

# BOLLETTINO

## Funding Needed For Children's Hospital Desferal Activities

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2012 and ends in August 2013. 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, Oakland Children's Hospital sponsors several activities for the Cooley's Anemia patients which they treat. The hospital has redesigned their program to better fit the needs of patients and families as they deal with changing demographics and an aging population. Due to your generous donations in the past, we have participated as a sponsor for their wonderful programs. Last year, we were able to donate \$2,225.00. This money is used to help with a Patient BBQ in July and a Teen/Adult Weekend Retreat in the Fall. There are also small gatherings at the Day Hospital for when the children receive blood transfusions. This year we want to continue our program whereby we offer them support, but we need to once again ask our districts, branches and individual Members to take part 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.

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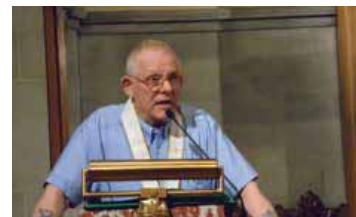
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## Happy Anniversary ICF!

## Districts Wrap Up First Wave of Bishops' Days

### Chicago Bishop's Day and Installation

The Chicago District celebrated its Bishop's Day on Sunday, April 28, and its installation of officers on Thursday, April 25.



### Oakland Bishop's Day

The Oakland Diocese held its Bishop's Day, combining the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts, on April 21 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Point Richmond, CA. The Most Reverend Alex J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle Diocese and Apostolic Administrator for the Oakland Diocese presided.



## Grand President's Monthly Message

This past month my district -- the East Bay District -- had the pleasure of having the Central Council Workshop Committee present at our District Meeting. The committee is led by Chairperson, Life Member, Dante Galeazzi, and includes Life Members and Past Grand Presidents, Bob Acquistapace and David Botta, as well as Life Member Jim Friebe.

The topic my district was most interested in was finance; however, the history of the ICF; heritage and membership were also included in the workshop. Each one of these members gave a great presentation that was well received by all members of my district, and the majority of us came away learning something new.

I urge all districts to please consider having the Workshop Committee give a presentation during one of your meetings. It gives officers and members who are not able to attend the Convention workshops the opportunity to learn a little more about the inner workings of the ICF and our history.

With the Convention in mind, all branches should have or will be electing your delegates for this year's Convention in La Quinta. I've been working closely with Convention Director Steven Fuentes and his committee, and once again, this year's Convention will prove to be a great experience for all who attend.

On a more personal note, on behalf of me and my family, I wish to thank you all for the prayers and get well wishes for my mother. The power of prayer is an amazing thing and it does work. My mother is recovering well and feels and looks great.

To my father, Sir Robert Dianda, I love you and appreciate all you have done and continue to do for me. To all ICF fathers, may you have a wonderful Father's Day and know how special each of one of you are.

There are two fathers that we should all give thanks to, especially in this month of June. Let us not forget Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini, the Founding Fathers of this amazing organization.

*Fraternally,*

*Jane Dianda  
Grand President*



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**UPCOMING:****2013 Bishops' Days:**

- Oct. 19 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 20 Fresno
- San Diego
- Oct. 27 Las Vegas
- San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Nov. 3 Monterey (Central Coast)
- Nov. 17 Los Angeles



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

**CONCEPT OF THE LOGO**

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

# June is Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Open Our Hearts to Jesus!

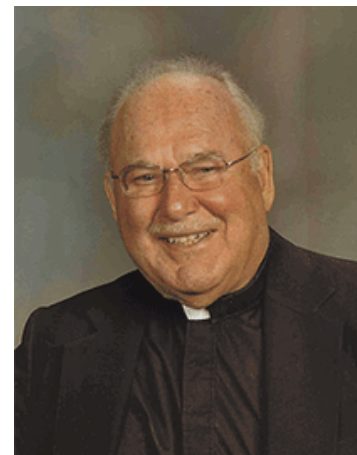
**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
ICF Spiritual Director  
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The heart is the traditional symbol of love. It plays a great part in our lives. There are songs and poems written about the heart. On Valentine's Day, the heart is displayed in a variety of different ways to express love. We say sometimes to a person, parent, child, or friend, "I love you with all my heart."

We ask people to open their hearts and minds to help and give support to a cause or a need. We may use the expression, "That

person has a big heart!" or, "That person has a closed heart!" We want to be people with big, open hearts. June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Open our hearts to Jesus! Adore Jesus in His most Sacred Heart. Jesus loves us with all His Heart. We want to return that love, not only now, but every day of our lives.

As members of the ICF we go forth to new challenges, new experiences. Always carry the love of Jesus in our hearts. He will guide and protect us. He will inspire us to increase the love and the work of the ICF. We do this for the good of the Federation, its members, its goals. We do this for the good of the Church and the love of people.



# Members of One Catholic Family

**Jim Acitelli**

**Member of the**

**Membership Committee**

**Membership Reminders:**

-The membership year ends June 30. Please forward all applications to the ICF office before June 30 to be included for the correct year.

-Membership surveys are available on the ICF website. There is no due date, however highlights of the surveys returned prior to August 1 will be shared at the convention membership workshop.

-June is Member Appreciation Month. Some branches celebrate during other months. If no plans have been made, please consider adding a member appreciation event to your branch calendar.

**Membership Stats as of**

**July 1, 2012:**

11,212

Membership as of

New:	817
Reinstated:	21
Transfer in/out:	43
Deceased:	238
Non-payment:	211
Cancellations:	789

**High Five!**

Top five districts/areas with an increase in membership. (Deceased members are not calculated in these figures).

Top Five Districts with Increased Membership  
(Deceased Members are not included in these stats)  
+39 Los Angeles  
+39 Central Coast  
+37 Contra Costa  
+15 San Gabriel  
+9 Blessed Sacrament

Congratulations to the Chicago and Santa Barbara-Ventura districts for also achieving increased membership.

What do we cherish most in our lives? Our families and our religion! The love that we have for both of these is something that cannot ever be replaced. We would be lost without either of them.

In our Italian Catholic Federation we have the best possible family and we are able to extend that family into our church, parish and our community through our membership.

In our Membership Drives we emphasize family over and over again! This is such an appealing aspect. Family doesn't always mean just children; it also means those seeking friendship and companionship with kindred spirits. The socialization and spirituality of our organization are the key cogs in the wheel of the ICF.

We encourage our members to reach out to each other in times of joy and in times of hardship and heartbreak as we have truly become brothers and sisters; yes, we may not always agree on things but we are always there for each other when needed. We are bound together by the spirituality of our faith and the traditions that we share. Even those who are ICF members, but not of Italian descent, have come to learn the traditions and heritage of which we are so proud, and have embraced it. It is what is keeping our flame burning and we must always keep that fire lit!!

Remember, let's not always be looking for new members but also looking for our "old family members." Whatever happened to "so and so"? Let's remain more connected to each other while seeking to widen the circle.

We have emphasized many times how fortunate we are to be part of this great organization. Only through our faith and our organization can we be true to ourselves and our family.

**Fundraising Workshop at Convention**

**Franklyn Lopes**  
Way & Means Chairperson

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



## Letter to the Editor:

Franklyn Lopes' March Edition article on the benefits of Lenten Dinners to the I.C.F. membership is SPOT On. This is why I am adding an offer to help any Branch interested in starting Lenten Dinners in their parish. I think if you check on it, you'll find that the branches that serve Lenten Dinners add to their membership numbers. I'm taking Roselynn Jarrett's advice and sending this article in for publication for all to read, because these dinners ARE a great vehicle for adding new members in your Parish. Our Branch has been able to add anywhere from 40- or so, up to 70 members a year and mostly due to exposure from Lenten Dinners.

My Dad started Lenten Dinners in Monterey with Knights of Columbus over 30 years ago. The Knights quickly got tired and "retired" from that job but then Past Pres. John Cardinale and his I.C.F. members took over and the rest is history. Following past Pres. John came past Pres. Tom Fama and his "Giovannottis." Since

Tom, I have been in charge for the past 13 years and have now left it to my nephew Peter John Curatolo, who is doing an excellent job. "Better than Uncle." My son George who has been by my side over all these years, also remains in the kitchen. Between them both, and along with the crew of Br. 36, they run a smooth operation.

No organization can bring a Parish Community together like the I.C.F. can. With good food, hard work, good nature and hospitality -- the I.C.F. is hard to beat!!!

Start now to line up your calendar--put your "aches and pains" aside--get some new aprons--but first of all --get the backing of your Parish Priest--then secure a facility and then give me a call if you need any help/advice at all @ 831-372-4791 or e-mail elnardo@sbcglobal.net

*Ed Leonard 1st Vice Pres.*

*Santa Rosalia, Br. 36, Monterey*

## Thoughts to Ponder

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love the most is soap-on-a-rope -- Bill Cosby

## MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Ann Basuino	365	San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/2	Christine Ragusa	362	Downey, CA	\$30
5/3	Good Shepherd Guild		San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/4	Mike Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/5	Mary Kingshill	413	Murphys, CA	\$30
5/6	Don & Gay Robinson	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/7	Alfreda Baroni	223	Oakland, CA	\$30
5/8	Joyce Nuti	290	San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/9	Bruno Fomasi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$50
5/10	Medy Peralta		Fairfield, CA	\$30
5/11	Catherine Geraci	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/12	Jamie Carlson	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$50
5/13	Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo		Reno, NV	\$30
5/14	Tiffani Souza		Modesto, CA	\$30
5/15	Linda & Jim Spallino	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
5/16	Janice De Costa	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/17	Felix Di Giallonardo		Ft. Collins, CO	\$30
5/18	Gene Melone	181	Franklin Park, IL	\$30
5/19	Carmen Miranda	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
5/20	Frances Slebir	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
5/21	Frank Borge, Jr.		Aromas, CA	\$30
5/22	Shirley & Jack Robasciotti		Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/23	Josh Foster		Alameda, CA	\$30
5/24	Fr. Guglielmo Lauriola	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/25	Albert Bogges	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
5/26	Joe Valerga		San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/27	Pauline Iacono	115	San Pedro, CA	\$100
5/28	Fr. Vu		Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/29	Peggy Fortino	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/30	Isabella & Jacob Cordich		Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/31	Jody Vasquez		Modesto, CA	\$30

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# Bollettino Deadlines Changing

Michelle Feldman  
Bollettino Editor

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

Effective in June, for the July issue of the *Bollettino*, the new deadline for all submissions will be the 10th of the month (excluding the Aug./Sept. Convention issue that will remain an August 1 deadline).

The deadlines for the upcoming months

will be as follows:

June 10 for the July issue

Aug. 1 for the Aug./Sept. issue

Sept. 10 for the October issue

Oct. 10 for the November issue

Nov. 10 for the December issue

Dec. 10 for the January 2014 issue

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

## Scholarship Focus

### Kate Ottrando

Kate Ottrando

College: University of

California Santa Barbara

Mascot: The Gaucho

A recipient of an ICF scholarship, Kate Ottrando chose to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara. Kate chose UCSB because it is a highly ranked public university. She writes, "It is close to home and yet just far enough away, too. I love the beautiful campus and ocean views!"

Kate is majoring in English because she enjoys writing.

Kate explains that the ICF scholarship made her proud of her Italian heritage. She writes, "Also it was an esteem boost

- my school recognized me for winning the ICF scholarship award at the end of the year awards assembly."

Kate looks forward to university life because she likes meeting new people from different places. She anticipates and looks forward to the new academic challenge of college. She writes, "I loved decorating my dorm room and it has a scenic view or the hills and ocean."

Kate was always a good student and remembers, "I worked and studied very long hours in high school. Scholarships like this one made me realize that all the sacrifices and effort were well worth it."

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

## Scholarship Donations

### Scholarship Donations - 1<sup>st</sup> Year

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Deborah Rodondi

Get well wishes for Nina Malone

Deborah Rodondi

Get well wishes for Theresa Dianda

Deborah Rodondi

Thinking of you wishes for Fr. Frank

Murray

Deborah Rodondi, Robert Rodondi and Teri Sagrafina

In memory of Frank Casagrande

### Scholarship Donations - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Year

Scholarship Donations - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Year

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda

In memory of Dorothy Jellison

## Apology for Article

In the May issue of the *Bollettino* the article "10 Interesting Facts About Pope Francis To Impress Your Friends" was published with all intent to provide a light-hearted look at the new pope. It was, in no way, designed to offend anyone. My apologies to those who did not like the article.

*Michelle Feldman*  
Editor

Editor Note:

With regards to branch reports and photo captions, all names are assumed spelled correctly as there is no way on my end to double check.

# SAVE THE DATE!

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

## Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

### IN MEMORY OF:

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Al Oppocher  
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Joe Turner  
Joe Turner  
Joseph Cirigliano  
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John Rosa

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### GET WELL WISHES:

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Byron Griffith  
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Rev. Ray Kenny John and Donna Rossi

### IN HONOR OF:

David, Pam, Brianna and Michael Citrigno Armando and Dorothy Fini

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

## In Loving Memory

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Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita  
Get well wishes for Theresa Dianda  
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David and Pat Botta  
Get well wishes for Nina Malone  
David and Pat Botta  
Get well wishes for Theresa Dianda  
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Get well wishes for Theresa Dianda

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anniversary of Frank and Rita Delisle  
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In memory of Catherine Sadler  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane  
Get well wishes for Joe Donato

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In memory of Paul Nardella

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# Cooley's Corner

## Thalassemia and Blood

Laurice Levine  
MA, CCLS  
Children's Hospital Research  
Center Oakland

**T**halassemia, also called Cooley's Anemia, is one of the most common genetic blood disorders. Dr. Thomas Cooley and Dr. Pearl Lee first diagnosed thalassemia in 1925 when they discovered that the disease was prevalent among people from the Mediterranean region, including Southern Italy, Sicily, Cyprus, Malta and Greece. Thus, it became widely known as "Mediterranean Anemia." Today, thalassemia has a wide geographic origin, occurring also among people from the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Southern China, and parts of the Pacific Islands and North Africa. Worldwide, almost 150 million people (or 2.9% of the population) carry the trait for thalassemia and approximately 100,000 children are born with severe forms of thalassemia every year. In the U.S., 2,000,000 people are estimated to be trait carriers.

Thalassemia trait, also known as thalassemia minor, developed as a protection against malaria. There is no scientific evidence that thalassemia trait causes symptoms and a person with thalassemia trait will never get the disease in the major form. However if two trait carriers have a child, that child has a 25% chance of inheriting thalassemia major, which is the severe form of this blood disorder.

People with thalassemia major are unable to make hemoglobin, which is the protein in red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of the body. This lack of hemoglobin production causes severe anemia. Consequently, the primary treatment for thalassemia major is routine blood transfusions every 2-4 weeks. People with thalassemia require blood transfusions throughout their lifetime in order to survive. A person with thalassemia major receives approximately 36 units of blood each year.

As a result of routine blood transfusions, patients with thalassemia are at risk for iron overload. Consequently, patients

must undergo a nightly infusion of the drug Desferal. Desferal is administered subcutaneously (in the fatty tissue) or intravenously (in the vein) using a needle attached to a small pump. Patients must wear the pump for 12-15 hours, 5-7 nights a week in order to remove excess iron from the body. If left untreated, excess iron causes severe toxicity and organ damage, especially to the heart, liver, and endocrine system. Compliance with Desferal therapy, although challenging, is often the key to a person's health and long term survival with thalassemia. There is no universal cure for thalassemia, but some patients may be cured by a bone marrow transplant (BMT). However, finding a matching donor is very difficult and a BMT is a high-risk procedure.

The Thalassemia Center at Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO) is one of six Thalassemia Treatment Centers of Excellence in North America. Along with patient care, scientific research is a primary focus at CHRCO. As a result of improved technology, research, and a healthy blood supply people with thalassemia are living longer than ever before.

Getting tested for thalassemia trait is an easy process and a simple blood test. Ask your provider to check the following:

- Hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F.
- Complete Blood Count (CBC).
- Iron Studies (free erythrocyte protoporphyrin, lead, ferritin, and/ or other iron studies).

If you have any questions about thalassemia or our comprehensive program, please feel free to visit our website at [www.thalassemia.com](http://www.thalassemia.com); contact us at 510-428-3885 x 5427; or email [LLevine@mail.cho.org](mailto:LLevine@mail.cho.org).

As a blood recipient, I want to thank all the blood donors. It is because of you that I am alive. My gratitude is beyond measure. Please know that I hold a sacred place for all of you deep within my heart.

# Live to Give

## Cord Blood and Stem Cells

Lisa Crudo  
Live to Give Committee Member

**A**s Catholics, we believe that all life is sacred, especially the unborn. So it is no surprise that the science of stem cell research and collection poses social, ethical and moral concerns. There are misconceptions surrounding stem cell research which are routinely presented in the mass media.

Here are a couple of common myths in the debate over stem cell research:

**Myth 1:** Stem cells can come only from embryos.

In fact, stem cells can be taken from umbilical cords, the placenta, amniotic fluid, adult tissues and organs such as bone marrow, fat obtained by liposuction, and regions of the nose, and they can be taken from cadavers up to twenty hours after death.

**Myth 2:** The Catholic Church is against stem cell research.

There are four categories of stem cells: embryonic stem cells, embryonic germ cells, umbilical cord stem cells, and adult stem cells. Given that germ cells can come from miscarriages that involve no deliberate interruption of pregnancy, the Church really opposes the use of only one of these four categories, i.e., embryonic stem cells. In other words, the Catholic Church approves three of the four possible types of stem cell research.

### Common Questions

The following questions are frequently asked about stem cell research:

What are stem cells and why are they important?

A stem cell is essentially a nonspecialized or "blank" cell, which is capable of becoming another, more differentiated cell type in the body, such as a muscle cell, nerve cell, or skin cell. Stem cells can be used to replace or heal damaged tissues and cells in the body. They are biological cells found in all multicellular organisms.

In mammals, there are two broad types of

stem cells: embryonic stem cells, and adult stem cells, which are found in various tissues. In adult organisms, stem cells and progenitor cells act as a repair system for the body, replenishing adult tissues. In a developing embryo, stem cells can differentiate into all the specialized cells such as blood, skin, or intestinal tissues.

### What is umbilical cord blood?

Umbilical cord blood is the blood left over in the placenta and in the umbilical cord after the birth of the baby. The cord blood is composed of all the elements found in whole blood. It contains red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma, platelets and is also rich in hematopoietic stem cells. These stem cells in cord blood have immense potential to cure heart related disease, eighty diseases in blood, infections and genetic disorders.

There are several methods for collecting cord blood. The method most commonly used in clinical practice is the "closed technique", which is similar to standard blood collection techniques. On average, the closed technique enables collection of about 75 ml of cord blood.

Collected cord blood is cryopreserved (frozen) and then stored in a cord blood bank for future transplantation. A cord blood bank may be private (i.e. the blood is stored for and the costs paid by donor families) or public (i.e. stored and made available for use by unrelated donors). While public cord blood banking is widely supported, private cord banking is controversial in both the medical and parenting community.

As members of the Italian Catholic Federation and supporters of our National Charity, Cooley's Anemia at Children's Hospital in Oakland, it is our goal to help find a cure. Be well informed, spread the word to all your mothers, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, and nieces... all the women who are bearing children about how valuable the umbilical cord is. For more information on cord blood banking, contact committee members Lisa Crudo, Laurice Levine, Nina Malone or Jim Acitelli.

## A Look at the Good We Do

Jim Acitelli  
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

**A**s we approach the compiling of our Apostolic/Charity Report, it is a good time to review all the good that we have done in the past year – both monetarily and with our faith.

A perfect example of how our Apostolic/Charity work helps others is found in the story of Fr. Joseph Landi, the Parochial Vicar of St. Cecilia Parish in San Francisco as told by Rissa Singing in "Out of the World and Into the Kingdom."

In 1981, Joe is a wealthy and successful man, whose life is changed by a dream from God. God tells Joe there are many

roads to travel and for the first time, Joe articulates what is wrong with his life. When Joe wakes from the dream, he is not sure where the line lies between the dream and reality so he takes the Bible from the shelf and begins to read it. It is the story of a rich man who asked Jesus, "What must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Keep the commandments." But the rich man persisted, "I have kept all these commandments so what more do I need to do?" Jesus replied, "If you wish to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor...then come and follow me." That's exactly what Joe did.

It took him three years to free himself of all business obligations, selling all

his possessions but during that time he attended the University of California at Berkeley to get the educational academic units he needed and took a teaching job for which he refused to receive payment.

It was only when Joe received a letter from the archdiocese saying he had been accepted did he tell his friends and family.

Following this dream and having given up all worldly possessions, Joe enters the minor seminary 1984 and then in 1985, St. Patrick's Seminary for 4 years. At age 51, it wasn't easy for him to become a student again but there he found peace and joy that can't compare with anything this world has to offer.

His deep faith made him victorious in the trials he encountered at the seminary. In 1990, Fr. Joe was ordained at the age of 57. His experience has definitely been a

boon to the Church. Besides his parochial duties, Fr. Joe is the archbishop's liaison in the Charismatic Renewal; edits "The San Francisco Charismatics" and on his vacations he serves as a chaplain on Holland America's cruise ships.

While Fr. Joe can lay claim to many achievements as a priest, his most meaningful one would be bringing his family to the Lord. Two years after his ordination, Fr. Joe baptized his two brothers, two nephews and two grand-nephews—three generations all in one day!

Perhaps you might not find this a remarkable story except for the fact that Fr. Joe states he would not have been able to finish his last year at St. Patrick Seminary without the donations of the

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Vince Piro

Also ONLINE AT ICF.ORG



**Esty: A Novel/Memoir by  
Lawrence W. DiStasi &  
Margaret Weisz DiStasi**

**Sanniti Publications, 2013,  
215 pp.**

**Mal Occhio: The Underside  
of Vision**

**by Lawrence W. DiStasi**

**Sanniti Publications, 2008,  
182 pp.**

As a writer, Lawrence DiStasi has always examined the influence of the past on the present. His works (Una Storia Segreta, Mal Occhio, and The Big Book of Italian American Culture) explore how the stories and culture of Italian Americans influence the way we see the world today. However, his latest book, Esty, is his most intimate and personal writing to date, and it is because of this intimacy that it is, I believe, his most insightful and touching work.

In a recent email, he explained the unique origins of the book: "My latest book, Esty: A Novel/Memoir, . . . is in many ways a tribute to my mother. Years ago she handed me a manuscript about her early life in Hungary and before (the title, Esty, is her nickname for her mother, Esther, whose secret romance she begins her 'novel,' and herself, with). I, in turn, added commentary and episodes from her later life, plus an imagined dialogue between us, to make a book of it. As a working mother, she had no time to learn about fictional techniques, but she eventually found time to create this, her cry of liberation, her detailed account of how and why she escaped her orthodox Jewish father to marry an Italian immigrant, my father. The full account turned out to be more stunning than the legendary romance we children were weaned on."

This distinctive book can be read on so many levels, all of them both penetrating and entertaining. On the one hand, this is a memoir of a young woman's liberation from her abusive father, her rebellion and escape as she marries an Italian immigrant, who becomes her savior. It is also a family memoir as it recounts the family's origins in Hungary and immigration to the United States. It is also a romance. Actually it is a couple of love stories, for we learn of the romance between Esty and her Hungarian Duke and of the romance between Margaret, DiStasi's mother, and his Italian immigrant father. It is also the story of America, rich with immigrants who boldly cross ethnic lines to form new families and a new world. It is also a dialogue between a mother and her son as throughout the book DiStasi inserts his own commentaries, reactions, and responses to his mother's memoir. All of these work together -- each

aspect of the book informing and giving insight into another. The various stories from the past and the reactions to them in the present influence one another and begin to blend together so that we see that past, present, and future become one story similar to a tapestry with an intricate weave, one thread of the story adding color and depth to the whole.

And while the book has a complexity to it that gives it depth and perception into the universal human condition, it is also entertaining, a page turner. The reader gets caught up in the stories of its various characters, their challenges and victories, their lives. DiStasi also is able to capture the voice and tone of different eras. For example, early on, the book has an almost fairy-tale tone while, later on, the book takes on a more modern voice. For example, the book begins with "In the foothills of the Black Mountains in a little village called Hadud in Hungary, there was a beautiful estate that belonged to the Duke of Von Ripacoff, who was given this place when he got married." Later in the book, the tone changes to a more modern style: "Ella asked me what I was crying about. I should be happy. But I couldn't tell her. Papa threatened me: If I told her he would beat the hell out of me and I knew he would." This ability to shift voice and tone draws the reader even further into the story.

Readers will find Esty both insightful and entertaining and well worth reading.

DiStasi's 1981 book, Mal Occhio: The Underside of Vision, has recently been reprinted. This book investigates the superstition of the evil eye in Italian culture as well as other cultures throughout the world. He explores how different cultures have perceived this phenomenon, explaining its roots in ancient societies to more modern ones, its influences on child-rearing, families, and neighborhoods. He analyzes the symbolism of the eye in art and culture and comes to understand what the eye says about how we view ourselves. It is an engaging exploration into the human psyche.

To order either Esty or Mal Occhio, one can contact the author by email at [lwdistasi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwdistasi@sbcglobal.net) or by phoning (415) 868-0538.

## Apostolate

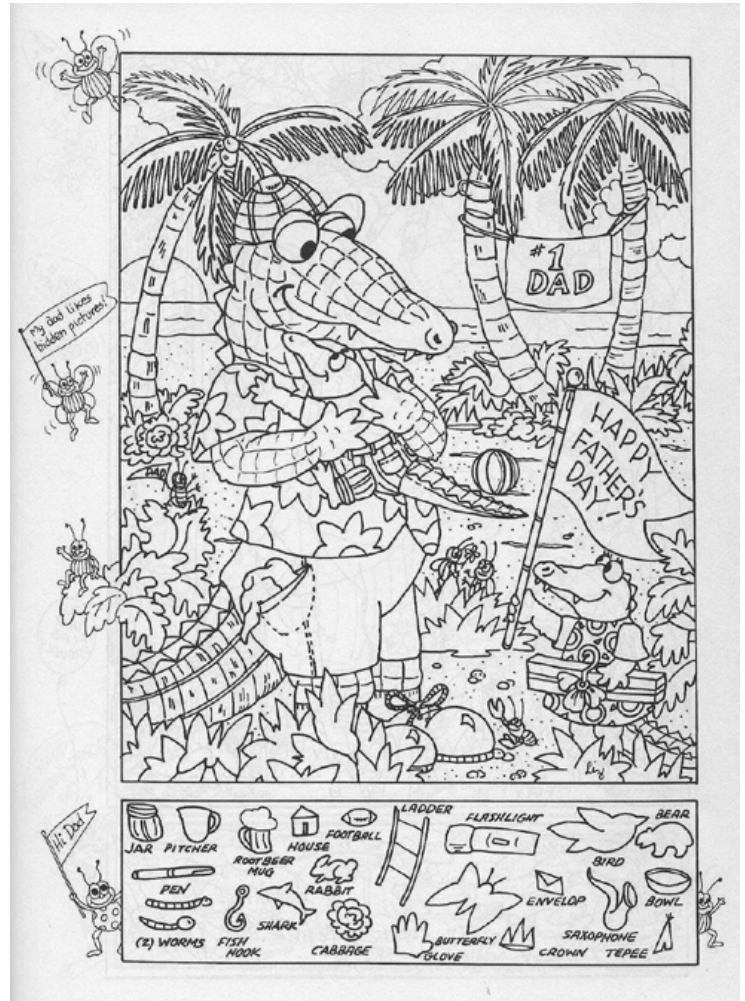
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Italian Catholic Federation.

And now you know the end of the Apostolic/Charity story or its new beginning.....

Apostolic/Charity Committee: Jim Acitelli, Chair; Lisa Crudo, Marco Galeazzi, Teresa Helfand

## La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth Celebrating Father's Day



## Desferal Camp

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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.

The deadline for contributions is June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 on or before July 15, 2013.

Thank you.

## Special Prayer For Fathers

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

## Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

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

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

If you are interested in being a candidate,

here are the guidelines:

(1) Central Council candidates must be delegates to the Convention.

(2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by the start of the Convention General Session on Saturday, August 31. All necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the 2pm start time.

(3) Present Central Council members attend the Convention as delegates-at-large.

(4) The deadline for candidate photo and statement of purpose to appear in the Bollettino is Thursday, August 1, 2013.

## TO LA QUINTA, CA

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



❖ When: Thursday, August 29, 2013

❖ Where: La Quinta Resort - Convention site

❖ No-Host Cocktails: 6:00 P.M.

❖ Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

❖ Price: \$45.00

An Accordion Player will provide the wonderful music

Door Prizes

Live Auction for Gift Baskets



The Menu will feature:

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

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Selection Circle One

Beef Chicken Vegetarian

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Selection Circle One

Beef Chicken Vegetarian

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the San Bernardino District ICF and mail with the reservation form to:

Roberta Craig

227 Settles Drive

Cathedral City, CA 92234

## Golf Tournament Registration

It is time to make your arrangements to attend the Annual ICF Golf Tournament. This year it will be held on Friday, July 19, 2013 at Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. Breakfast will be served at 7am, and shotgun tee off is at 8:45am. If you can't golf but would like to join the festivities, then join the golfers at the banquet which starts at 2pm in San Carlos Church Hall in

Monterey. There will be no-host cocktails and a sumptuous four course dinner starting at 3pm. Price for golfers is \$135 and includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet. After July 12, the price per golfer is \$150. If you would like to only attend the banquet the price is only \$35. Reservation deadline is July 12, 2013 so don't delay!



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## GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013

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 12th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 12, 2013

\*\*\*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 12th deadline.

Remember: \$150 per player after July 12th.

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



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## ICF Families

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

### Resort Activities

Arcade Indoor Theatre\* Foosball Court Sports Ping Pong Tables Classes\*

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

### Family Back Lot Fitness Tour

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

### Golf

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

### Tennis

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

### Spa

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

### Swimming

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

# ICF Annual Convention Bocce Tournament

**WHEN:** Friday, August 30, 2013

**WHERE:** La Quinta Resort

**TIME:** Registration 11:00 A.M.

**COST:** \$18.00

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



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

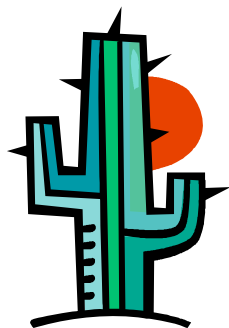
Teams will be created randomly and announced at registration. First, Second, and Third place medals will be awarded.

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

Number of Players _____	Total Enclosed _____
1. _____	Branch # _____
2. _____	Branch # _____
3. _____	Branch # _____
4. _____	Branch # _____

Mail to: I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621 Phone #1-888-423-1924

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION PRESENTS  
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**Sunday, September 1, 2013**  
La Quinta Resort, La Quinta

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

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, 2013**

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

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

*Theme: LIVING THE YEAR OF FAITH*

**HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS**

\*\*\*OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL\*\*\*

La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA (Phone: (760) 564-7111 / Reservations: (800) 598-3828  
49-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253 -- Visit the link to hotel reservations on our Web site for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

► **Room Rate:** \$105.00 Single Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & \$5 - Resort Fee  
\$110.00 Double Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & \$5 - Resort Fee  
The resort also charges \$3.00 per room, per day Housekeeping gratuity to your guestroom folio and recommends a gratuity of \$12.00 per person Portage Charge (includes both check-in and check-out).

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

► Complimentary Self & Valet Parking

► Transportation to/from Palm Springs Int'l Airport:

- Palm Spring Int'l Airport is approximately 23 miles southwest from the resort. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit [www.palmspringsca.gov](http://www.palmspringsca.gov). *La Quinta Resort does not offer shuttle service from Palm Springs Int'l Airport.*

► Transportation to/from Ontario Int'l Airport:

- Ontario Int'l Airport is approximately 91 miles northwest from the resort. For public transportation and rental car information, please visit [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org).

► Transportation to/from LAX:

- LAX is approximately 145 miles west of the resort. For public transportation and rental car information, please visit [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org).

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

\*\*\*AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL DIRECT\*\*\*

Here are a few:

Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522

[www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com)

Delta Airlines: 1-800-221-1212

[www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)

US Airways: 1-800-428-4322

[www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com)

American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300

[www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com)

United Airlines: 1-800-241-6522

[www.ual.com](http://www.ual.com)

For more information on flights and approx. prices/contacts for services, visit [www.palmspringsca.gov](http://www.palmspringsca.gov).

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

**PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR DELEGATES!**

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

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**209.**  
**983.4375**

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# Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

Prior to our Meeting and every Tuesday during the month of May members are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour at 7pm in the Church.

Our May Meeting began with our Crowning of Mary by Elaine Malenki as we sang and placed votive candles around our beautiful statue of Mary. After which, our orator, George French, led the praying of the Rosary. Reservations were taken for our day of Recollection, June 9, at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana. The Carmelite Priests will dedicate the 10am mass to the Italian Catholic Federation, Br. 195.

Following mass we will have an opportunity to tour the picturesque grounds and catacombs. A beautiful statue of Pope John Paul has been added to the grounds and those who had not previously visited this lovely Monastery were most appreciative of this opportunity to explore the area. Following the tour, a delicious luncheon was prepared especially for our group in the banquet hall of the Monastery. Condolences to 195 Member James Merlo, whose wife, Barbara, succumbed following illness.

Please pray for Leonard Longawa and Frank Sidote, to be restored to good health.

*God Bless,  
Jo Merlo*

## Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

The Chicago District Bishop's Day dinner and dance, on April 28, welcomed Central Council Member, Lisa Crudo. Thank you, Lisa, for attending. We hope you and your mom enjoyed your stay in Chicago. More than 150 members and guests enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie, not to mention the "abbondanza" dinner at Alta Villa Banquets, in Addison. Our gratitude for their attendance to our District Chaplain, Rev. Charles Fanelli, and the Reverends Richard Milek, Slawomir Ignasik, Augusto Feccia, and Rev. James Presta, who accepted the Seminary Burse and Spiritual Bouquet.

Congratulations to our branch's 1st year college Scholarship winner, Susanna Conte, of Addison. Susanna will be attending DePaul University in Chicago in the fall. Best wishes, Susanna, to you and your family.

More than 75 members and guests attended our Member Appreciation Night, on May 17. Welcome to new members, Rafael and Lynda Verzillo. We hope you enjoy being members of our branch and the I.C.F.

Our next meeting, on Friday, June 21, will be at the Itasca Park District, 1st floor, Iris Room. It will be our pizza night with bingo and cards. Our branch's picnic will be on July 14 at the Madison-Meadow Park, in Lombard. Music by d.j. Mike Favia.

Please always remember our sick members and friends with your prayers.

*Ciao,  
Rita*

## Des Plaines

St. Zachary, Br. 441

Our president Marco Dante and his wife Arline, our sentinel, are moving and have resigned their positions although they will remain members of the branch. It was these two people who were the leading forces to bring an ICF branch to St. Zachary in Des Plaines last year and the beginning of our monthly Italian mass. Arline also serves as the Coordinator of the Ministers of Care at St. Zachary. It is obvious that we will miss their leadership but more importantly, their friendship. A reception was held June 1 after the 5:00pm mass.

Branch 441 has three summer events on tap for its members. On June 23, members will gather at a local eatery to swap stories. Festa Italiano



The Fresno District hosted a Backyard Bocce Tournament at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in Fresno at the beginning of May. The winning team was "The French Revolution". Pictured are James and Natalina Clark, Cathey Farinelli and Piece Paul Villafalla. The tournament included a barbeque lunch - yummy. For those who attended - We had a "Swamping Good Time".

in Milwaukee, just 90 miles north of Chicago is next on July 21. It is a wonderful festival on Milwaukee's lake front and has been held for years. The group will leave from St. Zachary Church in a motor coach and arrive in time to attend mass in the Italian language and then enjoy the music, food and culture offered afterwards. Then, on August 18, members will attend a Schaumburg Boomers baseball game in the Frontier Independent League, enjoy some hotdogs and other ball park foods and have some fun.

# Fresno

Madera

Sanctissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The annual May bake sale was held on Sunday, May 5 and was a sell-out after only 3 masses. In addition to the yummy homemade baked goods there were beautiful aprons made by Carol Espinola and cookbooks. The May 14 meeting was a potluck with so many delicious choices it was hard to decide what to eat. Thanks to the May committee chairmen Frank and Louise Burnolli and their committee: Linda Galassi, Eileen Foster, Anna Raviscioni, Joe and Mary Pistacchio, Beverly Cereghino, Rick and Janet Farinelli, Edward Pia and Nancy Pond. Great job guys! Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new members: Lupe Valdovinos and Jeff Dal Cero.

Our own Rose Meister was honored at the Madera Chamber of Commerce "Salute to Education" event as a friend to Alpha School for her numerous volunteer activities and hours there. Presenting her with this honor was another ICF member Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Madera County Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you to our Chaplin, Sister Thomas Marie, for the inspiring and informational talk about our new Pope. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

*Ciao,  
Kerin Cavallero*



Branch 27 welcomes its two new members -- Lupe Valdovinos and Jeff Dal Cero.

## Los Banos

Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Our no-host breakfast on April 28 was well attended and enjoyed by all.

At our May 7 meeting various suggestions for fundraisers and other activities were suggested and discussed. President Caropreso also brought up various dates for bocce ball games.

We were sad to hear of the death of member Dorothy Mallonee, pray for her and for our sick members.

Gary and Cathy Caropreso will be our convention delegates, Rick and Terri Post will accompany them. Convention tickets were distributed by MaryAnn Post.

Proceeds from our Polenta Dinner were distributed as in past years.

No meeting in June and July. Our "ANNUAL" potluck will be in August at the home of Rick and Terri Post.

Pray for each other...

*Ciao*

*Germaine Orlando*

## Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

We had a great time playing bocce, with Br. 32's "The French Connection" winning the championship with no losses. Jim and Natalie Clark, relative novices, took the top prize of Regal movie passes and Macaroni Grill gift certificates for each member of the team. That's about a \$125 gift. Congratulations! We extend our appreciation to Alan Watts and his committee for their hard work in putting the tournament together.

Br. 32 is hosting Hospitality at Our Lady of Victory Church during the month of June. Each Sunday, Evelyn Nieto and her many helpers will be selling Coffee and Pastries after the 8, 10, and 12:00 masses. Also, we'll



Congratulations to Branch 33's Scholarship winner, Mark Steele.

kick off our Membership Drive the first weekend, June 1 and 2, followed by a Bake and Miscellaneous Sale on June 8 and 9. Evelyn will be there for Father's Day, too. Sausage Sandwiches will be prepared on June 23, and Egg Burritos are planned for June 30. Every member is encouraged to support our branch's effort.

Good news! Our chaplain and parish pastor, Msgr. Moreton continues to build up his strength after a lengthy illness. Best Wishes for continued good health.

## Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

Our May birthday Mother's, Josephine Colomana, Judy Walsh and Barbara Crear, led us to a delicious dinner prepared by the men of our branch. We ended the evening playing Bingo. Winners won raffle tickets for the convention. I'm sure one of those tickets is a lucky winner.

We'd like to welcome Mary Pedeflos to our branch. Originally from Fresno Mary has now moved to Bakersfield to live with her sister Rita Bertolucci in their new house.

Our branch scholarship was presented to Mark Steele, son of Tom and Maria Steele. Mark an honor student will be attending the University of Portland.

At the recent St. Francis BBQ our branch sold 1,190 tickets for wine. Thank you to Tom and Maria Steele, Christina Fanucchi, Mike Cerri, Antone Chicca, Barbara Crear, Gene Garabaldi and Charlie Linnenbrink who worked the booth.

Please return your raffle tickets and money to me at the next meeting or in the mail. We only have a few out and we'd like to mail them in as soon as possible.

Madeline Ceccarelli won \$60 in our raffle drawing and Lori Rizo was absent on the attendance drawing.

Our Father's Day meeting will be June 12.

Wishing everyone a Happy Summer!

*Barbara Eyherabide*

## Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Happy Mothers and Fathers Day to all. We had a great May meeting. Robyn Piro and Estella Reta prepared a great Mexican dinner of beans, rice, chili verde, salsa, chips and sherbet to cool us all down. We had special prizes for our mothers and fathers and our 50/50 raffle of \$281.50 was won by Maria Giampaoli. She generously donated it back to the branch. Reports were given on our Casino trip with a profit of \$600.00 and our Biscotti sale with a profit of \$1,800. Thanks to the members who donated money or cookies. We voted to give Deacon Bert Mello \$100 for his ordination in June. Delegates elected were ; Josephine Fragnito, Evelyn Way, Blanche Unti and Tom Pollicita. This will be Evelyn's first convention. We always make an effort to send someone new. They come back to our meetings excited to be part of our great family. Mark your calendars for our





Branch 39's dinner meeting kitchen crew; Tom Pollicita, Vince Piro, Tom & Estella Reta, Maryellen Mazzei, Nick Pugliese, Loretta Symes and Robyn Piro.

July 10 Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite. We will have hot dogs, salads, and "make your own" sundaes. Bring a cake/pie for the cake walk and something for the white elephant raffle. This celebration is free and is a way of saying thank you for all of your support for our branch. Join us for a lovely evening overlooking the lake. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all. "I've learned that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks"

### Sanger

#### Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

May 14, Branch 70 celebrated Mothers Day at Di Cicco's Restaurant. President Kay Lopez introduced Sanger's Mother of the Year, Kim Takemoto, and asked her to say a few words about herself. She was raised in Sanger, went to school here and became minister of a local church. She also prayed with the Sanger High Baseball team who were having a team dinner that evening also. Kim is a very deserving lady of our community.

A month ago we had a yard sale which raised money so we could give two deserving Sanger High School students each a \$500.00 scholarship. We thank all the members that donated items and worked on it. We will be honoring the recipients at our June meeting. July 17 will mark our branches 70th anniversary. We will be celebrating this, also, at our June meeting.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to our long time member Richard Manfredi. Our thoughts are with him. We also thank Kay Lopez for doing a great job.

*God Bless,  
Orsolina Casella*

### Clovis

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250**  
Our 2013 Annual District Picnic was held May 11 at San Joaquin Memorial High School. Our Branch had two teams competing in the bocce ball tournament, The Saints and The Holy Bowlers. The Saints came in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> from the top. Really an impressive team considering two members, Mark and Jessie Budd, were playing for the first time.

Ernie and Sylvia Dalton traveled to the Philippines in January. While there they participated in three different outreach programs to help feed the needy. Before leaving the States they helped raise \$500 to help finance the programs.

On Saturday April 12 Michael Quiroz completed his first Double Century, a 200-mile bicycle ride in one day. Quite an accomplishment, Mike.

A very dear member Mary Perkins Roush passed away in March. Please pray for her and her family. Also pray for Lena Daddino and Ernie Dalton who are undergoing difficult health problems.



Branch 281 celebrates its 40th Anniversary.



Branch 281 Charter Members celebrate 40th Anniversary: Maria Parks, Maxine Scatena, Mildred Papasergia, Marian Zasoski, and June Papasergia.

Birthday greetings to April celebrants Jennie Campopiano, Mary Beth Mueller, President Jeanette Shriver and Mary Zanmarini. A very happy birthday to our only May celebrant and very first president in 1970, Al Daddino.

*Ciao!  
LeAnne Lavagnino*

### Bakersfield

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

As our branch activities slow down for the

summer, we are busy planning for convention and our traditional fun outdoor meetings. We enjoyed the pasta dinner prepared by Allen Watts for our May meeting. Our June meeting will be a salad potluck at the home of Jeff and Jan Lemucchi, always a wonderful evening. In July we will gather at George and Terri Carson's for an Ice Cream Social evening, always a fun time!

Our branch scholarship was won by Jessica Watts, she plans to continue her education in theater arts at Bakersfield College after graduating this year from Garces Memorial High School. She was also the recipient of the Shelia O'Connell Roussel Theater award from Garces.

Delegates for the ICF convention were selected. Donna Marquez and Craig Collins, along with President Deborah Leary will be representing Br. 281 in August.

We welcomed new member Jamie Arias-Aguilar and plan on a membership drive in June after all masses. We will serve Italian snacks and drinks.

Our opportunity drawing was won by Maxine Scatena. The rollover of \$110.00 was won by Donna Marquez.

We are continuing to keep Robert Lencioni's wife in our prayers. Michael Cerri continues to help representing Branch 33's deputy.

Congratulations to all our winners and we will see you in June.

*Ciao,  
Mindy*



(Top Left) Branch 250, Clovis, Bocce Ball Team, The Saints - Isabel Ronsano, Mark and Jessie Budd and Ron Travis.

(Top Right) Branch 250, Clovis, Bocce Ball Team, The Holy Bowlers - Wes Johnson, LeAnne and Angelo Lavagnino and Ken Gray.

(Bottom) Branch 250, Clovis Branch members enjoying the District Annual Picnic - Isabel Ronsano, Ron Travis, Mark Budd, and Wes Johnson.

## Los Angeles

### Los Angeles District Council

On June 30 the Annual District Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada. Mass at 11:00am followed by a festive lasagna luncheon immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall. The principal celebrant will be Rev. Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, ICF Archdiocesan Director for



### District Calendar

- June 9, 2013 - Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the ICF San Gabriel District. The Shrine is located at 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA. Call 626 403-6102 for more information and to schedule special group tour dates. All members are encouraged to visit this facility and to invite family, friends and parishioners to visit the Shrine and better understand the life of this important part of our ICF heritage.

- June 30, 2013 - LA District Communion Sunday at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada hosted by Branch 115. Mass at 11:00 am followed by Lunch immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall. Call 626 372-7812 to make reservations and for more information.

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

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

the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. ICF Members are encouraged to bring family, friends and parishioners. We will especially honor all ICF members who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year. Please call for more information and to make reservations. We would love to have you join us.

On June 9, 2013 visit the Mother Cabrini Open House which will be hosted by the San Gabriel Valley District. The Chapel and Library is a special facility and is always ready to receive visitors by Chapel Committee Volunteers in reverence to their favorite Saint and ICF Patroness of Immigrants. Chapel may be opened for special group tours upon request. Call 626 372-7812 for reservations. On April 28, ICF Mother Cabrini Committee President Carmelo Sabatella introduced the Boccadori family to the Mother Cabrini Chapel Board Members at the bimonthly ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Officer Meeting. Clara Rossi, Leslie Boccadori, Rita Boccadori and Larry Boccadori (see photo) traveled to California from Pennsylvania to visit daughter Leslie and make a special visit to the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank.

On May 2, 2013, the ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles Bishop Day Committee held



LA District President, Carmelo Sabatella (center), is joined (left to right) with Diane and Al Restivo (no relation to owners), Vince Restivo (Owner) and Steven Restivo (Owner), CCM & Santa Barbara/ Ventura District President Pat Mages and SB/VD Deputy Lou Mages and LA District Deputy Theresa Sabatella Shaw at Vitello's Trattoria in Thousand Oaks.



Our Lady Help of Christians

it's planning meeting at Vitello's Trattoria in Thousand Oaks. Owners Steven and Vince Restivo were very friendly and provided excellent food and service throughout our meeting. The next 2013 Bishop Day Committee lunch meeting will be held on June 13 at Portofino Restaurant in Whittier from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Members welcome. Call 626 403-6102 for information and reservations. Special prayers for the passing of Matilda Tillie Faille mother of Branch 108 Board Member Sandy Fielding and Sharon Newton (108) who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

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



Clara Rossi, Leslie Boccadori, Rita Boccadori and Larry Boccadori visit the April 2013 Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank.

### Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

Many thanks to Branch 67 President Nick M. D'Egidio and his committee for the wonderful time enjoyed by all during the second Polenta Dinner and Dancing held on April 22, 2013 at the Casa Italiana! The food prepared by members of our Branch was delicious, the music by Ross Creation inspiring and the company of so many members, many of whom have not been around for a couple

of years, contributed to the success of this event.

We appreciate the many donations made by the members that made possible to charge only \$25 for adults and \$7 for children. The good job of the members spreading the word of what the Italian Catholic Federation's goals are and the many ways that our organization helps the community through their charities is attracting many new members. Grazie tanto a tutti.

### South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

On June 30 the Annual District Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada. Mass at 11:00am followed by a festive lasagna luncheon immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall. The principal celebrant will be Rev. Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, ICF Archdiocesan Director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please call 636 403-6102 to make reservations and for more information.

Thank you Joan and Jerry Brascia for coordinating the ICF semi-annual dinner on May 6 at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia was fun. Members, families and friends enjoyed great BBQ in the relaxed environment.

Congratulations to Member Tony Mattazaro winner of the Br 108 Bocce Practice Tournament on Sunday, May 5. Members also celebrated the May Birthdays of Patricia Richards & Maria Petruno shown with 1st VP Sandra Fielding (Center) and the May Wedding Anniversary of 1st Vice President Sandy and husband Paul Fielding at the General Meeting. The theme of the May 5 Branch Lunch Social was "Cinco de Mayo" celebrated with delicious Enchiladas, refried beans, rice and a host of other good food in celebration of the El Dia de la Batalla de Puebla.

Save The Dates:

- June 23, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Annual Bocce BBQ Luncheon and General Meeting on the Holy Family Church Children's Field from



May Birthdays of Patricia Richards & Maria Petruno shown with 1st VP Sandra Fielding (Center).



Mother Cabrini



ICF semi-annual dinner on May 6 at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ.





Members of Branch 108 preparing a Cinco de Mayo celebration.



ICF Branch 111 Montebello's members Alfred Viera, Filomena DiVincenzo, and Salvatore Sorce with Rocco celebrated their May birthdays.

2:00pm to 4:00pm. Bring family, friends and neighbors to this beginning of Summer event. Parishioner's welcome. 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 Mother's day to all. Hope all the mothers out in ICFLand had a great Mothers' day. Congratulations to Filomena Divincenzo, Vince Veneziano, Fabrizio Mauro, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Rocio Campos, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce who celebrate their birthdays this month. Come join us for cake and wish them a Happy Birthday. Buon Compleanno a tutti! We wish everyone a happy birthday!  
ICF Montebello Branch 111 volunteered on the weekend of May 17-19 at the Annual St. Benedict's Parish Spring Festival. We manned the Pizza booth. It was such fun and such a great turnout. Thanks again for all who participated to make this event a success. This month's quote comes from Los Angeles Lakers Magic Johnson - "You're the only one who can make the difference. Whatever your dream is, go for it."

*Thank you and God Bless,  
Giuseppe Veneziano*



St. Anthony's statue, with relics in container.



San Pedro Branch 115 enjoyed a great side trip to the old mining town of Oatman, Nevada located on the famous road "Route 66". The outing was part of the four day trip to Laughlin. They watched an original Western shoot out and fed the wild donkeys that come down from the surrounding hills every day.

### San Pedro

#### St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Dear Members,

I regret to say that we have lost another wonderful member of our Branch, Filomena Colonna. We will miss her wonderful bubbling personality. May she RIP. We extend our condolence to her family.

We had the Scholarship winners and their family as special guests for our annual Pot Luck Meeting on May 16. Neal presented them with their certificates. We wish the very best to these two girls, Alyssa Bristol (Port of Los Angeles High school) granddaughter of member Titina Iodice and Elizabeth D'Ambr (Palos Verdes High School) granddaughter of member Carmela D'Ambr.

Agenda as follows:

June 20 -- Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm

June 30 -- Monthly Communion Mass

July 11 -- Monthly Meeting: 7:30, this meeting is on the second Thursday due to the



Bishop Solis, Father Mario Conte, Pastor Father George, Father Albert, and many more are about to process into Sunday Mass for the visit of the St. Anthony of Padua relics.



### Fiesta.

July 14 -- Day trip to Harrah's Casino in Rincon. Cost is \$20 for members, \$23 for non-members.

July 19-21 -- Mary Star Fiesta. Please call Pauline to sign up to work in the Pizza/Sandwich Booth. 310-832-0563.

August 15-17 -- The annual Tridium and Dinner Dance in honor of San Giovan Giuseppe. Please attend and spread the word. Music by Duo Domino, Dinner price: \$35.00. Please contact me for any raffle donations. I appreciate all the help I can get. 310 548-4312. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Thought for the month: Life is not about Finding yourself, it is about Creating yourself.

See you next month. May God be with you and your family.

*Mary Ann Lauro*  
Officer and Chairperson

### Gardena

#### St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

April:

We remember fondly:

Our parish was very happy that Father Mario Conte brought the relics of St. Anthony from Padua. He gave a wonderful talk about the Saint of Miracles. The devotion to this saint filled the church with a joy that continues.

May:

We celebrated our annual Strawberry Fiesta: with good eats, fun, entertainment, games, rides and camaraderie. June-July:

Our turn-around trip is in the works. Special activities' coordinator Rose Moore is finalizing details and also planning our September Laughlin trip.

August-September:

We are also looking forward to our Convention starting in August.

Looks like a swank hotel: La Quinta Resort and Club near the Santa Rosa Mountains, Palm Springs. Our delegates this year will be Eleanor



St. Anthony's Anniversary poster being held by Branch 237 officers Elaine & Eleanor Bersano.





(Above) One of the goals of Branch 374 President Al Restivo and the branch board of directors is to have meetings that are fun and upbeat. This month was Funny Shirt Day. Shown here on Funny Shirt Night are left to right: Jack Kojimoto, Maria DeSalguero, Ali Bastoni, Nancy Fraines, Dulce Passanisi, Max Leonides, Branch 374 President Al Restivo, Diane Restivo, Vern Richardson, and Past Central Council Member Tom Passanisi. Photo by Egre Gomez



(Right) Flora Marcucci Murphy, a native of San Marino and past Branch 374 president, holds a heritage photo of her family from the Republic of San Marino.

and Elaine Bersano. They are looking forward to meeting many ICF friends.

October 12:

Our 44th Columbus Day Dinner-Dance

Dining: Lomeli's Italian Restaurant

Entertainment: Vaughn Suponetime: Sinatra

Tribute. DJ: Cherrysound

Dates to remember:

June 6 -- Board Meeting

June 9 -- Communion Sunday and General Meeting

June 13 -- St. Anthony of Padua

June 21 -- St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Congratulations to all June graduates!

Marie Franson enjoyed her May B-day. Happy Birthday wishes go to Micheal Roa (6-12).

We have two Calendar winners: John Dynice and our ICF Branch 237...

Since June is in bloom, let's rid ourselves of all gloom.

Think of the possibilities in store and "give to others" more.

May health and happiness be yours.

Ciao,

Eleanor Rose

### Downey

#### St. Raymond, Br. 362

Congratulations Br. 362! The Hawaiian Bingo and May Bingo were a big success. Everyone had a good time. Thanks you all who helped. June 3 will be a big night for us. This is the night we all have been working so hard for. We will be awarding 6 scholarships to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Raymond as well as one high school scholarship. We will be awarding a total of \$10,850 to St. Raymond Church and School as well as various charities in the LA

area. It is always a pleasure to be handing out the checks to these deserving ministries. Keep July 14 open for our next Bingo Luncheon.

July 21 is the date for the Cooleys Anemia BBQ at the Sabatellas. Please notify Charlene or Laura if you plan to attend.

Please remember in your prayers all our sick members.

May everyone enjoy a wonderful summer.

God Bless,

Aline Amatisto

### La Cañada Flintridge

#### St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Our branch continues to focus on service as its mission. One of this year's objectives is to evangelize young people with emphasis on the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at All Times: Use words if necessary." The Distinguished Service Award is designed to emphasize these words to students in our school. Mark Mannarelli is leading the service award effort for the branch as well as managing the annual scholarship program.

This year we awarded a \$400 scholarship to high school graduate Madison Teodo, a June 2013 graduate of La Cañada High School. Our branch also awarded scholarships to St. Bede Elementary students Mark Scarsi for \$250.00 and James DeRose received \$100.

Our "Rush 374" membership drive has been rescheduled for the Fall in order to provide more time for planning. "Rush 374" will be a major membership drive initiative and is being planned under the direction of Joe Layton, our youngest member and a member of our board of directors where he serves as membership



Branch 102 celebrated the birthdays of its members turning 80+. Congratulations!

chairman. The objective is to recruit young members of the parish community into our branch.

Mark your calendars, as June 30 is the day for our Los Angeles District Communion Mass to be held here at St. Bede. LA District chaplain, Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, who is also chaplain for Branch 374, will celebrate the Mass. A lasagna lunch celebration of ICF's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held in the Parish Hall following the Mass. Contact LA District Secretary Theresa Sabatella Shaw at (626) 379-0629 to reserve space. The luncheon will be \$15.00 a person and will include wine, soft drinks and dessert.

*Che Dio vi benedica*

Al Restivo

Branch President & First Vice President of the LA District

### San Gabriel Valley

#### Diamond Bar

#### St. Denis, Br. 317

June 8-9 -- Relay for Life

June 14 -- Father's Day Dinner/General Meeting

Our Participation in the Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society will take place on the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at Lorbeer Middle School in Diamond Bar. Our chairman for the St. Denis Parish is Kathleen Broad (909) 964-0969.

We wish to extend our appreciation to Bea Yary for chairing the recent Arts & Craft Faire held on April 28. She did a fantastic effort notifying the vendors and all the requirements for the courtyard with tents, etc. We had 22 vendors participate and all revenue from the tables went to St. Denis "Building on Faith". We especially wish to thank Toni Werley and Laura Giello and committee for the wonderful cannolis, which brought in more revenue for our branch. They were delicious treats and a great idea. On June 14 we will celebrate the Fathers of our branch with a delightful dinner hosted by Gerry and Don also a new member.

The San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday held on May 19 was a great event and we thank everyone who participated with a mass at 12 noon and a delicious luncheon which followed. More details in the newsletter.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. Mark your calendars for the Taste of Diamond Bar in July at St. Denis. Please support this annual event with St. Denis and all the restaurants volunteering their delicacies and treats.

*Happy Father's Day and God Bless,*

Roxanne Perry

President

### Temple City

#### St. Luke, Br. 326

June is a month to remember all of the special father's that have made a difference in our lives.

Our next General Meeting will be held on June 26, 2013 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu for dinner has not yet been decided.

Our quarterly mass will be held on June 9 at the 8:00am mass.

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

Happy June Birthday to: Jim Alderete, Tony Farinella, Mary Ann Law, Cal Magro, Lena Merendino, Rose Marie Perfetto, Annette Tombrello, and Chuck Hernandez.

Happy Anniversary to: Ann and Jack Baziak, 61 years, Fran and Pat Buccola, 65 years, and Chuck and Lucy Hernandez, 39 years! Congratulations!

"... 'Tis the morning's light that makes perfect and right the beginning of a brand new day. Sing a new song as daylight appears... Open your eyes, your heart, your ears to the sweetest music that ever was heard! Then, thank God for the blessings He's brought; for all the things that His dear hands wrought, for His love and care along life's way... Let's sing a new song to His brand new day! (Lou Ella Cullipher)

*God Bless,*

Jo Anne Disney

### San Fernando Valley

#### Burbank

#### St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102

We celebrated our octogenarian birthdays on May 11, 2013 at our regular meeting. In the photo left to right.

Mary Massucci 96 on May 26. Dina Tomei, Phyllis Davalgo, Joy Gallagher and Bert Gallagher.

Our polenta dinner is postponed till October June 19, 2013 -- 5-8pm-Shaky's fund raiser July 13-noon photo for book, regular meeting-cabrini hall

President Don Lee will attend the convention

*Ciao,*

Joy

### Santa Barbara/Ventura

#### Thousand Oaks

#### St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

In May, we honored our Mothers by giving them a long-stemmed rose and acknowledg-

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(Above) Our lovely Branch 380 Mothers at the May General Meeting.



(Left) Branch 380 Member Genny Sneed with grandchildren Sam, Charlie, and Ellie at the May General Meeting.

ing how truly blessed we are to have them (see pictures). We also honored our Blessed Mother, Mary. Adrianna Bridges placed a beautiful crown on the statue of Mary and we recited the Holy Rosary as well. We used the online Rosary [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org) which is narrated by our pastor and ICF chaplain Father Dave Heney. A big thank you to Ron and Laurie Coffman for their beautiful decorations! We closed the evening by watching a concert of a young Italian singing trio, "IL Volo", on our big screen. What a wonderful evening!

We look forward to our next meeting on Friday, June 7, with the theme "Swing into Summer". It will feature a dance performance with lessons to follow. If you are in the area please let us know as we would love to have you attend.

May you have a fun and safe summer!

## Monterey

Santa Cruz

**Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21**  
O, summer! You have returned and now that

you are here, Branch 21 is getting ready for ICF summertime activities. Here they are:

· June 15, District meeting hosted by Capitola Branch.

· August 4, there's the District Bar-B-Que in Chualar.

· August 11, our own Branch 21 Annual Bar-b-que on August 11 at Harvey West Park. Don Giudicci and Johnny Ghio are co-chairmen for this event so any help you can give will be truly appreciated.

Members are encouraged to participate in the Convention Raffle, remember for every book sold, the branch keeps \$10 for our own projects and events.

We had a Taste of Italy potluck at our general meeting in May. Everyone enjoyed the tuna antipasto, the polenta with Italian sausage, the pasta primavera, the Tiramisu, the great sampling of wines ...and so much more! Fun was had by all, including Diana Petrolino and Virginia Bertoli who returned in good health and good spirits after several months of absence.

A happy note, Josh De Lara received an ICF College Scholarship Award. Congratulations, Josh! On a sadder note, we send our condolences to two ICF families who have



Congratulations to the Branch 36 Scholarship recipients: L to R Sarah Hohmann, Jessica Adam, Robin Olsen, Steve Bruno, Carlo Aliotti, Justin Sampaolo, and Natalie Mika. Each student received a \$600 scholarship from Br. 36 and \$200 each from the Italian Heritage Foundation.

lost loved ones. The Johnny Ghio family for the loss of a sister, Mary Marsilisi and Jo & Wayne Schaffer family for the loss of Jo's father.

Our June meeting has been changed to Tuesday, June 11. Come join us at 5pm at Holy Cross Hall. In the meantime, have a blessed and safe summer.

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary

### Salinas

#### Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

We have some important events coming up in the near future.

The annual District Picnic will be held as usual at the J&M Ranch on August 4. The picnic gets better each year. It's a great way for friends to meet and share a pleasant afternoon. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Watch for a flyer for more details.

The date for our Annual Polenta Luncheon at Sacred Heart Church has not yet been selected, but it will be sometime in November. Help if you can, as it is our primary fundraiser that sponsors our annual scholarship, and also allows us to meet our financial obligations such as attendance at Annual ICF Convention, support to Sacred Heart activities, etc.

And speaking of the Convention, President Julie Richards will represent our Branch at this year's convention. Issues concerning by-law changes will be discussed in our upcoming monthly meetings. Raffle tickets for the Convention will also be available at those meetings.

The scholarship winner for this year has not yet announced. The winner will receive an

award of \$400 toward college expenses.

Our branch input failed to get published in last month's Bollettino some reason. In it was noted that both Rudy Santiago and Aldo De Rose are transferring to our branch. Welcome to you both.

Paul Carvel, a Belgian writer had an interesting observation. He said, "Sign language is useful to the deaf but vital to Italians."

Dates to remember:

District Picnic: August 4, 2013 at the J&M Ranch

Polenta Luncheon: Date not yet known, but in November

Ciao

Roy Frontani

### Santa Barbara

#### Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Hi everyone from Branch 26. We had a very nice enchilada dinner made by Rose Ortiz, in celebration for Cinco de Mayo. Thank you to her crew, a lot of work went into making this meal. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Cheri and Lewis Huntley, Jim Friebe, Jennifer Frusetta and Paul Caetano traveled to, Manteca, to ICF Branch 139's "All you can eat Shrimp and Pasta" fundraiser! It was wonderful. The food and music was great and we had the opportunity to chat with other members and meet their clergy and even win a few raffle prizes! We hope to do this again next year. Our new scholarship recipient is Gianna Brigantino, granddaughter of Ralph and Maryellen Brigantino long time ICF members. We congratulate her and wish her well in her studies. We are glad to see a lot of our members back to our regular dinner meetings. We hope everyone can try to bring



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a friend to our next dinner meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, our latest guest were Bill Smith and Irene Silva. We still have some people on our sick list, Les Peirce who is now home and John Franco, we are praying for your speedy recoveries. We hope to see you all at the "Nights of the Seminarians" and hopefully at our next pancake breakfast July 28. Have a Happy Father's Day!

Jennifer Frusetta  
Corresponding Secretary

### Monterey

#### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Our initiation of new members, scholarship recipients, checks from Lenten dinners' proceeds, and mystery honoree all took place at our 82nd Anniversary Dinner.

After benediction by Fr. Peter at San Carlos Cathedral, the following Central Council members were present to initiate our forty new members: Jim Friebel (wife Mary Ann), Dante Galeazzi, Marco Galeazzi (wife Diane), Franklin Lopes, Andy Pappani (wife Siria), David Botta, Michael Cannady (wife Donna). We always welcome them and they are so gracious.

After dinner Ted Ursino, scholarship chairman, introduced our seven recipients and President Liz presented each one of them a check for \$600. Then Anna Panetta, Co-President of the Italian Heritage Foundation presented the same seven students with a check for \$200 each. Two students from San Carlos School each received a check for \$350.

President Liz presented Fr. Peter with a \$15,000.00 check for the Cathedral, \$3,000.00 for Parish Hall maintenance, \$800.00 for Loaves & Fishes, then President Liz introduced our mystery honoree Mary Benech. Mary donates her time constantly and has for years.

July 11 - Birthday party for our 85 and older members, we love to honor our "jewels". You will be receiving your invitation in the mail all 85 and older members are free, all other members and guests will be \$15.00 p/p. We have lost another wonderful member, Frank "Stoney" Bruno. Stoney spent his life devoted to family, friends and supporting youth sports.

Our deepest sympathy to Anna and family, he will certainly be missed.

Happy Father's Day to all you wonderful fathers, God bless you!

Peace be with you,  
Bettye Sollecito

### Castroville

#### Santa Caterina Da Siena, Br. 51

Our April Scholarship Fundraiser was a success! Thank you to all our members that worked hard and put in many hours to raise the funds for our students. We also would like to express our Branch's appreciation to all our friends in the Vegetable Industry for the fresh vegetables they donated to help our Scholarship Fundraiser. God Bless You! We would like to thank the Madonna Branch 25 for the donation of linens, pots, coffee pots



(Right) Branch 291 recently initiated 2 new members: Jack and Suzanne Kress, pictured here with President Pete Gallagher.

(Above) Joanna Van Blaricom and Kathleen Sullivan present Branch 291's beautiful St. Joseph's Table. All the non-perishable food was donated to St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

and several other items. Their kindness is very much appreciated.

Our Scholarship winner is our very own member Gregory Stefani, Jr., son of members Greg and Cindy Stefani. Congratulations and good luck in your future education!

Our membership Chairperson has been busy recruiting new members. We have five new members they are Diane Ausonio, Chris Brown, Linda, D.L. and Gino Grier. Welcome to our Branch 51 Family. (Cindy has been one busy lady!)

Please keep in your prayers, members Denice Amerison, Carl Armento, Eva Barcellos, Carrie Holbrook and Hugo Tottino.

Our Branch will not be meeting during the months of June and July. Our next meeting will be at the beginning of August. Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers! Congratulations to all graduates! Have a safe and blessed summer.

Ciao,  
Leonora Barlow

### Capitola

#### St. Joseph, Br. 227

Branch 227 is hosting the District meeting June 15. Our June 9 branch meeting will be our annual scholarship meeting for Perlino and ICF scholarships.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our faithful, hardworking members who helped make our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners such a huge success. Thanks are also extended to members who volunteered for set-up, cooking and clean-up for St. Joseph's Seder dinner, including Richard and Valerie Vote, Carole Driscoll, Gary and Janice Podesto, Franklyn Lopes, Jolene Smith, John Scurich, Mary Christensen, and others. Without your help, it would not have been the overwhelming success it was.

Thanks to Dolores McCartney, Helen Bonnel, and Loretta Reaves, for the delicious chicken dinner at our April 7 meeting, and thanks to all who brought desserts.



Mark your calendars for the annual branch picnic Saturday, July 27, at DeLaVeaga Park. As usual, there will be great food, fellowship and bocce!

John and Sylvia Raffetto are coordinating the branch bus trip to Reno for the Italian Festival, Oct. 11-13. The cost is \$227 per person double occupancy, and \$340 per person single occupancy. The price includes the bus, hotel, refreshments, and happy hour. To sign up or to get more information, please contact John and Sylvia Raffetto.

The regular May branch meeting, scheduled for Mother's Day, was not held so members could enjoy the time with their special moms!

Ciao,  
Kathleen Martinelli

### Arroyo Grande

#### St. Patrick, Br. 291

Since Branch 291 did not have a General Meeting in March, we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table at our April meeting. Kathleen Sullivan, Rose Haupt, Joanna VanBlaricom, Lorraine Spargo, Sylvia Nasholm, Trish Jimenez and Emily Smith did a wonderful job putting together our beautiful St. Joseph's Table! ICF member Father Alphonse (aka: Fr. Mario) blessed our St. Joseph's table and all the food our members generously contributed, that was later donated to the Outreach Program at St. Patrick's Church.

At our April meeting, we initiated new members Jack and Suzanne Kress. Welcome to Branch 291! Jack got a jump start on his ICF "initiation" as he helped out at several of our fish fries this past lenten season!

We will soon be selecting our National Convention delegates to represent our Branch in Palm Springs this Labor Day weekend. We'll announce our delegates soon!

Our fall Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers are right around the corner. The dinners will be held on September 14, October 19 and November 16. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners go towards our Student Registration Assistance Program.

Please keep the following ICF members and their families in your prayers: Marge Caruso, Trish Jimenez, Joe Slavin and Jens and Sonia Wagner. And please continue to pray for all members of our ICF family who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Happy Father's Day!  
Keely Sanchez

## Oakland

### Alameda

**Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10**  
We must first report on how very sad Branch 10 members are on the death of our wonderful John Rosa.

He was so active in our Branch along with so many other community activities. Our hearts and prayers go out to wife Jan and all the

family. May John rest in peace.

Our annual barbeque (which John and Jan always cooked for) will be Sunday, July 28. St. Philip Neri church hall. Social hour 4pm Dinner 5pm. Adults \$20, children 12 & under \$10. Call JoAnn Dorn, 510-710-6959 or email joannadorn@yahoo.com by Monday, July 22.

We would appreciate it if you would bring an unwrapped gift for a newborn baby for the Birthright Organization.

Bocce Ball has not been confirmed as yet. You may ask JoAnn when you call if you are interested in playing.

Until Next month  
Peace and Love to All  
Jean McElroy

### Oakland

#### Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Fathers Day. Wishing Fathers and Grandfathers a beautiful day with your families. Convention Raffle books will be in the mail. Please make checks payable to ICF Branch 40. Thank you and good luck.

Upcoming events:

June 6 - Monthly meeting 7pm

June 16 - Fathers Day

July - No monthly meeting

July 4th- Happy Fourth of July

August 1 - Monthly meeting 7pm

Happy Birthday to Ida Scodella, Ida Reggi, George Piombo, and June Ratto. God Bless you all. Please remember the sick and the convalescing members of our branch especially Anna Alberti, Leroy Casale, and Clemence Zanata.

Thought: "Happiness is someone to love. Something to do and something to hope for."

Ciao,  
M. Francis

### Oakland

#### St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

We all enjoyed a great pesto dinner thanks for our chef, Sir Robert Dianda.

Combined our branch and individual members gave 4 1<sup>st</sup> year scholarships this year. The scholarship recipients will be invited to our next meeting.

Raffle tickets for the ICF convention in La Quinta are still available.

Upcoming events:

- June 1 - Seminar Night at Our Lady of Grace, cost \$50.00 sponsored by the Central Council.

- Aug. 2 - Italian Heritage night at the A's We elected Giovanni Corsi and Jan Karp to be our convention delegates.

Our next monthly meeting will be on June 13th at 6:30pm. We will be having an ice cream social.

Sincerely,  
Donna Santich

### Oakland

#### St. Theresa, Br. 223

Benvenuti (Welcome)... to our two new members Michael Bamrick and George Husson.

Congratulations ...to the recipient of the I.C.F. Scholarship from Br. 223, Nicole Ratto. Nicole is a student at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland. We look forward to meeting her when she receives her award at our June 6 meeting.

Felice Anniversario (Happy Anniversary)... to all Br. 223 Members. Branch 223 has been in existence since 1967.

Our recent Dinner and Bake Sale were both wonderful successes. We wish to thank all who participated. Special thanks to Chefs Peter Nuti and Bill Curotto, and kitchen crew: John Taggart, Diane Splendorio, Ross Catanzarite, Arnie Espos, and Tristan Bruni. Thanks to the following who helped with the Dinner and/or Bake Sale: Loraine Alberti, Alfreda Baroni, Maureen Barbieri, Michael Bamrick, Ann Bavoso, Cecile Cuttitta, Nancy Carriere, Mark Gaul, Carla Gaul, Mary Anne Giuntoli, Elsie Giuntoli, Ann Goslee, Marlene



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Members of Branch 223 at the monthly dinner.

McShane, Nildo Mussucco, Ezio Maiolini Al Musante, Marie Mahaffey, Yoli, Ann, Holly and Al Raineri, Debbie Rubin, Ron Smith, Kristie Smith, Mary Ann Smith, and Father Robert McCann.

We missed Branch President Nancy Carriere at the dinner as she was attending Funeral services for her Father-in Law in Paris, Illinois. We extend our condolences on the loss of family Patriarch Joseph H. Carriere, beloved grandfather of Joe Carriere, father of Jim Carriere, and father-in-Law of Nancy Carriere.

*Happy Father's Day  
Yoli Moglia*

### Livermore

#### St. Filomena, Br. 285

Summer will soon be here and the warm weather will be here to stay. Sunshine (Vitamin D) is good for your body. But, the lord is good for your heart AND your soul. Just a second accounting and special "Thank You" to all that made our wonderful and successful "Primavera Dinner Dance" a big success. They made it all possible. These good people are: Gail & Ed Rocca, Mary & Don Merucci, Philomena & Joe Buonsante, Judy & Carl Bates, Dave & Judy Wellbeloved, Carlotta & Dale Schauer, Pat Bellavia, Bobby Farrington, Pauline Kirk, Betty & Dick LoVoi, Phyllis Boccoleri, Evelyn Martinelli Taylor, Pat Mueller & Ed Sacca, Jannell and Gary



Branch 343's First year College scholarship winner, Joseph Tognolini, with his mom and our branch President Karen Rossi.

Wall, Ray & Melanie Calabrese, Anna & Mike Yocham, Kathy Elm and Elaine & Chuck Meier. Without all of you, this wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to all that I may have missed to mention.

A "Thank You" to PEET'S Coffee of Livermore, that donated both regular and decaffe coffee to our event, but also to everyone that donated something for our beautiful baskets, and "Silent Auction" that were raffled off.

Our Scholarship Award winner this year is Fitz Patrick Ryan of Granada High School, Livermore, Ca. Our upcoming events for the summer months are: Bishop's Day, June 16 at Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley, CA. Mass at 10:30 and a Lunch to follow at Stack Hall (Lunch is \$30 per person). ICF Golf Tournament, July 27 in Monterey, CA. Happy Birthday wishes are being sent to Chuck Bellavia, Phyllis Boccoleri, Jennie Piazza, Ed Rocca, Evelyn Martinelli Taylor and Anne Warner.

*Ciao!  
Pat Bellavia*

### Castro Valley

#### Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

What a nice way to begin our May dinner meeting with the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary to honor Our Blessed Mother. Thank you, all who were able to join us. And thank you to all the cooks who helped put a wonderful ravioli dinner together, "it takes a village"!

After dinner we were able to meet our scholarship recipient and his mother, congratulations to Joseph Tognolini of Castro Valley High School. We wish him success in his studies of civil engineering at Cal Poly Tech, San Luis Obispo.

Glad to have Bryon Griffith on the road to recovery and able to join us for dinner. Keep up the hard work, Byron.

Hope all who attended the Night for the Seminarians had a wonderful time here at OLG and thank you for your support of the Central Committee and their fundraiser.

President Karen Rossi and secretary Pat Grasso are Br. 343 delegates to the convention in September.

Happy Fathers Day to all fathers, grandfathers and godfathers and about to be fathers. See you in July, no meeting in June.

*Pat Grasso*



Branch 13 members gather at Wedgewood Country Club in Pittsburg for the Contra Costa District Installation of Officers. Pictured from left to right are newly installed officers: Sentinel Paul Cook, President Tom Cook, Financial Secretary/Treasurer Mary Cook, Recording Secretary Rosemary Cook, First Vice President Patty Jarrett, Trustees Mary Lynn Rogers and Peggy Hagerthy, and Chaplain Deacon Albert Dizon from St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez.



Branch 13 new members Kelly, Mina, and Robert Pospishek are welcomed and initiated by President Tom Cook.

### Contra Costa District Council

Branches in The Contra Costa District are busy preparing for the ICF convention this September. At the April 25 District meeting Roselynn Jarrett (Grand Trustee of the Central Council and member of Branch 72 in Pittsburg) gave us information regarding the agenda, finances and travel. We are grateful to her for this information.

We want to thank Walter Costa and the Richmond Branch for a job well done in hosting the recent Bishop's Day honoring the Most Reverend Alex J. Brunett, Archbishop Emeritus of the Seattle Diocese and Apostolic Administrator of the Oakland Diocese. It was held at Point Richmond at Our Lady Of Mercy church on April 21. The Bishop was presented with a seminary burse at the luncheon following the mass. Walter, thank you for your efforts in making the day so pleasant! Thank you Roselynn for your help. Our district voted to sponsor a hole at the ICF Golf Tournament to be held in July in Monterey.

The next District meeting will be on June 27 at Saint Isidore's in Danville. Happy Father's Day!

### Martinez

#### St. Catherine, Br. 13

Great company for Sunday morning Mass and breakfast at Saint Catherine Church for the Contra Costa District Communion Breakfast on Saint Patrick's Day! Thanks for

the attendance of our wonderful Chaplains Deacon Dave (born in Ireland) and Deacon Albert (born in the Philippines) who still think the "I" and "F" in our initials stand for Irish and Filipino! And, to all those in attendance from around the District who supported our Faith Formation Program.

May and June bring the opportunity to remember mothers and fathers, both living and deceased. Please remember them all in your prayers. And, we have a special request from our ICF greater family: please keep in your prayers our friend and parishioner, eight year old Dominic who is battling brain cancer. We are praying for a miracle. Thank you.

*Ciao for now!  
Mary Cook*

### Crockett

#### San Carlo, Br. 14

Whether we call it a Mother's/Father's Day Celebration or a Cinco de Mayo Festival, our May meeting was filled with delicious Mexican food and much laughter. Bravo to our talented cooks, and special thanks to Rich Haisley and Vonda Egan's family.

Get well wishes to Wanda Abbondonza, Vicki Christophe, Jim Dooley and Bonnie Leal, and our sympathy to Pat Mueller on the death of her sister.

In typical Branch 14 fashion, we initiated new members Ron and Jackie Blair of Tracy and David and Mary Jo Townsend of Crockett. All told interesting life stories, as did Andrea DelSid Carrington, who joined in April. Unfortunately, the June 21 card night has been cancelled. Save those dollars for the

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Some of the members of Branch 14, Crockett who attend their District Bishop's Day, hosted by Branch 154, Richmond.



Congratulations to our new members to Branch 14, Crockett. David and Mary Jo Townsend, Andria Carrington, and Jackie and Ron Blair.

next one!  
Father Dillon, who is leaving at the end of June, announced that the new St. Rose priest will be Father Riccio. There will be a parish party for Father Dillon on June 30. ICF members who are not parishioners but would like to attend should contact Pam Zampa by June 21 at 787-2052.

At our June 11 meeting, we welcome our scholarship recipients, all of whom, for the first time in many years, have Branch 14 relatives. Come and congratulate the graduates and enjoy a ravioli dinner, \$7.00. Please try to attend mass. (Remember Bruce Pedrotti's excellent suggestion?)

Ciao,  
Diane Bottini Thomas

### Pittsburg

#### San Domenico, Br. 72

Our remembrance Mass was held on May 25 at Good Shepherd church. We went to dinner afterwards to celebrate the lives of our deceased members.

Our scholarship recipient this year is Montel Brown. The scholarship was made possible by Joann's bus trip. Thanks Joann!

The next bus trip is the Reno overnigher. We will leave Pittsburg on June 23 and stay at the Nugget. We will return on June 24. For reservations call Joann at 925-625-0863.

Convention raffle tickets can be purchased by calling Jane at 925-432-7889. The branch gets a kick back on the ticket sales.

Upcoming:

Sunday, June 9 -- NOTE: June meeting has been canceled due to scheduling conflict.

Sunday/Monday, June 23/24 - Reno overnigh bus trip.

Thursday, June 27 - District meeting at 7:30pm in Danville.

In July we will have our member appreciation picnic potluck and meeting. Notice of this special meeting will be sent with all the details. This meeting will make up for the canceled June meeting.

Please pray for Josie Leontini who will undergo hip replacement surgery. If you know of any other sick members please notify Patty at 925-228-0810.

We need to work on membership. Please tell your family and friends about Branch 72. Invite them to join us at one of the upcoming events. The branch voted to have a membership contest. Whoever brings in the most members by Dec. 1 will be the winner.

Happy Fathers day,  
Helen Politakes

### Concord

#### St. Agnes, Br. 214

Our 5th Annual Tea was a Fun & Successful Day. It was a sell-out. Special thanks to Sandra Debrech for playing the piano so beautifully throughout the event. We also thank everyone who helped, we could not have done this without you.

Our President Roberta Healy presented a Scholarship Award of \$400, to Emily Neelon a graduate of Carondelet High School, Concord.

Moving on to our next Fundraiser:

June 1 -- our WINE TASTING at Viano Winery in Martinez. 1-3pm, tickets are \$20 per person. Includes: wine glass, tasting of 4 wines, hors d'oeuvres, desserts & special raffle prizes. Please contact Barbara Faircloth for reservations (925) 682-2137. deadline date is May 29.

We will have no June, July or August meeting. August we have a BBQ at President Roberta Healy's home.

We pray for Fr. Vince, our Chaplain, Dixie Grossi and Bill Bungard (Diane Lorenzetti's husband).

Blessings,  
Christina

### Danville

#### San Isidore, Br. 352

On Saturday, May 18 at Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland, Brandon Macadaeg, of our Parish will be ordained along with four others, at 10:00am.

Our Champagne Lunch and Bingo was a wonderful success. Thank you to all our guests who I'm sure had a great time. Thanks to all of our members who helped in any way possible. The raffle prizes and Silent Auction were plentiful. Joseph Flores did a wonderful job, thanks.

Welcome to our new member, Andrea who came back to us.

Our June general meeting will be, Monday 17, at 7:30pm. Dinner served at 6:30pm prior to the meeting.

Happy Birthday to all our June birthday members.

Ciao:

Madeline Cefalo

### Brentwood

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

I am a little late in wishing all the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day, but my thought is everyday should be a wonderful day for our beautiful Moms out there. Hope it was a Blessed Day.

Our first annual "HOOTENANNY" was a big success, everyone had a great time. The food was awesome, tri-tip grilled to perfection by our "Chief Grillers" with all the sides to round out a good bar-b-que.

Kudos to Anita Camera, Bill Goldsby and all their helpers who made this a fun evening, and a great idea for an annual event.

Getting down to the wire to our "10th Annual IHM Golf Tournament, Sponsored by ICF Br. 432 and the KOC of Immaculate Heart of Mary. There is still room for more golfers and of course sponsors, also if you would simply like to join everyone for the dinner after, tickets are available for that as well. Contact Jay Risso, 925-513-3104 or Gene Simonetti at 925-634-0462.

At our May meeting we will be choosing our delegates for this year's Convention in La Quinta.

At our June meeting we will be honoring our Scholarship recipients and their families for 2013. The names of the recipients will be in the July issue of the Bollettino.

That's it for this month, stay healthy and enjoy your summer!

Ciao,  
Phyllis Lilly

## Orange

### Irvine

#### St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Birthdays were celebrated at our April meeting. First, we celebrated the birthday of our branch's youngest member, Hailey Gibson. Hailey celebrated a big milestone of age five! Parents Bob and Miranda Gibson looked on as she blew out her birthday candles. Next, Cris Giannantonio read a heritage report on Rome's birthday, April 21. Rome was founded in 735 B. C. Rome is a young 2,766 years old.

We welcomed two new members to our branch, Hal and Bev Leinbeck.

Bishop's Lunch to be held on Saturday, July 20 at St. Kilian's in Mission Viejo. More details to come.

The district is planning a field trip to St.



Harvey Cova of Branch 423 relaxing at the annual picnic.

Bonnie Leach of Branch 423 at the Branch's October 2012 meeting.

Peter's Church in Los Angeles on June 23. Afterwards, the trip will continue to San Antonio Winery for wine tasting.

Our branch sponsored a bus for the Get On The Bus program. Get On The Bus reunites children with their incarcerated parents throughout the state of California.

Mina thanked everyone for their participation in this year's St. Joseph's Table.

Annual picnic proposed date: July 21 at Bill Barber Park in Irvine. Details to come.

It is with great sadness to report the loss of two members, Harvey Cova and Bonnie Leach. Harvey served as the branch's treasurer for many years. His smile and sense of humor will be missed. Bonnie chaired the cupcake station during the St. Joseph's Table for the past two years. She will be remembered as the "Cupcake Queen."

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

## Sacramento

### Roseville

#### San Vito, Br. 73

For the second consecutive year, the \$400.00 first year scholarship donated by Branch 73 has been awarded "in house", so to speak. This year's recipient is Martina Ferri, the granddaughter of Bruno and Giuseppina Novi. A graduate of St. Francis High School, Martina will attend the University of Nevada Reno, where she plans to major in criminal justice and minor in Italian. We wish her much accomplishment in her studies and all aspects of college life.

We belatedly extend condolences to Robert Mahan, whose brother John died shortly before Easter. Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eum. Requiescat in pace.

Due to the Mother/Father's Day dinner on 9 June, there will not be a branch meeting that month. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm in the Convent on 20 August.

Auguri di molta felicità e tante belle cose a tutti i padri della Sezione 73 nell'occasione della loro giornata speciale, il 16 giugno. Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della sezione nati nel mese di giugno.

Robert Delpippo

### North Highlands

#### St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

On Saturday, May 4, our general meeting was held in Gabrielli Hall. Members were treated to sweet and sour pork, rice and dessert which was prepared by Patricia "Pat" Korf. A big thank you to Pat for preparing such a delicious lunch for all our members to enjoy! Congratulations to Nina Malone who won this month's membership drawing and to Vera "Nika" Beine who won this month's 50/50 drawing.

Natalie Malone was selected to be our delegate to this year's Convention which will be held in La Quinta, California and Tina Flanders was selected as the alternate.

Our Yankee Candle fundraiser was a surprising success and we hope to do another candle fundraiser later in the year.

Our next fundraiser event will be a Bunko Night, more information to follow.

Just a reminder to keep selling those Convention raffle books and turn in any



raffle tickets sold and money collected at the next meeting.

Please continue to pray for all of our sick members, families and friends.

Happy Birthday wishes to Bill Keller and John Storelli (June 1).

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 in Gabrielli Hall.

*God Bless,*

*Margie Burke*

### Auburn

#### St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you goes out to all who helped to make our annual picnic a great success! Members were able to enjoy a beautiful outdoor mass a great meal prepared by Chef Gary and his helpers, and fun family games. Another big thank you goes out Sacramento District President Tina Tallman and District Sergeant at Arms who attended our May Member's Meeting. They were able to share news from the district and visit with our members.

At our Annual Appreciation member we were delighted to honor longtime member Norma Harris for her service to our branch. Since 1982, Norma has worked hard to help the branch preserve its heritage and traditions. She has always given generously of her time and talents. Norma has also given many financial donations to our branch and in the name of ICF. We are so proud to have a member as wonderful as Norma and it was our great privilege to recognize her at our dinner. We were also delighted to announce our scholarship winners. Ariana Jensen is this year's recipient of our college scholarship. Ariana is the granddaughter of longtime member Bud Proccisi and daughter of members Todd and Ariana Jensen.

Recipients of our high school scholarships will be announced in our next bollettino.

*Ciao!*

*Pam Andersen*

*Bollettino Contributor*

## San Bernardino

### Fontana

#### St. Joseph, Br. 210

Well we haven't had a meeting yet this Month since Mother's Day fell on the second Sunday. So I have to get this out to make the 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Our President and his wife are on vacation in the British Isles so our Vice President Tony Selvaggi will lead the meeting. We will elect our Delegates for the Convention and make some other decisions and plans for hosting it. Our Branch must supply at least 24 dozen cookies for Sunday Night and we will need help staffing the various areas and planning the Thursday Dinner.

Nan Judge and Pat Grisafe are making the baskets for the Dinner Raffle if anyone wants to help. Things are working out pretty well at the District meetings in planning the tours and other activities. Bob Coyne Vice President from Branch 303 is doing a bang up job out there in the desert. Their President



Never too many cooks in an Italian kitchen! Branch 217 cooks during the annual sausage sale include: (left to right) Barbara Keough, Johnny Walker and Carmen Hynds.



Pictured are Branch 217 birthday girls: Harriet Mooney and Barbara DiMaria (standing) and Meline Gilpatrick who turns 100 in June (seated).

Jim Buchner is in the hospital, so say a prayer for his speedy recovery. We hope we have a good crowd attending the Convention this year. Tony Selvaggi is trying to get a car load to get out there at least one day to help out. Don't forget to sign up for the Memory Page with your deceased family members for \$5.00 per name or the Sponsor Page for \$1.00 per name. See Pat Grisafe, because the names have to be in by July 1.

Don't forget to hang your flag for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to honor our Vets and celebrate our Great Country's Birthday.

Happy Birthday to you late June and July Birthday Members. Happy Father's Day too.

*Ciao*

*Jack Grisafe*

### Redlands

#### Sacred Heart, Br. 217

Well, Branch 217 in Redlands is certainly booming! We successfully raised over \$1,000 at our annual Italian sausage and bake sale, thanks to the many wonderful cooks and bakers among us. (See photograph) The sausage sandwiches were dripping with flavor, smothered with marinara sauce and topped with a mixture of sautéed onions and delicious bell peppers, all wrapped in a soft Italian bun. (My mouth is watering just thinking about it!) There are NEVER too many cooks in this Italian kitchen!!

We were saddened by the passing of Paul Nardella, the brother of one of our beloved members, Luann Wegener. We had a beautiful memorial mass celebrated in his honor and donations flowed in from his family, friends and loved ones.

Our members are gearing up for the upcoming annual convention venue practically in our backyard. We are baking cookies and putting together gift baskets for the event.

We also celebrated birthdays this past month, including Barbara DiMaria, Harriet Mooney (birthdays on the same day). We are looking forward to the June birthday of Rosa "Meline" Gilpatrick who will soon celebrate her 100th BIRTHDAY! Happy birthday Meline!

Finally, we congratulate our president, Craig Cremer, on his marriage to his high school sweetheart, Jennifer on March 30. Congratulations, both of you!

*Thanks!*

*Barbara Keough*

*Secretary, Branch 217*

*Redlands, California*

## San Diego

### Chula Vista

#### St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

The May highlight for Branch 229 was the



dinner given by the branch for the benefit of our Mamma Dee Out Reach Program. At the yearly Gala we auctioned a dinner to be prepared by Branch 229 and served at the rectory with our two priests Fr. John Dolan and Fr. Jacob Bertrand. The meal auctioned for \$1200 and hence the challenge for us to make it worthy. With 'chef' Chris Geis (co president) at the helm preparations began, several members acted as greeters, servers, baristas and sommelier. An amazing menu was decided on and Chris and his co chef did the honors, spending two days preparing and cooking the meal. The evening was phenomenal and all present were happy with the outcome.

Our summer months will hopefully be quiet, which would be very welcome as we had a very busy first four months.

We look forward to the district picnic and the coming convention.

May Our Lord keep you safe with any travels you have planned.

*Stay Happy!!!*

*God Bless you all,*

*Toni Hildebrand*

### San Diego

#### Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Cari Amici, Branch 230 held its Annual Pancake Breakfast for Scholarships on Sunday, April 21. Thanks to Jack Battaglia and the set up crew for helping Mary Lou Terramagra and Theresa Cutri set up the Parish Hall. Thank you to all who helped with the shopping, in the kitchen and those who worked in the dining room. Thank you also to you members who sent in donations and who came for breakfast. We were able to raise enough money to donate two 1st year scholarships, the first will go to Kellen Brower, who attends Cathedral Catholic High School, the second to Morgan Reitano, who attends Mira Mesa High School. We hope to have both Scholarship recipients and some of their families on hand for our General Meeting, Friday June 21 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

We are looking for some help for going through the Church Archives searching for photographs, etc that recount our Parish's rich history with Commercial Fishing in San Diego. We need someone who will recognize the persons, places and equipment in the photos, you do not need to be a member of our ICF branch to help us. We will be using the materials for our new Heritage Display at our Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser for Our Lady of the Rosary, next Lenten Season.

Remember our Branch Picnic at Spanish Landing Park on Sunday(all-day) July 21, all members and friends of our Parish are invited. Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and our servicemen and women.

*Pace di Cristo*

*Richard Barker*

### San Diego

#### St. Therese, Br. 261

Congratulations to all who assisted at the April -- Spring Dinner Party. The cannoli and pizzelle were especially delicious!!!

A few of our members have been ill... Special prayers go out to Mike DelVac and Vince Oliver... We understand that both are on the mend... We truly missed them in our kitchen at the April Party...

It was a surprise to have Sean... Pamela Carrico's son... volunteers to assist in the kitchen. We also had two other helpers... Jason & Margaret ... who were working to obtain points required by our grade school

parents...

Our Raffle Committee did such an excellent that one guest purchased \$40 of raffle tickets... One prize was most attractive. Thanks to Kay Marcantonio for chairing the Raffle Committee.

Our March meatball sandwich sale was a sell-out... Over 200 sandwiches were sold... Our Treasurer - Pamela Carrico Tallarida has introduced us to computer analysis - relative to our major events... The Excel printout was presented at our officers' meeting. The usual 30 minute critique took less than 10 minutes... Members have requested that our branch investigate the possibility of arranging a San Diego District bus trip to the Sunday Convention Mass in Palm Springs.

*Victor Tallarida Sr.*

## San Francisco

### San Francisco

#### District Council

Remember these dates:

June 2013 -- No Meeting

July 6, 2013 -- Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser with raffle. 12:00 Noon cocktails, 1:00pm lunch with raffle to follow

July 2013 -- No Meeting

*Barbara*

### San Francisco

#### Maria S S Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Our Mother/Father Spuntino was enjoyed by all!

Please note the following upcoming events:

June 23 -- Branch Mass 10:30am ICC

July 3 -- Spuntino and Raffle. 6:30pm Cost \$15.00 Reservations Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a Raffle Prize.

Please continue prayers for Oretta Scaletti. Happy Fathers Day to all Branch 1 Fathers!

*Ciao,*

*Toni Morsello*

### San Francisco

#### Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our regular meeting on May 11, the day before Mothers' Day, went very well.

Our meeting luncheon theme was "Pizza Party" and the pizza came from Tony's Restaurant. Thank you Dora and Norma for making the arrangements with the restaurant and Lottie for making and donating the salad. Cosmo bought the ice cream and picked up one of us a beautiful flower made of beautifully colored soap and a Perugina Baci dolce. A great big "grazie" to everyone who helped serve and clean up.

Again, our Heritage Chairlady Maria Gloria had very interesting subjects prepared for us. She first spoke to us about St. Gemma Galgani, the Patron Saint of Lucca. Her Feast Day is May 16. Maria gave each one of us a copy of St. Gemma's life story. Did you know Fr. Landi at St. Cecilia's Church is related to St. Gemma? She also spoke to us about Mothers' Day. This year Mothers' Day is also celebrated

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in Italy on May 12. Maria, all our members truly appreciate your interesting heritage reports. We are lucky to have you as a member of Branch 38.

Next month, our meeting will be on June 8 in the PC at 11:30am. Later, we are having a "Brown Bag Lunch" and a surprise dessert. Ines will phone you with specifics. Thank you Ines for being our "Phone Call Lady". "Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads, Uncles, Godfathers in the ICF!" Reminder Branch 38: No Meeting In July... we are on vacation!!!

Ciao!  
Ci Vediamo il 8 di giugno!  
Mara Amato

### San Francisco

#### St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

A big Thank You to all who attended our Champagne Bingo on April 7. We had another very successful Champagne Bingo. Every one enjoyed the delicious Chicken lunch.

Thanks to Florence for arranging our lunch with the caterer. Big hand for all who worked Sat. and Sun. It is always a big job!

We are all very happy that Barbara Bottarini is at home now and doing better. We have missed you at our meetings. Thanks for continuing submitting our article for the Bollettino. We appreciate this, Barbara.

We will be going to Yosemite May 27-28-29. Looking forward to this trip.

On June 11 we will be having our Pot Luck dinner and raffle. We always have the most delicious foods. We fill 2 long tables. Come join us for a lovely dinner. You won't go home hungry. Call Mary Perata for reservations: 415-239-5936.

Please remember our ill members and deceased members in your prayers.

Steve Balestrieri, hope you are doing better. You are in our prayers.

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.

Ciao  
Eva Perata, Pres.

### San Francisco

#### Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Cari Membri,  
Please join us on Thursday, June 20, for a very special meeting during which Branch 290's Scholarship recipients will be honored. The meeting will be preceded by a ravioli dinner at 6:00pm. Price of the dinner is

\$12.00. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939 for dinner reservations.

There will be no meeting in July, so we will assemble on August 15 for our complimentary summer dinner.

Please keep our president, Mario, in your prayers as well as Joyce Nuti and other members who are experiencing health issues.

Ciao,  
Jeannette

### San Francisco

#### St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Thanks to everyone who participated in our garage sale... those of you who donated items, those who worked so many hours, and those who donated goodies for the crew. Last, but not least, to George and Nancy Pagni, for their generosity in the use of their garage and their hospitality to the workers. Without them, our sale would not have been possible. To top it all off, we had a great time and made money for our charities.

Thanks to all who donated prizes and brought food for our Mothers and Fathers celebration at our May meeting. Let's not forget everyone who bought raffle tickets. Those attending had a wonderful time. If you have yet to come to one of our meetings, please accept our invitation to join in the fun.

Sick members: Adelina Campini, John Fiore, Peggy Nan, and Gina Irwin. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next meeting on June 12. No meeting in July.

Ciao and God Bless,  
Ann Basuino

### San Mateo

#### District Council

Greetings! Hope all Branches have elected their Convention Delegates. This year's convention will be held at the La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA, Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013. The theme will be "Living The Year Of Faith". Remember to buy or sell your Convention raffle tickets. Many thanks to the San Mateo District Bishop's Day Committee for a very beautiful and successful day. Good job!

Mark your calendar:

Saturday, June 1 -- the 4th Annual Night for the Seminarians at Our Lady of Grace, 3433 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley. Cocktails: 6:00pm, Dinner: 7:00pm. Price \$50/person. Make reservations through your branch.

Next District meeting will be in August. Friday, November 8, 2013 -- Chaplain's

Night hosted by Branch 351 (Menlo Park). District Communions: Branch 213 and Branch 351. Dates will be announced later. Christmas hosted by Branch 130.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers Father Frank Murray and Nancy Van Tricht. Note: Father Frank's address is currently 2087 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Please send him a card when you can. He still needs rides to dialysis at Mills Hospital. Call Mr. Conrad #650-368-2705. Happy Father's Day!

Peace and Love,  
Anne O'Brien

### Redwood City

#### Regina Coeli, Br. 6

I would like to encourage you to attend our meetings. The membership is dwindling and attendance has dropped. Please join us so we can keep our Branch alive!

Please purchase your convention raffle tickets. The branch keeps \$10/book so this is an easy way for our branch to raise money.

July 27, BBQ -- Tri tip and all of the delicious trimmings. More details will follow. You may call Barbara for reservations 650-323-0189.

Please keep Nancy in your prayers. It was nice to have Catherine Boyle back at our meeting after her badly broken ankle.

Happy Father's Day!

Ciao,  
BF

### South San Francisco

#### Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

To celebrate "Cinco de Mayo, the May dinner meeting was chaired by Gayle & Bill Mangini. They did a wonderful Mexican meal and, as always, the meal was outstanding. We all appreciate their efforts along with all the work done by of our helpers.

Don't forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. There will be no fundraisers during this break. Our Hawaiian Night Fundraiser will be sometime in the month of August, with The "Western BBQ Dinner-Dance" Fundraiser sometime in the month of October. We will send out more information on these events as time draws near.

Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 7. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization.

So, until next time, another thought to ponder... As we begin thinking about our summer travel plans always remember, "A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a Detour"! Happy Vacation to all!

Sempre Avanti  
Laurie Masetti

### Colma

#### San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

A big "Thank You" to Cheryl Simon for hosting the ice cream social on May 13th. as well as chairing the Baccalaureate Mass and

breakfast on May 22 for the 2013 class of Jefferson High School.

Our President Kathy Travizo will be representing Branch 19 as our delegate to the Convention in Palm Springs. Al Heckman is our alternate.

Looking ahead:

June 10 -- Pulled Pork/Sloppy Joe dinner hosted by Debbie and Kathy, 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting. Reservations by June 7 to Cheryl at 650-755-0807

June 15 -- Champagne Bingo -\$16 includes one card. 1:30 Champagne, 2:30 Chicken dinner. Reservations by June 13 to Debbie 650-583-0805.

June 24 -- 4th of July favors - 7:30 at Deborah's 225 Wildwood Dr., So. San Francisco July 8 -- Hot Dog dinner and Scholarship recipient winner's night.

May all our Dad's enjoy a special day with their families on Father's Day, June 16.

Ruth Lapachet

### San Mateo

#### St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Many thanks to Frank Venturelli, Jim Loman, Ed Galli and Harold Fuentes for serving the delicious refreshments at the Mothers' Day Social in May. Sorry I couldn't be there. Will report on the election of Convention Delegates next month. Remember to sell or buy your Convention raffle tickets, \$20 per book. Send your money to Virginia Fuentes at 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002 as soon as you can.

This year's convention will be held at the La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA, Friday, August 30, 2013 to September 2, 2013. The theme is "Living the Year of Faith."

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, June 6, 2013 -- Chicken dinner and meeting. Members \$9.00, Guest \$11.00. Send check to Anne Guerin, 3040 Del Ray St., San Mateo, CA 94403.

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 -- River Rock Casino trip, price \$40.00. Pickup will be at St. Mark's Church, 7:15am. Send check to Virginia Fuentes at 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, payable to ICF Branch 163. These casino trips make up a good part of our funding. Hope you can come.

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

Happy Fathers' Day!

God Bless!  
Anne O'Brien

### Burlingame

#### Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We were lucky to have as our guest for our May meeting Ms. Laurie Levine who spoke to us about Cooley's Anemia. Some of our new members as well as many of us older ones were interested in how far the research and therapy has improved to enable patients to live longer lives. Our donations have been instrumental in helping to attain this goal.

Bea Tomasello and Sandra Bennett made us

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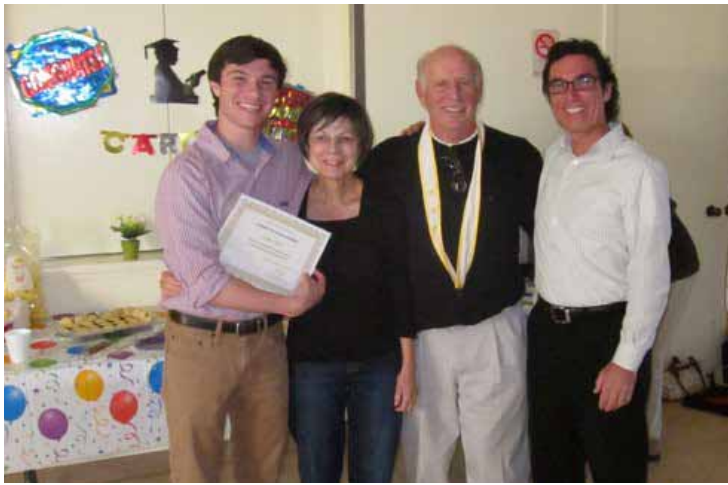
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Branch 213's scholarship recipient: from left to right is Carlo Isso the recipient Jackie Smith Co-President Joe Crosetti Co-President and Leno Isso father.

a delicious dish for our celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Special thanks to you both and our compliments.

Future Dates to remember:

Branch June 22 -- Ravioli dinner. Raffle prizes needed and more details to follow.

November 10 -- 50th Anniversary dinner being planned at this time.

We have three representatives attending our convention in September: Bob Tomasello, Roz Emery and, our president, Dorene Campanile. Alternates are: Jean Watterson and Bea Tomasello.

Please keep Dorothy Ryan in your prayers to help with the sadness of losing her daughter Linda and for John Watterson and Linda Mustachia who are currently on the road to recovery.

*God Bless,  
Rosalind C. Emery*

### **South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213**

We were delighted to have our scholarship recipient, Carlo Izzi, and his father Leno, join us for our monthly meeting. It is always so nice to meeting the student who receives our scholarship. Our thanks to Joe and Judy Crosetti for providing the delicious dinner of pizza & salad and a special cake for Carlo. Sadly, we lost a member on Monday, May 13. Helen Minotti passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. She truly was a trouper, attending functions, going on trips, visiting with friends. We will miss her! Please keep Helen and her husband Lorenzo in your prayers.

Our Champagne Bingo Luncheon is here! Hope everyone is supporting this function as it is our only fundraiser for the year! Call Joe Crosetti if you haven't made reservations yet: 650/589-8377.

The I.C.F. annual convention is coming up over Labor Day in September. President Joe Crosetti will be our delegate and his better half Judy Crosetti will be the alternate. If anyone is interested in attending, please call Joe for information. This year it will be held in La Quinta (Palm Springs).

On June 15, will have a speaker at the 4:30pm Mass to give some information about the Italian Catholic Federation and particularly Branch 213. We hope to get a some new members. So, if you are available, we could use a few members to help after Mass.

Our next dinner meeting is on June 11. Happy Fathers Day and Happy Summer!!

*rf*

### **San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327**

Hi All,

April's meeting was great! Erin Maffitt made ravioli (meat and cheese) for our dinner and we all enjoyed it to say the least! We decided to delay the vote on who to send to the convention till the May meeting. We were honored by a visit from District Council, Dianne Barnes. I hope she gives a good report. Gayton and marie took a bunch of people to Reno for three days. We'll be anxious to find out if anyone was a big winner.

We lost a long time member Joseph (Joe) Cirigliano. Joe and his wife had 10 children who were there to help during his illness. One of the benefits of having so many children. He will be missed.

Til next month.  
*God Bless ~ Ciao,  
Carole*

### **Menlo Park**

#### **St. Patrick, Br. 351**

**MAY 2ND MEETING CANCELED!!!**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bishop's Day Mass and Luncheon! Bishop Wester was our Celebrant of a beautiful Mass. A big Thank You to Candy for getting Seminararians from St. Patrick's Seminary Menlo Park to spend the day with us!

Thursday June 6- Mass 5:30pm Church of Nativity followed by Dinner at 6:30pm-Meeting will follow with Nomination and Election of our Convention Delegate. Please attend. It will be a special dinner by Maryann Robbiano. Convention Raffle Tickets are due now. Please send check and stubs to Cory Roberts 5 Chateau Drive, Menlo Park CA. Please return unused tickets. Also, please include your ICF questionnaire if you have not sent it to Cory already.

Please pray for our many sick members, especially Martha and Charles Stevens, Al Genevro, Rose Edel and Mary Henriques. Hope all the Mother's had a great day and Happy Father's Day to all the Father's!

*cr*

### **Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

At our May monthly meeting our Italian Heritage Committee chairman, Dan Capodanno gave a presentation of the history and highlights of the city of Florence, where the works of artists like Leonardo da Vinci, Donatello and Michelangelo can be viewed. We had our annual Communion Brunch at the Terrace Café in Millbrae following Mass at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. This is a nice event where we can get together with our neighboring Branch 173, and meet and



(Above) In May the Santa Clara Valley District enjoyed Day at the Races.



(Right) Golf raffle prizes!

socialize with their members.

Our recent fundraiser the Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner held on May 19 was a success, thanks to the chefs Lorrie Kalos Gunn and Carla Del Carlo and their crew.

Our next monthly meeting to be held on June 4 will begin with a complete chicken dinner, including wine and dessert for \$8.00. For reservations send check by May 31 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030.

We have no monthly meeting in July.

*Corresponding Secretary,  
Rose Marie Morando*

### **Marin Larkspur**

#### **St. James, Br. 161**

On Tuesday, May 21 we began the evening with a Mass at St. Patrick's Church said by Fr. Lawrence Vadakkan. Congratulations to Gabriella Aversa from Marin Catholic High School who was our 2013 scholarship winner. We also honored special members Luciana Buoncrisiani, Dolores Enos, Augie Morello, Lois Pieri, and Remy Moret. Our new members are Amanda Borries, Naima Chiappellone, Lucia Della Santina, Ralph Della Santina, Laura Franceschi, and Hank Ingwersen. A spuntino followed in Healy Hall for everyone to enjoy. We thank everyone who made the delicious food.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18. We wish all the fathers a very Happy Father's Day.

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

*Ciao,  
Anna Biggio*

### **Novato**

#### **Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332**

A big "Welcome Back" to Financial Secretary Lisa Steiner, who has been recuperating from a serious illness for the past few months. President Joe Bondanza welcomed 100 + members and their guests to the May dinner meeting. He also presented the 1<sup>st</sup> year scholarship to Stephanie Martini in the amount of \$400.00 Stephanie will graduate from Marin Catholic High School and has received a soccer scholarship to University of Nevada. She holds dual citizenship and she and her parents Steve & Marilyn will travel to Italy his summer.

Congratulations to Eric Wardenburg, Annabella Miegghino, and Ethan Limchayseng who will be graduating from high school in June. Marilyn Hunter told us she has 3 grandchildren graduating from middle school and 2 from high school this year.

John Cutrufelli wears many hats these days. He is head chef for Club Italia of Marin and does senior rehabilitation construction in the SF Bay Area.

Dave Garbarino will be cruising to Alaska and Jo Bacon will be heading to "The Cape". Emilia Alioto, 6 year old daughter of Anthony Alioto, speaks Italian and is currently learning Chinese.

Thanks to Dave Garbarino for the music and Angie McDuffie and her kitchen crew for a delicious dinner.

Congratulations to all the graduates and brides, and Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads and Granddads.

## **San Jose Santa Clara Valley District Council**

Much appreciation to Pat Cordich and her committee of volunteers who have again provided us with a wonderful day of golf, friendship, and great food. Also, a big thanks to Bill and Marie Greco for a great Day at the Races. When you participate in these fun activities, you support our District's charities -- and make new friends!!

Keep selling those convention raffle tickets to make money for your branch and to help with convention costs.

District Dates to Remember:  
Branch and district and CC events:

June 29-Br. 47-Memorial Mass for Fr. DiNardo and dinner for scholarship recipients, Joe Teresi (650) 493-2856

June 23 -- District Our Lady of Peace Mass 11:00 A.M. --Lunch at Michael's at Shoreline, Elaine Osorio (650) 493-5520

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

August 7 --District San Francisco Giants--Bob Basuino (408)439-1758

August 30-September 2 -- ICF Convention at La Quinta

September 7th and 8th 3rd Annual Italian Harvest Festa Morgan Hill -- branches encouraged to participate with a booth. Contact Jim DiVittorio for information 408-461-0107

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

More info. to follow.

*Happy Father's Day!!*

*Marcie Rossi*

### **San Jose Holy Cross, Br. 4**

Our yearly baby back tib dinner was delicious as usual. Thanks to Bill Greco and his committee for a job well done.

June 23- District mass at Our Lady of Peace. Please try to attend the Mass. Mass is at 11:00am. Lunch will follow at Michaels at Shoreline. Choice of Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable, or Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes and Veggies. For Vegetarians, there is Tortellini and Salad. Call Maria Greco for reservations.

July 12- Bocci Ball Picnic dinner at Backesto Park. Pot Luck, so bring something to share.





Branch 4 celebrated the annual crowning of Mother Mary. The entire parish community was invited to a 5:30 mass, then proceeded to the CCD courtyard, with song and prayers, after which two of our members, John & Lena Nunes crowned Mother Mary.

Also, bring your own chairs! Have you sold your convention tickets? Remember for each book sold the Branch keeps \$10.

To all of our sick members, our thoughts and prayers are with you. School will be out soon, and children will be playing outside enjoying the summer. Please drive carefully to protect our children. Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

*Blessings,  
Ann Fitzgerald*

### **Santa Clara**

#### **N.S. Assunta, Br. 5**

The goal regarding membership is to keep the members we currently have, and encourage new members. Invite someone today.

Events to put on calendar:

June 23, 2013 – District Our Lady of Peace Mass at 11:30am in Santa Clara. All are welcome.

June 27, 2013 – Dinner/Meeting – Menu – Baby Back Ribs, Portuguese Beans, French Onion Soup, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert. Cost: \$16.00 members; \$18.00 guests.

July 14, 2013 - ICF Br. 5 Chicken BBQ – All are welcome. Location:

St. Clare's BBQ Area in Santa Clara. Chicken Dinner and Hot Dogs for children under 12. Chicken Dinner is \$12.00 Adults and children is \$6.00 under 12. Plans are to hire a person who does face painting for the children.

August 4, 2013 – District BBQ – Menu- Tri Tip Dinner. Our branch is responsible for cakes and bake goods, so help and bring some items for the cake booth.

Raffle items are needed for the basket at ICF Br. 5 BBQ. Please bring them to the meeting on June 27, 2013 or let Matt Dutra know so he can arrange for you to deliver or pickup items. Thanks ahead of time.

Please remember to sign up to volunteer for the events this year that we have planned at the Dinner/Meeting.

Hope Mothers had a nice day in May. Best wishes to all dads on Father's Day.



God bless and keep all members, happy and healthy.

*Ciao,  
Marlene J. Rotolo*

### **Gilroy**

#### **Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28**

Thank you everyone for your help at the Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle run on May 18. Our proceeds will be presented to Cooley's anemia and Gifts of Love charities at the convention.

Our next dinner meeting will be on June 17 at 6pm in Cullen hall.

Our Lady of Peace district mass will be celebrated in Santa Clara on June 23. Please try to attend. More information at our June meeting.

The family picnic will be on July 20 at the Santos residence at 1195 Buena Vista Ave. Bring your family and friends. We always have great food and lots of fun in a great park like setting. Kathy and Roger will need help so please step up and volunteer, as we are lucky to have them donate their home every year.

As head of the calling committee each month I hear from my callers that their messages don't get returned. I need a count for the cooks and for the number of tables we need each month. So please please let your caller know if you are coming to the meeting. By now you should know who your caller is, so if they leave you a message call back. Thank you.

Please pray for our sick and home bound members.

Happy Father's day to all our dads and granddads.

*Ciao,  
Anna Barberi*

### **Los Gatos**

#### **St. Mary, Br. 184**

Our May meeting was very eventful - a delicious meal organized by Donna Pfaff and Julie Klem-Brusco, and an impromptu installation of our newest member, Ken Lavezzo.



The Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle run was held on May 18 in Gilroy, Ca. Proceeds to be given to Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love.

(Above) members of Branch 28 at the registration table ready to sign in riders.

(Right) Kathy Santos, Laurice Levine and Noreen Gillio enjoying the good weather during the motorcycle run.



We welcome Ken along with new member Teri Trotter and return of members Denise and Sal Campagna.

Eileen Fritsch spoke about the Organ Donor 5K Run and Walk for Life, to be held Sept. 21 at Great America. So far, we have a 5-person team ready, more info to come. Call Eileen at 408-438-8842 regarding this worthwhile cause.

Congratulations to Laura La Bombarda of Los Gatos High School and to Alexander Al-lert of Ann Sobrato High School, Morgan Hill. They were awarded our scholarships this year.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Baby Shower at Rose Arnaudo's home at noon on July 20. Please bring items for infants 0 to 3 month size, unwrapped. Cash is also welcomed. Call Rose at 408-354-4017 to RSVP.

It is once again time for the beautiful outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. The Mass will be held at 11am on June 23. All of the ICF branches will be represented. If you wish to attend the luncheon which follows at Michael's Restaurant, call Donna Pfaff at (408)265-7902.

June sure is a busy month! Time to say Best Wishes to all the Dads and Grads!!

In closing, I ask you to say a prayer for Marie Antonowicz, who has had a serious medical procedure. We certainly wish you well.

*Addio per ora,  
Lucia Amico*

### **Los Altos**

#### **St. Nicholas, Br. 186**

Congratulations to our Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship winner, Emily McCrone from St. Francis High School. We were delighted to have Emily and her mom, Julia, attend our May Meeting. Emily is a gifted baton twirler and will be going to Fresno State. Also Andy and Liana Cauz's grandson, Justin, received an Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship from Branch 47.

Hopefully members will attend the June 23 District Outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. Mass is 11am and lunch will follow at Michael's at Shoreline. Call Elaine Osorio for reservations for lunch. 650 493 5520.

Thanks to Liana Cauz for offering to do the Ice Cream Social at our June meeting in the absence of Gene Canderle. It was great. Our dear friend and longtime member, Richard Burguillos, has moved to Villa Siena. He

certainly would love to have members stop in and visit. Lets hope he wins at the wonderful Tuesday Bingo that Pat and Reni Felice conduct at Villa Siena.

Happy Birthdays in June to Lena Fontana, Andy Cauz, Irina Cusimano, Ren DelCarlo, Dick D'Olivia, Larry Dorie, Joan Freitas and Vazma Tomac.

No Meeting in July  
"Dad's are a hero who makes a difference in your life simply by being himself."

*Happy Father's Day  
Elaine*

### **San Jose**

#### **St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191**

Our bocce ball season got off to a great start on May 2. The weather was ideal for the first Thursday night pot luck/bocce ball social. The food was delicious and the courts were perfect for players who were eager to roll their ball as close as they could to the pallino. Everyone is welcome at the bocce courts Thursday evenings. Come share a meal, socialize and join in a game of bocce.

At our April meeting we welcomed Marge Wagner into our membership. We look forward to seeing Marge at our upcoming events.

Our annual Frank Guidace Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 13.

If you would like to sign up for the tournament or would like more information, contact Betty Antuzzi at 408-559-4268.

Donna Tonry is in charge of distributing tickets and collecting money for the convention raffle tickets. Donna has challenged members to sell two or even three books of tickets.

Lonnie Swarringim is asking members to bring baby items for the layette program to the July meeting. Lonnie, who is dedicated to this ministry, is requesting the baby clothes be sizes 0 to 3 months. Gently used items are also accepted. If you would like to know more about this ministry, contact Lonnie at 408-293-2128.

May all the fathers have happy and blessed Father's Day.

*God bless,  
Rosemary Janis*

### **San Jose**

#### **Santa Teresa, Br. 368**

Thank you to our dinner hosts Margaret Balistreri, Marion Danko, and Joe Dyer. Great job!

Always a meeting highlight was Ed Wendler's





Branch 368 at District Golf Tournament on May 4.

spiritual talk. We learned about the role of angels in the Catholic Church.

We were pleased to award a first year scholarship to Mikayla Redi a senior at Santa Teresa High School. Mikayla is the daughter of Marcello and Mary Redi, long time members of our branch.

A special thank you to Marybarbara Zorio and Robyn Schlice for the informative talk regarding the important work that the Grateful Garment Project does in helping sexual abuse victims of all ages.

Two delegates and two alternates were elected to attend the ICF Convention "Living The Year of Faith." Congratulation to delegates Noreen Gillio and Joyce Robba. Our alternates will be John Gillio and Paul Radzinski.

Welcome to Bruce and Marybarbara Zorio our newest members. We are pleased to have them join us.

Pat Cordich was instrumental in making our recent District Golf Tournament a huge success. Pat, we appreciate all you do! Our branch had the most participants at this fundraiser.

Joan Delfino reported that 23 scholarships were awarded through the Gifts of Love Program. This program was also instrumental in helping the hard of hearing receive their sacraments. Please continue this important work.

Important Dates:

June 23 -- Santa Clara District Mass at Our Lady of Peace

July 19 -- Golf Tournament in Monterey

August 7 -- SF Giants Italian Night

August 16 -- Branch 368 Casino Night

Ciao

Cheryl Sanchez

### San Jose

#### St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

It is a Branch 391 tradition to have Jessie Ramero lead the May dinner by preparing enchiladas, beans, and rice, but this year she and the "Kitchen Crew" made extra food and sold it to the school prior to the meeting. This helped our branch earn an extra \$500+ dollars on additional food sales. Great idea! Thank you to everyone who helped make the meal and impromptu fundraiser possible. Thanks to Marcie Rossi's hard work in this years membership drive, our branch will have 21 new members! At the May meet-

ing we initiated the following people: Linda Ochiner, Patti Fotes, Michael and Lis Glazzy, Jennie McMonagle, Doris Zankich, Bus and Laura Mitchell, and Mary Ann West. Stay tuned because we will also initiate several new members at the next meeting.

In addition to initiating nine new members, our branch recognized three scholarship winners, who are all members of Branch 391. They are John Lencioni, Kevin Schenk, and Anthony Busco. You boys are great examples of young ICF members.

We also voted on delegates for this year's convention. Marcie Rossi, Russ Vento, Donna Rossi, and Steve Lencioni will be our delegates, and Denise Vento and Kathleen Lencioni will be the alternates.

Lastly, Russ Vento will be organizing day trips for ICF members, such as visiting wine county or local casinos. Contact Russ is you are interested.

Pace,

Bianca Valloriz

### Sunnyvale

#### Resurrection, Br. 408

Congratulations to our 2013 ICF First Year Scholarship winner Tatiana Gospe - who is currently a senior at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. Tatiana is very active in her High School and will be attending our next monthly Branch meeting to share some cake with us and receive her award.

Please make an effort to attend the District Mass at Our Lady of Peace under the Large Statue of Mary on Sunday June 23 at 11:00am. Both Fr. George Arahna and Monsignor Joeseph Milani will be the Con-Celebrants for this District Event. Lunch follows at Michaels at Shoreline at a cost of \$23.00 at 1pm. This has always been something to look forward to attending. Let's make sure we get another good turn out from the Branch. Please respond by 16 June with your choice of meal - but if you can't make the meal - please try to attend the Outdoor Mass.

Remember to include our ongoing sick members in your prayers - especially for Virginia Mirrione (who is back home now), Marie Volp and Franco Ciacchella (who is using his new legs and up and walking).

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Pictured are 9 of Branch 391's new members: Buss and Laura Mitchell, Michael and Lis Glazzy, Br. 391 president Marcie Rossi, Jennie McMonagle, Linda Ochiner, Patti Fotes, Doris Zankich, Mary Ann West, and membership chairperson Carmie Jimenez. We still have 17 more new members to initiate!!



Members of Branch 12 celebrating the branch's 85 anniversary.

### Morgan Hill

#### Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

A big thank you to Jerry Caravelli our secretary and chief cook for a delicious dinner he put together at our last dinner meeting on April 25. We were treated to a wonderful meal of his version of Original Joe's hamburgers (which were just as good if not better) than the Original Joe's. He also made a delicious Sicilian potato salad and for dessert we made our own yummy ice cream sundaes.

We also enjoyed an interesting Italian heritage story shared by Jim Jones our past president. Our branch also wants to thank all the people from other ICF branches that came to our fund raiser. It was a huge success.

Please keep in your prayers Loretta Wilson who has had surgery and Virginia Sellers mother who passed away.

Our next dinner meeting is on May 16 and in June it will be on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark it on your calendars.

Hope you all had a happy Mother's Day.

And God bless all our members.

Donna Basilin

## Santa Rosa

### Healdsburg

#### San Francisco Di Sales, Br. 52

Our Ravioli Dinner on May 11 was very successful. Guests enjoyed the homemade ravioli, cannoli and local Sonoma wines. Thank you to Pres. Nancy Seppi and everyone who helped make this evening a success. Proceeds benefit Cooley's Anemia.

Upcoming Events:

June 4 -- Offices' meeting at Mary and John Del Monte's house, 7:00pm

June 11 -- Father's Day Dinner. Due to Fr. Walt's retirement party, we've had to change the date of this event. Time: 6:30pm in the Parish Activity Center. Tickets available from Dee- 433-5454, Mary -433-4821, or Nancy 433-4708. Price: \$10.00. Fathers over 80 are complimentary. We will have a short meeting, elect our Convention Delegates and take our yearly branch photo this evening. Plan on attending!

June 23 -- Fr. Walt's Retirement Party. Please check the branch newsletter and the Parish Bulletin for more details. Fr. Walt has been extremely supportive of the ICF while he's been pastor of St. John's. Plan on attending the party and wishing Father well in his retirement. We'll miss him!



(Top Right) Br. 52 President Nancy presents Ellie Sweeney and Elinore Filice with the branch's two scholarships.

(Top Left) Dr. John Tomasini of Branch 52 shows off the lovely tote and flowers he won in the raffle.



(Left) At Branch 52's Ravioli Dinner Pres. Nancy Seppi leads the kitchen crew is cooking an excellent ravioli dinner.





The St. Sebastian, Branch 103, chefs.



Branch 103 Scholarship winners Gianna Biagi and Sam Denning.

July -- No meeting.  
 Aug. 6 -- Regular meeting at Nancy Seppi's house.  
 It was great seeing Anna Filice and Julie Tomasin at the Ravioli dinner. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.  
*Happy Father's Day!*  
 Lauren Kilcullen

#### **Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103**

Our scholarship dinner attracted a record number crowd. Winner Gianna Biagi will be attending college in Ohio, and Sam Denning will be at Benedictine College in Kansas. Because of a senior project commitment, Allison Cogbill was unable to be with us. Both Gianna and Sam had graduated 8th grade from St. Francis Solano Elementary School, and our chaplain Father Mike congratulated the former students of his parish.  
 The quarterly Mass will be on June 9, 9am, at St. Francis Solano Church with breakfast at The Palms Grill following. In June our dinner meeting on June 11 will consist of salad, meatloaf and dessert. For reservations, call Lila Borogno (707) 996-3448.

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

Our Pizza/Bingo Nite was a great success. The turnout of members was wonderful with some prospective members in attendance. Everyone went home with their tummies full of pizza and dessert. Some went home with money and everyone had a good time. Please send in your donations for the bakeless bake sale to Margaret Cordrey. Also send in your convention tickets to Tula Bologna or bring them to the next meeting. It

is so important to the Branch to get these in. The Reno Trip was a great success. I didn't hear of any big winners but everyone had fun. Thanks to Kathleen Walker for her hard work.

June 9 - Quarterly Communion Mass for living and deceased - St. Vincent's Church - 10:30am. Breakfast/lunch to follow at the Boulevard Café, Petaluma Blvd. For info and reservations call Kathleen 763-7354.

June 10 - Regular Meeting  
 July 8 - Regular Meeting  
 Get well wishes to Dennice DiGirolamo and Sharon Hromek and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversaries to all celebrating in May and June. Happy Father's Day!  
 Remember be nice to others, you will always get it back in return.

*Ciao,  
 Louise Vicino*

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

Our Mother's/Father's Day Progressive Dinner was wonderful. We only had about 28 people but great food and great fun! Thank you to the Proctor and the Evans families for hosting us. Our April Biscotti sale earned \$422. Thank you so much to all of you who baked, bought or worked. Our Convention Delegates will be Jacque and Rosemary. If you do not have your Convention Raffle tickets, you will receive them soon. All money and tickets stubs must be returned to Linda Spallino by August 1. Remember... each member is asked to sell at least 1 book, so let's get with it. Our Heritage Day Celebration and Bocci tournament will be held on July 21st. Please plan to participate. We voted to send \$300 to the Seminarian Fund, to the Arcata House Partnership, and to Gifts of Love. \$500 will go to Coolie's Anemia. Happy Birthday to Joan Dal Porto and Barbara Vanni. Please pray for our ill: Mary Tanferani and Don Vanni.

June is the time we honor our Fathers, both Earthly and Heavenly. Dear St. Joseph, thank you for nurturing our Savior Jesus and His Mother Mary. We pray that we can at least come close to your example.

*Ciao,  
 Linda*

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

Our May 14 meeting was a delicious pizza potluck. A big thank you to all members who brought the pizza and also to all those who helped Marian with the set up and clean-up.



Branch 198, St. Eugene's, awarded 13 first year scholarships through the ICF scholarship program. 12 of the recipients were presented with their certificates at the recent Scholarship Dinner. Pictured with the winners are Br. 198 President and Past Grand President Bob Acquistapace and Past Grand President Carmen Kilcullen.

After our potluck, Marian and Jerry Colivas introduced this year's two scholarship winners. The Colivas scholarship recipient is Carolyn Smullin, from Eureka High. Carolyn plans to attend UC Berkeley and study Bio-chemistry and then to medical school to study pharmacology. Congratulations Carolyn! Also congratulations to her parents Don and Cecilia Smullin.

The recipient of the Chris Castle Memorial scholarship is Brooke Wahlund, also from Eureka High. Brooke will attend Sonoma State. Her course of study will be psychology, with a concentration in child psychology. Her long term goal is to someday have her own practice. Congratulations Brooke and also to your parents Mark and Tina Wahlund. We then held a short business meeting. Marian reported that in the next few months we will be concentrating on how to go about increasing our membership.

Future dates to put on your calendar are the fireworks sale, July first through the fourth; the mezzo Agosto picnic on August 11th. ICF will host; Joe Bonino will chair our committee for the event. September will be the Italian Festa. The Sons of Italy will host; more information will follow.

Our next meeting will be June 11 at 7pm. As always, please pray for all of our members and their families, especially those who have lost a loved one.

*Peace and good health to all,  
 Nancy Paoli*

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

Our May Mother's Father's Day dinner at Olive Garden was wonderful. It was such a nice change. Thank you to Tom and Carol Saksa for hosting our dinner. Hope that everyone had a Happy Mother's Day and upcoming Father's Day.

Our next function is the scholarship dinner. I hope we will have a good turnout. We have 9 graduates this June. We don't have a meeting in July so our next dinner meeting is in August. We are hosting the next district meeting in June. Tom Saksa will be making the food with members making salads. We will be needing raffle prizes for that meeting too. After our scholarship dinner we will have a short meeting. We would like to get an idea of where we are going with our club.

Emily's surgery is rescheduled for June 11. I will keep everyone updated. She is having a tumor removed from her Pituitary gland, it is benign, at UCSF. Please keep those prayers and good thoughts coming her way. The power of prayer is wonderful.

Please pray for our ill members and recuperating ones. Bless them all.  
*Happy Summer,  
 Susan Daly*

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters

As we reach the mid point of 2013 President Bob Acquistapace asks each one of us to ask a friend or relative to join us in the I.C.F. A few more members will give a helping hand to our dinners, expand our heritage programs, and financially allow us to increase our charity and good works. Bring a prospective member to our next meeting July 1 in the Parish Life Center at 6:30pm.

Thanks to Randy Apel, Kathy Acquistapace, John Kennedy and Marie Lagomarsino for helping to make our April fundraiser a real success.

With 12 of our 13 scholarship winners and their families at our May 6 dinner, we see the value of helping really great young Italian Catholics as they leave high school and start a new life as a first year student in college. Please pray for all our members, living and deceased. We must never forget the value of prayer in our lives and in the fraternity of I.C.F. brothers and sisters.

Happy Fathers Day to all you Dad's!  
 Lorraine Castelli

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

Members and guests enjoyed our annual Mother's Day/Scholarship Winners Dinner which consisted of Lasagne, green salad, garlic bread and specially decorated white and chocolate cakes for dessert. Our guests were scholarship winners Julia & Elizabeth Ornell, Peyton Bogges and their families. Our fourth scholarship winner is Colin Corsetti, grandson of District President Dante Corsetti and his wife, Jackie, who traveled to Alaska for Colin's graduation.

Again this month, Branch 209 is participating in the "Get on the Bus" program which provides a child an opportunity to visit his or her father who is currently incarcerated. Our Bocci Tournament had to be canceled this month. Our next tournament is scheduled for Aug. 17.

The election of convention delegates has been postponed to next month.

We were pleased to have Trustee Bud Polley back with us at the meeting following his recent heart surgery. We learned, also, that Don Becchetti had been hospitalized; however, he came home on the day of our meeting. Get well soon, Don!

**Upcoming:**  
 June 4 -- Board Meeting  
 June 8 -- Quarterly Communion  
 June 11 -- Regular Meeting/Father's Day Dinner  
 July -- No meeting  
*Happy Father's Day!*  
 Lona Bertoli





Branch 425 picnic at Madara Canyon.

## Stockton

### Stockton District Council

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

Invite your family and friends, bring your bocci game, horse shoes, cards or any game you might enjoy playing. Reservations should be in to Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 no later than August 12, 2013.

*Cecelia McGhee*

### Modesto

#### St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very successful bake sale thanks to the help from Br. 395 in Stockton. We are a small branch and have just a few members that do the baking and we don't have a big amount of baked goods for our sale. As we were setting up for the bake sale up drives Karen Rosson with a car full of baked goods from the members of her branch. With the extra baked goods it was the most we have ever made at a bake sale.

To Karen and the members of Branch 395 thank you very much your help was greatly appreciated. President Tom Silvaggio will be our delegate to the convention. We will have other members attending as guests.

Mass for our deceased members will be Thursday June 13, 2013 5:30pm at the J Street Church and Sunday July 14, 2013 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. Church Bank Night winner was Nancy Souza.

Refreshments for the June 12, 2013 meeting will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee.

Coming up:

June 12 -- 7:00 pm. Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets.  
July -- No meeting  
August -- No meeting  
August 18 -- Stockton District Picnic in Escalon 11:00am to 5:00pm

*Cecelia McGhee*

### Angels Camp

#### St. Patrick, Br. 413

This month, we are keeping all our sick ICF members in our prayers, especially Amy Schmid. Thank you for all your hard work and friendship, Amy.

As she stated in last month's Bollettino, we are preparing for our annual Western BBQ Dinner Dance. June 15 is the date, and the BBQ steaks always taste great! The price this year is \$20 for each adult steak dinner, and those 12 years and younger eat a hot dog or hamburger dinner for free.

There will be raffles, George Fontaine with live music, and dancing! The St. Patrick's Parish Youth Group will be there to serve

and maybe even start the dancing, like at the Valentine Dinner Dance. Hope you will come and join us.

Happy Father's Day to all you dads, and all our wonderful priests, bishops, cardinals, and Pope Francis. May God bless each and every one of you with His love, wisdom, and strength.

*Ciao,  
Annette Pachinger (Annie)  
for Amy Schmid, Correspondence Secretary*

## Tucson

### Green Valley

#### Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

This will be the last article until September. With all the snow birds gone and people taking vacation trip during the summer months we don't have enough people here to have meeting doing June, July and August. Our next meeting will be our pizza meeting in September.

This year picnic at Madara Canyon was great. We had a good turnout and plenty of food. We also had Mariam Flanagan play the organ while everyone was eating. It looked like everyone had a good time, except for a couple of people that were misinformed about the time of the picnic. We need to apologize for the mix up. After everyone ate all they could, a few of us played a game called Mexican dominos, which was quite a lot of fun. The rest of the members were engaged in conversations. Again I'd say it turned out to be a nice day that the canyon, the weather was beautiful.

See you all in September.

*God Bless all our Members,  
Joe Vivaldi*

### Tucson

#### Fr. Eusebio Kino, Br. 433

In the land of sunshine, blue skies and mountains, we are enjoying the blooming of the desert flowers.

Member Mark O'Hare is in the process of acquiring copies of the "Padre Kino and the Trail to the Pacific" as Fr. Kino is a candidate for sainthood and took the time to print out the text and donate to the Branch a bound copy.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Crino, thanked the Branch for their donations to the Parish and to the Adopt-A-Student Program. Fr. Crino will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on June 29 and the Branch will give Father a monetary gift. President Fleischmann and wife, Maria, will be attending the Convention and will represent our Branch.

We are already planning our autumn events and fund raisers as we do not meet during the months of July and August. A Bake Sale has been planned for November and Melissa Rodrigues will chair the event. We are also planning a membership drive in October. Our Branch will host "Bishop's Day and Installation of Officers" on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at 5:30pm. We will have Mass and presentation of donations and then



dinner in Gramer Hall. Bette Acitelli will chair the event and we are already getting our plans underway.

The meeting ended with a celebration of our very active member Larry Masi's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!! Happy Birthday, Larry, and many more!!

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!  
*Bette Acitelli, Recording Secretary*

### Tucson

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

It has been a very pleasant spring here in So. Arizona (Tucson). Now, however, we are heating up... soon we will be in the triple digits! Our branch has been preparing the calendar for next year's events and also, preparing for convention. This year, for the first time, we are sending two delegates, Donna Raffanti and Frank Cantania. We hope their experience will be very rewarding and

lots of fun!

The granddaughter of Bill and Loretta Brevaire, Sara Slingerland, is one of the recipients of this year's First-time Scholarship award. Sara is extremely intelligent (with a high GPA). She plays softball at her Catalina Foothills High School and also works part-time at the Gelato store, "Frost." (I believe that probably is one of the best after-school, part-time jobs one could have!) We honored her at our last meeting, May 11, presenting her with the scholarship certificate and a beautiful long-stemmed rose. Sara is a well-deserving high school senior and we congratulate her on her graduation and wish her the best in college. Sara will be attending the University of Arizona.

*Ciao for now,  
Loretta Brevaire*



Branch 433 presents its scholarship to Melissa Rodriguez.

President Henry Fleischmann presented Fr. Crino checks from the St. Joseph Table, for the School and Parish of SS Peter & Paul.

