church. Unless the Catholic Church was going to last one generation, there had to be a succession of leaders, as no one lives forever.

Other misconceptions are with regard to the character of the Popes. There are those who misconstrue the doctrine of infallibility and point to Popes who were not good moral persons. The Doctrine of Infallibility applies only to declarations regarding dogmatic, infallible pronouncements under the following formula:

1. The pronouncement must be made by a lawful successor to Peter (a Pope).
2. The subject matter must be on issues regarding faith and morals.
3. The Pope must be speaking officially from the office of Peter.

If any of these items is missing, there is no infallible pronouncement. The many instances of poor judgment or poor

execution are not instances where the Pope exercised the charism of infallibility.

In history, there have been many instances when Popes did not make good decisions or were not morally good men. Detractors point to many errors. One favorite topic of discussion is the Crusades. A closer look at this topic reveals that the Popes originally wanted to preserve the continuation of the ability for Christians to have access to the Holy Land. When the Crusades started, the Muslim leaders in the Middle East had begun an effort to expel the Christians and to destroy Christian holy sites. Unfortunately, the Pope's intentions became the start of many wars. Atrocities were committed on both sides. Detractors only focus on atrocities committed by soldiers who claim to act in the name of Christ.

Another claim against the Papacy revolves around slavery and the treatment of the indigenous people in America. Detractors state that the Popes have supported slavery and the mistreatment of indigenous people. The author successfully refutes these claims by providing writings of the many Popes who condemn such behavior. In fact, anyone who was involved in the slave trade was automatically excommunicated.

Many topics are explored. The Inquisition receives its fair attention. In total, Pope Fiction contains 30 myths and misconceptions. Each one is presented concisely. The author acknowledges that addressing each misconception can take a book in its entirety. It is not the author's intent to refute each misconception with a thoroughly complete argument. Enough information is presented to satisfy the rebuttal. However, it is understood that if the reader wishes a more detailed explanation, the reader is encouraged to do more research. The benefit of Pope Fiction is that the author is able to provide a great amount of information in a very concise form. Each misconception is clearly stated, the question is explored, and the rebuttal is fully explained.

This book is enjoyable and very easy to read. One can put the book down and pick it up months later and continue without having to go back to remember the story as each myth is independent of the other.

Monetary Donation Reminder

Roselynn Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

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

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

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

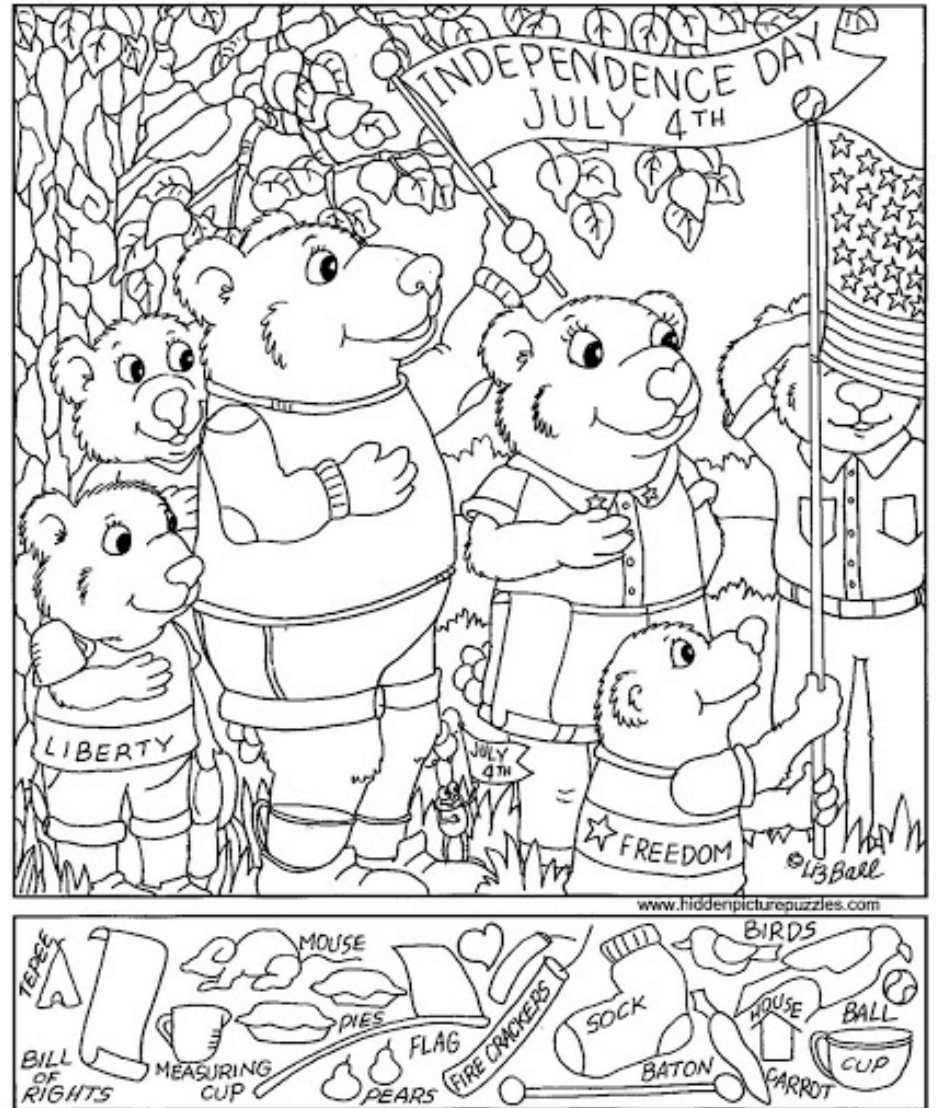
These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth Fourth of July Family Fun

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett

Grand Treasurer

Find the hidden images.



Patriotic Pizzas

Help top the pizzas for your 4th of July celebration, by creating the American flag. For white stripes: Use Mozzarella, Provolone or other white cheese, mushrooms and/or onions. For red stripes: Use pepperoni, tomatoes and/or red peppers. For stars: With there being no blue toppings, use other dark colors as a background, such as basil, olives or green pepper. Top with a few mushrooms or onions as stars or simply scatter olives and allow the white cheese to pop though as stars.

Instructions for Obtaining a Daily/ Special Temporary Liquor License

Franklyn Lopes

Central Council Grand Trustee

You must fill out an ABC-221 form for any event that your branch holds that will include the sale of alcohol.

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

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

Police Department approval may be required if your branch is hosting a large number of people, a casino night is held,

or it's the first time an event is being held at the location.

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

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

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

Cathedral of Christ the Light Walking Tour

Meet with Cathedral docents for a shuttle ride and short walk to the Cathedral. Experience the Cathedral on a one hour tour.

Friday, August 29, 2014

9:50 A.M. shuttle, tour 10:30 – 11:30

Return to Hotel via shuttle



Free tour for convention delegates and guests

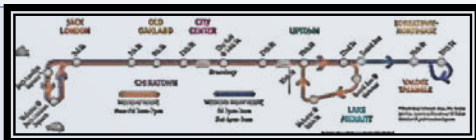
Please make reservations by calling and/or emailing:

Peggy Lubeck

(510) 521-4687

petalpeggy@aol.com

Meet in front of Hotel. Cathedral docents will be wearing teal jackets and will assist you in boarding the shuttle, and accompany you on the short walk to the cathedral, where they will then guide you on the tour.



Deadline:
August 15, 2014

I would like to give a shout out to all members and delegates who will be attending the Convention this year in Oakland. Because we will be celebrating 90 years of accomplishments and looking forward into the future, I would like it to involve some of our younger members in our Friday Night Opening Ceremonies. If you have children between 5 and 18 who may like to participate, please contact Lisa Crudo at lcrudo5@aol.com.

84th Annual Convention



- Marriott Hotel – Oakland
- Friday, August 29, 2014
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Entry Fee: \$25.00 (Advance Reservations)
- \$30.00 (After August 15th, or at the door)
- 6 Bingo games will be played. For each game participants will be given a sheet with 6 Bingo Cards per sheet
- 5 Games – various Bingo games / \$100.00 pot per game
- Final game: Blackout \$250.00

To register: Make your check payable to the I.C.F., put “Bingo” on the memo line and mail it with your entry form to:

Italian Catholic Federation

8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110

Oakland, CA 94621

Advance Reservations must be in the I.C.F. office by

August 15, 2014.

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

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Italian Catholic Federation Fourteenth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT


DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014

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

RAFFLE: There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE: Golfers: \$135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 18th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 18, 2014

If an individual brings in 3 foursomers, that individual gets 3 tickets

SIGN UP:

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

Banquet only


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 18th deadline.

Remember: \$150 per player after July 18th.

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



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Oakland, CA 94621

2014 Convention in Oakland, California

Friday, August 29, 2014 to
Monday, September 1, 2014

Honoring The Past As We Envision Our Future

HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

Marriott Oakland City Center Phone: (510) 451-4000 /
Reservations: (800) 228-9290

1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607 -- Visit the link to hotel reservations www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/oakdt-oakland-marriott-city-center/ or our website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

► **Room Rate: \$119.00 Single Occupancy plus 14.17% (subject to change) tax. \$119.00 Double Occupancy plus 14.17% (subject to change)**

Oakland Int'l Airport is approximately 10 miles southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.oaklandairport.com

► **Transportation to/from San Francisco:** San Francisco Int'l Airport is approximately 20 miles west from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.flysfo.com.

Reservation Deadline is Friday, August 08, 2014. 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 hotel or go to their website to make your reservations.

AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL

Here are a few:

Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522 www.alaskaair.com

Southwest Airlines: 1-800-435-9792 www.southwest.com

Delta Airlines: 1-800-221-1212 www.delta.com

US Airways: 1-800-428-4322 www.usairways.com

Jet Blue Airlines: 1-800-538-2583 www.jetblue.com

*American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300 www.aa.com

United Airlines: 1-800-864-8331 www.united.com fly into SFO

Railroad Service *AMTRAK***** Our Amtrak Convention Fare Code is X95R-987. It will give a 10% discount off the best available fare to Oakland, CA between August 25, 2014 and September 4, 2014. The reservation number is 1-800-872-7245 or call your local travel agent. The Amtrak station is approx. 1 mile from the hotel. Jack London Square - 245 Second Street - Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 238-4322. *****Please note: This code is valid for reservations made by phone only. It is not valid for reservations made online. There is no shuttle service but there is taxi service (curb side) and city bus service (Free B) - the bus stop is within walking distance (about 1 block). Visit www.meetdowntownoak.com for bus info and schedules.**

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
84TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
PEDRO TOURNAMENT
MARRIOTT OAKLAND CITY CENTER - OAKLAND



ENTRY FEE: \$15.00
INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
DEADLINE: AUGUST 15TH

PRIZES

1ST - \$50
2ND - \$30
3RD - \$20
4TH - \$10
5TH - \$5

FRIDAY, AUG. 29TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**TO REGISTER: MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE I.C.F., PUT "PEDRO" ON THE MEMO LINE AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM TO:
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, 8393 CAPWELL DRIVE, SUITE 110
OAKLAND, CA 94621**

PEDRO ENTRY FORM

NAME 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 15TH



The East Bay District welcomes you to
the Thursday Night Dinner
August 28, 2014



Put on your favorite team jersey
and celebrate with us!



6:00 pm No Host Cocktails

Menu

Salad, cold cuts, rolls,
Roasted chicken, roasted
potatoes, carrots,
dessert wine and coffee

7:00 pm Dinner

Raffle

Fratellanza Club
1140 66th street
Oakland, CA 94608



Adults: \$45.00
Children 5 - 12 \$10.00



A bus departing at 500 pm will be provided for convention hotel guests
Let's kick off our 2014 convention with a great time together!



Name _____ Branch # _____

Your phone contact # _____

Number attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Will you be riding the bus to the dinner? Yes _____ No _____

Please make check payable to
ICF East Bay District

mail with form to Rosalind Crudo

5228 Tyler Ct, Castro Valley, CA 94546

any questions, please call Rosalind Crudo (510) 537-6657 or Pat Pasquinelli (510) 917-4505

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**ICF Annual
Convention
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WHEN: Friday, August 29, 2014

WHERE: Oakland Marriott

TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COST: FREE!!

**COME AND LEARN HOW TO PLAY
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Sunday, August 31, 2014

Oakland Marriott

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

Reserved Seating according to
Date of Receipt of Paid Reservations



Name _____ Branch # _____
Total Reservations _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____
Phone # _____

Reserved seating according to date of receipt of paid reservation.

Mail Reservations to I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Reservation Deadline: August 15, 2014

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

ICF Annual Convention

Bocce Tournament

WHEN: Friday, August 29, 2014

WHERE: Oakland Marriott

TIME: Registration 10:00 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.

We will be playing inside the hotel on the rug with the lines taped. NO wood boards.

Reservations must be in the I.C.F. Office by
August 15, 2014 - no later.

Number of Players _____

1. _____ Branch # _____
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4. _____ Branch # _____

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Central Coast District				Amanda Albini			Br. 332
Luke DiFronzo			Central Coast Dist.	Vincent Joseph Cerruti			Br. 332
Gianna Meschi			Br. 21	Kenneth C. Lippi			Br. 332
Elizabeth Abluton			Br. 25	Orange District			
Lauren Hull			Br. 26	Claudia Doucette			Orange Dist.
Nicholas Mascarello			Br. 36	John Marco Bruscia			Br. 379
Mary Alameda			Br. 51	Paul Vasquez			Br. 406
Elisa Bargetto			Br. 227	Martina Mason			Br. 423
Tyler Nicholson	George and Barbara Airoidi		Br. 227	Phoenix			
Sarah Castellino			Br. 291	Gina Mascari			Scholarship Fund
Toby Charles Tonascia			Br. 291	Reno			
Gregory V. Conti			Br. 354	Rachel Miles			Br. 135
Genaro Olveda			Br. 354	Blessed Sacrament District			
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Carrie Castellano	Deceased Members of Br. 418		Br. 418	Colton Marino			Br. 342
Contra Costa District				Stephanie McCullough			Br. 342
Gabriella Hunter-McElroy			Br. 13	Alexa Lo Giudice			Br. 419
Haley Cappa			Br. 14	John Hynes			Br. 438
Bianca Pavone			Br. 14	Brittany Gisin			Scholarship Fund
Gina Quinlan			Br. 14	San Bernardino District			
Christina Ortland			Br. 72	Kathryn Ann Vahl			San Bernardino Dist.
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Amanda Brady			Br. 154	Jessica Revetto			Br. 217
Elysa Campo			Br. 154	Colby Kay Tarsitano			Br. 303 - Closing Donation
Grant Sanchez			Br. 154	San Diego District			
Rachel Valencia			Br. 214	Rosa Vargas			San Diego Dist.
Nicholas Peery			Br. 352	Jordan Raby			Br. 229
Colin Chiapello			Br. 432	Andrew Engaldo			Br. 230
Sirena Burgueño			Br. 432	Ayla Grazier			Br. 230
Emily Lilly			Br. 432	Jordan Qsar			Br. 261
East Bay District				Sierra Jones			Br. 416
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Jack T. Ghiglione			Br. 10	Christina Mitilian			Br. 102
Giulia Marinos			Br. 10	San Francisco District			
Katherine Siegel			Br. 91	Savanna Puccinelli			Br. 38
Kyle Siegel			Br. 215	Sara Glueck			Br. 50
Keenan Brekke			Br. 223	Samantha Tudoni			Br. 258
Allison Reggiardo			Br. 285	Romeo A. Guerrero			Br. 290
Blake Sweet			Br. 285	Alexandra Repetto			Br. 290
Mary Troxell			Br. 343	San Gabriel Valley Region			
Fresno District				Michael D. Murphy, II		San Gabriel Valley Region	
Domenic Aguilar			Fresno District	Jaime J. Centenaro			Br. 317
Thomas Keitz			Br. 27	Joseph Provenzano			Br. 319
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Frank J. Volpa, IV			Br. 32	Paige San Felipe	Carlo Giusti		Br. 7
Vincent Del Papa			Br. 33	Sabrina Armstrong			Br. 19
Carlo Del Real			Br. 39	Giuliana Enea	Eugene D’Amico		Br. 163
Elizabeth Tyler			Br. 39	Wyatt Bland			Br. 173
Clay Calvino			Br. 54	Anna Tealdi			Br. 173
Claire Bispo			Br. 185	Kelsey Hardey	Franco Franchini		Br. 213
Gabriella Diane Guaglianone			Br. 250	Hannah Sorensen			Br. 327
Christine Gutierrez			Br. 281	Lauren Elizabeth Mohrman			Br. 351
Evangelea DiCicco			Br. 308	Nicole Rossi			Br. 403
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Las Vegas				Anthony Beinar			Br. 380
Coy Shinn, Jr.			Scholarship Fund	Dominic Conti			Br. 380
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Mario Antonio Zabatta			Br. 115	Travis A. Magro			Br. 4
Briana Salatino			Br. 118	Caroline Seifert			Br. 5
Sarah Ix			Br. 237	Beau Haygood	Rosie Mammini		Br. 28
Trevor Sasse			Br. 362				
Katherine Altmayer			Br. 374				
Dante Orlandini			Br. 374				
Marin							
Christina Farber			Br. 161				

Year Scholarship Winners

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Br./Dist./Indv.	Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Br./Dist./Indv.
Santa Clara Valley District				Marissa Fraser			Br. 52
Whitney Waller	Shirley Silva		Br. 28	Taylor Tappin			Br. 52
Alexandra G. Bertaccini			Br. 47	Madeline Cline			Br. 103
Erika MacDonald	Fr. Salvatore Di Nardo, O.P.		Br. 47	Chelsea Krause			Br. 103
Greer L. Chrisman			Br. 184	Lily Shapiro			Br. 103
Erin Tucci			Br. 184	Thomas Bautista			Br. 127
Marisa Brazelton			Br. 186	Daniel Chojnacki			Br. 127
Kristina Neri			Br. 191	Sophie O’Hare			Br. 127
Frank R. Tomasello			Br. 368	Eleanore O’Neill			Br. 127
Carolyn DiLoreto			Br. 391	Danny Moretti			Br. 144
Julia O’Brien			Br. 391	Alexandra Dotti	Norman Sikes		Br. 198
Dino Piazza			Br. 391	Christine E. Gluch	Rico and Irene Acquistapace		Br. 198
Danielle Bickel			Br. 408	Christopher Kemmerer	Romie and Helen Barbieri		Br. 198
Emilie Simonne Allaert			Br. 435	Ryan McCalmont	Gary Apel		Br. 198
				Amanda Catherine Miller	Aldo Desideri		Br. 198
Santa Rosa District				Rachel Valerio	Patricia Costaglio		Br. 198
Nicole Curreri	Estelle Moretti		Santa Rosa Dist.	Malin Von Knorring	Peter and Juliette Barbieri		Br. 198
Hannah Faso	Carol Liguori-Stahler		Santa Rosa Dist.	Joseph Paul Zeni	Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini		Br. 198
Michelle Menegon			Br. 12				
Payton T. Orr			Br. 12	Stockton District			
Rylee J. Schmidt			Br. 12	Dalton Gualco			Stockton Dist.
Jane Weggenmann	Deceased Members of Br. 18		Br. 18	Courtney Posz			Br. 139

Name	In Memory of	Br./Dist./Indv.
Giacomo Oliveri		Br. 390
Samantha Curtis		Br. 395
Blaine Bockhahn		Scholarship Fund

Individuals

Zachary Fishler	Emma Moretti	Anna Barberi - Br. 28
Gabrielle Brignetti	Joseph and Mary Bottarini	Barbara C. Bottarini - Br. 258
Megan Bruno	Alice Providenza Bottino	Chris and Virginia Bottino - Br. 432
Francis Discipio	Rocco and Giacinta Bratta	Joseph and Rita Bratta - Br. 418
	Cosmo and Helen Anaclerio	
Jasmine D’Amico	Albert and Rina Brocchini	The Albert and Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
Jenna Gilardi	Cody Joe Anthenien	Louie and Pat Cordich - Br. 28
Steven Anselmo Wilson	Donald DeTomas	Louise DeTomas - Br. 14
Sarah Jobbins	Marie Grassilli	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Severyn V. Polakiewicz	Robert Grassilli	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Katherine Soper	Anna Oliva	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Evanne Gutierrez	Leo and Ila Kilcullen	Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52
Daniel Cody	Luigi and Rosa Mangini	Rose Mangini - Br. 38
Jenna Damonte	Harry A. Pacini	Charlyne M. Pacini - Br. 135
Isabella Colarusso	John Regalia	Mary Regalia - Br. 14
Marco Romagnoli	June and Ed Rodondi	The June and Ed Rodondi Family Foundation
Orsola “Lina” Marie Traghi	Martin and Rose Santich	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Victoria Saitz	Lola and Sam J. Parrinello	Jean and Bob Segale
Kathryn Donnelly	Mary and Bill Segale	The Segale Family
Elizabeth Stern	Mary and Bill Segale	The Segale Family
Sanuel E. Rieta	James P. Tollefson	Maria Tollefson - Br. 229/Br. 230
Gina Guglielmoni	Louise Trevizo	The Trevizo Family - Br. 19

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Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 06/11/2014

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RITA WAGNER	Branch 010	KATHLEEN G SMITH	Branch 227
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		STAN R WALTON	Branch 432
		COLLEEN BEAMAN	Branch 433



Br. 418 1st. Year Scholarship winner, Francis Discipio, with branch officers: Rita Bratta, Nick Tenerelli, Terri Balice, and Mike Favia. A very deserving young man; we're very proud of you, Frankie. Best wishes as you enter Loyola University.

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Janet Tramelli and Jason Gillette.

Our saints for the month of July: St. Bertha, St. Thomas More, St. Elizabeth, St. Jerome, St. Ann, St. Martha, St. Vincent DePaul

Let us continue to pray for our patron saints for peace in the world.

Please remember our sick members and their families in your daily prayers.

Happy 4th of July and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ciao,

Caterina Renzi-Comisky

• and, of course, the good food, your jovial company, and the delightful music provided by DJ Mike Favia .

Particular appreciations and applause go to the Gala Committee for putting together such an enjoyable commemorative party – truly reminiscent of our traditions! Thanks for the extra touches!

Well, on to the next event. No rest at Branch 392, as we are now getting ready for the annual St. Padre Pio celebration, which includes: Mass, procession and a delicious buffet. The event will take place on Sunday, June 29, 2014. Until next month – God Bless

Aurora Pensa

Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

Our June Meeting began with Millie Breclaw Crowning Mary while members sang Immaculate Mary as they circled Mary with votive candles. Trustee Mike Sawadski presented interesting ideas for Membership Drives and fund raising. Discussion followed regarding 195's needs and wants within the Federation and the fact that our needs may differ from other branches due to our location (distance). At one time, six or seven branches were active in the South Suburbs of Chicago and were considered part of a South District (there was a Central District and a North District at that time). Subsequently, the concentration focused on the North District and only Br. 195, St. Victor exists in the South Suburbs today. Although 195 has members from churches other than St. Victor, including some in the state of Indiana, we have an aging population and virtually no young adults. Over the years, we have seen less population in the Italian community in our area so we have promoted ethnic diversity within the Catholic Community. This is difficult without the addition of Italian American Catholic Federation as part of the name of our organization. There are a number of organizations that began with Italian in the name and are now Italian American as a name. Also identified were economic accommodations that may encourage growth and expansion. The long and short was that Strategic Planning in these areas may need to think "outside the box" in view of updated logistics and challenges. Our discussion ended on a prayerful high note to continue next

month ---. Twenty-five members attended our Carmelite Day of Recollection with lunch and a tour of the Monastery grounds. Please pray for our sick members and friends.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Our hard working Vice President Teresa Cairo is busy making her famous baskets for all new members and for the retired St. Charles nuns, whom we visit annually in August. Thank you, Teresa, you deserve a sincere hand clapping from all our members.

Upcoming events:

August – District Council meeting – Golf Outing

September – Night at the Races

October – Bake Sale and SVF Mimosa Sunday

November – Memorial Mass for our deceased members

December – Christmas Party



Cake from the Chicago 90th Anniversary Gala celebration.

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

After months of planning the ICF 90th Anniversary Gala was held in Chicago on Sunday, June 8, 2014. In keeping with the ICF Catholic heritage the festivities began with a 3:00 p.m. Mass in Italian at St. Francis Borgia Church. A lovely reception followed soon after at the Pescatore Palace. It was great to see so many ICF members with families and friends gather to celebrate such a happy occasion. A special thanks goes to: all the Central Council officers and members, who traveled all the way from California to be with us, to Michael Providenza (great grandson of the ICF co-founder, Luigi Providenza) for coming from Boston, Massachusetts, and to Father Charles Fanelli, Father Augusto Feccia and Father Richard Milek. (we know your Sunday schedules are quite busy) All of you truly helped to make the celebration most memorable.

Further, we thank all those who donated baskets for the raffle. Your generosity is much appreciated.

The evening's festivities were highlighted by:

• an inspiring message from Robert Basuino, the Grand President;

• the special tribute paid to George Nicoletti and Vince Picciola; (They were both acknowledged for their dedication and unrelenting work for the ICF. George opened the first ICF Branch in Chicago in 1950 at St. Michaels and has served as an officer of his Branch and Chicago District. Vince has been a Branch officer and has served for many, many years as a member of the Central Council. Vince will be retiring from the Central Council this year.)

• the delightful speech made by Father Milek, Pastor at St. Francis Borgia;

• Mike Providenza's charming words (its always great to see the next ICF generation in action);

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Welcome new family members, Kristin and Rocco Bratta, and sons, Giuseppe and Dominic. We hope you enjoy being members of our branch. We are pleased to have you with us.

Friday, June 13, our branch honored our second First Year College Scholarship winner, Francis Dicipio, who will be attending Loyola University in Chicago this fall. Congratulations, Francis, for a job well done, and good luck to you in the future.

Our branch picnic is on July 13, at Madison Meadow park in Lombard, starting at noon. Let's pray for a warm, sunny day!

Sunday, July 20, is the I.C.F. Chicago District Golf Outing at Arlington Lakes. Proceeds from this event will help young seminarians studying for the priesthood. Contact Rita, Lydia, or Nick, for information on any of our events.

In closing, Congratulations are in order for Teresa Helfand, C.C. member, and the Chicago



Pictured above is Caterina Renzi-Comisky from Branch 358 (Grandma Kay) with her grandson, Jeff Mauro, the Sandwich King on the Food Network.



Branch 439 celebrated May Crowning together.



District, for a wonderful 90th. Anniversary Gala. Over 150 people attended, including members of Central Council from California. Thank you for making the trip to Chicago. It was nice seeing all of you, and we appreciate you making the trip to Chicago.

*Ciao,
Rita*

Chicago

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439

On May 30, ICF Branch 439 celebrated May Crowning at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The mass honoring the Blessed Mother was celebrated by Father Augusto Feccia. The crowning of Mary was accompanied by the lighting of candles for special intentions and placing flowers in vases in front of Mary's statue on the altar. After the mass and crowning ceremony, the Holy Rosary was prayed. It was a beautiful and special evening of prayer to honor Mary. ICF Branch 439 members and their families are looking forward to celebrating the 90th Anniversary Gala on June 8 in Chicago.

Des Plaines

St. Zachary, Br. 441

The branch has made two \$200 donations to Des Plaines charities within the past two months. One donation went to WINGS, which helps homeless and abused women and children by offering integrated services that meet their needs for shelter, education, guidance and support. It provides safe, secure living environments, through transitional housing and emergency shelter, in residential neighborhoods that allow women to go to school, work, and achieve financial and emotional independence. The other went to Maryville Academy which celebrates its 130th Anniversary with a mass celebrated by Chicago Cardinal George and other festivities. They offer many services. Our donation went specifically for mentally ill children. Soon, a third local charity will be presented with a \$200 donation.

We are a busy branch. Plans are underway for a second annual motor coach trip to Milwaukee for Festa Italiana in July. The major fund raiser this year will be two Chicago Bears tickets to a regular season game. A spaghetti dinner is planned for the fall and applications are being accepted for college scholarships awards.

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The May 13 potluck was filled with many delicious homemade entrees, sides and desserts. Thanks to the May committee, chairmen Frank and Louise Brunolli; and committee members, Eileen Foster; Anna Ravisconio; Edward Pia; and Lydia Galassi. Everything was delicious and I know no one left hungry.

On June 7th and 8th we tried something different in an effort to recruit new members. We had Sister Thomas Marie Heavy and Jim Cavallero volunteer to speak after the masses inviting anyone in the congregation to join the ICF. Parishioners were invited to join members in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, fellowship and to learn more about the ICF. We had several people actually fill out applications on that day and several more took the applications home. We had never tried it before and it got the word out that the Italian Catholic Federation is an important mission of the Church.

On June 8 the 9:30 mass was dedicated to living and deceased ICF members.

We wish everyone a safe and restful summer. Please continue to pray for our sick and injured members.

*Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero*

Los Banos

Santa Lucia, Br. 31

On April 21 we enjoyed Italian Meatballs sandwiches and chips prior to our meeting.

Our Polenta Dinner was a great success and our Branch gave donations to the following: St Joseph's Church, Priest Retirement Fund, Cooley's Anemia, CCD Los Banos, Our Lady of Fatima School and the Central



(Above) Monica Ficher helping customers at the bake sale.

(Right) Evelyn Nieto, Elaine Lencioni, and Patricia Vivenzi setting up for the Branch 32 bake sale.



Council Scholarship.

From the raffle sale, we donated to the Angel Tree and to Scholarship Fund. Next year the dinner will be held at the D.E.S. Hall on February 28, 2015.

On May 19 we enjoyed Cheeseburgers with the trimmings and macaroni salad prior to the meeting. We will have two delegates at the Convention in Oakland - Gary Caropreso and Terri Post. President Caropreso explained that any member is welcome to attend the sessions and/or the banquet.

Suggestions for future fundraisers were made and after much discussion, it was decided to do a spaghetti sauce sale in July.

Convention raffle tickets were distributed.

Our Branch gave 3 local scholarships of \$250.00 each to Jenna Gilardi, Dominic Aguilar and Kaytlyn Alanis. Jenna Gilardi and Dominic Aguilar also received the Central Council Scholarships.

Next meeting will be a pot-luck at the Post home on August 16.

May our journey through life be filled with prayer and peace.

*Ciao,
Germaine Orlando*

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Our summer bake sale on May 31 and June 1st was a huge success! We earned over a thousand dollars to the branch's treasury! There were biscotti, cookies, cakes, apricots, squash, jams & jellies, live plants, and a carousel of greeting cards. Thank you to all of the members who contributed their goods and their time.

The Spaghetti Fundraiser chaired by Tom Marshall was successful! All proceeds benefited the Our Lady of Victory church renovation & building fund. Great appreciation to those who helped with this event.

Evelyn Nieto chaired Hospitality during the month of June for all Sunday morning masses. She organized the fried bread and Italian sausage sandwich sales, and provided donuts & coffee each week. Thank you to Evelyn and all of her assistants.

Please pray for better health and speedy recoveries to the following members: CleEs- tria Lett, Maria Guglielmino, Virgina De- Pasquale, Giorgio Pisching, Olga Sulenta, Peggy Barbato, and Erna Bento.

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Summer has certainly arrived here in the Valley. No activities for the month of June. We have our annual Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite at Rotary Cove on Thursday, July 24. We had to change the date so mark it on



The Piro grandchildren of Branch 39.



Branch 39 members at a recent meeting, included Father Frank Piro, Annemarie Bandoni, Mabel Willmon, Janet Rosa and Jim Rosa.

your calendar. Free for our members. Hot dogs, corn on the cob, beans, vegetables and ice cream sundaes for dessert. A short prayer service will take place at 5:00. We will have a cake walk and a White Elephant Raffle. Bring a cake, pie or cookies and a prize for the raffle. It's always beautiful out at the Lake. In August we will have our regular meeting. We will provide the makings for sandwiches and provide a green salad. We will also go over the proposals for the convention and make last minute plans for the convention. Vince Piro will be running for the Central Council and will need members to bake cookies for him. Give Robyn a call if you can bake. Our delegates are Evelyn Way (first time) Josephine Fragnito, Gina Pugliese, Robyn Piro, and Millicent Piro. Our chaplain, Fr. Frank Piro will also be attending. We lost a good friend and a 55 year member, Della Trovato. Our prayers for her family. Please keep Jim Rosa, our First Vice president in your prayers. He recently had open heart surgery and we pray for a complete recovery.

"Friend ship is a gift from God that's blessed in every part....born through love, and loyalty...conceived within the heart."

Sanger

Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

Feb 11, 2014 was our regular meeting and was held at St. Mary's Hall, in Sanger. We learned our officers were all re-elected. We celebrated Valentines Day with a delicious Polenta dinner. God bless the cooks, they did a great job.

We thank President Kay and her mom Josie for decorating the tables so beautifully with hearts and flowers.

President Kay welcomed our guests Virginia Larabee and her son Nick. President Kay closed the meeting with a prayer by our chaplain, father John Bruno.

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend Rosie Lencioni. our prayers and sympathy to the family.

Our prayers go out to our deputy Fred DeRenzo who is recovering from surgery. We hope he gets well fast.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Br. 250

One of the very deserving organizations to which Branch 250 contributes is "Get on the Bus". This group organizes trips for children of inmates to visit their parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day. Jenny Campopiano, a Branch 250 member, is a chaperone on these trips. Jenny writes: "The Mother's Day Get On the Bus trip was a wonderful event. Many of the children were 'on the bus' for 27 hours - they had a beautiful 4 hour visit with their moms." Thank you, Jenny, for inviting us to be a part of this worthwhile project. If any other Branch or individual would like to be involved, please contact Jenny at 559-250-1565.

Our youngest member, Vincent Rodriguez, helped with the Heritage part of our meeting in May. He colored an Italian flag and held it up in front of the group while President Jessie Budd read about how the flag evolved.

Mary Semas was surprised by her family with an 80th birthday party. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren came from long distances to be with her.

Vince Jura's family celebrated his 90th birthday with an open house. Vince says, "90? Not me! No way!"

Betty Massa went on a cruise for a week to Alaska in June. Can't wait to see the pictures.

We request prayers for Ernie Dalton and Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez for quick recoveries after having had surgery last month.

Many happy returns to our July birthday celebrants: Father Robert Borges (7/18); Deborah Abate (7/23); and Madeline Conatser (7/22).

Happy Independence Day, Everyone!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Our annual ICF Branch 281 Bocce Tournament was an exciting day filled with action, competition, lunch and fellowship. The day ended with team "Odd Balls" finishing in first place. Congratulations to team members Kathy Scatena, Sandee Turner, Cindy Parra and Tammy Austin. Team "My Sisters and You" with three Swertfager sisters and friend -- Betty Zasoski, Lea Riggs, Anne Richards and Rachelle Flores-Yubeta -- came in second. Thank you to Allen Watts for chairing the annual event, and to all who played and to the people who came out to cheer their team on. Hope to see you next year, it really is a fun event.

Jeff and Jan Lemucchi hosted the Salad Potluck in their lovely backyard. Thank-you for your hospitality. Our next meeting will be July 11, an Ice Cream Social hosted by George and Terri Carson.

Want to help make money for our branch without doing any work? Convention Raffle Tickets will be distributed and all you need to do is sell or buy the tickets and our branch will retain a portion of the sale. Easy! So please do your best and sell those tickets.

Congratulations to our 2014 Convention delegates Deborah Cerri Leary, Crystal Watts and Kristen Watts. The Convention in Oakland, California this year can be attended by any member and is a great learning experience. You can see what is going on with the Central Council and have a chance to visit with other branch members.

Congratulations and best wishes to Victoria Riley, this year's ICF Branch Scholarship recipient.

Batter il calore!

Fresno

St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308

I hope you are all keeping cool. Can you believe how warm it has been? We are half-way through 2014. We have had a few busy months, June will be the last of them then our branch will slow down a bit to enjoy the summer.

At our May Dinner/Meeting we celebrated Mary Ann Prody's 100th birthday with a big cake and ice-cream. This former teacher is an inspiration to all of us with her quick wit, twinkle in her eyes, always with a warm smile and a kind word, just a very charismatic person.

We started June with our dinner meeting with hot dogs as our main entree, in honor of Flag Day and Father's Day. There was a large variety of delicious salads, fruits, various kinds of beverages, desserts, along with the main entree.

On Friday, June 13 we celebrated the Feast of St. Anthony d Padua our Patron Saint of our parish. All of the parishioners were in-

vited to come and celebrate. It started with a mass at 6:30pm followed by a procession to the large hall. There was four different ethnic entrees to choose from along with lots of foods and desserts. The music was great as well as the dancers. As you can imagine, much fun was had by all.

There will be no July meeting.

Please pray for Barbara Hioco, for all our members and friends who are ill and for their caregivers.

Pray also for Antoinette Pecora who was recuperating from knee surgery, when in the middle of the night a 21 year old drunk driver crushed his car into the entryway and kitchen of her home.

Birthday wishes go out to Regina Sheldrake (June 2), Patti Lometti (June 3), Sharon Ryno (June 5), Nancy Bianchi (June 6), Jack Gamero (June 9), Toni Edwards (June 10), Mike Pukish (June 13), Carlene Christensen (June 14), Carolyn Landy (June 17), Annabelle Pardun (June 20), and Anita Marciocchi (June 24).

Have a Happy Fourth of July!

Maria E. Juarez-Garcia

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367

On April 22, a group from our Branch took a bus trip to Mercury, NV and the Nevada Test Site. The trip was only \$10.00 per person, and that was really for the box lunch they provided - even gave a choice of a salad, or a small variety of sandwiches, a cookie and a drink. All those who went said it was a good time for all, AND very interesting and educational.

On May 25, twenty-three of our members caravanned to Lake Mead and had brunch while cruising on Lake Mead to the dam. Some members really enjoyed it, and some members said there wasn't enough food, and the cruise was too short. But, all in all, a beautiful day to relax.

We usually go to the Pahrump Winery, but they are renovating and expanding this year and the owner wasn't sure when it would be completed enough for them to accommodate us. So, we'll wait until fall to do that.

Our Bishop's Day has been pushed back to November 3rd. Bishop Pepe's schedule is so busy, we were asked to change our date. Everything else will be the same. Same church, same caterer. Bishop Pepe will say the noon mass, and we will have lunch immediately after mass.

We'd like to welcome two more new members. Victor VanHyfte, who was sponsored by our President, Frank Vatalare, and Arezou Negahdar, who was sponsored by Helga Romero. In fact, Helga sponsored Arezou in RCIA and helped her become a Catholic on Easter Vigil. So, Helga brought her to our meeting and she joined us. We welcome both of you with open arms, and hope you enjoy your membership in Branch 367. On June 10th, we will have an old fashioned potluck dinner, and welcome our scholarship winner and present her with a certificate. Busy little branch, aren't we?

Happy Summer to all! Ciao for now, Jackie Donatoone a Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua!

Ciao for now,

Jackie Donato



Br. 67 President Nick D'Egidio and Laurice Levine at the Polenta Dinner.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District Council

LAADC wishes all Members a safe trip to Oakland for the ICF National Convention.

Thank you members of the ICF LAADC San Gabriel Region for hosting the Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Open House on June 8th. The ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee Meeting followed with new developments regarding the remodeling of the exhibit area to house new additions to the Chapel Library's collection and future events that will include a Mother Cabrini Exhibit. If you would like to help or join the ICF Mother Cabrini Committee, please call 626 372-7812.

Thank you to LA Regional VP Al Restivo for his Presentation on District Strategies for 2014 at the May 31 District General Meeting. He presented ideas on a preliminary District Strategic Plan to Members for review, comment and further development. This effort will help Members gain a better understanding of where the District needs to go and for better participation in the Central Council Strategic Planning Process. Please call 626 372-7812 for more information. Thankyou also to Past Grand President Jim Jones and Central Council Member Dante Galeazzi for their enlightening Workshop on "Leadership in a Volunteer Organization". Jim and Dante shared their strategies of working with people through trust, respect and inspirational motivation.

Congratulations to District and Branch members who joined in the Central Council Strategic Planning Retreat on May 27 and 28th in San Francisco. Members were presented with the Strategic Planning Process in some instances for the first time. More developments will be forthcoming and all Members are encouraged to join in when requested to help develop the future of the ICF. The next step in the CC Strategic Planning Process may include a Webinar (online Seminar) to get more members involved. Call 626 372-7812 if you need more information.

Save The Dates:

July 20, 2014 - LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. This is a very special year and all 18 Branches in the District are invited to join members at poolside. Former Cooley's Anemia Chairman Luigi Sabatella, who opened his home with his wife and children for this event 28 years ago, would be especially proud that our District has come together again. All proceeds will benefit the ICF Cooley's Anemia Program. Cost: \$25 per person. Come for the food, friendship and fun. Space is limited; all seating first come first served. Please RSVP to 636 379-0629.



Branch 108 President Michele Silveri presented the ICF Frank Bratta Scholarships to this year's recipients: Holy Family 8th Grade Students Bryan Harrison, Clare Grimes and Christine Grimes. Bryan is going to Loyola and Clare and Christine are going to Flintridge/Sacred Heart. Congratulations!

August 30, 2014 - ICF/LAADC 3rd General Meeting is tentatively scheduled in the LAADC Hospitality Suite at the ICF Convention in Oakland. All 18 Branches are invited and will have an opportunity to meet and discuss District business. For more information or questions please call Carmelo Sabatella 626 372-7812.

September 14, 2014 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House hosted by ICF Santa Barbara/Ventura Region from 9:00am to 1:00pm at 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA. Come visit the Chapel where our first American Saint prayed to Our Lady Help of Christians. Call 626 372-7812 for more information. Cabrini Chapel Board Meeting from 1pm to 3pm in the Chapel Library. Members and affiliated groups are welcome.

The District Board encourages all Branches to support each others' events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed. Please keep in your prayers the families of former member and ICF Branch 67 President Ron Ferrara and the brother (Salvatore) and sister (Antonette) of ICF Member Michael Federico (Branch 108) and long time member Sam Sadora (Branch 362) who recently passed to their eternal reward.

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

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

On May 19 2014, Br. 67 held our third Polenta Dinner of the year. These dinners are fundraisers to help raise funds our different charities and St. Peter's Church.

May's dinner was for Cooley's Anemia and awareness of Thalassemia. And what better way to educate our guests then to have an expert. Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator gave a presentation regarding the history and positive strides made in combating

this disease. Laurice was informative and inspiring, sharing some of her own struggles and hope for all.

The evening was a success with over 150 attending. We were able to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity, have fun dancing to great music and sharing a meal with our ICF Family. Thank you to Laurice and to all who made this event a success. Our next General Meeting is June 23 (the 4th Monday) at 6 pm. There will be no meeting or dinner in July.

Enjoy your Summer!

Pat Mages

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On June 6 Branch President Michele Silveri presented the ICF Frank Bratta Scholarships to this year's recipients: Holy Family 8th Grade Students Bryan Harrison, Clare Grimes and Christine Grimes. Bryan is going to Loyola and Clare and Christine are going to Flintridge/Sacred Heart. Congratulations!

On June 22, Branch 108 held its annual Branch Bocce Tournament and BBQ on the Children's Field. A short General Meeting was held from 4:00 to 5:00pm after which President Michele Silveri announced the winners of the Bocce Tournament and celebrated the June and July Birthdays and Wed-



Branch 111 Scholarship winner Briana Mercuri with grandparents Salvatore & Giuseppina Sorce and Sandro & Rose Mercuri.



Members of Branch 111 at St. Benedict's Annual Spring Festival.



Branch 111 Scholarship winner Briana Mercuri with parents Robert and Grace Mercuri.

ding Anniversaries. Thank you members and staff for making this last branch meeting before the summer break a successful event.

On Sunday, July 20, the 28th Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ will be hosted by Branch 108 at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

Save The Dates:

July 20, 2014 - 28th Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ hosted by Branch 108 at Villa Sabatella from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

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

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

September 14, 2014 - Mother Cabrini Cha-



Branch 111 April Birthdays, Peter Revilla (new member), Rosemarie Melendrez, Nancy Dolci, and Henry Herrera (new member).



Branch 111 May Birthdays Alfred Viera, Vince Veneziano, and Filomena DiVincenzo.

pel & Library Open House hosted by the LAADC San Gabriel Region. Come visit and learn about the Patroness of the Italian

Catholic Federation & America's first American Saint. ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Meeting will follow from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

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

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President -

ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Happy July to everyone in ICF-Land. Hope everyone had a wonderful Father's day and graduation month. Happy belated Father's day to all. Also, hope everyone had a safe 4th of July 2014.

Can't believe we only have 6 more months of 2014. Lots happening: We extend warm birthday wishes to our May birthdays Vince



Branch 115 attended Fr. Christopher Felix first mass on June 1 at the Guardian Angel Church in Pacoima. Fr. Christopher was ordained on May 31 at the Our Lady of Angeles Cathedral. He was Branch 115 Adopted Seminarian for the past 5 years. Pictured (L/R) Gloria Russo, Nancy Ventimiglia, President Neal Di Leva, Fr. Christopher Felix, Anna Di Leva and Libera Morelli.



San Pedro Branch 115 cancer survivors Neal Di Leva, Geraldine Gioiello and Rosaria Amalfitano participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at the San Pedro High School field on May 17. The various teams raised \$160,000. Branch 115 also donated to this cause.

Veneziano, Filomena Divincenzo, and Alfred Viera. Our June birthdays Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Ed Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi and who celebrate their birthdays this month - Happy Birthday to you as well.

This month we welcome new members Gabriel Macias and Peter Revilla who joined our branch. Glad to have you as part of our family.

Congratulations to Briana Mercuri who is the 2014 winner of the \$400 ICF First year College Scholarship Award. Congratulations, Briana! Best wishes in your journey for higher learning.

Mark your calendars, our Annual branch picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27 at Montebello City Park. We hope to see you there.

This year's Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser will be on Sunday, July 20, 4pm at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. We'd love to see everyone there. This is a great BBQ with unlimited drinks and great raffle prizes - A great event for an even greater cause. We hope you all plan to attend this important fundraiser.

This month's I leave you with a quote from Steve Jobs - "... the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do... Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it." Always Believe.

*Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano*

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

Greetings!

Happy Birthday to this wonderful country of ours! Hope you all enjoyed the festivities of the day!

The month of July will be a very busy time for our branch.

On July 9 the branch will be hosting a day trip to Pala Casino. \$20.00 for members \$23.00 for non members. Please support our fundraising efforts. Call Pauline Iacono at 310-832-0563 for reservations.

Our monthly meeting will be held on July 10 at 7:30pm. At this meeting we will be discussing our upcoming parish fiesta and our 60th anniversary.

On July 17 the branch will be preparing our meatballs and sausages for our annual Parish fiesta. The fiesta will be held on Friday, July 18, Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20. If interested in helping to make meatballs, or helping Neal to set up and tear down or to work in booth during fiesta please call Pauline Iacono at 310-832-0563. I encourage our younger members to come out and experience what the ICF is all about. It is a lot of fun!!

Preparations for our branch's 60th anniversary are underway. On August 16 9am mass in honor of St. John Joseph of the Cross will



Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva presented scholarship certificate to Victoria Vitalich at the Potluck Meeting on May 15. Her parents, sister and grandmother Rosa Vuoso also joined us.



Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva presented scholarship certificate to Mario Zabatta at the Potluck Meeting on May 15. His parents, members Mario and Emily Zabatta also joined us.

be celebrated by Monsignor Sal Pilato. Refreshments to follow in the auditorium. A delicious buffet dinner will be held that evening at the Top of The Market Restaurant. A good time will be had by all as we are entertained by a strolling musician and relive all the accomplishments this branch has achieved over the past 60 years. Please call Neal Dileva for dinner reservations. \$50.00 per ticket. (310) 433 1044.

I would like to thank all the members of

branch 115 that turned out and donated to San Pedro Relay for Life's American Cancer Fundraiser held on May 17 and 18th. With your help San Pedro raised \$160,000. I pray that one day we will have a cure for cancer.

Happy 100th Birthday to our longtime and oldest member of the Branch, Florence Collins. She reached that milestone on May 28. Congratulation Florence!

Our next officers meeting will be held on July 27th at 7:30 pm after the Italian Mass.

Members of Branch 326 at a recent Pancake Breakfast.





(Above) Branch 362 President Charlene Drobeck along with Charity Award Recipients. Eight scholarships and numerous charity donations were presented this year totaling \$11,925. Thank you Br. 362 members for making this possible!

(Below) Sr. Kathleen and Chaplain Fr. John Higgins with scholarship recipients from Branch 362 Downey. Missing is CC recipient Trevor Basse.



Next General meeting will be held on August 7 at 7:30pm.

Triduum will be held on Aug. 14th, 15th and 16th.

Hope to see you all then

Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer

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 27, 2014 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu will be sausage and peppers, salad and dessert.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Thank you to all of the members who



On May 18 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, the Catholic Committee On Scouting presented 129 Boy Scouts the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem. These Scouts worked hard this past year under the guidance of their Scout Leaders to grow and learn more about their Faith. Among the Scouts were....Roberto E. Castillo-Davidson (St John Vianney), Patrick M. Roemer (Alter Server..St Denis), Steven Joaquin Ancona (St. Paul the Apostle), Ivan Jose Castillo-Davidson (St. John Vianney). They were guided by their Awesome Scout Leaders..Martin Cardenas and Ana M. Garza (both are members if the St. Denis Family.



Branch 380 scholarship recipients: Left photo - Dominic Conti with mother Gina; Middle photo - Patrick Scott with parents Pat and Annie Scott and branch president Greg Coricello; Right photo - Kierstyn Spinelli

worked the event and those who supported us.

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

Happy July Birthday to: Ray Massaro, Frances Bonura, Peter Costa, Anne Dandrea, Mary Girillo, Mae Rosenkranz, and Pat Brisco

Happy Anniversary to: Josie and Anthony Basile (60 Years), Pete and Rose Costa (62 Years), and Cal and Val Magro (37 Years). Congratulations!

"In times of trouble, Sorrow and care, Be still and listen, Know that He's there, To comfort and give you, The strength that you need, Whatever the problem, Your prayers, He will heed, Protecting and guiding, Each soul in its plight, In the dark hours, He is the light."

(Colette Fedor)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

San Gabriel Valley Region

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

July 20 – ICF Cooley's Amenia Annual Fundraiser Barbeque Steak Dinner hosted by Holy Family Branch 108 South Pasadena, \$25 per person

August 16 – St. Denis Taste of Diamond Bar

August 18 – St Denis Board Meeting

August 29 to September 1, 2014 Convention in Oakland, CA . Honoring the past as we Envision our Future.

Please note there will be no Dinner/at the General meetings in July and August. August 18 is the Board meeting only.

We shell enjoy the summer after all our successful fund raisers in April and the past year to date. We thank our wonderful chairpersons Toni Werley, Laura Giello, Pat Lasko and Bea Yary.

For their exceptional efforts and dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation St Denis Branch 317.

We also express our appreciation to all our members for their continued support and presence at all our meetings and the many functions. It cannot happen without all of you. Grazie!

God Bless and enjoy the summer.,

Roxanne Perry

President

Burbank

Santa Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Hope you are enjoying your summer with new friends and experiences, July 19- regular meeting at noon in Cabrini Hall,very important.

Ciao,

Joy

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

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

We awarded out annual scholarships.

We hope to everyone at our next meeting.

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

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Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

We hope your summer has been going swimmingly. In case you missed the Mother's Day Dinner Dance on May 9, it was a great success. The food was delicious and there was lots of dancing to the swinging music of the Danceland Band. Thanks to all those who helped make this another successful event.

There are even more fun and interesting events coming up.

August 2 is the Italian Heritage Day San Jose Giants Game. Come watch good baseball where the ticket cost is low, the concession food is tasty, and those SJ Giants are super!

August 3 is the District Bar-B-Que in Chualar at the JR Ranch. This is always a fun day and the setting is beautiful.

August 24 is the Branch 21 Summer Picnic and Ice Cream Social. Stay cool and relax in the company of other members at Holy Cross Hall.

August 29- September 1 is the annual ICF Convention to be held in Oakland. That's not far away, so we encourage branch members to take a day trip and see what ICF is working to accomplish. For more information about any of these activities, call or email Roseann.

It's not too early to think about the Italian Festival in Reno on October 10-12th, 2014. Monterey Branch has planned a bus trip to this fun and festive weekend and those interested in going please contact Roseann. This is a great way to get your Italiano fix. I bet every one of you has a friend who attends this annual event, so, this year, why don't you go, too?

We hope to see you at our next general meeting on August 5 at the Holy Cross Hall. This will be a pot luck supper, so bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Also, enjoy the photos included in this issue from some of Branch 21's past events.

In closing, we thank God for our many blessings; when one thinks about it, there are many.

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Our contingent attending the 90th Gala Anniversary on June 22 grew to seven as Ralph and Joanne Cristofano, and Thelma and Roy Frontani joined President Julie Richards,

Rita Dominy, Marti Hayes.

A correction to last month's input: Elizabeth Abluton received a \$400 scholarship from our Branch. It would be hard to find anyone more qualified. Elizabeth has been very active in numerous school, community and charitable activities, played Varsity Field Hockey for three years, all the while maintaining a 4.265 GPA. She was in the National Honor Society her four years of High School. We wish her all the best of luck in her continuing education.

We were sad to hear that Olga Mazgai fell and injured herself recently, while on her way to our meeting. A speedy recover to her and hope she can join us again soon. Our last meeting was special as Emil Mirandette was able to attend for the first time in many months. We have missed Emil's counsel and hope that we will see he and Lorraine at future meetings.

We encourage all members, and those interested in joining ICF, to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the KofC Hall 270 Rianda Circle Salinas. Bring a food item to share for lunch at noon; meeting to follow.

Important Dates:

August 3, 2014 - District Picnic and Branch Meeting at J&M Ranch.

November 5 - Polenta Luncheon Fundraiser at Sacred Heart, Salinas; Prep on Nov. 4.

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Can you believe I forgot to wish our wonderful fathers a happy fathers day!

I hope you had a great day surrounded by family. I will do better next year.

Before I forget, have a safe Independence Day, pray for our troops.

We had a delicious dinner-meeting in June prepared by J. P. Curatolo and his fabulous kitchen crew. Of course, all of our other volunteers were there, waitresses, student helpers (we love them, they are a great asset), bartenders, ticket sales (dinners & bar), and to all who help clean up. The highlight of the evening was when President Liz presented our mystery honoree for the month, (in this case it is honorees), Peter and Clara Leece. Besides the gift of their family being there, they received a gift certificate, beautiful roses, and a certificate of appreciation. They are very deserving dedicated volunteers and have served on the Board.

85 and over birthday party this month, July



Branch 227 Scholarship winner Krista Schaarschmidt with grandparents Barbara and Carl Schaarschmidt and Dad Kurt.

10. Each 85 and over member has received their invitation in the mail with all information on it, time and menu.

We have 38 men, 57 women, a total of 95 members who are 85 and over, of those 95 we have 15 married couples. The fact that we can do this party for them is heart warming, they have such a good time, and they are the glue that has held us together all these years.

Our deepest sympathy to Sal and Angie Cardinale on the death of their beautiful daughter, AnnaMarie Cardinale Sheriff, and to the Louis Rodriguez family on the death of their father. Lou was present and working at every event and always smiling. They are at peace with our Father.

Time is like a river, you cannot touch the water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Life is the same as the river.

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

After lots of visiting, the Members enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner at our last meeting.

President, Sarah Jane Amoroso, was elected to be the delegate to the ICF Convention over Labor Day Weekend in Oakland. She encouraged the Members to attend this fun and informative event. If you have not been to a Mass at the convention before, it is an event not to be missed. ICF Members

participate fully in the Mass, and the response songs are almost thunderous. It is an uplifting and inspiring Mass, and we usually have a couple of Bishops and a number of Priests to concelebrate. Come if you are able.

Sarah Jane will be attending the Gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation starting with the Mass at Immaculate Conception in San Francisco on June 22, ending with the banquet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.

Sarah Jane attended the May 31st Central Coast District Meeting in Hollister. Julie Richards handled the meeting like a Pro, and she has decided to run for Central Council again this year. Congratulations, Julie and Good Luck! After the meeting and before the luncheon, Past Grand President and Central Council member Bob Aquistapace presented a workshop on finances and with his vast institutional and historical knowledge of the ICF, he put out a lot of great information and received a lot of interested questions from meeting attendees. Branch 26 then put on an excellent "Picnic Meal" beginning with hamburger sandwiches, or, as Sarah Jane called them in her childhood, "Amoroso Specials," with all the fixings you want to add!

The Members were asked to pray for all the Members who are ill, especially Virginia SanPaolo and Branch Deputy, Vinnie Patalano.

Our next meetings are July 18 and August 15.

Enjoy your 4th of July Holiday. God Bless.

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary



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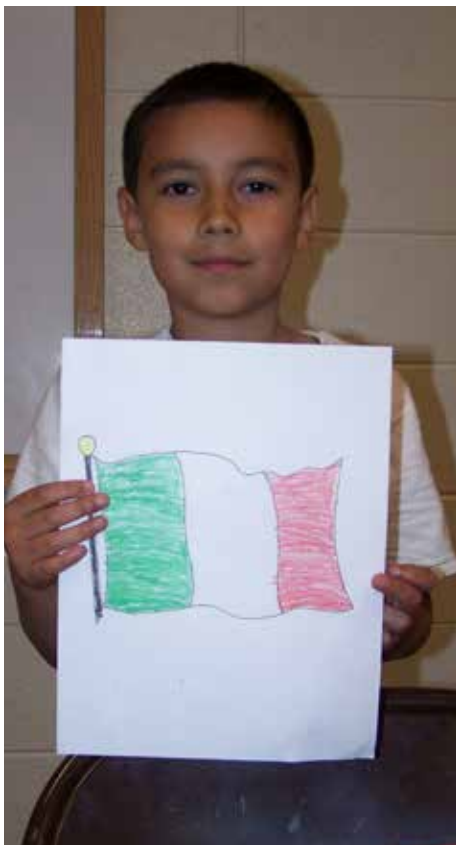
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Branch 250, Clovis - Our youngest member, Vincent Rodriguez, colored the Italian flag and helped with the heritage portion of our meeting in May.

Sarah Jane Amoroso, President

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

The 21st Annual Barbecue is July 26 at DeLaveaga Park starting at 11:00am. Our wonderful cooks will be serving New York steak or chicken with all the extras. Call Dolores McCartney at 475-4407 or Mary Montanye at 465-0293 before July 23 to make your reservation. Cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for guests. Bob Montanye has spearheaded this event for six years and we appreciate his hard work. Remember to bring your tableware and a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry.

Perlino scholarships were awarded at our June meeting to Drew Armanino, Nicholas Calciano, James Schaarschmidt, Krista Schaarschmidt, Kevin Shay, Christina Iverson, Lincoln Korver, Nathan Lomazzi, Kevin Waldvogel, and Stephanie Laverone. Congratulations to all. Krista entertained us with several vocal selections. Thanks go to Helen Bonnel and her crew for preparing Helen's special chicken dinner.

Welcome to new members Angelo and Rita DeBernardo, Eddie and Mari Torres, Gayle Wagner, Carol Haag, Elizabeth Cass, as well as Madeline Sussman, a returning member, and Jan Hoy, a transfer from the Los Gatos Branch 184.

Our branch is proud to have a table of ten at the June 22 Anniversary Gala.

Delegates have been selected for the convention in Oakland. They are Dan Casagrande, Vicki Howell, and Ken Reaves. Our President, Franklyn Lopes, will be once again running for Central Council. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets back to Treasurer Marie Mungai.

Prayers are requested for Ida Lomazzi, who is at home recuperating from heart surgery.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

June was membership appreciation month and our President, Pete Gallagher, and his wonderful wife Abby, hosted a delicious Tri Tip barbeque for all our members—free of charge! In addition, we invited our First Year Scholarship recipients, Sarah Castellino and Toby Tonascia, and their families to join us for dinner so we could present them with their certificates and meet these outstanding graduating seniors!

We would like to recognize and thank Trish Jimenez for her service to our Branch as Financial Secretary. Trish retired from her position as of May 31, 2014. We will miss her dedication to our Branch and her commitment to the ICF Family. Trish will continue to support our Branch as she is remaining on our Membership Committee

Please continue to keep in prayer Sr. Carol Carter, Joe Franco, Annette Grimaud, Stevie Hall, Floralee Harris, Jan Hilton, Trish Jimenez, Jean & Emil Minicucci, Joe Slavin, Sonia & Jens Wagner. Also, please keep the McNeill family in your thoughts and prayers as Patrick recently lost his father. And continue to pray for all other ICF members who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

The month of May was quite busy for us. The annual BBQ meeting took place at my home with David cooking sausage and hot dogs. Members contributed delicious side dishes, and we were treated to beautiful songs by Father Roberto.

The bake sale was very successful with many pastries and Italian goodies from members. Thank you and parishioners for your time and donations to the Cooleys' Anemia Fund.

May 31st several of us went to Hollister for their district meeting. President Julie Richards discussed current and future plans for their clubs. She reminded us that the next district meeting will be held at her J&M Ranch on August 3rd- always a special day. We commend the Hollister ladies who provided a large assortment of tasty appetizers, hamburgers, salad, beans and ice cream sandwiches. Thanks for a great day!

A financial workshop was conducted by Robert Acquistapace. He spoke on hospitalization plans and how our branches may improve and increase membership and dues. He stressed that our parish priest is the most important person in contributing to the success of our clubs. So true! With Fr. Roberto's help, we have been able to complete major improvements in all areas of our endeavors. He also discussed, "Where will the ICF be three years from today?" Changes will be coming, and we will be anxious to participate.

To quote Rosalynn Carter, "Do what you can to show you care about other people and you will make our world a better place".

Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary.

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

It is still a busy month for the district. The Gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of the ICF is our biggest event at this time. Thanks to the hard work of Chairperson of the Ways



East Bay District scholarship winner Jacob Campbell with District President Pat Pasquinelli and his parents.

and Means Committee, Lisa Crudo, and Ways and Means member, Dante Galeazzi, the Gala was a sold out affair. Hopefully this will result in a large donation to the Providence Seminary Scholarship Fund. Way to go!

We were pleased to present the district first year high school scholarship to Jacob Campbell of Granada High School, Livermore, at our last meeting. He plans to attend the University of the Pacific and study mechanical engineering. Hopefully he will reapply for future scholarships.

In the mean time we need to keep selling those raffle tickets for the convention. There are still openings for volunteers at the hospitality and novelty booths.

Two dates to keep in mind for fun and relaxation, the district picnic will be September 20 and the district Christmas party will be December 6.

Let us thank God that we live where we do today and are able to celebrate our Independence on July 4th.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Della Grazia, Br. 10

Branch 10 members joined more than 400 other moviegoers for the showing of "Mary of Nazareth" on Sunday, June 8 in the Alameda Historic Theatre. Member Sheila Doan was instrumental in selling tickets for the event, which was also intended as a fundraiser for Saint Philip Neri/Saint Albert the Great Parish of Alameda. The motion picture was introduced by our pastor, Father Joy Kumarthusseril, mf, who was recovering from back surgery performed in early May.

We look forward to welcoming visitors for the annual Branch 10 bocce and barbeque on Sunday, July 27 at Lincoln Park in Alameda. Bocce will be played on reserved courts from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and the steak barbeque will follow. Bocce players are asked to arrive by the 1:00 starting time. Lincoln Park is located at the intersection of High Street and Santa Clara Avenue, two blocks from Saint Philip Neri Church. We trust that early arrivals will be able to park in the park's lot, which is accessible from Fernside Boulevard on the east. Street parking will be available on Fernside Boulevard and on High Street. Information regarding additional menu items, prices and reservations can be obtained through branch president Dave Rose, buncle@earthlink.net or (510) 522-6004.

We are looking forward to participating in the August 28-September 1 ICF Convention being held in adjacent Oakland. Four of our



members will serve as docents for the Friday, August 29 tour of Oakland's new Cathedral of Christ the Light. A free shuttle bus will leave Broadway and Ninth Street at 10:03 a.m. Guests will be escorted from the intersection of Broadway--Grand Avenue to the Cathedral and then back for the 11:57 return trip to the convention center.

Our other assignments at the convention will include assisting with Masses and the Friday night banquet, providing supplies for Friday afternoon Bingo and operating the information booth and the souvenir table. We are also bringing hors d'oeuvres for the Friday evening banquet and cookies for the reception following Mass on Sunday, August 31.

We hope to enjoy the company of lots of out-of-towners at our July 27 barbeque, and we will see you all for the convention!

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy 4th of July. Raffle tickets have been mailed. Drawing will be August 31 at the Convention. Mail your ticket stubbs (filled out) with your check by the end of July. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have questions or want more information regarding the convention contact Anna Alberti, 562-1179. Our 82nd Anniversary Dinner will be held Sunday August 10th at the Fratellanza Club. No host cocktails 4:30pm, dinner 5:30pm. Cost is \$30.00. A flier is in the mail.

Upcoming:

July No meeting

August 7 -- monthly meeting

August 10 -- Branch 40 Anniversary Dinner

August 28-31 -- ICF Convention

September 4 -- monthly meeting 7pm

Happy birthday to Darrel Andrada, Lawrence Francis, Vito Muscardin and Betty Young. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing members of our branch.

Thought: "The measure of our Holiness is not the perfection of our personality and the avoidance of all faults, But the extent of our Love." Fr. Joseph, S.M.

Ciao,

M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Fremont

St. Francis, Br. 215

President Fran had a pleasant surprise when she spoke to Beth Siegel, mother of Kyle Siegel, Br. 215's 2014 scholarship winner. It turns out that Kyle is the grandson of Sam and Shirley Cesare, two of Br. 215's long-time members. Kyle's older sister Amanda was our scholarship winner about 5 years ago and she qualified for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th scholarships, too. Sam is a retired school teacher. It definitely sounds like the apple didn't fall too far from the master tree. Kyle has a twin sister and she also is an ICF 1st Year Scholarship winner in 2014. Kyle and his parents will join us at our 8/12/2014 meeting.

There will be no branch meeting in July per usual, but that doesn't mean we won't be busy. July will be our time to create our two raffle baskets for the Thursday Night Welcome Dinner on 8/28/2014. We will all need to contact our local merchants for donations in kind and/or gift certificates.

For those wonderful members that volunteered to bake cookies, July will be the time to select your favorite cookie recipes. Your cookies can be given to President Fran or brought directly to the Marriott Hotel beginning Wednesday, 8/27/2014 up to Sunday, 8/31/2014. Your cookies should be covered with plastic wrap and placed on strong paper plates like Chinette.

Following the Convention over Labor Day Weekend, there will be the annual District Picnic at Deanna and Al DeNurra's home in Pleasant Hill, CA on 9/20/2014. Flyers will be distributed in the near future with more details.

Be sure to mark 9/25/2014 on your calendars. That is the date of our Fall Bingo/Salad Luncheon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 40382 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538. Chairperson Carolyn Navarra will once again need our help planning and hosting this important fundraiser. Flyers and tickets will be distributed soon.

Don't forget our next date for bocce ball is Sunday, 7/27/2014. Be at City Beach Sports Center on AutoPark Mall Road by 2:30 p.m. We play two games and then grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant. Contact Jack Navarra no later than 7/20/2014 if you plan on coming. His phone number is 656-0258.

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during July, congratulations! If you will be traveling whether by car, train

or airplane, may you have a safe and joyful experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran LaTorre

Oakland

St. Theresa, Br. 223

Branch 223 is so fortunate to have an I.C.F. Scholarship recipient who keeps us up to date on her classes at Gonzaga University. Her name is Nicole Ratto. Of all the classes she has taken so far, the Italian 300 Level Class is her favorite. Next semester, she plans to apply for the Gonzaga Study Abroad in Florence, Italy; a trip she hopes to make in the fall of her junior year. Sempre Avanti Nicole and Mille Grazie for keeping us informed.

On June 5, our branch lost another member, Rena Repetto. When our branch started the Bake Sales, she was one of our wonderful bakers. Our condolences to all in her family, especially Linda and Bill. Her funeral Mass was held at St Theresa Church on June 10. May she Rest in Peace.

Our sincere condolences to our member Peter Nuti and his family on the passing of his father, Caesar Nuti. His services were held in May at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. May he Rest in Peace.

We look forward to the annual I.C.F. Convention, which will take place in Oakland this year. We are very proud to be a part of the Convention

Our prayers and wishes for good health to our members who are ailing, especially to our sentinel, Nello Rossi.

Happy Fourth of July and have a wonderful summer.

Yoli Moglia

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Even though this is the month that we do not have a meeting, there was still a lot happening. On June 6, president Karen Rossi presented Jacob Wahbeh, of the 8th grade graduating class of Our Lady of Grace, with a scholarship to help continue his Catholic education. Melody Klever is still encouraging all to sell those raffle tickets. And we can be pleased at the large turn out our branch made for the 90th anniversary gala.

Hopefully there is time for a little fun before the convention as we celebrate Italian Heritage at the A's game on August 1.

Don't forget to get those secret family recipes out and begin baking cookies for dessert for the Sunday night dinner at the convention.

Have a safe and sane 4th of July and thank



Branch 343 President Karen Rossi with branch scholarship winner.

God that we are able to have this day to celebrate.

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Summer is here! Many members are on trips, visiting new places or enjoying family and friends. For those who are here, we have some fun activities scheduled!

Thursday, July 31, is our annual "Bocce and Lunch." Games begin at 10am at the Pleasanton Senior Center courts, followed by lunch at Gay 90's Pizza, at 12pm. This event is lots of fun and well attended. If you don't play bocce, come, learn and enjoy! Call Don Merucci, 925-846-8436, for information and reservations.

To swim or not to swim? That is the question! Our August meeting and barbecue will be Sunday, August 17 at 3pm, at the Pleasanton Valley Swim Club. Bring your gear for a relaxing afternoon by (or in) the pool. Please bring meat to cook for yourself plus a pot luck item to share (hors d'oeuvre, salad, beans, dessert, etc.) BYOB. Carolyn Cardinali is taking reservations at 925-846-0440.

The Oakland A's Italian Heritage Night is Friday, August 1st. Italian food will be served before the game, which starts at 6:35pm. We have infield seating and each person receives an A's Italian Heritage item. Come early and stay for the post game fireworks! It's a great way to enjoy the sport "e stare in buona compagnia!" Call Carolyn at 925-846-0440, for price and reservations.

We have 10 birthdays in July: Pat Bellavia, Joe Buonsante, Carolyn Cardinali, Kathy Elm, Anita Gandolfo, Melva Gracia, Mike Machi, Carol Perry, Donna Savino, and Diane Tiessen. Buon Compleanno!

Ciao,

Mary Merucci

Contra Costa

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Congrats to the scholarship recipients, all high achievers who deserve praise and recognition. Branch 14 scholarships went to Haley Cappa, Clayton Valley H.S., Bianca Pavone, California H.S., and Gina Quinian of Carondelet H.S. In memory of John Re-



David Botta, Laurice Levine, Cooley's Anemia outreach coordinator, and Donna Hoffmann from Branch 14 Crockett. Laurice visited the branch and had some of our famous enchilada's for dinner.



Branch 13 members celebrate the graduation of Branch 13 Orator, Mina Pospishek.



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Branch 14, Crockett welcomes Chuck Canepa, Paul and Carmila Pastori and Davin Rorke as new members to their branch.

galia, a scholarship was awarded to Isabella Colarusso, Carondlet, and Steven Anselmo Wilson was awarded the Donald DeTomaschi scholarship.

Welcome to new members Chuck Canepa and to Paul and Carmella Pastori. So glad to have you!

Our condolences to Lisa Dent and her family on the recent death of her father. Wishes for improving health to members Blanche Burnett, Elma Carone, Rich Haisley, Paul Marzi, Joseph Molinaro, Kathleen Thomas and previous Branch President Chris Valentini.

On July 8 we will celebrate our Branch's 87th Anniversary. A barbecue will be prepared by our own chef, Johnny V. Cost is only \$8. for tri tips at their finest. There will be neither a mass nor a meeting, just dinner at 6:30, followed by a Casino Night. And the Casino Night, my friends, is free! It's Western Night, so wear those cowboy clothes, but leave your horse at the hitching post, please.

As usual, there is no meeting in August, but there will be a Branch Picnic at the DeTomaschi Home on August 23, beginning at 2:00. Please let Donna (799-2336) or Pat (787-1313) know if you plan to attend.

I must mention two important happenings. During the 2013-14 fiscal year, our branch donated over \$25,000! Lots of hard work, but just look at what we, together, have accomplished! Next, a fond farewell to Nancy Botta as she leaves for a year to teach in China. So proud of you, Nancy; you will definitely be missed!

So... School is over, graduations have been celebrated, vacations are planned, and it's time to welcome those long, hazy days of summer. May this summer be a happy, healthy, relaxing time for all.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

We have been notified that our scholarship recipient this year is Miss Christina Orland. We look forward to meeting her soon.

At our June meeting we had a free raffle in honor of Membership Appreciation. Everyone enjoyed lunch as well.

On June 1 our branch had a membership table at the Good Shepherd parish festival. We would like to thank Roselynn for bringing



Congratulations to Haley Cappa, graduate from Clayton Valley H.S. and Gina Quinlan, graduate from Carondelet H.S. They both received scholarships from Branch 14 Crockett.

and setting up the display.

Upcoming

No branch meeting in July.

Wednesday July 9 – Turnaround bus trip to Thunder Valley Casino. Depart from Good Shepherd Parking Lot at 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg at 8:30am. Depart Thunder Valley for return to Pittsburg at 3:30pm. \$40.00 per person. For reservations call Joann at 925-625-0863.

Sunday, August 10 – Branch Sauce-Luck at 2pm followed by meeting. Bring a sauce to share. Branch will supply the pasta, salad and bread.

Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 – ICF convention in Oakland.

TBA - Branch picnic – Reminders will be mailed with details.

Please pray for Joann Thilgen. She was in an automobile accident. She will be alright, but has been in a lot of pain and not able to do much. If you know of any other sick members call Patty. She will send a card on behalf of the branch.

Please remember to mail or turn in your convention raffle tickets before Aug 1. The branch retains \$10.00 off the sale of each book sold.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

Sempre Avanti,

Helen Politakes

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The May meeting opened with a Mass said by Father Al. It was a special mass to honor Mother's and Father's Day. Father Al said the mass in both English and Italian.

Mass was followed with a tasty potluck dinner.

Our branch has had a very good response to the sale of raffle tickets for the convention. Please return your ticket stubs to Terry Ventin, if you haven't done so already.

The recipients were chosen for our scholarships and will be attending the June 09 Meeting along with their parents. The menu is raviolis and salad.

There will be no meeting in July! Vacation!! However, don't forget the July 28 bus trip. Call Joe Meneghelli, for reservations.

August 11, 2014, is the next meeting. Hamburgers and Salad will be served, please reserve with Walter.

Don't forget the convention! August 29-September 1, 2014, to be held in Oakland.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord

St. Agnes, Br. 214

St. Bonaventure, St. Francis of Assisi and Queen of All Saints

Our Branch held a Wine Event at Viano Winery in Martinez. We had a wonderful turnout even though the weather made triple digits. We welcome our newest members: Janine Judge and Marian Armstrong. Congratulations go to: Nicholas Perry our scholarship recipient, his mom Veronica is a member, so this is exciting for all of us.

Members don't forget a "free" BBQ at Roerta's house on August 2nd. We are still selling "Raffle tickets" for Money Prizes!! - Drawing held at the Convention. Call Barbara for more tickets. Our prayers for our sick and elderly. We Thank Our Lord for his Goodness and Blessings Daily.

Ciao,

Christina, Correspondence secretary

Danville

St. Isidore, Br. 352

Our Branch held a recruitment day after all the Masses at St. Isidore's on June 21 & 22 in an effort to publicize the ICF and obtain new members. I'll let you know the results in the August issue.

We are having, by popular demand, another Champagne Bingo fundraiser on Saturday August 2 right after the 4:00pm. Mass. Please make plans to attend this event, it will be a lot of fun.

The Annual Convention is just around the corner. Our branch is sending one delegate as required.

We did not have a regular dinner meeting in July but will have one on August 18, hopefully we will have the pleasure of your company.

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

For those of you who have been unable to attend our meetings, please know that you are missed, we enjoy your company. Try to make it next time and bring a friend or relative. WE NEED YOU.

October will be here before we know it, and it will be time to nominate the branch officers for 2,015. Please consider becoming an

officer, it's a worthwhile endeavor.

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

Let's continue praying for all our members who have passed away. Pray for them and pray to them.

In closing: A smile is like a mirror, it reflects back at you.

Joseph

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

This month we are celebrating our Scholarship Recipients for 2014.

Branch 432 will be doing that at a special dinner on June 30.

We will be doing something a little different this year and holding a joint celebration with the Knights of Columbus of our parish to honor their recipients as well.

The following students who have received scholarships from the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 432 are as follows:

Victoria Barce

Jaime Velasco

Megan Galban

They have each received a \$1,000.00 1st year scholarship award. Emily Lilly and Sirena Burgueno each received a \$400.00 scholarship award for 2014. Also, Chris and Virginia Bottino have sponsored Megan Bruno with a \$400.00 scholarship award.

They are all very worthy recipients and we congratulate them all.

Planning is in full swing for our upcoming Festa d'Italia/Car Show to take place the end of September. More details will follow in the upcoming issue.

Until next month, God Willing!!

Ciao,

Phyllis Lilly

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

Our new branch had a great showing in our first year running the popular salami toss booth at the Parish Festival. We had long lines and exhausted our supply of salamis all three days (next year we plan to stock up with even more!). Special thanks to Linda Del Vigna and Judi Dallari for organizing and coordinating signups for the booth, and tying up all the loose ends, and to all the members who volunteered over the weekend. Needless to say, parish organizers were thrilled with our showing.

Our branch welcomed summer with an ice cream social on June 8. Be sure to join us for our next branch meeting on Aug. 3 from 2 to 5pm in the Parish Hall. Watch for more information via evite and email. Please note the schedule for our other branch meetings over the next several months:

Sept. 7: 2 to 5pm

Oct. 5: 3 to 5pm

Nov. 2: 2 to 5pm

Dec. 7: 2:30 to 5pm

Jan. 4: 2 to 5pm

Feb. 8: 2:35 to 5pm

March 1: 2:35pm to 5pm

We continue to work on plans for our first fundraising dinner in September, and are looking for volunteers and committee chairpersons to lead the effort. Please email us at icfpleasanthill@aol.com if you are interested in helping out.



Branch 442 Pleasant Hill sponsored the salami toss booth at the Christ the King Festival. Together, members raised \$13,000 for the parish.

Do you have ideas about what kinds of activities and events you would like to see the branch organize over the next year, or ideas for branch meetings? Feel free to email us your suggestions. We also will be sending out a survey in coming months to solicit your feedback.

We wish all our members a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Ciao!

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St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Ciao Amici,

Our May meeting was started with a wonderful Mexican dinner provided by Lupe, Hermi and Sylvia.

The following afternoon a ladies tea luncheon was held on Saturday, May 31 at Maureen Melvold's home. The china was set; teapots filled with hot water; assorted nibbles on platters; a beautiful afternoon-the perfect setting for a tea luncheon. The tea was a wonderful social gathering for the ladies of Branch 423. Various finger sandwiches, scones, salad, and other nibbles were served, along with teas of your choice. Dessert was also served. Maureen's daughter Cheryl assisted with the festivities. Thank you Maureen for organizing the tea and hosting a lovely afternoon.

We will host a sausage/meatball sale after all masses on the weekend of June 28-29.

The annual branch picnic will be held on July 20. A new location is being sought and will be announced at the next meeting.

The Jordan's will host a summer dinner for members of Branch 423 on August 23 at 12:00pm. More details at the next meeting.

Fino al prossimo mese.

Miranda

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

On a very warm Sunday evening of June 8th, over 30 members and guests enjoyed a delightful potluck dinner where the Branch furnished roasted chicken and dessert, with attending members providing their favorite dishes for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks to all for such a delightful and festive occasion. .

Before the meeting an extensive sick report was provided asking the members to lift up the following people to The Lord's healing touch: a) Father Mike Mahone is continuing to recover from heart surgery; b) Joe Saiz had shoulder surgery recently, with no report yet on his progress; c) Ella Marini (Capurro's granddaughter) is in her third week of an eight week therapy program – she is eating well and she is also talking; and d) Eugenia Hovland's grandson is still in a coma, but is receiving physical therapy at a rehabilitation facility.

Meeting items included: a) a vote for Convention Delegates Vonnice Ramos and Charlyne Pacini to attend this year's convention, gratis the Branch for registration fees, hotel fees and travel expenses; b) a progress report from the Polenta Dinner



Blessed Sacramento District President Tina Tallman with scholarship recipient Elizabeth Rose Lathrop. Elizabeth and her mother Mary were in attendance at our district meeting on June 8, 2014.

committee that Father Chuck Durante is confirmed to entertain the folks this year; and, c) a Heritage report from Vonnice Ramos on San Pietro e San Paolo (Saints Peter and Paul) Patron Saints of Rome, whose feast day is June 29th.

As is our usual practice, the branch will have no further meetings during the summer. Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Idlewild Park at 12 noon on Sunday, September 21st, 2014. Happy Father's Day and have a good summer everyone.

Submitted by,

Tony DiGuglielmo

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Hello to all from Branch 45!

Hope you are staying cool now that summer is here and we reached our first 100 degree days last month. It was 104 degrees on the day of our last Chicken & Polenta Dinner, yet Giovanni Hall was pleasant and cool and we enjoyed the always excellent dinner in comfort! We offer congratulations to Clarissa James who was presented with the first year scholarship that evening; Clarissa, a branch member, was also the recipient of the 8th grade scholarship four years ago.

We invite everyone to our "Monte Carlo Games and Pasta Dinner Night" on Sunday, July 13, at 4:00PM in Giovanni Hall. For the gamblers, "CASINO 45" will feature a variety of games, Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Bingo, Bunco and Roulette with a cache of valuable prizes for the winners.

The games will be followed by a delicious dinner of two types of pasta, salad, bread and dessert. The cost is \$20.00 for the FUN and the FOOD. Please make your reservation by July 7th; call Janine at 916-714-6967.

Attending this year's convention in Oakland will be branch president, Janine Orsi and vice president, Tina Tallman with secretary Bonnie Lally as an alternate. Don't forget to return your convention raffle tickets; great prizes for the winners as well as the sellers.

Buon Compleanno to members Albert Lovotti, Marie Leonard, Livia Hamrah, Sheryl Cecchetti, Antonette Bonanno and Mary La Tona who are celebrating their birthdays in July.

On the horizon: August 3, District Meeting hosted by Branch 45; September 14 and November 9, Chicken and Polenta dinner with meetings at 4:30PM and dinner served at 6PM; October 26,

Bishop's Day. More news to come!

Happy Fourth of July!

Ciao!

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

The angel of death visited Branch 73 twice in April. On the 22nd, Connie Mirtoni, our oldest member, died at 98; she had joined the branch in 1971. Nine days earlier, William Keller died. Bill was a member of Branch 236, but had been Deputy to Branch 73 for several years. We extend our condolences to the families of Connie and Bill. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eos. Requiescant in pace.

The afternoon of 8 June, some 25 members and friends attended a dinner at Strings Restaurant in Roseville. A special guest was Rosemarie Di Pinuto, who was awarded the first year scholarship donated by Branch 73. A recent graduate of Woodcreek High School, Rosemarie will attend UCLA in the fall, majoring in biology; this major may lead to a medical career. Rosemarie attended the dinner with her parents.

Members are reminded to return the convention raffle tickets by 1 August. We are also reminded to pray for the speed recovery of Bruno Novi who recently underwent two interventions due to heart problems, and Terri Terrio, whose convalescence continues.

The next meeting of Branch 73 will be at 7:00 in the Convent on 19 August. Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di luglio. E buon compleanno agli Stati Uniti il 4 luglio.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our annual Appreciation Dinner such a big success. At this event, we were able to honor members Trish Putkey and Gary Alecia for their service to the branch. We were also able to honor our four scholarship award winners. Our eighth grade scholarship win-

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Branch 428 members and friends had a great time on the Bocce courts.

George and Lacey cooked up a delicious feast for one and all!

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

On June 20, Branch 438 celebrated our third anniversary! All members enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner catered by Original Pete's in Roseville. Board members had decided that this should be a fun and relaxing evening for everyone, especially for our members who volunteer to cook at many of the meetings. We've accomplished so very much in three short years and look forward to many more years together!

Branch 438 will continue to be busy and have fun this month, as we are in the midst of planning a special "Date Night" to be held July 26th. We are hoping for much success, as we present "Tommy Ventanas Sings Sinatra's Greatest Hits"! It should be a fun-filled evening with great food, as well as live entertainment and dancing in St. Clare's Morris Center.

Our scholarship winner this year is John Hynes. He just recently graduated from Oakmont High School in Roseville and will be attending Santa Clara University in the fall. His grandparents, Gene and Betty Nunziati, are members of the branch and he is the second Nunziati grandchild to win an ICF scholarship in the past three years. There are no Nunziati grandchildren graduating next year, but we understand there is one in the wings for 2016.

Our Membership Drive will be held on the weekend of September 6th and 7th. It is being spearheaded by 2nd Vice President Angela Sullivan and Trustee Pat Brown. We expect this membership drive to be a great success.

We will take our summer break from meetings and fundraisers in August this year. President, David Brill, and First Vice President, Joe Fisher, will be attending the ICF Convention in Oakland this year. We'll look forward to hearing their report on ICF Convention news at our September meeting. *Ciao!*

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Well because of a conflict of scheduling due to Mother's Day, we didn't have a meeting in May. We did have a meeting this Month. Our assistant priest, Father Fernando, came

over after the 12 o'clock Mass and enjoyed a meal after blessing our dinner. As usual there was a good selection of food and Nan Judge provided homemade bread, decorations and token gifts to celebrate Father's Day. At the meeting, Mauro, our president, read a thank you letter from the Scholarship Committee acknowledging our award to an Aquinas High School Student. He encouraged members to buy and sell the raffle tickets for this year's convention. Mauro, as President, will be one of our delegates and Pat Grisafe will be the second one. I will be the alternate. We voted to buy a full page in the Convention Booklet and Pat Grisafe, our Treasurer, took the names and donations for the Memory Page and Sponsor Page.

Our Branch Deputy, John Guerin, attended our meeting and sang Happy Birthday to Angie Teal and Nan Judge, who celebrate their Birthdays this Month. We will not have formal meetings in July and August, but will get together for a barbeque in July and make plans for August.

Be sure to join us for hot dogs and hamburgers at the July 13 meeting. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Bishop's Luncheon at Noon on October 8 at Napolis Restaurant.

Happy Independence Day! God Bless America, Always.

Ciao!

Jack Grisafe

San Diego

Chula Vista

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

Happy 4th of July! Hope you all enjoyed the holiday!

The big event of the summer: a "Night in Napoli" which is a pasta dinner and dance on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 6:00 to 10:00pm at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. Ticket purchase includes raffle entry. The planned menu includes antipasto, pasta with meatballs and dessert. It will be served family-style so bring an appetite!

Also mark your calendars for the following events:

- Branch Picnic – July 27, 2014 – General Meeting at noon, followed by good food and a Bocce tournament.
- San Diego District Bishop's Day – scheduled for October 12, 2014, 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Rose of Lima, followed by a catered lunch at the Parish Hall. Cost is \$20 per person.

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

bless America!

Ciao!

Karen Judson

Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Fratelli in Cristo,

Father Louis Solcia led members of Branch 230 in prayer to open the general meeting held May 16 at Our Lady of the Rosary in the Little Italy neighborhood of San Diego. President Sherry Thurston delivered the sunshine report. Two "Get well" cards were sent: one to long-time member Tom Zolezzi, another to our Bishop Cirilo Flores, who was recovering from a stroke.

After a letter from the ICF office thanking the branch for two scholarship donations of \$400 was read, treasurer Mary Lou Terramagra reported on branch finances (healthy,) and a current membership of 114 (room for growth.) On that note, former president Richard Barker conducted the installation of new members Patricia Vigili, and the Piconi, Paluso, and Lopez families.

Discussion regarding sending a delegate to the ICF convention (August 29-September 1, Oakland) was postponed until the June 20 meeting.

Luke Vinci led the closing prayer, and Sherry, long-time mainstay of the parish choir's alto section, led the singing of the anthem.

Thanks to Pietro Vella, Carolyne Koebrich, Carmen Lemus, and Sherry for the pre-meeting dinner.

It's picnic season, amici. We will hold our annual branch picnic on July 20 at Spanish Landing Park. The district picnic falls on August 3 at Allied Gardens Park.

Mantenete la fede!

Ernest Pinamonti Grimm

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Please note the following events as we start the second half of 2014: July 27 - Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am

Aug 6 - Monthly meeting 7:00 pm 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



CC Members were in attendance at the SF Bishops Day with Archbishop Cordileone.

ners were Savannah McGrew and Saleena Ordorica. Our high school scholarship winners were Colton Marino and Stephanie McCullough. Congratulations to all who were honored!

We would like to have a Bingo Night in August. Please watch your e-mail and the church bulletins for more information.

Exciting news! Sacramento will be hosting the ICF Convention in 2017. Since this will be so close to us, this will be your chance to check out a convention without having to travel too far. It will also be your chance to help plan and act as a host or hostess at the event. Please be thinking about how you may want to contribute to this great event - it will be here before you know it!

Pam Andersen

Bolletino Contributor

Jackson

St. Katharine Drexel, Br. 428

Under a beautiful Gold Country evening Br. 428 had its annual Bocce and steak Sandwich night. There were 47 in attendance which included members and guests who enjoyed the Bocce Courts of the Italian Benevolent Society picnic grounds and the BBQ. The Branch had opened the event to the combined Parishes to give them an idea of what the ICF does. The steaks were as good as the weather and all three Bocce Courts were full. Applications were available and hopefully we gained some new prospective members. Our Branch is also continuing our, "Taste of Italy", Bi-monthly dinner series for our monthly meetings. Our next big event is our Branch's Annual Ravioli Dinner in October 11, 2014 also at the IBS hall. It also is open to all; if you are interested please contact our Branch, "Alba Arosio @ 209.223.0622 or Linda Cook @ 209.267.9235.

Marilyn Anderson

Past President



Many members were in attendance at the SF Bishops Day with Archbishop Cordileone.

the branch.

Prayers and get well wishes to member Rose Vallergera, mother of member Paul Biagi.

Enjoy the summer!

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Members, as you read the ICF July Bollettino, our Branch 38 will be on VACATION! Our June regular meeting has not taken place as of this issue’s deadline date. However, I know we will be celebrating “Il Giorno del Papa” with a Brown Bag lunch, a special dessert, and maybe even a surprise or 5! Sounds odd...well, you will understand if you were present at our June meeting (if you were not, wait for the August issue of the Bollettino and we’ll explain!)

At our branch May meeting, when we celebrated “Mother’s Day” Maria Gloria, as she always does, came thru again. She told us a folktale “My Mother is the Most Beautiful Woman in the World.” A story of a boy who was lost and a man helping him find his mother who he described as the most beautiful woman in the world. After looking and looking they could not find her. Finally, in another town, they found an old woman with hands rough and worn, shoulders bent over from working in the fields, her clothes were rags. When they found this old lady, the boy ran to her and called out “Mother.” Isn’t everyone’s Mother “La Piu Bella Donna al Mondo? I know la mia mama was to me! How true this folktale is to everyone! Maria Gloria also gave, to each lady member a gift, a dishtowel (I call it a wall hanging) of a map of Italy with the cities and interesting sights, and she also gave each lady a bookmark with a beautiful rose on it. Maria you are so kind and generous to us. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are inviting our Branch #38, 2014 Scholarship Recipient, Savanna Puccinelli, to our next meeting on August 9. We hope she will be able to attend so we can present the certificate and, more importantly, meet her. Congratulations Savanna!

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 dessert. The Varacchi Sisters, as usual, are planning a whole lot of extras: Hula Dancing, Music, and Leis!

As of now, you have received the ICF Convention Raffle Tickets. Please do your best to either sell/buy them. The stubs/money need to be returned to our treasurer Madeline Torre by August 15. Please help us make a good representation.

Ciao! Ci Vediamo il 9 di agosto!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Members, this is our annual summer break, with no branch meeting until August. Enjoy your summer in the City!

The August branch meeting is our annual pizza dinner. Look for your postcard for information.

Our convention delegate this year is Liana Figone. Remember to send in your convention raffle stubs and checks to Beverly. This is quick and easy fundraiser for our branch. Hope all will participate.

Our annual scholarship to a graduating 8th grade St. Vincent de Paul student was given to Giulia Oltranti on May 30. She was surprised and grateful for the scholarship. Much success to you, Giulia!

Please remember to contact Eleanor with the news of any illness, hospitalization, and loss. She relies on your information to send out cards.

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our Champagne Bingo on June 1 was another big success. We had 123 people who came and spent the afternoon with us. It is always nice to see and visit good friends!! A big thank you to all.

June 18: We are going to Red Hawk. Maybe this time we will have some big winners.

July 2: This will be our Pot Lock lunch. If you bring your favorite dish to share, there is no charge. If you do not bring a dish, the charge is only \$12.00. We always have a great time visiting with friends and enjoying a variety of good food!! If interested, please call Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764 or Mary Perata at 415-239-5936.



Branch 50 president George Bacigalupi, with St Vincent de Paul 8th grade graduate Giulia Oltranti upon receiving a high school scholarship from the branch.

July 28 to August 8: Our group is taking a cruise to Alaska, visiting Juneau, Skagway.

Glacier Bay and Ketchikan. In Victoria, we will have High Tea at the Empress Hotel.

Rose, we are happy that you are home now and doing much better after your surgery. You are in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Happy 4th of July to everyone!

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please note that our meeting in July has been changed to July 21.

Please remember these dates:

July 7: Off. Meeting

July 21: Meeting

July 27: Mass

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

ranch 290 is saddened by the death of charter member, John Consiglieri. John will be remembered as a faithful Catholic, loving husband and a devoted father to his five children. With sympathy and caring, we send our condolences to his family.

We also send our condolences to Therese and Marco Calgaro on the death of their brother, James. James will be greatly missed by the Calgaro family.

Remember, there will be no meeting in July. However, we convene on August 21 at 12:00 noon for a summer time lunch, followed by our monthly meeting.

Kindly return your Convention Raffle ticket stubs and money to Louise Isola as soon as possible.

Please keep Maria Mezzina in your prayers as she recuperates from successful spinal surgery.

Have a wonderful summer. Ci vediamo in Agosto.

Ciao,

Jeannette

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

If you have not yet returned your convention raffle ticket stubs to Mary Fe, please do so. Thank you, Mary, for doing such a great job again this year.

Sister Kathryn Trenary was a very dear friend. Our friendship developed when we were in the church choir. Sister was sent to Spokane after her retirement but never stopped working for others. She is gone now, but there are letters,

cards and photos from her in almost every drawer of my studio. She is always there with a message to give me a lift. I just picked up a letter she wrote for Christmas, 2000. Her first sentence was as follows. Dear Ann and Joe. Please feel that you are high on my list of priorities because you are second on my Christmas list and no one else will get this long a letter. She thought nothing of calling and asking me to meet her at Shannon Airport so that we could visit her relatives. Joe and I feel blessed to have had her in our lives. I know that Sister Kathryn is with our dear Lord in Heaven, praying for all of us.

No meeting in July.

Next meeting on Aug. 13.

God Bless and have a wonderful summer:

Ann Basuino

San Mateo

District Council

Happy 90th Anniversary ICF! As of this writing the celebrations of this rich and wonderful organization, the Italian Catholic Federation are about to begin. We celebrate with Pride the History, the Charity and the Heritage which all began in June 1924 through the vision of two remarkable men, The Founders of the ICF, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. A recap of these celebrations will be in the convention issue of the Bollettino.

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Annual ICF Convention to be held Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center, Oakland, California. For reservations call (800) 228-9290 by August 8. The Theme for this Year’s Convention is “Honoring The Past As We Envision Our Future”.

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

Happy July 4th! God Bless!

Anne O’Brien

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

For this month’s article, we would like to do something a little different. This is a tribute to our deceased members. As we approach our 89th anniversary, we know it would be impossible to go back 89 years and list everyone, however, I’m sure they all played an important roll in the success of our organization.

The names in this paragraph go back to 2009. As I typed their names, I could remember their faces and the very warm camaraderie we all shared. We will now reach back in time, to remember and honor their contributions. They are: Ada Nicolopoulos, Aldo DeTomasi, Alma Armanino, Ambrose Galli, Catherine D’Acquisto, Chita Pennington, Dennis Rosaia, Evelyn Polzoni, Frances & Emil Altomar, Jeanne Nofstger, Jeannie Pariani, Jerri Lynn Pera, Laura Pickett, Levia Mangini, Marilyn Garcia, Nella Gilardoni, Nello Venturini, Pat Stalteri, Paul Tognetti, Ray Stupi, Richard Battaglia, Robert Lorenzini, Rosalind Linale, Tom Galli, Val Grassi. God bless them all for having been a part of our lives!

Per Mother Teresa, “As we have transformed from the power of grief, we move towards the healing into wholeness. Death is nothing else but going home to God and the bond of love that will never be unbroken for all of eternity.”

So until next time, a little chuckle for your day. “The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age”.

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masetti



Branch 163 scholarship winner, Giuliana Enea with her family and President Harold Fuentes.

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Many thanks to Steve and Virginia Fuentes for planning and preparing our Mothers' Day dinner in May, and to Frank Venturelli and his helpers Jim Loman and Harold Fuentes for planning and serving the Mothers' Day Social for the women members. It was a lovely evening

Our Jackson Casino Trip in May was enjoyed by everyone and it was a fun day for all.

Happy 90th Anniversary to the ICF. Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini organized it in June 1924. We thank them for their vision in creating this great organization built on faith, love and family.

Virginia Fuentes and Frank Venturelli were elected to be our delegates to the ICF convention this year. The convention will be held on Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Marriott Oakland City Center, Oakland, California. The Theme for this year's convention is "Honoring the Past as We Envision Our Future."

Our branch will be celebrating our 52nd anniversary this year with a lunch at the Elks Club, San Mateo on Sunday, October 19. Save the date. More info later.

Happy July 4th! God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We are happy to report our convention representatives will be our president, Norm Bennett, and 2nd V.P. Dorene Campanile. Darlene Wigler, trustee, will be the alternate.

We are looking forward to our Ravioli Dinner Fundraiser on 6-29-14 No-host social: 4pm/Dinner: 5pm. Reservations must be in by June 25, 2014. Ctc: Bea Tomasello 1348 Paloma Ave., Burlingame, CA. 94010 Adults: \$22.00 /Children: Under 17: \$5

We are not having a meeting in June or July. Those members who come to the meeting ahead of time to set up tables, etc. can also get a break. Special thanks to Jean Watterson who chairs the setup and helpers Jim and Lucy Witherspoon, Bob Bacich and Robert Zlatic.

Upcoming events:

Picnic and Bocce -- Sunday, July 13, 11am-4pm, Washington Park, 850 Burlingame Ave. Burlingame - Rsvtns by: June 30, 2014 Dorene Campanile, 1620 Howard Ave., Burlingame, CA. 650 344/7870 chks to Branch #173 \$22.00 Adults, \$5.00 Age:13-17, \$2 Age 12 & Under.(\$5 for adults not eating but attending)

We wish speedy recoveries to Eileen Angelini, Dave Mayer and Diane Magner. Also, prayers to the family of our long time mem-



ber Anna Crisafi who passed away recently.

Last of all but the highest priority given is to all Fathers on their special day and in memory of those of us whose fathers will be in our hearts forever.

God bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

We were delighted to have our scholarship recipient, Kelsey Hardey, as our guest at our May 10 meeting. Kelsey came all the way from Oakdale to receive her certificate and meet our members. She is the granddaughter of our long time member, Faith Hill. Congratulations, Kelsey!

The most important item on our agenda right now is our upcoming MAGIC SHOW on Saturday, August 2nd, starring Patrick Martin, an amazing illusionist and comedian. This is a first for us, so we are hoping for a good crowd and successful show.

Remember, this is our only annual fundraiser and we expect all members to help and support us.

Please remember in your prayers, our members who are "under the weather". And especially pray for the healing of Renee Mintun who had a nasty fall requiring stitches. Don't forget Glorinda Dobleman, who we haven't seen for many months. After a long hospital stay, she is finally recuperating at home. We miss you, Glorinda!

Please note: We will have a July meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, to finalize plans for our August 2 Magic Show. Dessert and coffee will be served!

Happy Summer!

rf

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

As we head into the second half of this year, we are hoping that our membership remembers the importance of attending our monthly dinner meetings. The proceeds from these meetings generates one third of the funds we earmark for our annual charitable-giving programs. Most of the other funds we need to operate, comes from our Corned Beef and Cabbage Anniversary Dinner Social which is held to coincide with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

At our June meeting, it was a most satisfying experience to give out our tuition-assistance scholarships to the eighth grade graduates from St. Charles School and CCD Program

who have opted to go on to a Catholic High School. We have been doing this for our Parish for over thirty years. This is in addition to the ICF Central Council Scholarship, which is also part of our annual giving activities.

In August, we will have our Barbecued Chicken Dinner Meeting, which has proved to be very popular each year at this time. Marie and Gayton DeRosa, along with two of their sons, are responsible for putting on this meal with all its trimmings.

Because of the financial importance of these dinner meetings, our biggest job is convincing more of our membership to assume the responsibility for hosting a meeting once a year. We recently learned that one of our steady chefs, Carmine Maffei, can no longer be involved in cooking chores because of serious health problems. We hope someone will volunteer to take his place.

Gayton DeRosa, Corres. Sec.

Menlo Park

St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thursday, July 3 - 5:30pm Mass for our Living and Deceased Members. *****NO DINNER OR MEETING!!!!*****

Thursday August 7 - 5:30pm Mass for our Living and Deceased Members followed by Dinner at 6:30pm and short meeting

*****SAVE THE DATE**** Wednesday September 17 - Get ready to spend some money and have a fun day!!!! Casino Bus Trip to CACHE CREEK CASINO - \$35.00 per person. \$5.00 match play and \$2.00 towards your food. Call Theresa at 650-324-0421 for reservations ASAP, as the seats sell fast!

Please remember our many sick members, especially Mary Riviello, Aurelio and Annunziata Maestrini, Anna Maestrini and Bernice D'arcy.

Hope all the Dad's had a good Father's Day!!!!

cr

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

There were 10 members from our Branch in attendance at the ICF 90th. Anniversary. What a wonderful event!

There is no Branch meeting in July.

Our next meeting will be held on August 5, 2014 in the parish center at 6:30pm.

A hot dog dinner with chili beans, salad, and dessert will be served. Cost is \$10.00. For reservations send check payable to ICF Branch 403, to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. Reservations due by July 31, 2014.

Carla Del Carlo and Dan Capodanno are the Delegates from our branch attending the ICF Convention in Oakland on August 29-September 1, 2014.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

On Sunday, June 1 we had our dinner at Chalet Basque in San Rafael. Twenty-two people attended and everyone there enjoyed the good food and great company. Also thank you to everyone who donated money for the raffle baskets.

On Sunday, July 13 will be our annual Mass and Brunch. Mass will be at 9:30am at St. Vincent School for Boys. Following the Mass around 11:15 will be brunch at BESO

Bistro, 502 South Park Dr., Hamilton Field in Novato. Cost of the brunch is \$32 per person, everything included. For reservations call Marlene Farber.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Norma Capella who recently passed away. She was an ICF member for over 45 years.

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

We wish everyone a Happy and safe 4th of July.

There will be no meeting in July or August.

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

San Jose

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. 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 in Oakland. I hope you have made hotel reservations. 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.

7/18/14 -- District Day at the Races at San Jose Fair Downs Turf Club \$22.00 includes buffet lunch Bill or Maria Greco (408)226-7820

7/26/14 -- Donate Life Run/Walk at Great America benefits CA Transplant Donor Network \$30.00 Denise Antonowicz (408)356-2654

8/2/14 -- San Jose Giants - Louise has tickets \$5.00 - ICF information booth only

8/18/14 -- District Golf Tournament

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

10/26/14 -- Br. 391 St. Martin of Tours fundraiser -- details to follow

Have a great summer!

Marcie Rossi

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

I hope all dad's had a great Father's Day.

Thanks to Bill Greco and crew for a delicious BBQ baby back rib dinner. It was enjoyed by all.

August 3- District BBQ. Pasta and Chicken! For further details, call President Anna.

Sept. 3- fundraiser= Pasta, sausage, salad bar and dessert. Wine included, soda and water available. Get your friends together for a great dinner-- Donation, \$20.00. Call Ann at 408 266-2549 for reservations. Dinner at 6:30pm.

Sept. 9- district meeting to be held at Branch 4 at 7pm. All officers and members are invited to attend. Come learn how the District operates!

School is out... Children will be out playing.. remember to drive carefully!

To all our sick members, our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Catherine -Rina- Fumia who passed away. Rina was a long time member of Br. 4, with her family donating to Holy Cross Church for the Christmas baskets



Two of Branch 28's scholarship winners: Zachary Fishler on left and Beau Haygood on right with president Roger Santos. Beau Haygood is the grandson of Roger and Kathy Santos and Zachary Fishler is the grandson of Viola Carr.



Joe Fortino, Louie Cordich and Roger Santos having fun at a Br. 28 function.

for the needy. May Rina rest in the arms of the Lord.

Blessings,

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Food! Family! Fun! Fundraiser for ICF Br. 5! Sunday, July 13, 2014. Chicken BBQ, pasta, salad, etc., in the St. Clare Church BBQ area. Noon to 3:00pm. Cost: \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 5-12 years of age; 4 and under free.

Rafe baskets, cake booth, and Cherry Bells. Come one come all!!! Make it a family gathering. Everyone welcome.

August 3, 2014 – ICF District BBQ in the St. Clare Church BBQ area. Noon to 3pm. A donation of cakes, baked goods, or other sweet yummys from our Branch 5 members, would be much appreciated. Thank you. Everyone welcome.

ICF Br. 5 wishes the best to Father George Aranha in his new assignment as Pastor of Santa Teresa Parish, and with ICF Br. 368. He will be greatly missed at St. Clare.

Thanks goes to Lisa J. Blanchard, who spoke at our May meeting about her "Grateful Garment Project," which helps to provide clothing for victims of sexual abuse, since they need to surrender their own clothing as evidence, when they are brought to a medical facility.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy!

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Happy 4th of July everyone.

Our President Roger Santos wishes to thank everyone who supported the Mark Santos memorial Motorcycle run on May 31. It was a tremendous success and over \$3,000.00 was earned and will be donated to Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) research. And special thanks to Laurice Levine for attending again this year.

Our upcoming event will be our Family Picnic on July 19 at the Santos Residence, 1195 Buena Vista Ave., Gilroy. Please bring your families and friends as there will be food, fun and games for all, adults and especially kids. Remember there are the bocce ball and horseshoe courts and some new surprises for all to take part in. Mass will be celebrated at 11am. The branch will provide water and coffee. Members need to bring table service and their drinks, and a dessert to share. The menu information will be given out by the calling committee. The price will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. We will have

a raffle, so if you can please donate a gift. You know friends can pool their resources together and come up with some nice prizes.

Our August dinner meeting pot luck will be delayed one week to the 25th of the month due to the refinishing of the gym floor.

We need to get those convention ticket stubs and money in to Frank Segreto as soon as possible. Remember \$10.00 from each book stays with the branch.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

By the time you read this Bollettino, the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation will have passed, but what an exciting time for this organization! The concept of the early founders was to keep faith and pride in our Italian heritage alive. After 90 years I would say that they were successful!

The 50th Anniversary of our St. Mary's Branch will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. Stay tuned for details.

This year the "Layette Shower" will be on July 18, at 12 Noon. Please RSVP to Rose Arnaudo at 354-4017 so she can prepare for the luncheon. The gifts can be cash or unwrapped layette items in size 0 to three months.

The ICF Convention takes place at the Marriott Center in Oakland, over the Labor Day Weekend. The theme is "Honoring the Past As We Envision Our Future." Our delegates are ready to go, and bring new information back to us. Look for raffle tickets in the mail.

Our Prayer Request Hotline has been working out very well. Prayer requests are sent to all on our email list. Are you on the list?

News Flash just in: Our own Marie Antonowicz will be performing the Chicken Dance, in full costume, at the San Jose Giants Baseball Game on Italian Night, August 2, 2014. Tickets are \$5 per person, and Louise Vento is in charge of tickets. Her phone # is 356 5671. Try to come out to support Marie!

Do plan to attend our branch BBQ - Bocce Party on August 17 at the St. Frances Cabrini Courts. Time is 4pm and we ask you to bring a side, salad or dessert. Please call Denise at 356-2543 to RSVP! It is always a lot of fun!

Please keep our members and their loved ones in your prayers. Have a safe summer.

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

Los Altos

St. Nicholas, Br. 186

August 7 meeting will be at the school, but we will probably meet in the Library as



Betty Antuzzi crowning of Blessed Mary in Branch 191's bocce court.



the rummage sale will be using our regular room. This will be an important meeting that will determine the future of the branch.

Congratulations to Carolyn Boyn our St. Nicholas Scholarship winner. She will be attending St. Francis High School in the fall. We know she will enjoy her experiences there.

The District Mass at Our Lady of Peace was inspiring. Monsignor Milani was as always wonderful. Thanks to all who made the effort to attend.

Congratulations to Bernadette and Chuck Tapella who celebrated their 55th anniversary. Happy Birthday to members celebrating birthdays in July. Anna Barbieri, Geri Burns, JoAn Cole, Angelina Herceg, Anna Petro, Bernadette Tapella, Stefano Tarigo.

As always remember our members who are not feeling well. Rita Fraguiglia has moved to Villa Siena. We have many members who are living there: Nella Lera, Richard Burguillos, Babe Fraguiglia. They would all enjoy a visit from you.

The District Picnic will be Sunday August 3. Serving Noon to 2pm. Adults \$15.00; Children 12 and under \$7.50. St. Clare's Picnic Grounds. Menu chicken, pasta, salad, garlic bread.

"What do we see in the flag on high, that we bare our head as it passes by, that we thrill with pride, our hearts beat fast, and we cheer and cheer as the flag goes past, the flag that waves for you and me? Flag of our country, flag of the free!"

Happy 4th July,

Elaine

San Jose,

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Members Carol and Steve Schrepherman, the daughter and son-in-law of Jack Spinler were initiated at the April meeting. Grand President Bob Basuino and Deputy Mike Numziata did the initiation.

Before our May meeting members gathered in the bocce ball court for the crowning of Mother Mary. Betty Antuzzi crowned Mother Mary as members joined together in a hymn. After the crowning, Jo Bertaccini led all in reciting the Rosary.



(Left) Ed Lodi, scholarship chair for branch 191, with this year's scholarship winner Kristina Neri.

(Right) Dottie Ponti and her granddaughter Kristina Neri ICF 191 scholarship winner.

Following the crowning, everyone proceeded to the Essig Hall for dinner and the meeting. Dinner was catered by Mama Mia's in Campbell.

Emily Corral and Mary Rossetto were in charge of the election for the convention delegates. The elected delegates are Debbie Piro, Camille Orlando and Rosemary Janis. They will join Joe Medoro at the convention in Oakland.

Our branch's scholarship winner for 2014 is Kristina Neri. Kristina is the granddaughter of Dottie Ponte and the daughter of Kathy and Nick Ponte. She will be attending St. Peter's University in New Jersey in the fall

The bocce ball courts are now open. The courts are open every Thursday evening from 6pm to around 9pm. The Thursday evening's begin with a pot luck dinner. This season there are plans to have board games/cards available for use.

The Frank Guidace Memorial Bocce Tournament will be held on September 13 this year because of the repaving of the church parking lot.

The annual layette shower will be held at the July 23 meeting. New and used clothing for new born babies is greatly needed.

Please pray for all for our sick members.

God bless,

Rosemary Janis

Branch 191 captions:

San Jose

Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Thank you to our hostesses, Rose Noack, Lorraine Nunziata & Mary Barbara Zorio for our KFC night.

Mike Nunziata distributed a questionnaire "Where do you see the ICF organization three years from now?" He encouraged all members to input their ideas to that question.

Our Heritage talk was about "How the Irish Saved Civilization." One of the many things that contributed to our current civilization was how the scribes translated and saved everything.

There was a call for delegates to the ICF Convention and Rose Noack volunteered and was nominated to attend.

The branch voted to send \$100.00 to the Couley's Anemia Foundation to help support the Oakland Children's Hospital's Summer Camp.

It is with a heartfelt sadness that Father Christopher Bennett will be leaving Santa Teresa at the end of June. We wish to express our gratitude for his devotion and support to our ICF family. May God bless him as he continues his service to God and his new parish.

Please pray for Phil Robba who is recovering



Louise Vento shares her Portuguese heritage at Branch 391, St. Martin of Tours International Heritage Day.



Susan Busco and her daughter, Gaby, share their Chinese heritage at Branch 391, St. Martin of Tours International Heritage Day.



Donna Rossi shares her Native American heritage at Branch 391, St. Martin of Tours International Heritage Day with Tony and Lillian La Pres and Emily Cardoza.



Welcome back Jane Naninni and welcome to Branch 391's new member Janice Naninni.

from severe burns.

Mark your calendars:

August 8 -- Monte Carlo Night at Santa Teresa

August 29-Sept 1 ICF Convention, Oakland
Ciao,

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

A rib dinner, produced by Bob and Rachel Gorini with Diana Vallorz and Mary Lipari in charge of the fixins, was a great start to our Scholarship night. 3 Scholarships were to Julia O'Brien majoring in accounting at USF, Carolyn Dylorito going to USC and majoring in Media Arts and to Dino Piazza majoring in Hospitality Management at SJSU. Good luck and God bless to all 3.

Father Abe spoke on parish news and the Capital Campaign. Congratulations to Father Abe for receiving his Masters from Santa Clara University. Leslie Plaque said that

she is the correspondence person and if you know someone is sick or has passed away she will send a card. Just let her know.

Louise, as always, gave a very interesting Heritage Report on the History of Portuguese exploring America. She mentioned that her grandfather came to America & panned for gold in Sonora.

Mike Rossi gave us an update on the Central Council's strategic plan for the I.C.F. ensuring that the organization stay strong and grow.

Our Branch Chicken BBQ will be on Aug. 10. We are now rounding up wild chickens and will be plucking them on Aug. 9th. We need help.

Al "Mangia" Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

The Br. 408 ICF Service Award was made to a graduating member of the Resurrection School 8th Grade Class for his demonstrated dedication to service in the Community. This

Award was made to Jason Pereira on Friday June 6th. Jason has been an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul food distribution during his school career. This year only a single award was made by the Resurrection Principal.

Our next District Event will be the Outdoor District Mass at the Our Lady of Peace on 22 June at 11am. This Mass will be held under the statue of Our Blessed Lady. Come to the Mass see the new outdoor Shrine and Statue to one of our new saints - Saint John Paul II. This is a beautiful Mass with Mgr. Milani Presding. Luncheon will follow at Michael's at Shoreline. The price will be \$24/meal with a choice of Pot Roast, Chicken or Baked Cannelloni. Please Contact Mary Jo DiMuccio (650.969.4399) by June 20th if you are interested in attending.

Remember to purchase Convention Raffle tickets.

Italian night at the San Jose Giants is at 6pm on 2 August - see Ric for tickets.

Our District Picnic will be held at Saint Clare's Peinic Grounds on 3 August from noon - 2pm.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for a Special Intention, Larry Quaglia and Aldo Lucaratti.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Greetings from Morgan Hill! At our last dinner meeting in May our branch had a wonderful Mexican feast. We were fortunate to have some wonderful cooks in the kitchen. Many thanks to Andy and Sig Pappini, Mary Ann, Anna, and Jim Friebe and Peter Cassidy for making the most delicious enchiladas and all the trimmings. It could not have been any nicer.

Our next dinner meeting will be on June 19 and in July our dinner meeting will be a BBQ at the Guglielmo winery. George Guglielmo was kind enough to offer his winery. Yummy, a steak barbeque is on the menu.

Our branch is proud to announce that Caroline Rose Seifert is the recipient of the ICF college scholarship. She is a graduate of Notre Dame high school and is the daughter of Brian and the late Lisa Seifert. She is also the granddaughter of Giulia Gallego and the great granddaughter of Louie and Rose Mammini who were members of Branch 28 in Gilroy. Caroline will be attending Cal. Poly at San Luis Obispo.

Please keep Mai Talamo daughter in law of Josie Talamo in your prayers. She was injured in a car accident. Many special prayers to Jerry and Pat Carravelli too.

Peace and good health to all.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Join us August 16, 2014 for our Summer Dinner Dance: Scottish Rite Center, Highway 12 and Acacia Lane, Santa Rosa. Good food-pork&risotto dinner by Randy Apel, good live dance music by Showcase and last of all but best of all, good company. All Cash Raffle. Tickets at \$20.00, call Doreen, (707) 525-0295 for reservations. At this gala event we will present our scholarship winner with her certificate and look forward to meeting her and her family. We are making a great effort to increase our advertising for our fund-raisers. Please contact Butch Bondi, our stalwart



Branch 408's 8th grade service award winner Jason Pereira.

adman with any feedback. Your cooperation is most welcome.

Please let us continue to pray for our sick and deceased members and loved ones.

Happy Birthday, U.S.A.!

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Br. 52 had a great Father's Day Dinner on June 10. The weather was nice, so we dined outside. Thank you to Richard Cafferata and crew for cooking the delicious chicken cacciatore dinner.

Upcoming Events:

No branch meetings in July or August.

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

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

Nov. 1: Our first Polenta Dinner of the season. Mark your calendars!

At the June dinner, Treasurer Dee Rochester reported that in the 2013 - 2014 fiscal year, Br. 52 has donated over \$14,000 to charity. We are able to do this because we get fantastic support at all our dinners and events.

The Convention delegates are Pres. Nancy Seppi, John and Mary Del Monte, Lauren Kilcullen, Teri Roller and Mary Madden. We're sure they will come back inspired and with new ideas for our branch. Mary is a first time delegate.

Congratulations to Will and Brandy Seppi on their birth of their son, Oliver. Also, congratulations to grandparents Karl and Nancy Seppi.

Happy Fourth of July and have a great Summer!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L'Anunciata, Br. 75

Sal and Ceil Casciaro brought their family vinyard wine and meatball recipe to our fun filled, full service, sit-down, post- Mother's Day dinner. The dads, led by Robert Aquistapace, were in charge of the cuisine but we noticed a couple of women unable to relinquish control jumping in to help. Our own personal event planner, Francesca Giacalone, topped things off with a delightful Tiramisu dessert.

Father Fergal McGuinness relaxed his du-



Br. 75 Cloverdale: Kitchen crew prepares a delicious pasta dinner for members and guests at the May meeting.

ties as ICF District Chaplain long enough to mix up some delicious Prosecco Cocktails for the moms. Awesome, Samantha Stewart, our youngest and newest Junior member, fulfilled service hours for her school by playing music, selling raffle tickets, serving tables, and mastering the use of a commercial dishwasher.

Guests from Healdsburg, Petaluma, and Sebastopol blessed us with their presence and added so much to the event. Thank you so much!

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Our branch is happy to announce the 2014 scholarship winners: Lily Shapiro, Madeline Cline and Chelsea Krause. More photos next month.

Sunday, June 8, was our quarterly Mass at St. Francisco Solano Church at 9am, with breakfast following. Thanks to all who attended.

In June the chefs outdid themselves with our annual ravioli feast. The kitchen is closed for the summer, although we will be having our annual picnic on August 10.

Happy summer to all,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Our June meeting was held with a nice group in attendance. It was nice to see our new members at the meeting and also to have guests, Carol and Tom Saksa, in attendance.

Thanks go to all the members who helped in any way to make our Chicken Cacciatore a success. Our cooks did a great job on the dinner, food was delicious and the hall was filled with warmth and a lot of happy people. It was nice to see our new members JEF and Barbara pitch in and help to serve. And thanks to those who attended.

We had our scholarship recipients and their families as our guests at the dinner. The recipients were: Thomas Baptista; Daniel Chowjnascki; Sophie O'Hara; Eleanore O'Neill and a scholarship on behalf of Arcata was presented to Danny Moretti. Con-



Branch 103's most senior member, Ms. Mangiantini (right).

gratulations to all of them, they were deserving of the awards.

Our Communion/Mass for the living and deceased members was at St. Vincent's and there were many members in attendance. A breakfast/lunch was held after the mass and those who attended enjoyed themselves.

Thanks go to Margaret and Jim Cordrey for chairing the Bakeless Bake Sale. Thank you to them for their donation of providing the stamps and stationary for the mailings. It was a tremendous success this year and the proceeds will be put to good use.

After the election for trustee, Mary Ann Ciabattari was elected, replacing Tula Bologna.

Don't forget to get your convention raffle ticket stubs to Mary Ann Ciabattari, either in the mail or brought to the next meeting.

Keep the prayers going for Settimo Torrano, who is home now after having a long stay at the hospital following his surgery. Keep the prayers going for Frank Cresci, as well. The family had a 75th birthday party for Frank at the Rehab facility and some of the members attended. It was good to see Cathy Burton at the meeting, especially after having had surgery.

We will be having our Quarterly Communion/Mass on August 3 at St. James 10:30 Mass followed by our Family Picnic in the Courtyard. Cost: \$10! It will be a nice day so plan to attend. More information at the next meeting. Reservations are a must: Call Spence 763-9082 or Louise 769-7389.

August 16 will be a Shrimp Risotto Dinner at St. James Church Hall. More information to follow.

August 11 is our regular meeting, room 9.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to all celebrating this month.

Have a Happy Fourth of July! And remember to be nice to someone you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

Sadly, we canceled our Mother's/Father's Day Progressive Dinner. Our Biscotti Sale was very short of normal, but thank you to



President Wurst and friends at Branch 103.



Scholarship Award Winners and their families, with Father Michael Culligan our Chaplain.

all who participated. It was suggested that we change it to an "Italian Bake Sale."

Shar Evans will be our delegate to Convention. Please get your ticket stubs and money back to Elena as soon as possible.

Heritage Day is July 20, with Shar as chairperson. Please support her as best you can.

We gave \$300 to the Oakland Children's hospital Activities Fund.

Nomination of Officers is coming up soon.. Shar, Marie La Banca, and Toni are the nominating committee. Please give serious thought to saying yes if they call on you. Our Officer's meeting is set for 7pm, July 16, at Shar's house. Please attend if you can.

Please pray for our ill: Dora Scott, and Shar Evans. Happy Birthday Judy Cardoza, Elsie Pialorsi, Jim Monge, Kathy Hicks, Jeff Mills, and Sara Sturges. Happy Anniversary to Shar Evans.

We are sorry Fr. Ron is leaving us, but we wish the very best for him wherever he goes, and we thank him so much for his love and support while he was here. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Bala to our Parish Family. Change can be very difficult, so let us all help each other muddle through. Imagine how the Apostles must have felt with the changes they had to face!!! We certainly have little to whine about, so let's put on our "big-people panties" and move on in love, and in faith.

Ciao...

Linda

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our May 13 meeting was called to order by President Joe Bonino. After opening prayer and flag salute Marian Griffin read the minutes of the last meeting; approved as read.

It was mentioned that member Phil Minor moved to Sisters, Oregon. Marian sent him a birthday card for his April birthday. We will miss seeing you Phil!

Other business discussed was to raise our donation to the Saint Bernard Scholarship fund to \$200. A motion was made, seconded, and then voted on to go ahead with that amount. We also discussed the July fireworks sale. We are still not sure if this will take place. Joe Bonino is talking to our supplier to see if it will be worth the effort to have it. We also talked about having an alternative fund raiser in place of the fireworks sale.

Marian Griffin will be the delegate to the ICF convention. Suanna Rowell will be the alternate. The dates of the convention will be August 29th through the 31st.

This month's meeting was a pizza potluck. Thank you to all who brought pizza and salad. We also honored this year's Jerry Colivas scholarship winner. Camille is the daughter of Dusty and Christina Asbill and the granddaughter of members Gary and Nancy Paoli.

She will be attending Humboldt State to study environmental science. Upon graduation she will pursue the peace corp to further her higher education studies. Congratulations Camille for all of your hard work. Also congratulations to mom and dad!

Dates to remember are August 12, our regular meeting; Mezzo Agosto picnic on the 17th of August, and the Italian Festival on September 28. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Pray for all of our members and their families.

Peace and good health to you all,

Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this Bollettino article finds all of you well and happy.

The summer months have always been a time for happy activities in your garden, at the beach or on a special vacation. Maybe all of you remember the good times of your earlier years and enjoy the present days with family members.

The Federation is now 90 years old. We have had success in the past, but now look to a new vision for the future. Keep reading the Bollettino to view the proposed parts of our new Strategic Plan.

Branch 198 looks forward to many events in the next three months:

July 6---ICF Mass---9:00am

July 7---Deli Sandwich, Meeting-Ice Cream Social--- 6:30pm Parish Life Ctr.

August 4 ---Hamburger Nite & Meeting-- 6:30pm Parish Life Center

August 16---ICF Mass, 4:30pm

September 8---Pizza, Meeting--6:30pm Parish Life Center

Please Pray for Tom Timko, RoseAnne Sikes, Frank Castelli, Dolores Neal and any other member who may need our prayers.

Happy Independence Day,

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

"Hamburger Night" was the theme for our Father's Day/Scholarship Winners Dinner. In addition to the hamburgers, we enjoyed perfectly cooked roast beef and salmon. Thanks to Yvonne Watson and Pam McAlvain for having hosted this evening and also for the delicious decorated cake for dessert.

We were pleased to have El Molino scholarship winners Jane Weggenmann and Adriana Albini and their families with us this evening.



Branch 198 First Year Scholarship recipients celebrate their achievements with Carmen Kilcullen and Bob Acquistapace, both past Grand Presidents and ICF scholarship judges.

Cloverdale.

Upcoming:

July -- No Meeting!

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Stockton

District Council

It's summer and it's time for our Annual Picnic – BBQ Steak Dinner – August 17, 11am to 5pm (lunch around 1pm) Escalon Community Park, 1051 Escalon Avenue, Escalon. Bring your own drinks. \$15/person (Children under 12 eating hot dogs only are free) Bring your families and friends. Bocce Ball and playground area for the kids. Don't miss this fun day of food, games, and raffle. Make your reservation and mail your check to Ida Queirolo, 18424 Queirolo Road, Lathrop, CA 95330.

2014 Convention in Oakland – Make your reservations at the Marriott Oakland City Center by Aug. 8 for the special room rate of \$119/plus tax. Arrive Friday morning to participate in the 3rd Annual Convention Blood Drive. Bocce, Bingo and Pedro Friday afternoon.

Friends: Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

Italian Friends: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together.

Karen Rosson



Members of Branch 198 enjoy a wonderful potluck dinner to kick off summer at their June monthly meeting."

The girls spoke briefly of their future college plans. Also joining us this evening was our longtime member, Mercy Medrano. Mercy lives in Yuma, AZ and comes back to this area each year for an extended visit with her family.

We are sorry to report that our member Louie Cesaretti is ill. Please remember him in your prayers.

The recent Bocce Tournament hosted by Branch 209 was won by Bud & Tia Polley and Candy & Pete Peters. Congratulations!

Our Quarterly Communion is scheduled for June 29th at St. Sebastian's 8 a.m. Mass. As usual, breakfast will follow. Also on June 29th, our District Meeting will be held in

know some of the members cannot come to the meeting but call Cecelia (209)524-7866 and I will get the tickets to you.

I thought things were going to be a little slower after the June meeting but it is not working out that way. Tom Silvaggio put together a Chicken Cacciatore & Polenta dinner for Father's Day. At the June 11 meeting we will be finalizing the details.

Some of our members will be attending the June 22, 2014 Anniversary Celebration with other members of the district. We also have the district picnic August 17, 2014 so things have not slowed down yet.

Tom Silvaggio will be our delegate to the convention and a couple other members will be attending as guests.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday July 13, 2014 8:00am and Sunday August 3, 2014 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:

July – No meeting

Aug - No meeting

Aug 17 - District picnic 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Cecelia McGhee

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very successful bake sale thanks to Presentation Branch 395 in Stockton who helped us. There help is very much appreciated. With their help we raise enough funds to meet our obligations.

A reminder to the members that we need to sell the convention raffle tickets. We get to keep five dollars from each book sold. I

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Very happy to report this past month's dinner meeting boasted yet another high attendance! More and more raffle prizes are being donated each month by ICF members, resulting in more raffle ticket sales and a larger crowd of departing guests carrying their prizes, making everyone enjoy the night even more!

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Branch 390 of St. Bernard's Church in Tracy, wishes a "HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY" to their charter member Albert Emhoff, who was born on June 9, 1914. God Bless You, Albert!

Charter member Assunta Gaia, who turned 99 years old on May, is presented with a corsage by her granddaughter Alena Chappell and chairwoman Rita Baretta. Assunta was honored for all that she has done for Branch 390.

Two scholarship recipients were named this year, Dalton Gualco and Giacomo Oliveri, and they each received a local branch award as well as one through the Central Council and one from the Stockton District Council. Lucy Orsi acknowledged letters of thanks received from these two very deserving recipients.

We are sending four delegates to the August 29-September 1 Convention: President Lucy Orsi, Treasurer Serena Martocchio, and delegates Steve Ridolfi and Anita Ridolfi.

Our Branch boasts two charter members that have reached the ages of 99 and 100! Assunta Gaia reached the age of 99 on May 5, and was honored on Heritage Night in April, as reported here previously. Not to be outdone, another charter member, Albert Emhoff, turned 100 years old on June 9!

We were pleasantly surprised by the response to the 90th Anniversary Gala and filled two tables for ten at the San Francisco event. 20 of us made the trek from Tracy at the crack of dawn early Sunday morning June 22.

June 26 dinner meeting was well-attended with a nice change: Italian Roasted Chicken with an assortment of salads on a buffet - all salads as well as desserts were provided and donated by ICF members and their guests.

Carpools are planned to travel to the Stockton District Annual Picnic on August 17 at Escalon Park. Any members and their guests interested in driving or riding should let any board member know in advance.

Ciao everyone and have a safe and happy summer,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Church of the Presentation, Br. 395

Branch 395 had our last meeting before the summer break on June 1 with our quarterly Communion/meeting. After attending mass and communion together, members met in a meeting room and shared coffee and breakfast items. Our Pastor, Msgr. McGovern reported on the status of the stained glass window project for which Branch 395 is a donor. Delegates to the Convention were selected - President Josephine Weber and District Deputy Karen Rosson.

Congratulations to Bob and Ruby Zaroni who celebrated 60 years of marriage on June 12. They were honored with a "mini" wedding cake at the Quarterly Communion meeting. Please keep our member Angelo Stagnaro, who suffered a fall, in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Upcoming events:

July & August - No meetings (have a great



Bob and Ruby Zaroni, members in Branch 395, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

summer)!

August 17 - Stockton District Picnic/District meeting at Escalon Park

August 29 - Sept 1 - ICF Convention in Oakland

Have a safe and wonderful summer! Hope to see you all at an event this summer. Josephine Weber, President

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