



BOLLETTINO



Happy Birthday Italian Catholic Federation!

In June, we celebrate the birthday of the Italian Catholic Federation. Take this opportunity to remember why you joined the organization and celebrate all the good works and good times you have had. Share these memories with friends and family, and maybe some new members will join based on your enthusiasm.

Candidates For Central Council Election Are Needed

Central Council

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 the start of the Convention General Session on Saturday, September 3. All necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the 2pm start time.
- (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 Monday, August 1, 2012.

Hospitalization Committee

Become an even more active member of the ICF by running for either a Central Council position or ICF Hospitalization Committee position

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 the start of the Convention General Session on Saturday, September 3. All necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the 2pm start time.

Grand President's Monthly Message

June is the month when we remember the founding of the Italian Catholic Federation. Whether it be only the mention of its anniversary, or a special recollection of early days, or remembrance in prayer of Luigi



Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini, it is important to recall the beginnings of this remarkable organization. And I say remarkable because although our membership numbers are down, we have grown and expanded our apostolic/charitable works to assist more people than ever. This is true beginning with our support of seminarians and also now includes adults and youths who need us in our communities.

The Federation began when our founders realized the tremendous need for our Italian immigrants to feel at home in America. Church and family were a significant part of their lives. They had left family and church behind as they journeyed. However, our Italian immigrant parents longed for their Church in an American society so hostile to the immigrant. Even Mother Frances Cabrini, in those early days, seeing the plight of the Italian, remarked, "Better had the Italian never left Italy. There his talents were appreciated."

But with the transported Italian families thriving with the support of the Church, with Mass, the Eucharist and other traditional religious beliefs celebrated in Italian—thanks largely to the efforts of our founders—the talents of the Italians flourished and their generosity of spirit became evident. The Italian Catholic Federation had made its mark.

Today, 88 years later, the 12,000 member strong Federation extends a helping hand to those in spiritual and material need, regardless of national origin, in our communities. Celebrate!

Congratulations to all of you for keeping the dreams of Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini alive and thriving today.

Jane Dianda
Grand President

Branch 36 Initiates 72 New Members

James Friebe
Central Council Life Member

On Thursday May 3, 2012, our Monterey Branch 36 initiated 72 new members. It was, as usual, a very well coordinated event that started off with a procession from the San Carlos Hall to the beautiful San Carlos Cathedral. The new members walked through the Cathedral to the front seats carrying their lit candles. Father Peter Crivello then did the

benediction for the new members and guests. Following the benediction, Central Council Members Mike Cannady, Jim Friebe, Dante Galeazzi, Marco Galeazzi and Andy Pappani initiated the new members. Jim Friebe read the names, then Andy Pappani started the initiation with part 1, then Dante Galeazzi part 2, then Marco Galeazzi part 3 and then Mike Cannady part 4. After Mike Cannady swore in the new members, he told them in a very heartfelt way how special the Monterey branch has always been to him. Mike Cannady became Grand President at the Convention held in Monterey, which makes the good memories a bit more special. Mike Cannady and Marco Galeazzi are also members of Branch 36.

After the ceremony, we went back over to the hall to enjoy a sit down Ravioli, sausage and meatball dinner. The dinner event was not only for the initiation but also the Anniversary of Branch 36. This year they celebrated 81 years and the dinner was free to all members of the branch. After Father Peter lead us in grace, 384 were fed by the great kitchen crew lead by Eddie Leonard and served by the well organized serving group lead by Ted Ursino. After dinner, Branch President Liz Grammatico presented Father Peter Crivello, Pastor of San Carlos Cathedral, with three monetary gifts totaling \$22,000.00. Much of this money was earned from their annual Lenten Fish Dinners. Liz then presented graduating high school senior Ellen Hunziker with a bouquet of roses and a monetary gift for her years of service to Branch 36. Ellen started helping with branch events when she was in grammar school. Then Scholarship



Chairman Ted Ursino gave out seven \$600.00 Scholarships to seven high school students who either have at least a parent or grandparent as a member of Br. 36. The scholarships winners were Elise Aliotti, John Favazza, Carmela Flores, Christopher Otmar, Maria Piedmonte, Steven Pina and Kaitlyn Williams.

I asked the Central Council members who were there for a comment on the event.

Mike Cannady said, "Br. 36- WOW! Initiating 72 new members into this fantastic branch, with great leadership and the greatest cook throughout all of the ICF."

Dante Galeazzi reiterated, "Br. 36 is very successful because of their leadership and is the only branch in the last 10 years that has more than doubled their membership".

Marco Galeazzi said, "The Monterey Branch knows how to bring in members, but most importantly how to keep them coming back with their families and friends".

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Happy
Father's Day!

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The Perfect Person in Existence...

Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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This person is a woman. No sin ever touched her soul from the moment of her immaculate conception. She was free from Original Sin and the effects of it. Hailed by an Angel as "Full of Grace." Of all the women who ever lived, are living, and will ever live, she is "blessed among women." She is a virgin and a mother. Her name is Mary, and her greatest title is Mother of God. Her child is Jesus, miraculously conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

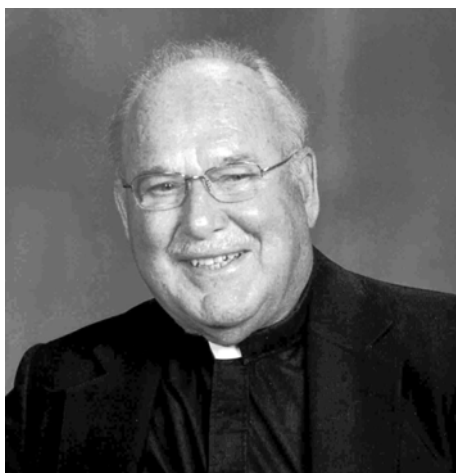
It is most fitting that Mary be a perfect, pure person because she was destined to be the mother of Jesus, who is God and man at the same time. She nurtured and loved her child and suffered much to see him tortured and crucified on the cross. She so

united herself to her divine son that she understood Jesus' mission and approved though she suffered to see him suffer.

During the month of May, we pay special homage to Mary. She is loved and honored all over the world. She appeared to many people in special places that have become sacred because of her presence. She urges all who venerate and love her to be faithful and loyal to her divine son and to love the people for whom he died.

The Church celebrates special feast days in her honor. She is the mother of Jesus and takes on the role as our spiritual mother too.

"Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left



unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

"O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen."

How to Build a Better Branch

Jim Jones
Member of the Membership Committee

"What you give will return abundantly." I didn't make that statement up. All the great leaders have used this quote from Andrew Carnegie, Napoleon Hill, and Og Mandino, even many of our recent leaders. It can be found in the Bible, Luke 6:38. These are the words of Jesus written in RED.

I like to think about the truthfulness of this statement in terms of service we give to our church, our pastor, our bishop, our charities and our members.

Service is our most important product. The service we give to others is returned abundantly in the form of appreciation, love, reward and personal life satisfaction.

It has everything to do with how we feel about our organization, the "WHY" of our branch. This WHY is how we feel about our cause, our beliefs and our purpose. The WHY is what causes prospective members to buy into your branch.

The wonderful thing about this "WHY" is that everything you give shall be returned abundantly to you.

Your Membership Committee has a special training available for you that will give you fantastic ideas on how to increase your branch membership and retain members. Why don't you give us a try???

Don't forget:

June is Member
Appreciation
Month.

Membership Stats as of May 2012 -- 11,426

New:	1037
Reinstated:	17
Transfer In/Out:	93
Non-payment:	180
Cancelled:	921
Deceased:	225

High Five!

Top five areas and districts with increased membership.

Chicago	+125
Los Angeles	+45
Santa Rosa	+20
Central Coast	+18
Santa Barbara	+12

Congratulations to the Marin and Los Vegas areas for also achieving increased membership.

If your branch has received a "Thank You" or any news from a Gifts of Love recipient, please let the editor know so it can be published in the *Bollettino*.

Public Relations Committee Announces New Guidelines

From the Public Relations Committee

Bollettino Photo Guidelines:

◆ When submitting a photo make sure that the picture is clear and not too dark. Even slightly out of focus or too dark will become worse when it is placed in the newspaper. Most digital cameras have an auto focus, but you have to give it time to focus prior to taking the picture. Most buttons are to be depressed half way to allow the camera to focus then fully depressed to take the picture. And remember keep the camera still for the best quality.

Website:

◆ The website is constantly be updated with new information along with more forms to make it easier for you the mem-

bers and officers.

◆ If you have any information that you would like to see placed on the website please send the information to info@icf.org and it will be passed along to the Public Relations Committee where it will be reviewed to see if it can be placed on the website. If the info cannot be placed on the website you will be sent a reply with an explanation as to why.

Facebook Content Guidelines:

◆ When using the ICF Facebook page, all posting must be placed in a positive manner. This includes all photos and written postings. This site is a great way to share with others the events happening throughout the ICF and the good things being accomplished by our members.

UPCOMING:

2012 Bishops' Days:

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- Jun. 16 Oakland (Contra Costa and East Bay)
- Jun. 30 Orange
- Oct. 3 San Bernardino
- Oct. 6 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 7 Las Vegas
- Oct. 20 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 21 Blessed Sacrament
- Oct. 27 Monterey (Central Coast)
- Oct. 28 Fresno
- Oct. 28 Las Vegas
- Nov. 18 Los Angeles
- Nov. 18 San Diego
- Dec. 2 Reno

Scholarship Donations

Officers/Members of Br. 434
In memory of Kelly

Raffanti

Ed and Jo Bertaccini

In memory of Maria

Ponzo

Jan Farren

Happy Mother's Day

wishes for Mrs. Dina Puccinelli

2nd - 4th Year Donation

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda

In memory of Jean Valva

Ed and Jo Bertaccini

In memory of Angelo

Gallo

Heritage Around the ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

Did you know there are five small Islands off the coast of Trapani, Sicily? They are the Egadi Islands. Formica and Maraone are uninhabited; Levanzo and Favignana are the most populated, and Marettimo is a fishing village with few inhabitants. In prehistoric times the Islands were connected to the coast of Sicily and a primitive population lived in caves. Remains have been found



dating back to the Neolithic age. The walls of the caves are covered with wall engravings and graffiti of human figures, animals and plants. In the year 231 BC, Carthaginians and the Romans battled between the Islands. The Romans claimed victory and the Carthaginians left Sicily. Later the Islands were home to pirates as a hideout and base against passing ships. Today the Islands are visited by tourists wanting to visit the caves and the rugged coast line of the Islands.



MAYCALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Bob & Kathi Brandi	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
5/2	Joyce French	387	Fullerton, CA	\$30
5/3	Loretta Reaves	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
5/4	Joyce Hamett	19	San Lorenzo, CA	\$30
5/5	Yolanda Actis		San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/6	Erma Trujillo		Denver, CO	\$30
5/7	Irene Steele		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/8	Gerry Buxie	91	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/9	John Geiger		Green Valley, AZ	\$30
5/10	Gladys Dunlap		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/11	Dino Giambrone	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/12	Beverly Casella	150	Penngrove, CA	\$30
5/13	Rev. Dave Ghiorso	327	San Carlos, CA	\$50
5/14	Patricia Richard	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
5/15	Maria Miller		Oakdale, CA	\$30
5/16	Mr. & Mrs. John Kennedy		Alameda, CA	\$30
5/17	Jennifer Thompson		Chicago, IL	\$50
5/18	Tracy Anderson	209	Penngrove, CA	\$30
5/19	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Prager		Long Beach, CA	\$30
5/20	Sharon L. Hromek	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
5/21	Branch 28		Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/22	Pat Pasquinelli	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/23	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/24	Mary Ann Friebe	26	Hollister, CA	\$30
5/25	Kate Shimshock	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
5/26	Rena Vallorz	391	Chatham, IL	\$30
5/27	Joyce Patropulos		Arnold, CA	\$30
5/28	Joe & Shara Rossi	391	Railroad Flat, CA	\$100
5/29	Remy V. Baluyut	56	Los Angeles, CA	\$30
5/30	Al & Holly Raineri	223	Piedmont, CA	\$30
5/31	Patricia Mueller	285	Livermore, CA	\$30

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In Loving Memory

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by the Santa Clara Valley District from their District Fundraiser - A Day At The Races.

*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.

— Live to Give —

Love and Blood:
Uncovering Thalassemia

by Rilee Hakola and Denise Corriveau

How is it that a majority of Americans have never heard of thalassemia, a chronic blood disorder, yet two million people in the United States carry the genetic trait for the disease? This fact will be the opening statement of our Community Based Service Learning (CBSL) project, which we will present in May 2012. A CBSL project is designed to send students out into the community with the universal goal of improving our world. Choosing a CBSL project takes much thought and consideration, because it not only affects our English and Religion grades, it is required to graduate from Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa, California. We teamed up together in May 2011 due to our shared love of children and common interest in working in a hospital. Our first inclination had been to work with cancer patients, because cancer is a well-known disease and a noble cause, but after many failed attempts at the hospitals and organizations in our area, it became clear this was not our calling. Through the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) branch in Healdsburg and our mentor, Julie Tomasin, we discovered thalassemia and began researching the details. It was not until our first tour of Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, and meeting Laurice Levine, that we wholeheartedly wanted to improve the lives of those with Thalassemia.

We began our effort to spread awareness of thalassemia by going to our elementary schools, St. Rose and St. John's. We made multiple appearances with different age levels through St. John's, including fourth graders who made Valentine's Day cards for the children at that party. The St. Rose seventh graders spoke to Laurice virtually after our presentation by using Skype, allowing them to see and hear about thalassemia firsthand. We have publicized our project all around our high school, Cardinal Newman. We asked the students to bake sugar cookies that could be decorated at the Valentine's Party, hung flyers, and spoke in classrooms. The graphic design classes made Christmas cards for the Christmas party, and we bring along younger volunteers to events in hopes that they will take on our project and carry on our mission of service. The ICF's national charity is thalassemia, so we gave a speech during their Ravioli fundraiser (for thalassemia) concerning our project, spreading awareness not only to our generation, but to others', as well.

Every time we present our project, our audience is completely unaware of the effects of thalassemia. It is shocking to see the number of children and adults alike who are unaware of this disease, but we were in that same category until our project began. Before beginning our project, we were required to write out all our goals for the upcoming months. Now that we are over halfway done, we are amazed by not only the number of goals we have achieved, but also how much they have changed. Our goals adapted to the many things we learned during talks with the patients about their home lives, hearing the true details of thalassemia that research cannot capture. Prior to actually encountering the hospital experience and working with the children, our goals involved brightening their lives and making them happier but now have evolved into being good listeners and stable friends they can confide in. Our naïve expectations of changing their lives were instantly demolished after our first engagement, when we knew they had touched our hearts more than we could ever touch theirs. Simple pleasures such as the bal-

Things to Ponder

“Fathers don’t wear bathing suits; they wear trunks. It’s kind of the same thing a tree would wear if it went swimming.”

--Jerry Seinfeld

Cooley's Corner

The Painted Turtle Camp

A life-enhancing summer experience for children with transfusion-dependent thalassemia



by Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

The Painted Turtle Camp is a beautiful 173-acre camp and family-care center in Lake Hughes, California is offering a free six-day camp experience this July-August for children ages 7 to 16 with transfusion-dependent thalassemia.

The Painted Turtle provides a year-round, life-changing environment and authentic camp experience for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. The camp supports children's medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illnesses, and provides care, education and respite for their families.

The Painted Turtle was founded in 1999, opened its gates in 2004 and operates in collaboration with a group of 16 California nonprofit children's hospitals, the Founding Partner Hospitals. It's also a member of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps founded by actor Paul Newman. Hole in the Wall Camps are considered the finest multi-disease medical camps and family-care centers in

the world. They have served more than 100,000 seriously ill children. Each camp is responsible for its own fundraising and has its own board of directors. In 2006, the Painted Turtle was accredited by the American Camp Association.

Several Thalassemia patients have attended the Painted Turtle Camp these past 3 years. The amount of happiness, confidence and joy it brings them is beyond anything I have seen. I wanted to experience this camp first hand so last summer I volunteered and was the Cabin Counselor for boys ages 7-10. It was a life-changing experience and I intend to return as a counselor again this year.

While Painted Turtle is free to campers, we at CHO fundraise to be able to provide free transportation to our campers. Without that they would not be able to afford the cost of an airplane ticket. Would you like to sponsor a patient to attend??

To learn more about Painted Turtle Camp:

www.thepaintedturtle.org

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 4	Officers/Members of Br. 28
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News From Gifts of Love

'Thank You' Letter Received From the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Office of the Deaf

by Andy Pappani
Gifts of Love Chairman

The following letter was received to the Gifts of Love Committee from the Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Mr. Pappani and Committee

I was truly amazed and quite overwhelmed, when Ms. Teresa Helfand presented me with the Committee's very generous gift of \$2,500. Our Catholic deaf community tries to respond to the needs of deaf individuals and families especially those who are struggling in these difficult economic times.

St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8033 W. Addison, Chicago, IL is an active community of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing persons who worship, socialize, and assist each other using our hands, eyes, voices and most of all our hearts. Because of generous people like yourselves we are able to continue the good work of the Lord

among people who too often are pushed to the margins of life because of their deafness.

Again, thank you to everyone in the Italian Catholic Federation for this extremely kind gift. Be assured it will be used to help those whose needs are quite severe. We will certainly remember you and all of your members in our Masses and prayers.

Yours in Christ
Reverend Joseph A. Mulcrone

If you would like someone to speak at your meetings about the Gifts of Love program, please feel free to contact Andy Pappani who can arrange for himself or another member of his committee to be present at your meeting.

Gifts of Love Donations

Branch 4	Officers/Members of the Santa Rosa District
Branch 36	In memory of the Deceased Members of the Santa Rosa District
Branch 423	Rose Haupt
The Greco Family Christmas Open House Fundraiser	In honor of the 50 th wedding anniversary of Dave and Lorraine Spargo
Helen Dianda	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In memory of Laura	In memory of Ron Nordstrom
Officers/Members of Br. 362	Officers/Members of Br. 403
In celebration of 50 years ordained to the priesthood for Rev. Msgr. Bob Gipson	In memory of Ada Bozza
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Andrew L. and Anita M. Zanardi
Get well wishes for Diana Polselli	In memory of Annina Benassi
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Rosalie Campisi
Get well wishes for Fran Teglia	In memory of Sal Lo Bue

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

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

Laurice Levine, Thalassemia

Outreach Coordinator

(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or

e-mail: LLevine@mail.cho.org

BOOK REVIEW VINCE PIRO

ALSO ONLINE AT ICF.ORG

Behind the Store: Stories of a First-Generation Italian American Childhood

Vincent Romeo

iUniverse, Inc. 2011, 236 pp.

In *Behind the Store: Stories of a First-Generation Italian American Childhood*, Vincent Romeo retells the stories of his childhood. The only son of Italian immigrants, Romeo must find his own identity in a world of dichotomies that often leave him confused and lost.

First, Romeo must deal with a father who believes that tough love is the only kind of love to give. He is always critical of his young son, never offering him praise or congratulations. He describes his father as "not noticing or caring. And in the rare times he tried to teach me something, his method was of the critical kind; there was never a compliment . . . never in my whole childhood, I never received one compliment from my father." This leaves the young Romeo insecure and shy to a degree, and he has a hard time making friends. In fact, he states that he never really had a childhood friend: "I . . . felt the need for a friend desperately, the need for someone my own age who would stand by my side." Afraid of his father's criticism and hot tem-



per, Romeo throws himself in to extracurricular activities at school in order to avoid going home.

His father is also a conflicted man. As Romeo writes, he is "full of contradictions." Based on his experiences in Italy, Romeo's father distrusts the Catholic church and most institutions, and he has an Italian fatalistic view of the world. However, he also believes in the American Dream without a critical eye. Romeo states, "America was the right country for him, for it is based on that presumption of innocence that lies at the center of our American lives, an innocence he had. And wasn't it also based on our great dual spirits of self-reliance and generosity, both of which were major parts of his character?" His father naively believed in the American dream, and in some ways he achieved a certain amount to success, but as Romeo notes, the country his father loved also limited him by stereotyping him. His father's disappointed ambitions are taken out on his son with constant criticism.

On the other hand, Romeo receives much love from his mother. Throughout the memoir, he praises her and shows that she loved him unconditionally. She, too, lived under difficult circumstances with a demanding and critical husband, prone to "explosive anger." However, she showed her young son the love and attention he could not get from his father. His mother is the one that pays attention to him, showing him how to cook, spending time with him, telling him stories. He relates that he "loved hearing Mom tell of her childhood, of her dreams, of what life had been like when she and my father first married." His mother also cooked the traditional Italian meals he comes to associate with her love, and each chapter is followed by a delicious recipe, one for Italian Sausage, one for Calabrian Orange Salad, another for biscotti, and many more, that represent the love Romeo received from his mother. However, Romeo is too honest of a writer to draw a portrait of his mother that does not include an honest look at her. He explains that she worried to excess, often preventing his father from achieving his dreams and overprotecting her children from imagined fears. She also gave into the demands of her husband and remained passive in the face of his anger even though she also had unrealized ambitions.

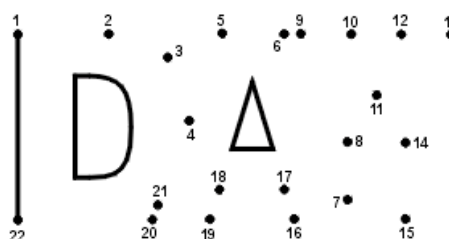
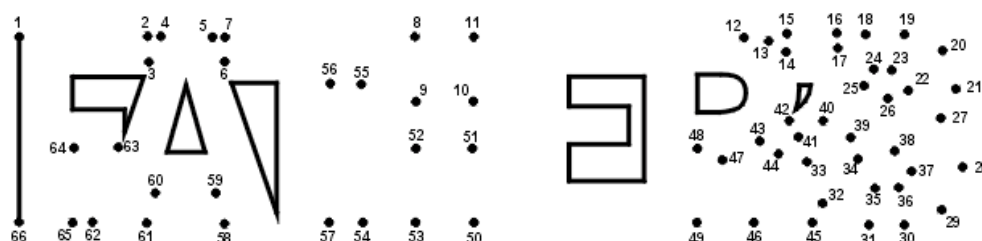
As Romeo acknowledges, his parents mold him into the man he is, and he must come to terms with his father's uncompromising and disapproving ways. Romeo realizes that although his father was never able to express his approval, he never-the-less was at times proud of his son. Romeo finds out

that his father was devoted to watching the television shows in which he acts. The author writes later in the book that "I do think that sometimes I pleased my father, though he would never admit it." And as the family gathers around his dying father, Romeo asks him "Do you love us?" To which, he immediately nodded yes. Romeo also sees his mother grow stronger as she grows older, standing up to her husband and speaking her mind more. While one gets the sense that pain of Romeo's childhood isn't totally healed, the author has come to terms with it. In a sense, the book reads as an exorcism of the author's demons, but as he comes to understand his parents, he realizes that he loves his family, and many fond memories fill the book, memories of holidays with relatives and large Italian family dinners, and memories of his loving grandmother. He finishes the book by writing, "I would tell the family stories of my father with humor and love. And I, too, would come to see the beauty of recognizing the world for what it is and how that is an endless joy."

Besides his parents, Romeo describes many colorful characters in his book. He describes his parents friends, his many relatives, and the neighbors in his Italian community. It is through these descriptions that the reader comes to understand what it meant to be Italian and American in the 1950s. We learn of their ambitions, disappointments, strengths, and weaknesses, and their lives are more complex than they first appear.

La Celebrazione di Gioventù The Celebration of Youth

Happy Father's Day!
Color the Picture of Dad!





Letter to the Editor:

Our behalf of our Family, during our Mother Diana Polselli's most recent surgery and recovery, we express our gratitude and appreciation for all of the calls, prayers, and donations to the Federation's charities. Although the recovery is a long process, with high spirits and tremendous thanks we are forever grateful.

Respectfully,
The Polselli Family

Lola Chialvo, wife of Felix Chialvo, passed away at the age of 98, on May 11, 2012. Lola joined the Italian Catholic Federation in 1944 as a member of Branch 40.

Lola was born in Oakland, CA. She is survived by 3 daughters, Gayle Walker, Susan Haas and Ann Groves and their husbands, 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grand-children and special friend Pat Tynan. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Felix Chialvo. Lola loved to laugh and was always there in good times and bad. She loved her garden and her Italian heritage. She was a member of St. Theresa's Church and the Fratellanza Club. She enjoyed entertaining as well as traveling the world. Her warmth and kindness will be sorely missed by all. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to St. Vincent's Day Home, 1806 Eighth Street, Oakland. A Memorial prayer service was held at St. Theresa's Church, 30 Mandalay Road, Oakland, on Wednesday, May 16.

From The Mother Cabrini Shrine

Patients are often brought by police and ambulance drivers because they know other hospitals will not accept them. Daily Mass is telecast in each patient's room, and many patients report that Mother Cabrini's intercession helped them get well. What will happen next?

To be continued...

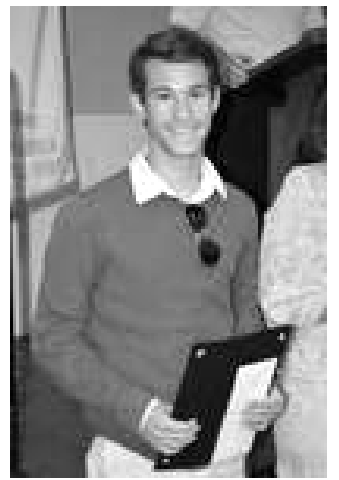


New Members

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Andy Pappani expressed that, "Our Brothers and Sisters of Branch 36 with a heart full warm welcome to their newly initiated members and guests of the ICF, Sid and I thought it was a beautiful event". In closing I wish to say that "Mary Ann and I enjoyed everything that happened that night as we always enjoy every event you invite us too".

Special guests that attended were Grand Trustee Andy Pappani and wife Siria, Life Member and Past GP Mike Cannady and wife Donna, Life Member Dante Galeazzi, Life Member Jim Friebe and wife Mary Ann, Central Council Member Marco Galeazzi and wife Diane and Central Coast District Deputy Sarah Jane Amoroso.



Italian Catholic Federation Twelfth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

COURSE:

Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

Breakfast: 7:00am / Shotgun tee off: 8:45am

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 20th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2012

If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!

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 20th deadline.

Remember: \$150 per player after July 20th.

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



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

2012 Convention in Reno, Nevada

Friday, Aug. 31, 2012 to Monday, Sept. 3, 2012

Theme: IN GIVING WE RECEIVE

HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

Grand Sierra Reno, NV (Phone: (775) 789-2000 / Reservations: (800) 648-5080)

2500 East 2nd Street, Reno, NV 89595 — Visit the link to hotel reservations on our website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

Room Rate: \$109.00 Single/Double Occupancy plus 13% tax

\$10 - Resort Fee Waived

\$119.00 Triple/Quad Occupancy plus 13% tax

Use Group/Convention Code "ICF12"



Free Parking

Complimentary Hotel Shuttle to/from Airport

A complimentary airport shuttle is available from the hotel front entrance every half hour between the hours of 5:00am and 11:30pm. Pick-up from the Grand Sierra is on the hour and the ½ hour; pick-up from the airport is ¼ to and ¼ after the hour, starting at 5:15am with the last pick-up at 11:45pm. The shuttle is first come-first served and is for individual transfers.

Reservation Deadline is Saturday, August 4, 2012. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability.

AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL DIRECT

Here are a few:

Southwest Airlines: 1-800-435-9792

www.southwest.com

US Airways: 1-800-428-4322

www.usairways.com

United Airlines: 1-800-241-6522

www.ual.com

Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522

www.alaskaair.com

American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300

www.aa.com

Taxi Service

Taxis depart from the designated taxi zones located at the far end of (north side) Baggage Claim next to the same area as the Shuttle Bus pick-up.

Shuttle Service

Free Hotel Shuttle service can be found outside the D doors located at the north end of Baggage Claim. Look for the Grand Sierra shuttle.

For more information on flights and approx. prices/contacts for services, if you choose not to take the shuttle, visit www.renoairport.com.

Railroad Service ***AMTRAK***

*Our Amtrak code is X39J-943. It will give a 10% discount off the best available fare to Reno, NV between August 27, 2012 and September 6, 2012. The reservation number is 1-800-872-7245. The Amtrak station is 2 miles from the hotel. ***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 and city bus service (Route 14) - the bus terminal is 1 block away. Visit www.rtcwashoe.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

GRAND SIERRA RENO

2500 East 2nd Street

Reno, NV 89595

775-789-2000

Italian Catholic Federation

August 31, 2012 to September 3, 2012

Reservation Form

Group Room Rate: \$109.00 for Single/Double Occupancy
\$119.00 for Triple/Quad Occupancy
(Rate is exclusive of 13% Occupancy Tax)
(\$10 Resort Fee Waived)

Your reservation must be received no later than August 4, 2012. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability. Group rates are effective three (3) days before and three (3) days after conference dates, subject to availability. Please Note: Guest room reservations may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty. Hotel is a non-smoking hotel.

You can make reservations at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/>

Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=7042430

*Use Group/Convention Code: ICF12

This form can be faxed to: Grand Sierra Reno
Fax: (775) 789-2130
ATTN: Reservation Department

Email (scan) to: reservations@grandsierraresort.com

Call for Reservations: 1-800-648-5080

Check-In Time: 3:00pm Check-Out Time: 12 Noon

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____

DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Number of: Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Additional Names on Reservation: _____

ROOM TYPE REQUESTED: (1) King Bed _____

(2) Double Beds _____

METHOD OF GUARANTEE: Visa _____ MasterCard _____

Discover _____ AMEX _____ Diner's Club _____

Card# _____

Expiration: _____

Name on Card _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

*Come and Celebrate a Terrific Kick-Off
to our 2012 Convention!*

**You're invited to a Convention tradition - Thursday Night with
the best local offerings of inspired food and wine.**



Reno Branch 135 welcomes you to the

THURSDAY NIGHT POLENTA DINNER



5:30 p.m. - No Host Cocktails
7:00 p.m. - Dinner

Reservation Deadline - AUGUST 15, 2012

The Boys & Girls Club of Reno
2680 East Ninth Street - Reno, NV 89512
(Transportation available for hotel guests. Bus will leave at 5:15 p.m.)

Adults: \$ 40.00 ♦ Children (Ages 5-12): \$10.00

Name _____ Branch # _____

Your Phone Contact # _____

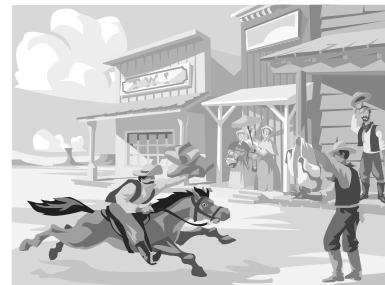
Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Reno Branch 135
SEND TO: Virginia Zorio
1049 West Plumb Lane - Reno, NV 89509

Any questions, call: Virginia Zorio (775) 322-1316

ICF CONVENTION 2012 TOUR



VIRGINIA CITY TOUR

Friday, August 31, 2012

Depart: Grand Sierra Resort Hotel, Reno at 9:00 A.M.
Return: Grand Sierra Resort Hotel, Reno at 3:00P.M.

This tour will be led by Brother Matthew Cunningham. It will take you by the State Capitol in Carson City on your way to historic Virginia City. Virginia City has received national recognition as a destination whose colorful and exciting history lives on for everyone to experience. The picturesque buildings and artifacts offer visitors an authentic Victorian era experience in Nevada's most famous and historic mining town. Brother Matthew will provide information along the way about the many historic sites and stories of Virginia City as well as take you to Saint Mary of the Mountain where you will hear about the Mad Monks.

Price: \$25.00 (lunch not included)

Deadline for reservations: Aug. 13, 2012

Detach the form below and return with your payment.

Please enclose your check with the registration form and make it payable to: RENO BRANCH #135 ICF.

Mail check to: ICF Br. 135 c/o Virginia Zorio
1049 West Plumb Lane
Reno, NV 89509

RESERVATIONS: \$25.00 per person

Name(s).....Phone.....
Address.....
Total number..... Total amount enclosed \$.....

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 82ND ANNUAL CONVENTION PEDRO TOURNAMENT RAND IERRA RE ORT - RENO



ENTRY FEE: \$15.00
INCLUDE REFRE HMENT
DEADLINE: AU U T 16TH

PRIZE

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

FRIDAY, AU . 31 T

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

TO RE I TER: 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, UITE 110
OAKLAND, CA 94621

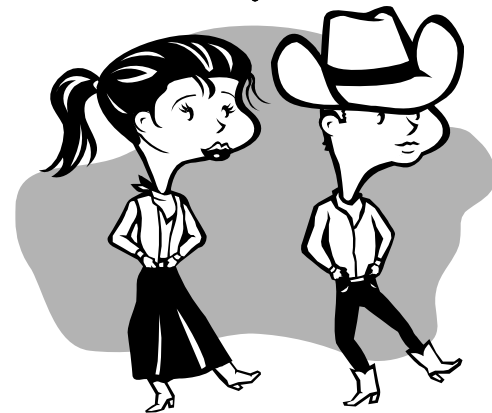
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NAME 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION PRESENTS

WESTERN PARTY DINNER DANCE



Sunday, September 2, 2012

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno

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

Reserved Seating according to Date of Receipt of Paid Reservations

Name _____ Branch # _____ Total Reservations _____

Phone # _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please list additional reservations on the back.

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

Reservation Deadline: August 16, 2012

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