



BOLLETTINO



Night For Seminarians, Golf Tournament and Convention -- Time to RSVP

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.

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TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

This year is starting to pick up speed, and before you know it, the ICF's biggest events of the year will be here.

This is just a reminder that 'The Night for the Seminarians' is one month away, so if you haven't sent in your reservations, there's still time. The deadline for the dinner and dance celebration is May 17. We also want to share that the menu for the evening will feature a 'Surf (shrimp) & Turf (steak)' entree with appetizers and a dessert buffet. What better way to show your support for our seminarians and enjoy a fun evening of dining and dancing.

If for some reason you cannot show your support in person, a donation will be appreciated. We understand that there is never a perfect date for a celebration and fundraiser, but know you all want to participate either in person or donation. Let's as a family show our support for this very worthwhile event. The students and seminarians depend on our support.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the seminarians and their education.

The event will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley, June 1, 2013, 6pm to 11pm. The price is \$50.

Please contact Pat Mages for sponsorship and other additional information, (805) 492-9658,

email: pat.lou.mages@gmail.com;

1158 Calle Pinata, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

For dinner reservations contact Lisa Crudo: (510) 537-3256,

email: Watkins6pk@aol.com

mail: 3718 September Ct., Castro Valley,

CA 94546.

All reservations, sponsorships or other donations are to be sent to the Ways & Means Committee at the listed addresses.

It is also 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!

Lastly, reservations can now be made for the annual ICF Convention during Labor Day weekend. The dates for the Convention are Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013

Reservation can be made at the La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA (Phone: (760) 564-7111 / Reservations: (800) 598-3828. Visit the link to hotel reservations on our website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention. The room rate is \$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 Porterage Charge (includes both check-in and check-out). When booking your reservation use the Convention Code "ZIC" to make your reservation.

Grand President's Monthly Message

May is the month we celebrate the life and devotion of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

We traditionally adorn the statues of Mary in church with crowns of flowers and recite decades of the rosary in her honor.

Her love and devotion to her Son, Jesus, is something that any mother can appreciate.

During the month of May we also honor our own mothers. Their love and devotion to their children and families makes them very special to all of us, and most deserving of having a special day in their honor.

Within our organization there are many women who are mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts. They, too, have helped the ICF, from its beginning, as devoted members and strong backbones of each branch.

If it were not for women like Lady Augusta Providenza, supporting Sir Luigi, the ICF would not be where it is today. The women of the ICF were diligent in their commitment to the organization and all the while still kept their families running at home.

As we look around our organization this month, we should take a chance to thank all of the Moms for their love, service and devotion to not only their families, but to their extended family -- the ICF.

Jane Dianda

Grand President



Congratulations to San Mateo District Chaplain Father Frank Murray who celebrated his anniversary in February.

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Easter Joy Helps Us Live The Year of Faith

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Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! New Life came into the world on Easter Sunday. Lucky for us, Jesus is now ever-present to us. What a great gift of love He gave us! We celebrate the Risen Christ in a special way during the Easter Season, which goes on for 50 days and will end on Pentecost Sunday.

Easter validates our Faith. Without Easter, without the Risen Christ, we would be lost, groping around without purpose, without Hope. Jesus is with us, around us and in us. He gives us life, a reason to live in Faith. He gives us reason to Love.

During this Year of Faith, we renew our commitment to God by the love we show

for our fellow human beings. This love is a relationship between Jesus and us. Ask yourself, "What is the most important thing in my life?" Shouldn't it be your PERSONAL relationship with Christ and your fellow human beings? Simply said but not too easy to put into practice. We have so many conditions and hangups. We have too many "yes buts," too many defenses and apologies that block us from truly living the Year of Faith. We need to "get over our bad selves" and open our hearts to God's Grace. We need to work with God and let God work in our daily lives. This is, indeed, living the Year of Faith.

The theme of our next convention is, "Living the Year of Faith." May God's love for us help us as members of the ICF grow in the love of Jesus and each other and live the Year of Faith as He taught us. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!



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



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.

Preparing and Executing a Membership Drive

Roselynn Jarrett
CC Grand Trustee
Membership Chairperson

"How do you setup a membership drive?" This is a commonly asked question by our Members. Here are some tips:

Begin by asking your church if they have any restrictions. Find out if it is okay to distribute flyers, setup a table with information, place an insert in the weekly bulletin and make an announcement after the masses using our short two minute script. Once you know what is and is not allowed, then let the coordinating begin.

- Create an ICF membership board using the kit provided to your branch at our last convention.

- Develop a handout that can be placed in church bulletins the week prior and/or the week of your membership drive. Many parishes will allow branches to use bulletin inserts. Ask your parish secretary how many bulletins are printed and when your Branch members can stuff the bulletins. If you need help preparing an insert, please email the membership committee.

- If your membership drive will be held after mass, ask your pastor if he can make an announcement and/or introduce one of your members to read the short script we have that explains the ICF. The script is just a guide and can be changed if need be. The person who is reading should have a loud, clear voice and be comfortable with public speaking. The script is available at icf.org.

- For membership drives taking place



Membership Stats as of July 1, 2012:

11,212

Membership as of March 1 = 10,941

New:	727
Reinstated:	12
Transfer in/out:	42
Deceased:	220
Non-payment:	211
Cancellations:	696

during one of your Branch dinners or events, a person can still speak briefly about the ICF. Tailor the script or create your presentation to fit your type of event.

- At the actual table include the following: your ICF board and handouts; ICF brochures; membership applications; Branch calendars and newsletters; the ICF poster and an interest sheet for prospective Members to include their name, address,

High Five!

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

Contra Costa	+44
Los Angeles	+15
San Gabriel	+15
Blessed Sacrament	+8
Chicago	+5

Congratulations to the following districts who also have increased membership: Santa Barbara-Ventura, East Bay, Central Coast and San Bernardino

phone number and email address as well as any other items that highlight the ICF.

- Some branches incorporate an interactive activity, such as a raffle ticket

Proud of Our Hard Work

Jim Acitelli
Apostolic Committee Chair

Our Grand President Jane Dianda, has stated how proud she is of all of us. Together we shine! By offering so much of our time, services and prayers as well as the enormous amount of money that has been donated to all of our causes, we have proven that our apostolic and charitable works are the core driving force of the Federation. And yes, we should be proud! We all know that the Italian Catholic Federation is first, and foremost, an apostolic and charitable organization.

During this month of May, when we begin the preparation of our Apostolic/Charity Reports, let us truly reflect on the good things that we have done and those things we intended to do. As we fill out this report, let's consider each question in Part I (for information only) of the report and see how your branch measures up – Do you have an Apostolate chairman and is a report given at each meeting and then submitted annually? Does the branch chaplain attend most of the monthly meetings? Does your branch attend Mass together during the year, recite the rosary or pray special intentions, offer Mass for deceased members? Did you



attend Bishop's Day? Sponsor a special religious event, a retreat, pilgrimage or Day or Night of Reflection? How many times did you answer "No"? Now is the time to think about changing the "No" to a "Yes." Our giving of money is always very generous but could we do better?

Remember: No matter how well we do things we can always do better.

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

Scholarship Focus

Mariah Serrato

Name: Mariah Serrato

School: Sonoma State University

Mascot: Seawolves

A 2012 ICF Scholarship recipient, Mariah Serrato chose to attend Sonoma State because she liked the smaller campus, smaller student population and location. She is majoring in Biology.

So far her favorite part of college is meeting her new roommates, learning "to juggle" her classes, and experiencing independence. She writes, "I have met so many new people and look forward to having these friends throughout my life."

She stresses the importance of receiving an ICF scholarship when she writes, "The ICF scholarship helped with my college expenses. The tuition fees have doubled since 2007. Receiving your scholarship has helped me with my future educational goals."

Education is a top priority in the Serrato family. Mariah has three older siblings that have graduated or will graduate in the near future. Mariah feels that she has many excellent role models.

Her parents, Louie & Anna Serrato, are members of ICF Branch 390 in Tracy, CA.

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.

Attention: Branch and District Presidents Branch and District Financial Secretaries

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

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

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

All Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2013. Failure to do so for 3 consecutive years will result in the loss of tax-exempt status.

We sent the Branch and District Financial Secretaries a packet of materials to try and help with this process in January. Please work together to make sure that the appropriate form is filed if you have not already done so.

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2012. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions or have problems filing the forms, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You,
George Bacigalupi, Grand Treasurer

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1 Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder	291	Pismo Beach, CA	\$100
4/2 Virginia Trigg	303	Rancho Mirage, CA	\$30
4/3 Dolores Rochester	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
4/4 Vicki Christophe	154	Martinez, CA	\$30
4/5 Branch 237		Gardena, CA	\$30
4/6 Erick & Carmen Waddington	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
4/7 Andrew Del Monte		Sebastopol, CA	\$30
4/8 Joseph Tucciarone		Cocoa, FL	\$30
4/9 Otto & Heidi Ambiel	227	Capitola, CA	\$30
4/10 Sarah Sagouspe	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
4/11 Karen Rosson	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
4/12 Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted		Phoenix, AZ	\$30
4/13 Mr. & Mrs. Herb Di Grazia		Livermore, CA	\$30
4/14 Don Proietti	39	Merced, CA	\$30
4/15 Olivia King		Merced, CA	\$40
4/16 Alicia H. Dominguez		Merced, CA	\$50
4/17 Greg Rimmer	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/18 Emmett Schumer		Martinez, CA	\$30
4/19 William F. Greco	4	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/20 Lori Gallo	39	Merced, CA	\$30
4/21 John Dynice		Los Alamitos, CA	\$30
4/22 Frieda Flocchini	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/23 Sgt. Emilio Galeazzi		Manteca, CA	\$30
4/24 Branch 181		Franklin Park, IL	\$30
4/25 Jennie & Terry Miller		Ben Lomond, CA	\$30
4/26 Franco Ciacchella	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
4/27 Alex Iavarone		Mill Valley, CA	\$30
4/28 David Kelly		Gardena, CA	\$30
4/29 Jill Long		Martinez, CA	\$30
4/30 Branch 198		Santa Rosa, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

Moment In Time

"A Mother's Prayer"

Lord give me patience for little ones.
A gentle heart and words so kind,
so when each child is grown and thinks of home,
a loving place will come to mind.

Deceased Members		Branch 163	
Report Date: 04/15/2013		ANITA BACICH Branch 173	
		ANGELINA TORTORELLI Branch 173	
GINO BARSANTI	Branch 005	JOSEPHINE L GALLO	Branch 191
SUSANNA FILICE	Branch 026	CATHERINE M SADLER	Branch 191
PATRICIA TRINCHERO	Branch 028	ALDO STRAMBI	Branch 198
MABEL CASAZZA	Branch 048	AL STEFENONI	Branch 209
CARLO SIMONI	Branch 070	ALICE K WAGNER	Branch 227
SHARON C NEWTON	Branch 108	ISABELLA CRIVELLO	Branch 230
MARIA VUOSO	Branch 115	LIVIA M PUKISH	Branch 308
SAMUEL DI GIROLAMO	Branch 127	LUCIUS DE VITA	Branch 374
LENA BO	Branch 139	MARY ALICE LOCCISANO	Branch 382
FRANK INDELICATO	Branch 139		
BIANCA M JACKLICH	Branch 139		
FRANCO PERA	Branch 139		
WENDELL F MC CREA	Branch 150		
JULIETTE GIANNINI	Branch 163		
ADI PETROCCHI			

Branch 4	Officers/Members of Br. 435
John and Judy Janini	In memory of Steven J. Britton
In memory of Jerry Fogel	Officers/Members of Br. 435
Bruce and Lonnie Swarrigim	In memory of Loritta Bonfante Johnson
In memory of Mary Vierra	Rosalie Campisi
Bruce and Lonnie Swarrigim	In memory of Rita Bowling
In memory of Isabel Gregory	Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
Bea Cunha	In memory of Luigi Silvestri
In memory of Anthony Guiffrida	Pamala G. Milia
Officers/Members of Br. 191	In memory of Gaeton E. Milia
In memory of Catherine Sadler	Katherine and Roland Codiga
	In memory of Bette Settrini

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year	<u>Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year</u>
Deborah Rodondi	Tom and Carole Jobe
In memory of Ken Donnelly	In memory of Lorraine Fruguglietti
Rosalie Campisi	
In memory of Joseph Favazza	

Report Date: 04/15/2013		REV GREGORY HEIDENBLUT		OSA	
JESSICA CASTILLO	Branch 004	MELINDA A KLEVER	Branch 343		
ROLDAN F VIGIL	Branch 007	TERESA D LAVIN	Branch 343		
MICHAEL ROGERS	Branch 013	MARIA V RUGGERI	Branch 343		
ANDREA S CARRINGTON	Branch 014	ERIN M WATSON	Branch 343		
ROBERTA FREEMAN	Branch 014	GRACE POULET	Branch 351		
JEFF DAL CERRO	Branch 027	JAMES POULET	Branch 351		
KATRINA L HEALY	Branch 028	JOHN POULET	Branch 351		
KEVIN A HEALY	Branch 028	JOLIE POULET	Branch 351		
TERI ADAM	Branch 036	MIKE AHERN	Branch 352		
ELVIRA LAL	Branch 036	SANDRA AHERN	Branch 352		
FRANK MELICIA	Branch 036	DANIEL L QUINN	Branch 352		
IDA ROMIG	Branch 036	EVELYN P GANDARA	Branch 354		
RICHARD J RAIMONDO	Branch 054	LUCILLE M OLSEN	Branch 354		
RALPH E THOMPSON	Branch 067	GENARO OLVEDA	Branch 354		
TERESA M THOMPSON	Branch 067	GUADALUPE OLVEDA	Branch 354		
GLORIA G SALAS	Branch 102	JORGE OLVEDA	Branch 354		
KATHERINE A LYNCH	Branch 103	NATALI OLVEDA	Branch 354		
MICHAEL FEDERICO	Branch 108	GLADYS SAUCEDO	Branch 354		
ADRIANA MAGGIORA	Branch 108	NANCY D MELANDER	Branch 368		
JOHN M MAGGIORA	Branch 108	TIM C MELANDER	Branch 368		
CHIARA C SORCE	Branch 111	CONNIE MEINKE	Branch 379		
MASSIMO M SORCE	Branch 111	ERIN N DONLEY	Branch 380		
MICHAEL J DOBROWSKI	Branch 135	JAMES T DONLEY	Branch 380		
PAM T DOBROWSKI	Branch 135	LISA A DONLEY	Branch 380		
MARY-JO WIESE	Branch 135	THOMAS E DONLEY	Branch 380		
ADDIE M AGOSTINI	Branch 139	AGOSTINO BALISTRERI	Branch 392		
ELIZABETH A DE MICHELIS		MARIA BALISTRERI	Branch 392		
	Branch 139	ROSE DI SILVESTRO	Branch 392		
IRMA A DE MICHELIS	Branch 139	ROSA LASUCCI	Branch 392		
EMILY J PESTA	Branch 139	PAOLA ROPPO	Branch 392		
CHASE GAPOL	Branch 191	BERNICE P NICKOLS	Branch 395		
COLIN GAPOL	Branch 191	LAURA B GARAY	Branch 403		
KAYLEE GAPOL	Branch 191	ANNA ABEA-HARKINS	Branch 408		
KEITH A GAPOL	Branch 191	VIOLETTA R DANIELS	Branch 408		
REV MICHAEL HENDRICKSON		CLARE MULLIN	Branch 408		
	Branch 191	CARMELA DE SARIO	Branch 418		
ED S SMITH	Branch 191	MARIA FAVILLA	Branch 418		
ANITA M MARTIN	Branch 198	ANNA FIORE	Branch 418		
COREY R MARTIN	Branch 198	CATERINA MARIANI	Branch 418		
JEREMY W MARTIN	Branch 198	LUCIA MININNI	Branch 418		
ALBERT (BILLY) GREGORI		LUCIA TROZZI	Branch 423		
	Branch 209	FRANCES A ADAMI	Branch 432		
SUSAN D GIORGETTI	Branch 214	MARY A GAMBA	Branch 432		
SUSAN BERRY	Branch 227	DEL CANDANOZA	Branch 434		
ERIK J COLOMBINI	Branch 227	PASQUALE S CODUTO	Branch 436		
LENAE F COLOMBINI	Branch 227	ROSE A CODUTO	Branch 436		
SR JUDY SILVA	Branch 227	MARY C PERNICK	Branch 436		
JOLENE S SMITH	Branch 227	KAYLA M BROWN	Branch 438		
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ELIZABETH S ANTONIO	Branch 343		Branch 440		
STEVEN J ANTONIO	Branch 343	SONIA MACCIONI-RUSZAK			
TRISTAN C ANTONIO	Branch 343		Branch 440		
CARA CONLEY	Branch 343	JULIA D MARTIN	Branch 440		
CINDY CONLEY	Branch 343	MAYA R MARTIN	Branch 440		
ED CONLEY	Branch 343	MIRIAM P MARTIN	Branch 440		
EDDIE CONLEY	Branch 343	TOM G MARTIN	Branch 440		

Cooley's Corner

Interview With Olivia Stahl

My Experience at the Painted Turtle Camp

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

Generous members of the ICF donate funds to send kids to summer camp. The Painted Turtle Camp in Los Angeles has a week every summer for kids and teens with thalassemia and hemophilia. Olivia Stahl, a teen with thalassemia, shares her experience.

Q: How did you hear about the Painted Turtle Camp and what made you decide to go?

A: I heard about the Painted Turtle Camp from my doctors down in Oakland. I think what really made me decide to go was that I really wanted to meet people who had similar diseases and who could relate to medical things I was going through. Also, it was a way for me to kind of step out of my comfort zone a little bit. It also happened to be in sunny Southern California, and I didn't want to miss a traveling opportunity like that.

Q: How did you feel about going to camp for the first time?

A: Honestly, I was scared to death. I was scared that I wasn't going to meet anyone, or that no one would like me. It was like the first day of freshman year all over again... gahh! But at the same time, I was excited to meet new people, try new things, and take risks.

Q: What did you do at camp (activities, etc.)?

A: I went swimming, horseback riding, and fishing; made various arts and crafts; and bonded with my cabin friends.

Q: How was the food?

A: The food was really good. I don't think there was a meal I didn't like there. My favorite dish was probably spaghetti, because we tried to eat it with no hands. That was interesting.

Q: How many girls were in your cabin?

A: There were seven girls in my cabin, plus the six counselors.

Q: What were your counselors like?

A: Oh, man, our counselors were super sweet and caring, and they really took the time to get to know each one of us. I got pretty close to a couple of the counselors, which made it super hard to say goodbye. In all honesty, by the last day and a half, the counselors and the campers were sort of butting heads a bit. Let's just say everyone in the cabin was a bit "sassy." But at the end of the day, we still loved them to death. I thought of some of the counselors like the older sisters I never had.

Q: What was the highlight of camp? Were there any challenges or hard times at camp?

A: The highlight of camp was getting to know everyone from the green cabins.

For the first time ever, I finally got to meet people with similar blood disorders who know and understand what it's like to get poked all the time, or to get lots of blood transfusions, or to take a ton of medications—to not feel judged or get bombarded with questions is just the best feeling in the world. To know you're not alone and that there are other people going through the same thing is truly amazing. I feel somewhat blessed to have a blood disorder and to have met people who understand what it's like and who can share a common bond. Another cool highlight was the day our cabin went boating/fishing. It was our cabin and one of the other green cabins, which happened to be one of the older guy cabins. I wanted to go fishing, yet all the other ladies wanted to go boating. So I was the only girl from my cabin who went fishing, and I got stuck with all the guys. But I also happened to catch more fish than any of the guys, which was pretty exciting. I caught four fish with a little help from my wonderful counselor, Kailyn, who I dragged along with me. There weren't really any challenges or hard times at camp. I mean, if I had to pinpoint one thing, I think for me it would have to be not having contact with my family. I was a bit homesick at first, but that goes away.

Q: If a child or teen was not sure about going to camp (or a parent was not sure about sending their child), what advice would you give them?

A: Go! Go! Go! Seriously, you won't regret going. It definitely is nerve-wracking going to a new place, not knowing anyone, but when you get there, you get so caught up in the activities and meeting people that you forget about nerves. The first day, you're getting to know your cabin mates and the next thing you know, you're leaving your new "cabin family." It goes by so quickly, so enjoy every day of it.

Q: Are you planning to return to the Painted Turtle Camp?

A: Most definitely! I would love to go back as an LIT or maybe a counselor later. The experience there was really eye-opening and somewhat life-changing for me, so I definitely would love to get back there as soon as possible.

Q: Any other comments?

A: I really recommend going to this amazing camp. I guarantee that you'll walk out with a smile on your face—how could you not? I met some of the coolest people there that I hope I can stay in contact with for a really long time.

Q: Can you tell me a little bit about yourself—age, hobbies, year in school, thalassemia type (and if you want, blood transfusion and chelation regiment)?

A: I'm 16 years old, I am adopted from Vietnam, and I'm a junior at Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, Oregon. My

Children's Hospital Activities (Desferal Activities) in Need of Funds

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

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.

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 30th. 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.

Live to Give

Answers to Common Excuses for Not Donating Blood

As you try to recruit blood donors from your workplace, you'd probably encounter many common fears and misconceptions that people may have about donating blood. So, to help you answer some of these common excuses, and hopefully convince them to think otherwise, we've put together some responses to help!

Don't Accept These Excuses

"I Might Catch A Disease."

A new, sterile needle is used for each donor and then immediately disposed of properly. It is not possible to catch AIDS or any infectious diseases by donating blood.

"It Might Hurt When They Draw The Blood."

The actual drawing causes no pain. You might feel a slight pinch when the needle is inserted, but that's all.

"I'm On Medication."

Many medications, including allergy medicines, vitamins, aspirins, birth control and blood pressure pills, do not affect your eligibility as a blood donor. Be sure to tell the medical interviewer what medications you are taking or have recently taken.

"I'm Anemic."

A trained technician will test a drop of your blood before you donate. If you are anemic you will not be permitted to donate that day. However, anemia is not usually a permanent condition. Just because you have been deferred or told that you were anemic does not necessarily mean that you cannot give blood later.

"They'll Take Too Much Blood And I'll Feel Weak."

If you weigh at least 110 lbs, you may safely donate blood. Only one pint is taken - no more. You have about two pints of blood for every 25 pounds of body weight, and your body makes new blood constantly. After giving blood most people can resume their normal activities.

"My Blood Type Is So Common, You Probably Don't Need It."

Not true. Some blood types are more common than others, but the rarest type of blood is the type that is not available when needed. Since whole blood and blood components must be transfused within a few weeks, we rely on regular donations of all blood types throughout the year.

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Candidates

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Hospitalization Committee

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

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

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

- (1) Hospitalization Committee candidates must be delegates to the Convention.
- (2) Candidates for election to the Hospitalization Committee must declare their candidacy by the start of the Convention General Session on Saturday, August 31, 2013. All necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the 2pm start time.

10 Interesting Facts About Pope Francis To Impress Your Friends

When the white smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel, signalling the election of the new Pope, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was the chosen to lead the Catholic Church, and was officially sworn in with the name of Francis.

But everyone knows that by now. If you want to be the one to impress your friends this weekend, take a look at this list.

In no particular order, we present 10 interesting facts about Pope Francis.

- 1) Pope Francis only has one lung.

This is a result of an infection he had as a teenager. He has been living with one lung for over 50 years. Shem.

- 2) Frank will be driving an M-class Merc.

The Popemobile is a custom M-class Mercedes, made with a bullet proof Pope display carriage. Swag.

- 3) Pope Frank is big on Facebook. Very big.

He has over 40 000 Facebook followers. Which is less than the number of Catholic followers who watched him step out as the new Pope in St Peter's Square.

- 4) Pope Francis is the first non-European Pontiff.

He's from Argentina, South America.

- 5) Frank is just like Hans Landa from Inglorious Basterds.

But only in the sense that he's fluent in Italian, Spanish and German. No news on the French, yet.

- 6) Pope Frank is an author.

Well, co-author. "Sobre el Cielo y la Tierra (On Heaven and Earth)" can be purchased on Kindle.

- 7) He's against child discrimination.

In the sense that he believes that homosexual couples adopting children is a form of discrimination against children.

- 8) He's not against contraception.

He's down with domes, as long as you're using them to "prevent infection".

- 9) He's not so keen on visits from his home country.

Frank told Argentinians that if he was elected, they should not travel to Rome to celebrate, but instead donate that money to the poor.

- 10) He could make crystal meth if he wanted to.

Heisenberg Frank trained as a chemist, lived in a small apartment and loved to travel by bus.

[Source: Business Insider, Business Insider, Mashable, Guardian]

Cooley's Anemia

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family, friends, health, school, dance, Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, Starbucks, and the NFL are the most important things in my life. On Mondays, Thursdays, and of

course, Sundays, I love sitting at home, screaming at my TV, watching pro football. Go, Packers! I have e-beta thalassemia, and I am currently off blood transfusions, but I'm taking Exjade, which is oral chelation, and hydroxyurea.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 4

Branch 186

Branch 210

Anita St. Denis

In memory of Jennifer Pearson

Angelo Benassi

In memory of Geraldine Filice Johansen

Officers/Members of Br. 28

In memory of Geri Filice Johansen

Officers/Members of Br. 28

In memory of Bette Settrini

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In memory of Pat Trincherio

Marlene A. Filice

In memory of Pat Trincherio

Angelo Benassi

In memory of Bette J. Settrini

Roger and Kathy Santos

In honor of the 100th birthday of

Bernice Kiser

Roger and Kathy Santos

In memory of Mary Santaferaro

Pat and Louie Cordich

In memory of Pat Trincherio

Pat and Louie Cordich

In memory of Geri Filice Johansen

Pat and Louie Cordich

In memory of Bette Settrini

Franca Filice

In memory of Bette Settrini



Italian Catholic Federation Thirteenth Annual

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 -

RAFFLE:

Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

PRICE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

Golfers: \$135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 12th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 12, 2013

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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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 30th, 2013

10 AM-7 PM

Waterloo Gun and Bocce Club
4343 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton

For more Info: 209.983.4375 or www.festa-italiana.com

Bambini Zone ♥ Live Music ♥ Italian Dancers ♥ Bocce ♥ Automobiles ♥ Italian Vendors
And of course **AWESOME LOCAL ITALIAN FOOD!**

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Chicago

Franklin Park

St. Gertrude, Br. 181

Happy mothers day to all our icf members. Our bishop dinner dance was well attended at the Alta Villa.

Important dates

July 21 -- Golf outing at Arlington heights g.c.

Aug. 22 -- district ice cream social

Aug. 30 -- Cal. Palm Springs convention

Congratulations to Army And Rose Desantis on their 62th anniversary and belated to Gene and Chris melone on their 57th.

Our condolances are given to the Sam Occhipinti family on the passing away of Virginia. Please pray for her and to all our sick members.

Pray for world peace

Barbara Miller

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

President, Mary Alice opened our April Meeting and asked our Orator, George, to lead us in a ICF Farewell to our sister, Marcy Koller, who succumbed on April 6, 2013 (we were not able to pray our ICF Farewell as a body prior to our Meeting). Marcy's grace, spirituality, and love is a fond and uplifting memory we will always treasure and for which Br. 195 is forever enriched. Branch 195, voted a gift to St. Victor of \$1,000; a gift of \$300 to the Bishop's Day Seminary Bursary. Although we will not be attending the Dinner Dance, we do wish to participate in the donation to the Cardinal for Seminarians.

We also voted \$300 to Calumet City Resources and \$100 to Alzheimer's Research Association. After a brief business session, we enjoyed our Pizza Appreciation Party to thank everyone who worked so hard for our St. Joseph TAVOLA. Some 195 members attended Our Lady of Knock Annual Night at the Races at Balmoral Park, where we had an opportunity to visit with our beloved Sister Alban Hermes, (recipient of the 2004 ICF Annual Mother Teresa Award and who drove from Simsinawa, Wisconsin, to participate in this annual event. We can attest that George French was a big winner (Money goes to Money) and, of course, Sister Alban still "Lights up the Room", with her presence. We wish a blessed Easter Season to all. Please pray for Leonard Longawa, Martha Nowakowski, Frank Sidote and all of us as we will also.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

March 14th was the annual YMI and ICF combined St. Patrick's Day celebration complete with all the traditional Irish fare: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and bread. I want to thank Ric Contreras (YMI Chair) and all of our friends at YMI who did the cooking. ICF provided the desserts; most of them were green to honor the day! Thanks, too, to ICF March Chairman, Jim Barsotti and committee members: Don Cappelluti, Gloria Massetti, Fred Massetti and Jim Massetti. An extra big thank you goes to committee members Cecilia Massetti and Diane Massetti for the FANTASTIC decorations. You gals did a great job! It was a lively time with Irish music and much laughter. The April meeting was a real treat as Richard Donati made his signature sausage and peppers. Thanks Richard they were yummy. Great big thanks are in order for the rest of the April Committee: Jan Petrucci, Mary Sue Ferretti, Bina Boitano, Ellen Shea,

James & Renee Brooks and Phyllis Lockhart. Plans are underway for a chicken take-out dinner in May. Please continue to pray for our sick and injured members, especially those with cancer.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

Members enjoyed a Mexican Dinner at our last meeting. There were many of you missing and we all missed you.

Welcome to our newest members: Antone Chicca (Josephine Colombana's Grandson), Christina Fanucchi, (Barbara Fanucchi's Granddaughter), and Maurice Landry.

Michael Cerri will be our representative to the convention in La Quinta, CA.

Raffle tickets were passed out to members. Those not present will be receiving them in the mail. A booklet is \$20.00 with two free tickets. Keep in mind that by selling these tickets we are able to keep membership dues lower.

On May 19, there will be a Ministry Fair at St. Francis. Michael Cerri, Mary Marchetti and Gertie O'Neil will represent the ICF.

April 25, our branch will be selling wine at the St. Francis BBQ. Please thank Martin Zaninovich for the wine donation.

Our branch has donated \$100 towards "Get on the Bus". This bus will be transporting the children of women who are imprisoned in Chowchilla Prison for a visit with their mothers.

Congratulations go out to Tom and Barbara Crear on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Katie.

The newlyweds will be residing in London, England.

May Meeting – Mother's Day Dinner.

Happy Mother's Day Mom!

Barbara Eyherabide

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

We had a great April dinner meeting. Our head chef, Maryellen Mazzei and her helpers prepared a pork tenderloin meal with homemade applesauce, baked potatoes, salad and strawberries for dessert. We voted to donate to Hinds Hospice for their Angel Baby program. Money from soup night and St. Joseph's Day was donated to Catholic Charities. Betty Passadori Barber gave a short talk on the travels of her ancestors to America which was very interesting. So many stories could be given on the sacrifices made so long ago. The 50/50 raffle of \$203.00 was not won so it will be more at our next meeting. Our May meeting will be a Mexican Menu prepared by Robyn Piro and Estella Reta. We will also honor our mothers and fathers and elect our delegates to the convention. We have 3 teams going to the district Bocce tournament in Fresno. We could use another team. June will be a month off for us. Mark July 10 for our annual Wiener Roast at Lake. A flyer will be sent out. "We have all learned that just one person saying to us, "You've made my day, makes my day!!"

Gustine

Our Lady of Miracles, Br. 54

Frank Borrelli Jr. had a very informative and orderly 1st. meeting. Many discussions were held in regards to where the branch is going this coming year.

We are very proud to have 6 new members. Discussions were held on scholarships, the convention, heritage report and our celebration on August 25th. Mark your calendars and make plans to help us celebrate our Lady del Pettoruto.

Condolences to Helen Scesa on the loss of her brother Charlie Alberti. Congratulations to our only charter member Frank and Helen Scesa on their 72nd. wedding Anniversary. Thanks to everyone who helped with the re-



Flora DePasquale, Jo Potter, Demanuel Ledesma, Sherrie Peters, Betty Burns, and Lu-teen Lopopolo of Branch 185 at the recent bake sale.

freshments. The pizza wine and cheese tasting was enjoyed by all it was nice to visit with old and new friends.

Sincerely

Dora Isola

Fresno

Sacred Heart, Br. 185

Spring is here, praying we are all in good health, and enjoying this beautiful weather.

Our April bake sale, brought members together to greet our fellow parishioners, to offer delightful

treats, and to increase the Italian Catholic Federations presence for future members. Thanks to all who baked, and donated baked goods for this very successful day!

At this writing we look forward to the Parish festival, we will offer Italian sausage and pepper sandwiches, Emanuel Ledesma, and Dolores Biehle, will oversee this fundraiser for the school and church.

The success of the district picnic and bocce tournament, will depend on membership involvement, encourage members and friends to show support whenever possible.

Happy tenth anniversary to Demanuel and Guadalupe Ledesma, Michael Ledesma, will celebrate his sixth

birthday May eleventh, make a big wish!!!

Please keep Jaye Boen, Pete DePasquale, and all members who need our constant Prayers, for comfort.

JUST PRAY

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

We are proud to announce the addition of six new members to our branch in the last month, ten since January. Having attended our events, they started right out helping with our pancake breakfast and serving wine at the Parish BBQ. We agree with Nancy Corsi's article in the latest Bollettino, we need to make the new members feel welcome and rely on the experience and dedication of our long time veteran members.

The Moles Team did another great job on our Pancake Breakfast and will return in September. Gary Moles chairperson thanks all who attended, as well as those valued volunteers who made the event possible. The team will be taking a much deserved break. Grazie mille to Walter Scott and Amy Ainsworth for chairing the Wine Booth at our annual Parish BBQ and all who volunteered to help. Our parish BBQ was another successful event with delicious dinner, fellowship and fun. Funds will be used to help defray costs for further security measures at our school and parish facility. Deborah Cerri Leary did a fantastic job of chairing

the BBQ, much gratitude to her for her hard work.

Our May meeting will feature a pasta dinner prepared by Allen Watts. President Deborah Cerri Leary requests all meetings with meals that RSVPs are a must.

If you have an item that needs to be discussed at a meeting please contact President Deborah to be put on the agenda.

Also at the May meeting Maxine Scatena chairperson will be having a drawing for our branch scholarship of \$500. All members, members children and grandchildren are invited to apply. Applicants need to be full time college students or planning to attend college next year.

June 1st will be Branch 281's Bocce Tournament. Allen Watts has team applications and is asking for interested parties to contact him soon.

Congratulations to member Marian Zasoski on the birth of her 12th greatgrand-child Colbie Michelle.

Please continue to keep our Deputy Robert Lencioni's wife who is ill in your prayers.

Pregare Francis de Papa

Mindy White

Fresno

Name, Br. 308

Our monthly dinner/meeting on Wed., April 10th was well-attended and everyone enjoyed the potluck dinner.

The last couple of months have been very busy but not so much the latter part of April. On Saturday, April 20th there will be the Fresno District Meeting at Our Lady of Victory Church Hall. Everyone is welcomed to attend this very informative meeting.

Our Branch #308 will be having the Homemade Italian Sausage Sale after all the masses on Saturday/Sunday, April 27/28. These are great to have while watching a sport event.

On Wednesday, May 8th will be our monthly Dinner/Meeting. For this Tri-tip Dinner, members will need to let us know a week in advance, if you are planning to attend, so as to know how much meat to buy. Call Antoinette or let Bernie Squeo, Ed Girado, Carolyn R., Susan, Alex G., Angelo, Larry, Tim, Russell or Maria Juarez-Garcia know.

Teams are quickly forming for the Bocce Tournament and Luncheon to be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School starting at 9:30 am. If you don't wish to play Bocce come out to support the branch's teams and join us for lunch (\$10.00) and celebrate the four F's ~- faith, fellowship, food, and fun.

Saturday/Sunday, May 25-26, we will again have our Homemade Sausage Sandwich Sale after all of the masses.

Our prayers for a successful and quick re-

covery for those members having surgery or are ill.

*Pray for Peace,
Maria E. Juarez~Garcia*

Fresno Holy Spirit, Br. 417

Our branch has been very busy and now we are slowing down after the 6 weeks of Lenten Dinners. They were a huge success thanks to our dedicated members. Our dinners were the most successful ever and we netted over \$6800 for distribution to our favorite charities in 2013.

The Easter egg hunt held after the 10:00am mass on Easter Sunday was very successful and we had a larger number of children taking part than in previous years. Branch 417 served punch and about 25 dozen cookies.

The RCIA dinner for our new catholics was held on April 10 and about 60 RCIA graduates, their sponsors and family members attended. This has become a regular event since it was started a few years ago and is a good introduction to the parish and ICF.

We will hold our annual Mother's Day and Father's Day dinner before our regular June meeting on June 19 at 6:00pm in Logan Hall. We hope to see a lot of our ICF members then. The food will be wonderful as always.

Ciao,

Pat Duncan

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367

Branch 367 celebrated our 30th anniversary by having 21 people go to Primm, NV. Seventeen people took a luxury coach and got a free buffet for \$5.00. The rest of us drove down – and got stuck in a traffic jam. It seems we were going a maximum of 3 mph – and often times came to a dead stop! Anyway, our official anniversary date was April 10, but this Primm trip came up and we said “Why not??” Unfortunately, the buffet wanted to charge us 18% of the total bill to seat us all together, but we still got to see everybody.

Joe has been discharged by his back surgeon and the physical therapist, and now will get ready for open heart surgery or by-pass surgery. He already started all the testing in preparation for the surgery. We don't have an exact date for surgery yet, but it will be soon. We had so many of our members ill so far this year. Fr. Sam Falbo had stomach surgery, Lucio Zanin was being treated for

District Calendar

- May 23, 2013 - LA District General Meeting in the Pastoral Center of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, CA. Light Dinner at 6:30 pm and General Meeting at 7:30 pm. Please call 626 403-6102 for more information and confirmation.

- 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. Call 626 372-7812 for more Family Catholic Church, South Pasadena. information.

- 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.

two cancerous lumps, Gloria Gasparro had surgery, Liz Chaves was diagnosed with Parkinson's, Dianne Vatalare was in the hospital with stomach problems. Goodness, the rest of us should be thankful, huh?

Happy Mother's Day to all the ICF mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, Godmothers, and anybody else who plays the role of mom.

Ciao for now,

Jackie Donato

Los Angeles

Los Angeles District Council

On April 14, the Mother Cabrini Open House was hosted by the San Fernando Valley District. The Chapel and Library received several visitors by Chapel Committee Member Dottie La Macchia including Emily and Edward Alcantara who are on a quest to visit Mother Cabrini facilities throughout the region in reverence to their favorite Saint.

Also on April 14, CC 2nd VP Leonard Zasoski, Jr. presented the Central Council Certificate to Branch 169 President Carol Eller in celebration of Branch 169's “50th Anniversary”. Leonard congratulated Carol and Branch Members for maintaining the traditions of ICF throughout its 50 years and providing excellent service to the Church and Community. Also included in the cel-



CC 2nd VP presented the 50th Anniversary Certificate to ICF Branch 169 President Carol Eller at Milano's Italian Restaurant in Ventura Harbor shown with Charter Members Rita and Leo Vanoni, Lucy Vanoni and long-time member Lela Focareta



LA District President, Carmelo Sabatella, Santa Barbara/Ventura District President Pat Mages and SB/V/D Deputy Lou Mages, join Branch 169 Members with BG Zasoski and CC/2nd VP Leonard Zasoski

bration were Branch Charter Members Rita and Leo Vanoni, Lucy Vanoni and long-time Branch Member Lela Focareta. Joining in the celebration with Leonard Zasoski, Jr. were wife BG Zasoski, CC Board Member Ventura District President Pat Mages, District Deputy Lou Mages, and Los Angeles

District President Carmelo Sabatella. Dinner was held at Milano's Italian Restaurant in Ventura Harbor; the food and service were excellent! Congratulations to a wonderful group of ICF Members ...

On April 23, Branch 374 held their General Meeting in St Bede the Venerable Church Pastoral Center. Guest Speaker Dr. Kwaku Oppong M.D. talked about Preventive Medicine and how we can lead healthy lives minimizing the use of drugs. Other guests (see photo) included: spiritual painter Paola Maria Savoia, husband Italian Producer/Director of Commercials Max Leonida, shown with Dr. Kwaku Oppong, M.D., Branch 374 President Al Restivo and Los Angeles District President Carmelo Sabatella.

On June 30th the Annual District Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon will be held at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada. Mass at 11:00 am 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 to make reservations and for more information. We would love to have you join us.

Special prayers for ICF Charter Members Angie Publico (Br 237), Michael Lesky (Br



Emily and Edward Alcantara visit the April 2013 Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank.



Branch 367 celebrated its 30th anniversary in April.



Paola Maria Savoia, Max Leonida, Dr. Kwaku Oppong, M.D., Branch 374 President Al Restivo and LA District President.

362) and Pasquale (Pat) Di Bernardo (Br 115) 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*

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Thank you ICF Members for supporting the ICF Continental Breakfast on April 21.



Congratulations to parishioner Winter Horton winner of the ICF Raffle, shown with Carmelo Sabatella.



Father Nile showed members of Branch 108 that there is such a thing as a "Holy Canoli"!

Bringing your families and friends together for Mass and socializing in the Parish Hall gives us all a chance to get acquainted or reacquainted with our ICF Family and HF Church Members. Congratulations to parishioner Winter Horton winner of the ICF Raffle. (shown with ICF Branch 108 Past President Carmelo Sabatella). Thank you Theresa Shaw and Sandy Fielding for coordinating another successful event.

Thank you Father Nile for showing us that there is such a thing as a "Holy Canoli!" and where it comes from!

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 a relaxed environment. Thank you Joan and Jerry Brascia for coordinating this event.

Save The Dates:

- May 5, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Bocce (1 to 2:30 pm), lunch social and general meeting (3 to 5:00 pm). Mass at 5:30 pm.



Members of Branch 108 enjoyed a Continental Breakfast on April 21.



Branch 111 members at the April meeting.



Branch 111 April birthdays Rosemary Melendres, Nancy Dolci, and Mario Castello

- May 6, 2013 - Biannual Fundraising Dinner at Jakes Roadhouse Diner in Oldtown Monrovia from 4 pm to 9 pm. Great BBQ with friends and family. Bring them all; you won't be disappointed. Call 626 403- 6102 for more information.

- 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. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

- June 23, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Annual Bocce BBQ Luncheon and General Meeting on the Holy Family Church Children's Field from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm. Bring family, friends and neighbors to this beginning of Summer event. Parishioner's welcome. s and keep you healthy "per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montecito St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

April was a month for all to enjoy family time and relaxation. Congratulations to our new members Mario Castello, Sandra Navares and Wendy Navares for joining ICF Branch 111. Welcome to our family. We look forward to many gatherings and events with each other. Also, a big welcome to our newest and youngest members, Chiara and Massimo Sorce. Let's get ready for some fun!

Congratulations to our April birthdays: Luisa Sorce, Mario Castello, Dante Terramani, Frances Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, and Nancy Dolci who celebrated their birthdays in the month of April. Buon Compleanno a tutti! We wish everyone a happy birthday!

The St. Benedict Festival is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 17 - 19. We will need volunteers for the Pizza booth. All are welcomed to attend. This month I leave you with quote from the late Steve Jobs - "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't



let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

*Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano*

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br.115

Hello dear members. I hope all is well.

We just had a successful Crab Dinner-Dance on March 3. We served 450 people. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped in any way to make this event a great success. From the proceeds a \$3,000 donation to Mary Star of the Sea Church and a \$500 each to the Mary Star Elementary and High School. A total of \$4,000. A check was presented to Fr. Brian



San Pedro Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva presented a check of \$3,000 to Fr. Brian Nunes, Mary Star of the Sea Church, Administrator Pro Tem and alongside is Fr. Manuel Bravo, Branch Chaplain. This donation was from the proceeds of the recent Crab Dinner-Dance which was a great success serving 450 people. An additional \$500 each was also donated to the Mary Star Elementary and High School. A total of \$4,000. Thank you to all that supported this annual event.



Branch 374 has fun filled meetings --

"The goal is to encourage people to attend our ICF branch meetings by making them events where people have fun", says Al Restivo, Branch President of Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable in La Canada Flintridge, California.

At a recent branch Pot-Luck Supper, the branch president invited members to come to the meeting with a silly, crazy or funny hat. They responded enthusiastically and as seen in these photos were very creative and funny. A contest selected Jack Kojimoto for the funniest hat. Judges were Rick and Diana Dykes, new members.

The meetings also included a program where Professor Nancy Ammirato, a branch member and professor of romance languages at Cal Poly University led the members in a fun exercise where they were challenged to identify Italian hand symbols.

Restivo has promised members that meetings of the branch will be lively, educational and fun and while maintaining some of the ICF rituals, will be social meetings and free from tedious business discussions. The branch now conducts all of its business at monthly board of director meetings and brings financial, election and policy change decisions to general membership meetings only when required. This leaves meetings open to programs, prayer and fun-filled activities.

Photo captions

(Above) Shown left to right in the group photo are: Paula Clinnon, Nancy Ammirato, Vince Ammirato, Jack Kojimoto, Fiora Murphy, Emy Mannarelli, President Al Restivo, Diane Restivo, Mark Mannarelli, Sandra Richardson, Edna Ulasewicz, Christine Wheeler, Maria De Salguero, and Vern Richardson.

(Right) Shown wearing his special award winning crazy hat creation is Jack Kojimoto.



Nunes, Administrator Pro Tem. The Laughlin Trip went well with 44 people attending. The next turnaround trip will be to Pechanga Indian Casino on Thursday, May 30. Call Pauline Iacono at (310) 832-0563 to sign up. Price \$20 for members, \$23 for non-members. Our next meeting on May 16 is a potluck. Call Carmela Gioiello to sign up and bring your favorite food. Potluck at 6:30pm followed by meeting at 7:30pm. At this meeting we will be announcing our Branch scholarship winners and elect the delegates to the 2013 Convention in La Quinta, Ca.

Our Saint John Joseph of the Cross Triduum will be on August 15-17. Mass, procession and Dinner-Dance is on Saturday August 17. Mark these dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there to support this annual event. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

God bless you all and hope to see more of you at our meetings. We need your support. If you have an e-mail address, please send it me at: ndileva211@aol.com. I will send you reminders of the meetings and upcoming events. Thank you.

Neal Di Leva
President Br. 115

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

We welcome spring flowers and May processions in honor of Mary!

We continue celebrating A Year of Faith and following the activities / pronouncements of Pope Francis.

SOME RECAPS:

A. Happy News: Who is doing very well? Natalie Marie Franson who was born on January 20. Marie and Don Franson became

proud grandparents on the very day when Angelina Publico celebrated her 91st B-day. B. We thank all for their prayers, participation, support, loving cards of condolence/Mass cards, and flowers for our beloved Angie whose spirit remains our guiding light. We have had a brief suspension of some of our activities due to our loss.

C. On April 21, St. Anthony of Padua Parish was honored to have a visit from Father Conti from Padua, Italy, with relics of St. Anthony, at the 11:00 Sunday Mass.

D. Due May 1: Hope many members sent in the names of family/friends with their B-day/ anniversary dates for the 2014 calendar. Names can also appear, in Memoriam.

First Vice, Elaine, was delighted to learn she was a calendar winner!

Dates to Remember:

May 2 -- Board Meeting
May 9 -- Ascension Thursday
May 12 -- Mother's Day
May 17-19 -- Parish Fiesta
May 19 -- Pentecost Sunday
May 27 -- Memorial Day
June 9 -- Communion Sunday/ General Meeting

Upcoming Events:

1. Turnaround Trip: between now and the end of July.
2. August 30-September 2: Convention at La Quinta. Elaine and Eleanor Bersano will be delegates.
3. Laughlin trip at the end of September. Marietta and Francisco enjoyed their March B-days. Sending special B-day blessings to Marie Franson (5-31). Please keep all members, their family and friends, in your prayers.

Ciao,
Eleanor Rose

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The new "Distinguished Student Service Award" program was enthusiastically endorsed by St. Bede School principal Ralph Valente and formalized. Applications are now being distributed at the school for students in 7th and 8th grades. The awards will be given for outstanding service to the school, church, and community and will be presented once each year in November. Mark Mannarelli will be leading the service award effort for the branch as well as managing the annual scholarship program. The focus of our branch this year 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.

Saturday, May 18 will launch the branch's first Karaoke and Baked Potato event. Maria DeSalguero is leading a committee to make this fund raising event a huge parish wide success. She is also working as Fund Raising Chairperson to introduce "ICF Dine Around" at local restaurants to raise money for the Distinguished Students Service Awards Program.

Joe Layton, one of our younger members has joined our board of directors and will also serve as Membership Committee Chairman. Joe has been charged by the board with the evangelization of younger members of the parish as the branch continues its drive to evangelize and recruit young men and women to ICF.

Our Branch will hold an "ICF Sunday" on June 2nd. ICF will be introduced to the parish by the branch president and a recruitment effort will be made after all Masses that day. Mark your calendars, as June 30th 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 90th anniversary will be held in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

Che Dio vi benedica

Al Restivo

Branch President & First Vice President of the LA District

San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

May 03 -- St. Denis Women's Council Cinco de Mayo celebration

May 10 -- St. Denis ICF 317 Mother's Day Dinner celebration/Meeting

May 12 -- Happy Mother's Day

May 19 -- San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday at St. Denis

On behalf of the members and guests we express our appreciation to Romina, our 2nd Vice President, for the delicious El Pollo Loco dinner and to the members; Terry, Clarissa, and Ann for the lovely desserts. Ann Armenio, District Deputy and her husband Tony joined us as well as prospective new member, Jan, at the April meeting. We also expressed Happy 10th Anniversary to Ann and Tony Armenio for their wedding anniversary.

We are looking forward to May 10 Mother's Day celebration, dinner hosted by Bea Yary with a Tri-tip dinner and Mary Schmidt plans to decorate the tables. A beautiful evening will be enjoyed by our members and guests. On May 19, St. Denis ICF Branch 317 will host the San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday with the 12 noon Mass, followed by a catered luncheon in the church hall immediately after. We anticipate a good attendance and look forward to seeing some of the Central Council members. Our Holy Cannoli fundraiser was a huge

success with a near total of \$1,360 net, with the wonderful efforts of chairs, Toni Werley and Laura Giello. Also we thank them most graciously along with all the members who pitched in early AM on March 17, to assemble and stuff the shells. It was a grand effort and we appreciate the time and dedication. Grazie!!

We are having our 3rd Annual Arts & Craft Faire on April 28 at St. Denis and plan to provide meatball sandwiches, water and soda to purchase. We will also have present, an Italian Ice vendor who will provide the branch with 20% of the sales. It was very successful last year for all.

Happy Mother's Day on May 12 and many blessings to all Mother's on their special day.

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

May is a month to remember all of the special mother's that have touched our lives and all of our veterans who fought and died for our country.

Our Pancake Breakfast will take place on May 19. This is a fundraising event and we need everyone's help. Come and show your support.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 22, 2013 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu for dinner will be: Chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, and dessert.

There will be a trip to Pala Casino on June 2, 2013. It is a fundraiser and we are asking for your support. It's a fun trip and a great way to catch up with old friends on the bus and possibly win a little extra cash. Call Eleanor Cuneo to sign up.

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, Mary Girillo, and Frank Buccola. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy May Birthday to: Dan Arrighi, Josephine Basile, Sally Farinella, Marie Hadaway, and Herminia Saez.

Happy Anniversary to: John and Rose Marie Perfetto (62 years)!

"It's God that keeps me going when my world just falls apart; it's He who lifts my spirit when I grow faint in my heart. His love always sustains me in my trials and distress; I don't think I could make it without God, I must confess. ...It's not just showers of blessings teeming riches does He give; It's God that keeps me going every moment that I live. (Betty Purser Patten)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley

St. Maria Goretti

Burbank -I.C.F.102

A fine birthday celebration for Phyllis Davalogo's birthday, she is our very special member.

Our pizza party was well attended, thank you all. Our celebration is enjoying each others company.

May 11, 2013 our regular meeting, at noon, in Cabrini Hall

May 26, 2013-12 to 4:00 pm-Shef Guy Masciotra will prepare his famous polenta dinner at Holy

Cross Hall in St. Francis Church. Tickets are \$20.00 send checks to Kris Kaiser 721 Naomi street-Burbank, Ca. 91506.

Deadline is May 23, 2013.

Ciao,

Joy



Several members of Branch 380 joined a group of others on a 10-day trip through Italy in April.

Santa Barbara/Ventura Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

In March, our Branch worked together to celebrate our annual St. Joseph's Table event! Some members also had the opportunity to travel to Italy!

Church members were invited to buy tickets to the St. Joseph's Table event, which was held in our parish hall. The day started with a bake sale, which attracted many due to the presence of cannoli. Attendees enjoyed pasta and sauce as well as Italian sausage. There was a variety of entertainment during the evening, including a local jazz performance group and the St. Paschal Children's Choir. Throughout the night, raffle tickets were available for purchase, giving guests the opportunity to win various fun prizes, such as gift baskets and... wine. The night was a huge success, leaving every guest excited for next year.

In early April, several ICF members took a trip to Italy. They visited places such as Rome, Venice, Pompeii, San Gimignano, and other interesting sites. The trip lasted for a little over a week, giving our ICF travelers just enough time to experience the spectacles and traditions of Italy.

Ciao!

Marisa Interrante

<http://www.icfbranch380.org>

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Felice Primavera! Now we can enjoy the calm, warm days of spring; however, nothing stays too calm at Branch 21! Our last General Meeting was a pot luck and attendees enjoyed a lovely buffet, played cards, practiced Italian, and exchanged ideas. We have also been helping feed the homeless on a rotational basis with other churches. At last General Meeting, Mary Jo Belli gave a moving testimony on how rewarding the experience was for her. Some of the other helpers include Richard Puccinelli, Diana Prucher, Rosa Radicchi, and Father Joe Occhiuto. Thank you all for putting your hearts into such a needy cause.

We have several events coming up. They are: May 7 -- At our General Meeting, members will bring an Italian dish native to their region of Italy. It will be a great chance to learn about the foods traditional to the many regions of Italy.

August 11 -- Branch 21's Annual Bar B Que at Harvey West Park. This is always a well-attended, enjoyable affair. Stay tuned for more information.

We always have fun at our General Meetings so we invite you to attend one...always on the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm at Holy Cross Hall. We are informal and happy to see new faces! Questions? Please contact our President Roseann Costabile via e-mail at roseanncostabile@yahoo.com or call at



Caleb Romeo of Branch 380 poses next to the prize his family won at our 27th Annual St. Joseph's Day event

408-266-9176.

Remember, you are protected and loved by our Heavenly Father.

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary

Branch 21 - Santa Cruz

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Spring is truly with us now, and the beautiful blue wildflowers along the Hwy 98 corridor aren't the only things growing. Our branch is as well, with the addition of two new members

who have asked to join us; Kathryn and Frank Ditto. Welcome to you both.

President Julie Richards has scheduled a formal installation of our Branch officers for 2013. Franklyn Lopes will perform that function at our meeting on June 11th. Please plan to attend if you can.

The date for our Annual Polenta Lunch fundraiser should be known to us in May.

We are planning a second fundraiser to supplement the Polenta Luncheon. A bake sale is scheduled for June 2nd at Sacred Heart after the 7:15, 9:00 and 11:00am. Masses. We will need your help to both bake cookies, cakes and such, as well as to sell the pastry after each of the masses. We are counting on you to make it a success. Proceeds will be used in large part for our scholarship fund.

Our branch donated \$50 for a basket of food and drink to be raffled at the St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance. Linda Hoffman worked her magic to put together this and other baskets for the raffle, which were important to the event's success. Thank you Linda.

Many of our members worked at some or all of the recent Lenten Dinners at Madonna Del Sasso Church. The event was well attended, and proceeds will be split between that church and Sacred Heart. Thanks to all of our members who helped.

All of our branch meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 270 Rianda Circle in Salinas. We gather between 11:30am to Noon on the second Tuesday of each month to socialize and have a pot luck lunch. Our meetings follow, and all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Ciao

Roy Frontani

Hollister

Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Greetings to all Branch 26 members. We hope everyone has the opportunity to take their moms out and do something special for them on Mother's day. I want to thank everyone who always comes through and cooks our delicious meals, the crew last month was Martha Gibson, Jim and Mary Anne Friebe, Kathy Hill and Kathy Hough! Thank you again. Please try and bring a friend to our next dinner meeting. We need to get new members and everyone is welcome. We are hoping to have another pancake breakfast coming soon so I will keep you posted. We are so glad to see that Betty Ferrero has been back to our meetings and Juanita and Robert De Vincenzi too. Great to see you. Our hearts go out to the family of Susie Filice who passed away last month she was a long time ICF member and will be greatly missed. Please pray for our sick members Les Pierce, Norm Martinetti, Ralph Brigantino and Helen McAbee. See you all at the next dinner meeting, Wednesday May 1. In this year of faith, please be the kind to your neighbors, giving to you family and patient

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Branch 291 welcomed the Orr family as new members at a recent meeting. Pictured here are Mike, Owen, Andria and Andrew Orr with president, Pete Gallagher.



The Carroll family recently became new members of Branch 291. In this photo, Gigi Carroll is joined by Branch 291's president, Pete Gallagher.

with your friends. As ICF members we all strive to have Jesus in our daily lives so we can show others a glimpse of Jesus presence. Happy Mother's Day!

Jennifer Frusetta
Corresponding Secretary

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

A few of our members were not being called, well, guess what, after investigating the reason the members were not being called is they had either changed their telephone number or were using only their cell phone, and our telephone ladies had no way of knowing this. If you change the telephone number you have given us, please notify Ann Ferrante, 375-1407 or Josephine Favazza, 375-4263, so you will not miss any more calls.

Scholarship recipients this year are - Jessica Adam, Carlo Aliotti, Stephen Bruno, Sarah Hohmann, Natalie Mika, Robin Olson, and Justin Sampolo. We will honor our recipients at the May 2nd dinner meeting, and have pictures of them in the Bollettino's June issue. The beauty of a mother is reflected in her soul, it can be seen in her eyes, her eyes are the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides, and this beauty grows with each passing year. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, expectant mothers, God mothers and foster mothers, you are all so special and deserving.

Calendar Events:

May 2 - 82nd Anniversary Dinner, free to our members.

May 12 - Mother's Day

June 6 - Monthly dinner meeting

July 11 - 85 and over birthday party, more on this in June article.

July 19 - Central Council Golf Tournament,

hosted by Br. #36
Peace be with you,
Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

April was a busy month for our branch, with meetings, church ministry, district meetings and putting final touches on our fundraiser. With all the hard work by our members I am sure the fundraiser on April 21 will be a success, more information next month. Congratulations to Cindy and Greg Stefani on their 25th wedding anniversary. They still look like newlyweds!

Buon Viaggio to Carlo Cortopassi and granddaughter Ashley Stefani, they will be traveling to Italy this month. Have fun.

Welcome back Michele and Dave Pecci from their relaxing cruise on the Rhine River.

A special hello to our members Bruna Del Chiaro, Thelma Sbarra and Gina Candiloro who may be far away but never forgotten. Members Marie and Egidio Tonus went to visit Gina in the state of Washington and found her and her family well.

Please keep in your prayers members Denice Amerison, Hugo Tottino, Carl Armento and Eva Barcellos. And on a special note we would like to thank Carl Armento for his service as deputy for our branch.

Hey- - Artichoke lovers the Artichoke Festival is May 18th & 19th. Come and enjoy!

Happy Mother's Day! Blessed are our Mothers who hold our hands for a while but our hearts forever.

Ciao,
Leonora Barlow

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

On Sunday, April 14, Branch 291 co-hosted the Central Coast District Meeting with the Paso Robles Branch at St. Rose's Church. After the business meeting guests enjoyed a delicious pulled pork lunch with all the trimmings, a raffle for some wonderful gift baskets and wine, a 50-50 drawing and fun fellowship for all!

It's not too early to start thinking about our fall Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers! The dinners will be held on September 14, October 19 and November 16. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners go towards our Student Registration Assistance Program.

Reminder: We will not have a May General Meeting, so please enjoy the Memorial Day weekend with your family and friends!

Please keep the following ICF members and their families in your prayers: Marge Caruso, Trish Jimenez, Joe Slavin and Jens



Branch 291 recently initiated the Giuffrida family as new members. Pictured here are Matthew, Abbey and Crystina Giuffrida with Pete Gallagher, President.

and Sonia Wagner. Also, continue to pray for all members of our ICF family who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Happy Mother's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose, Br. 354

The April 12 meeting was packed with coming events and current projects, all of which will keep our members busy. We welcomed new members: Lucille Olsen, Gladys Saucedo, & Jorge & Lupe Alvedo. Evelyn Gandara has been reinstated.

Our President David Zanini, together with the group, is looking forward to our district meeting tomorrow, April 13, which will be co-sponsored with the Arroyo Grande branch. The occasion promises to be well attended with eight branches sending delegates. There will be a basket filled with Italian goodies to be raffled off and a 50-50 drawing.

The next meeting will be a sausage BBQ at my home with members offering salads and side dishes. The weather should be beautiful, and, as always, the event will be an enjoyable time together.

President David was able to work with Father Roberto for bids on the St. Rose Church's replacement carpeting which will soon be a reality. Our next Pasta & Meatball Dinner is on November 9, with proceeds going towards charitable projects.

Your prayers are requested for our young member Laurie Kudija who is traveling to see a specialist in Cleveland, for our pastor Fr.

Roberto, and long-time member Santa Salvia. Enjoy the springtime season.

Theresa Sollazzo

Oakland East Bay District Council

Thank you to Dante Galeazzi and the Central Council Workshop Committee for leading such an informative and inspirational workshop on finance, scholarship and membership prior to the East Bay District's monthly meeting on 4/22/2013. We will certainly make use of your words of wisdom.

Congratulations to Contra Costa District for hosting such a successful Bishop's Day on 4/21/2013. I am sure that Archbishop Bennett now is very aware of the ICF as an organization and particularly our tremendous support of seminarians, not only with money but with our prayers, too. Remember that our Spiritual Bouquet this year promised our seminarians 297 Masses, 123 Rosaries, 38 Novenas and 37 Stations of the Cross would be offered on their behalf throughout the coming year.

May begins with Br. 285/Livermore's Anniversary Dinner Dance on 5/04/2013 at St. Michael's Church Hall, Livermore. Branch Presidents please Contact Gail Rocca at (925) 373-4821 with your final count by 5/2/2013. Br. 10/Alameda follows with their Anniversary Dinner on 5/25/2013. Please call Gina Foster at (510) 995-8141 by

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5/18/2013. We finish up May with our next District Communion on 5/26/2013. Mass will be at 12 Noon at St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton. Br. 285 will provide lunch immediately following Mass in the church hall. June begins with the Central Council's 6/01/2013 Night of the Seminarians. This year the Night of the Seminarians will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall, Castro Valley. The deadline for reservations is 5/17/2013. Cost is \$50.00 per person and dress is black tie. Please call Lisa Crudo at (510) 861-9835.

The East Bay District's annual Day at the Races follows the next week on Thursday, 6/6/2013. Cost is \$35.00. Deadline for tickets is 5/20/2013. Please call Fran LaTorre at (510) 887-1509. The earlier the better. Lastly, Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers!. Best wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in May.
Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Alameda
Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10
Here is all the information on our May Anniversary Dinner. Everyone is welcome. Saturday, May 25th. St.Philip Neri Church Hall. Social hour 6pm. Dinner 7pm. Delicious menu includes antipasta, ceasar salad, pasta with garlic, olive oil, zucchini and sun dried tomato; pork loin, roasted potatoes, roasted veggies, garlic bread, wine, and dessert is cannoli's. Makes me hungry as I print this. Adults \$35, Children 12 years and under \$15. Call Gina Foster, 510-995-8141 by Monday, May 20. Mail payment (ICF Br10) to Gina Foster, 1308 Van Buren, Alameda Ca 94501. Come help us celebrate our 87th Anniversary.
Until next month
Peace and love to all
Jean McElroy

Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40
Happy Mothers Day. Wishing you all a beautiful day with your family. An invitation goes out to all our members to join us at our monthly meetings. They are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7PM in the cafeteria at Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments are served following the meeting.
Upcoming:
May 2 - Monthly meeting 7pm
May 12- Mothers Day
June 6- Monthly meeting 7pm
Happy Birthday to Leroy Casale, Inez Innocenti and Thomas Pogg. God Bless you. Please Remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing of our branch; especially Elsie Giani, Leroy Casale, Aldo Innocenti, David Rose and Clemence Zanata. Thought; "The deeds you do maybe the only sermon some personhears today." St. Francis
Ciao,
M.A. Francis

Oakland
St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91
Our anniversary dinner was a great success. The food was excellent and the company fantastic. Thank you to all our members for their generosity and support. A very special thank you to Giovanni and Nancy Corsi and their son, Dominic for providing excellent raffle prizes. Please keep our sick and recovering members, Lorraine Adams and Theresa Dianda in your prayers.
Sincerely,
Donna Santich

Fremont
Corpus Christi, Br. 215
April was a month that found many of our beloved branch members undergoing surgeries or facing serious health issues. Please continue to keep in your prayers Genevieve Vanek, Joan and Adrian Lampe, Al Grassechi and Cathy Scheib.
By the time this article appears, our 4th Annual Bingo/Salad Luncheon will have come and gone. A lot of preparation took place before the actual date of this event, 5/15/2013. Thank you, thank you to all those Br. 215 members who worked so hard to make this event a success. Our branch has quite reputation in the Fremont area for hosting wonderful Bingo/Salad Luncheons.
May is a busy month even without the many ICF functions happening. Please show your support of our sister branches of the East Bay District by considering attending Br. 285/Livermore's Anninversary Dinner on 5/4/2013 and/or Br. 10/Alameda's Anniversary Dinner on 5/25/2013. Each of those dinners cost \$35.00.
Also, please support the East District's next Quarterly Communion to be held on 5/26/2013 at St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton. Mass will be at 12 Noon and Br. 285 will host a luncheon immediately following Mass in St. Augustine's Church Hall. President Fran needs your reservations for Br. 285's Dinner by 5/1/2013. Signups for Br.10's Anniversary Dinner and for the District Communion will be done at our May branch meeting.
I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all those children and grandchildren who will make their First Holy Communion in May. Thank you also to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers for your love and guidance and for being our first teachers.
Dear Blessed Mother, May is also the month of special devotions to you. Please continue to guide and bless us. Help us to continue to grow in our spiritual relationship with your son.
Respectfully submitted,
Fran LaTorre, President. ICF Br. 215

Oakland
St. Theresa, Br. 223
Don't forget ... to come to our Spring Bake Sale, which takes place at St. Theresa Church, 30 Mandalay Rd., Oakland, after the 5pm, Mass on May 4, and the 9am and 11am Mass on May 5. Our excellent bakers (ladies and gentlemen) will be making cakes, pies, biscotti, etc. Prices are very reasonable for these homemade items.
Music Lovers... St. Theresa's Parish is having a 2013 Summer Concert Series. These outdoor concerts will be after the 5pm Mass on the lawn from 6-8pm in June, July, and August. Bands play for free, but a donation of \$10 per family is appreciated. Invite your neighbors, grab your blankets and lawn chairs, and bring your picnic dinners! Bands that will be appearing are: Shark Alley Hobos, Saturday June 15; Bile Tones, Saturday, July 27; Whiskey Talking, August 24. Thinking of You... Larry Polito and Cookie Rossi.
Our Thanks... to the children from St. Theresa School who are such a great help in serving at our branch dinners.
How wonderful and dear is the word "Mama"
Happy Mother's Day
Yoli Moglia

Livermore
S t. Filomena, Br. 285
The General/Social Meeting was held at St. Elizabeth Seton's on April 19th, and hosted by Anna Yocham and Ron Tujague. The theme was "Spring Awakening - April - The Month of Lemons." In Italy there is a saying "Sweet Sleep; Birds Singing; and Trees and Flowers Blooming." In Italian it is "Aprile, Dolce Dormire, Gli Uccellia Cantare E Gli Alberia Fiorire." The entre was Rigatoni

Pasta accompanied by various pot-luck items. Ed Rocca gave a presentation for the Heritage category titled "Regions of Italy." Thanks Anna, Ron, Ed and all who participated.
We are very happy to welcome two new members into our branch. They are Eleanor Simi and Marco Del Viscio. Thanks to them for joining our group and we are looking forward to getting to know them better.
May 4th was our Primavera Dinner Dance. Wow! What a great night that was. Great food catered by a local Italian restaurant; great music by Joe Buonsante and his "Mel-lotones." It was an evening of great food, dancing, music and friendship. The raffle prizes were spectacular - lots to choose from including jewelry from Cavalieri Jewelers; various hotel packages; and just lots of good stuff. The event did very well as a fundraiser and everyone was happy with their winning baskets. The names of all who participated would take up a large part of our membership. Many members devoted a lot of time and effort to this production, and it was a lot of work. Chuck and Pat Bellavia did a great job as Chairmen, and a very special thanks to everyone involved. Great team effort and each individual was a spoke in the wheel. Our next endeavor is the East Bay District Quarterly Mass. It is scheduled for May 26th to be held at St. Augustines Church in Pleasanton, and hosted by Anna Yocham and Ron Tujague. Please call Anna no later than May 19th to let her know if you will be attending. Her number is (925)484-1523.
We are happy that Mary Merucci's surgery turned out well. Our prayers for anyone else who is ill or awaiting surgery.
Peace
Pauline Kirk

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343
We may have been a small group who gathered for our pot luck dinner, but two things can be said for it, there was plenty of food and those attending sure know how to cook. No one went away hungry! Thank you all for sharing and to Melody Klever for the great lemon bars.
Also Grazie tante to all who helped us celebrate our 34th anniversary on April 20th. If you enjoyed the dinner and dancing you will have a chance to do it again when OLG will be the site of the Night for the Seminarians on June 1st, hosted by the Ways and Means committee of the Central Council. An other chance to give back to our religion by supporting the education of our future priests. It costs approximately \$38,000.00 per year, per seminarian for his education. Tickets are \$50.00, and the deadline is May 17th.
Hope to see many of you at our meeting on May 9th, when we will honor our Blessed Mother in a special way. Dinner that night is ravioli for all those waiting since last year. Please keep Byron Griffith in your prayers as he continues on his road to recovery.
Happy Mothers Day to all mothers, god-mothers, grandmothers and those who are waiting to be mothers.
Hail Mary, full of grace!

Contra Costa
District Council
The Contra Costa District does not have a lot to report but we want to thank Branch 13 Martinez for hosting the District Communion Breakfast A job well done! Our Richmond Branch will be hosting Bishop's Day Mass and Dinner on Sunday April 21st. Mass will be at 3 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church at 301 West Richmond Ave. Point Richmond, Dinner will follow at the Galileo Club at 371 South 23rd St, Richmond. This is always a inspiring event! Our next District Meeting will be held on April 25th at Saint Isidore's in Danville. It is very important for each branch to send it's delegates to the District meetings. We need your participation.

Now in this season of Spring it is in gratitude that we are reminded to say "O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are! I see the reflections of Your beauty and hear the sounds of Your majesty wherever I turn, and I thank you
Joann

Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14
Five new members! A sincere welcome to Ron Blair of Tracy, Andrea DelSid Carrington (so glad to have you back in Crockett, Andrea), to Connie Kim of Richmond, Janice Parsons of Pinole, and Joan Schober, also of Pinole. Benvenuto!
Our sympathies to Bonnie Leal on the death of her mother-in-law, and get well wishes to Norma Buscaglia, Ensio (Ace) Canetta, Don DeTomasi, Bill McFarling, Joe Noe, Flora Orsi and Joseph (Pino) Pagni.
Special thanks to Ray Lehr for his personal and moving Heritage Report. You inspire us all, Ray.
Congrats to Convention delegates Donna Hoffman, Nancy Botta, Dee Carone and Lois Contestable. Alternates are Vonda Egan Lesti and Carol Lawson.
Time for another fun, laughter-filled Bingo and Hot Dog Night! Everyone is welcome. Your \$10. includes hot dogs with all the trimmings and a Bingo card. Date is May 3, and the festivities begin at 6:00pm.
Tuesday, May 14 is when our branch celebrates Mother's and Father's Days. It seems appropriate to attend mass at 5:30 to give thanks for the parents who chose to give us life. An Enchilada Dinner, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, will be prepared by Chef David Botta and his trustworthy crew, and yes, it's free! The regular meeting will be held at 7:30.
"The nicest place to be is someone's thoughts. The safest place to be is in someone's prayers. The best place to be is in God's hands."
Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72
At our last meeting we enjoyed a free Pizza lunch. We welcomed back Anthony Alimo who had been ill.
A big thanks to Walter Costa and the Richmond branch for hosting Bishop's day Mass and luncheon for the Oakland diocese.
We also thank Roselynn for taking care of reservations, table assignments and decorations and all others who helped. A seminary burse and spiritual bouquet was presented to the acting Bishop.
Upcoming:
No Branch meeting in May.
Saturday, May 25 - Remembrance Mass at Good Shepherd 5:30pm followed by dinner.
Sunday, June 9 - Potluck, member appreciation and meeting at 4pm. Note: we will not meet at the regular time. This month it will be at 4pm.
Sunday/Monday, June 23/24- Reno over nighter bus trip. Call Joann for reservations and details at 925-625- 0863
Thursday, June 27- District meeting at 7:30pm in Danville.
Jane Russo will be our convention raffle ticket chairperson. For tickets call her at 925-432-7889.
Save the date for Sunday, Aug. 11. We will have a Polenta luncheon and 50/50 raffle at 1pm. It will include salad, bread, Polenta with sauce and cheese, Sausage, dessert and soft drinks for only \$12.00. Children under 12 half price. Flyers will be mailed.
In the fall we will have a branch picnic and swim party at Joann's house. Date to be announced.
We ask the Blessed Mother to watch over our branch and we extend happy Mothers day wishes to all the Mom's, Grandma's and Godmother's.
Helen Politakes

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

President Walter Costa wearing one of his “many hats” as our superb chef prepared a delicious risotto and salad dinner with help as usual from Toni Reeder. Champagne donated by Gino Martinucci and dessert of tiramisu donated by Carol and Tom Jobe were served after dinner. Dave Botta, Deputy Donna Hoffman, and Louie Martinucci were welcomed guests. May Barbano was thanked for assuming secretarial duties from Dee Rosier while she is recuperating. Members voted to send Lori Framsted as a delegate to Convention along with Walter. May Barbano and Lorraine Ramos were selected as alternates. A burse of \$500 was voted for the Bishop’s Seminary Fund. Joe Meneghelli’s Cache Creek trip netted \$108, but members voted \$150 for Cooley’s Anemia. The May 4 Polenta Dinner is always a sellout so make reservations with Gino Martinucci at 526-8749. Cost is \$22 and \$6.00 for children. The May 13 meeting will honor fathers and mothers with a potluck dinner featuring items prepared by our members with their noted culinary talents. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm. April drawing winners: Attendance – Bud Berner, Walter Costa, Gloria Martinucci, Steve Martinucci, and Eugenia Traverso; Birthday – Enzo Martinucci; Half and Half – Gino Martinucci, wine – Gene Viarengo. May Barbano gave a brief Heritage Report on her trip to Buenos Aires and seeing the new Pope Francis celebrating mass in Italian. Continue to pray for Helen Holloway, Dee Rosier, and Louie Aiello who fell and fractured his arm. See you at Bishop’s Day activities at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Pt. Richmond and dinner following at the Galileo Club. *God Bless*
Joyce Peterson

Concord
St. Agnes, Br. 214

Our Rummage sale was a Fun Success, we thank Ed & Allison McGuirk for Chairing this event. We are now preparing for our Annual Tea which will be held May 18, 11:30-2PM, at Cauchii Hal -St.Agnes Church. For tickets please contact Barbara Faircloth (925) 682-2137. We have a New member, Susan Giorgetti. Our heritage person, Paul Schepis gives excellent stories about famous people in Italy and locally..thank you Paul. We keep our Chaplain Fr. Vince in our prayers also our sick members and elders who are unable to attend our meetings. *God Bless*
Christina Artale

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352

We are very saddened at the passing of our dear friend Diana Revetria. Our most sincere

condolences go out to her family. Our May general meeting will be Monday the 20th at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served 6:30 PM prior to the meeting. Thanks to all who turned out at our April meeting to be with Gordon and Diana Bresser on their farewell to a new home. We wish them well, God be with them. Gordon was our former Bollettino news writer and good friend. On May 11th our branch will sponsor a Champagne/Bingo luncheon, opens at 12:00. For more information call Joseph Flores. Happy Birthday to all our May birthday members. *Ciao*
Madeline Cefalo

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432
Here we are, pushing towards summer, almost one half year behind us, someone, slow time down, Please!! Branch 432 is definitely not slowing down, we are deep in planning our Annual IMC Golf Tournament which takes place on June 10; this fundraiser is co-sponsored by the KOC and the ICF of Immaculate Heart of Mary. There are still openings for more golfers and of course, sponsors. To play, sponsor, or to purchase dinner tickets, please contact Jay Risso 925 5133104, or Gene Simonetti, at 925 634 5767 for more information. Also, do not forget Br. 432 will host our 4th Annual Festa d’ Italia and Car Show on Sept 30th, this is a great fun event, lots of fabulous cars, and good food too!!! Also, if you have a car you would like to register, or know someone who does, contact Ed Camera at 925 6340462. So far this year we have welcomed and installed the following new members: Frank and Rosalie Stagnetto, Jack and Judyann Bagar, John and Jody Sodaro. Also, we want to welcome new members Fran Adami Mary Gamba, Ann Russell Marie Madasseri and Father Jim Sullivan. We are happy to have you all as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Br. 432. Our prayers continue to go out to our 2nd VP Bill Goldsby’s wife, Mary Goldsby, we hope her condition continues to improve each day. Until next month, *Ciao*,
Phyllis Lilly

Orange
Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423
For the Heritage Report, Cris Gianantonio shared her recent trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe means “City of Holy Faith.” Cris talked about visiting the Loretta Chapel, known for its spiral staircase with no supports or rails. The nuns of the Loretta Chapel were

in need of a staircase. The nuns prayed a novena and shortly after, a man, carpenter by trade, knocked on their door. This carpenter, a stranger, built the nuns a spiral staircase. Legend says the carpenter was St. Joseph. We celebrated our last Lenten meeting with a dinner of delicious homemade broccoli, salmon, and winter bean soups, salads, crackers, and desserts. Soup Night was held on March 22 at St. Thomas More Parish. The ICF participated by making minestrone soup. Soup Night’s mission was to bring the different ministries and parishioners of St. Thomas More together. Our St. Joseph’s Table was held on the weekend of March 16 and 17 after all the masses. We sold homemade baked goods, fresh flowers, cannoli’s, cupcakes, cookies, sausage and meatball sandwiches, and much more. All proceeds from the St. Joseph’s Table funds our various charities and our branch scholarship. We will be planting a tree in memory of Father John’s father on the church campus. Past Presidents pins were presented to: Kellie De Leo, Mina Brooks, Chuck Mazza, and Don Gibson (in absentia). Our next branch meeting will be on May 17, 2013 at St. Thomas More, 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there! *Ciao*,
Miranda Gibson

Phoenix
Glendale

St. Thomas More, Br. 436
Thank you Deacon Richard for guiding us through the Stations of the Cross at our March meeting. We are truly grateful for the support our Deacons give to our parish. A big thanks to their wives who also spend many hours dedicated to God’s work. After the Stations of the Cross we had an informal meeting to discuss our plans for the St. Joseph Table. Once again the event was well attended by parish members and visitors. After the blessing by our pastor, Father Turner, everyone enjoyed the many dishes cooked by ICF members. All in attendance commented on the family-like feeling of the celebration. That is what we were hoping for, good Italian food with the spirit of familia. As spring begins, the temperature in the valley begins to heat up and many of our members start leaving for cooler climates. Our branch activities will slow down and focus on preparing for our fall events. Keep all our members who have health issues in your prayers. *Brenda Cavaliere*

Reno
Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135
Over 24 members and guests attended our April 14 meeting that included a rigatoni with meat sauce and Italian sausages dinner, that was wonderfully prepared and served by Bob & Suzanne Capurro, Frank & Lydia Brunelli, Mel Sullivan and Rome Frediani. Many thanks – it was delicious. Fr. Mike Mahone opened the meeting with “a prayer for vocations” recited by all attendees. Items discussed and acted upon at the meeting included: 1) correspondence from the President of Manogue High School thanking our branch for the \$1,000 in scholarships; 2) a message from Joyce Kowatch that by buying the convention raffle tickets that she is selling is really for the charities that ICF supports; 3) an important item will be discussed at our next meeting – we will be electing delegates to the this year’s upcoming convention (so make sure to be at the next meeting, particularly if you have any interest in going

to the convention); 4) an update for our annual picnic – this year it will be on the 4th Sunday of September at Idlewild Park; and, 5) a Heritage report – from Vonnice Ramos, on April 24 is Festa della Liberazione, commemorating the end of World War II; it is also the feast day of Saint Mark, Patron Saint of Venice –so lets get out and celebrate. Some of the members can expect to hear from Vonnice Ramos in the coming months, as she will be lining up cooks for our meetings scheduled through this year. Our next meeting will be on Sunday May 19 President Carolyn Smith wished a Happy Mother’s Day to all our members who have blessed our lives in fulfilling this role. *Submitted by,*
Tony DiGuglielmo

Sacramento
Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45
Our next meeting and dinner will be on Sunday, May 5th in Giovanni Hall. Chicken and polenta are on the menu. Meeting starts at 4:30 p.m and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Call Bruna (916) 515-9380 or myself at (916) 714-6967 for reservations by Tues., Apr. 30th. Cost for members is \$12 and Non-Members is \$16. We will be presenting Father James with a check as part of our yearly contribution to the Parish. Please be there. Sunday, June 2 will be the Italian Benevolent Society’s Annual Picnic and Parade. The ICF will be represented with all our branches in the Blessed Sacrament District participating. We have won First Place every year in our category. Come out and enjoy the day in Sutter Creek and support our branches. If you can help with decorating the float or marching with our banner, please let me know. On Sunday, June 9, we will host the Second Sunday Social and provide treats and beverages to all parishioners following each Mass. This is a great way to talk about the ICF and possibly get some new members. If you can help with the event, please give me a call at 714-6967. Calendar at a Glance: Sun., May 5 - Meeting and Dinner in Giovanni Hall Sat., June 1 - Night for Seminarians - Castro Valley Sun., June 2 - Sutter Creek Italian Parade Sun., June 9 - Hosting Second Sunday Social after all Masses Sun., July 14 - Meeting and Dinner in Giovanni Hall Buon Compleanno to Members in May: Rose Cazares, Fern James, Ottavio Luchini, Jackie Bush, Tina Tallman, and Johnnie Waldron. Happy Mother’s Day on the 12th and Memorial Day on the 27th. *Ciao*,
Janine

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

At the meeting of 19 March, the members present voted to provide a \$500.00 scholarship to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will attend a Catholic high school in the fall. The school will decide which students will receive the scholarships. As you will have been informed in a mailing about the first of May, this spring, instead of a picnic at Woodbridge Park, Branch 73 will have a Mothers’/Fathers’ Day dinner at Visconti’s Restaurant in Folsom on Sunday, 9 June at 4:00pm. The Branch will pay for the desserts of members and their families. The three students awarded scholarships and their families will be invited to attend, with Branch 73 being responsible for the students’ meals. Remember to inform the persons indicated if your family plans to attend, and in



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what number, no later than 1 June.
Auguri di molta felicità e tante belle cose a tutte le madri della Sezione 73 nell'occasione della loro giornata speciale, il 12 maggio. Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di maggio.
Robert Delpippo

North Highlands
St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236
On Saturday, April 6, our general meeting was held in Gabrielli Hall. Members were treated to a Chile Verde lunch prepared by the Aguilar girls. A big thank you to Tina Flanders, Virginia Becker and Margie Burke for preparing the Mexican themed lunch, which everyone seemed to enjoy! Congratulations to Bill Keller who won this month's membership drawing and to Yvonne Perry (our new Deputy) who won this month's 50/50 drawing.
Our branch welcomed our new Deputy, Yvonne Perry from Branch 206, to her first meeting with us. We look forward to many meetings with our new Deputy.
Our condolences to Pat Korf on the death of her granddaughter, our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family.
Please continue to pray for all of our sick members, especially Nina Malone who is recovering from back surgery.
Remember to keep selling those Convention raffle books!
Happy Birthday wishes to Fran Foglia-Teglia (May 7), Gene Bertolucci (May 16), and Tina Flanders (May 26).
Happy Mother's Day to all our special moms!
Margie Burke

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342
A big thank you goes out to Laurice Levine who came to our April Member's meeting and gave a very moving and informative talk on Thalessemia (Cooley's Anemia). During her presentation, she gave a first-hand account of how she was diagnosed at an early age, information about this disease and how ICF became involved in giving to Cooley's Anemia research. We were thrilled she came to visit us and wish her well in the future.
Please mark your calendars for our annual Branch Picnic which will take place at ARD Park (Dry Creek) on Sunday May 19. The day will begin with mass at 11:00am. Lunch, games, and lots of ICF fun will follow. A flier with contact information and what to bring should have been e-mailed to you. Please contact MaryAnn Mikles (916-759-8466) for further info.
Ciao!
Pam Andersen
Bollettino Contributor

Br. 419
Since this article must be done prior to our Annual Pasta Dinner, I am going to predict that it was a success! How could it not be with the culinary skills of Sampino's Towne Foods. If you missed it, do not worry, I am sure we will do it again next year since it is an annual event after all!
We now turn our sights to spending the money that we raised from the pasta feed on students worthy of a scholarship. This includes 2 eighth grade students from Holy Spirit School who are heading off to catholic high schools; as well as a graduating senior heading off to college.
Ciao,
Becky Farina

San Bernardino

Fontana
Name, Br. 210

We celebrated Easter this month with Ham and Lamb dinner provided by anonymous donors and the branch. Members provided the rest of the menu, which made an excellent dinner. The meeting followed. Mauro Romagnoli, our President discussed the planning of the Convention, after hearing the Committee reports and reading of last month's minutes and treasurer's report. We will have election of delegates next month, so try to be there to nominate and vote for a delegate. He also covered the Convention prices and the various contributions we can make for the souvenir book and next year's calendar. See Pat Grisafe if you would like to enter your loved ones on the Memory Page or the sponsor's page. Mauro read a letter, from the Scholarship committee thanking us for our support of \$400.00 for a scholarship. John Guerin, our Branch Deputy was present and reminded us to recognize the April Birthdays. We sang happy Birthday to Mauro Romagnoli and Gerry Papenfus. Next meeting will be May 19th since Mother's Day falls on our regular 2nd Sunday. Happy Father's Day to our Dads! May God bless them with many years of good health or if deceased, may their souls rest in peace.
Ciao,
Jack Grisafe

San Diego

Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229
St. Joseph Day Table was the highlight of March for Branch 229. We had much competition at St. Rose Parish. First of course was the fact that we shared St. Joseph with St. Patrick, and our St. Rose of Lima School was having open house on the same day. However it did not daunt the spirit of those of us who were in the kitchen making preparations Saturday and Sunday to honor St Joseph. The table was gorgeous. The ladies did a great job decorating the tables giving a bow to St. Patrick with our green table cloths. We look forward to May and the start of our second yearly membership drive. We will also be preparing a gourmet Italian meal for our Priests. The dinner was auctioned off at our Mama Dee Gala held each year to help fund our Outreach program. Thanks to Rene and Mike Finch their bid won and they will be sharing the meal with the priests. The dinner will be prepared by members of our branch and served in the Priests home. Our next meeting on April 21 will include Corporate Communion with breakfast after Mass. Resurrection Day has come and gone, but the hope it brings is always with us. Thank you Lord for all You went through so that we might have abundant life here and eternal life on the other side. Amen
God Bless,
Toni Hildebrand

San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
Cari Amici,
Happy Mother's Day- We Love You Mom! Branch 230 has a General Meeting Friday May 17, 6:30pm. Our Branch hosts an ICF San Diego District Meeting Monday May 20, 6:30pm, a light repast is served, if you want to come let us know beforehand. Corporate Communion is Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 Mass, please attend, we need your help. Ticket Booklets for the ICF Convention in La Quinta, Calif will soon be mailed to you. Please send in your \$20 and ticket stubs to



Branch 246 celebrates St. Joseph's Day.



win the \$2,500(1), 1,500(2), 1,000(2) or \$500(2) cash prizes. We make \$10 per booklet sold, please return unwanted tickets in a timely manner. Don't forget- Branch Picnic, Spanish Landing Park, Sunday July 21st- going all day long- every one from our Parish or elsewhere are invited. We'll have Bocce courts set up for fun and we are looking for two or three teams of two to represent our branch at the San Diego District Picnic and Tournament- Sunday August 4th, Allied Gardens Community Park, starting with an outdoor Mass at 9:00 am. Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and for our servicemen and women.
Pace di Cristo
Richard Barker

San Diego
St. Vincent de Paul, Br. 246
Preparations are progressing well for a successful Phil's BBQ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, May 25. All proceeds benefit the Monsignor Peter F. Mimmagh Scholarship Fund. A special thank you to our dear friend and member Phil Pace. We can still donate prizes for the raffle. Call Bella Virgilio (619) 299-0532 to order tickets or answer questions. St. Joseph Table was very successful this year. We thank all who supported this event; our parish family and our members who worked

so hard to make this event a very pleasant evening. We will distribute the proceeds to our favorite charities who work to make lives better in the community. Please continue to remember our military personnel and their families in your prayers. Please remember our longtime members Rick Albanese and Nan Ray. May they Rest in Peace.
May, the beautiful month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Help us practice and learn from your example love and obedience to God's Divine Will.
Ciao,
Patricia

San Diego
St. Therese, Br. 261
Branch 246 here in sunny San Diego has been very busy! We had another successful St Joseph's Table event on March 15. According to legend, a drought in Western Sicily during the Middle Ages threatened to cause people to starve. The people prayed to St. Joseph and promised that each succeeding generation would honor St. Joseph perpetually on his feast day if rain would come to end the drought. God sent rain – St. Joseph interceded!
Wherever Sicilians settle, the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table happens. The main reason is to help the poor. After a meatless potluck

meal we had an auction of breads, gift baskets and other items all donated by members of Branch 246. All proceeds from the event benefit the poor. Three children dressed as the Holy Family sought shelter and when they finally were allowed into the "inn" we blessed the food that was set out for everyone. This is always great fun and benefits many poor both here and abroad.

Branch 246 is gearing up for our BBQ Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser on May 25. All donated by one of our greatest benefactors, Phil Pace of Phil's BBQ here locally in San Diego. What a blessing this will be to many desiring to have a Catholic education, but need a little help! We are also getting ready to go head to head with local branches in a friendly bocce tournament in August. We are a small but mighty branch! Accomplishing much! Stay tuned!!

Vic

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S S Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Hope all had an enjoyable Easter!

Please note the following events:

May 26 - Branch ICC Mass 10:30am

June 5 - Monthly meeting. 7:00pm Host: Anna Doyle.

Prayers and get-well wishes to Jeannie Macchello, recuperating from a fall and recent hospitalization. Please continue praying for Oretta Scaletti.

Stay Healthy!

Ciao.

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our regular meeting on April 6 was somewhat back to our normal. We welcome back Ines Massatani. It's so nice to have you back at the meeting all well.

Our meeting luncheon theme was "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" or better yet

"Go Giants!" What really surprised us, Maria Gloria (our Heritage Chairlady) tied in her Heritage report "Italians Americans at Bat" to our meeting's theme. Maria talked about

many Italian American baseball players. When she got to Joe DiMaggio, Norma Tealdi said that her late husband Ernie was a good friend of Joe's and played catcher on their boyhood team. Norma also said that Joe had to hide his baseball equipment in the Varacchi garage during those days because Joe DiMaggio's father didn't want his sons to become baseball players. He wanted his sons to become fishermen..., as was the custom at that time with Italian fathers. Good thing Joe won out or there would not be a Joe DiMaggio!, as we know him. Overall, the meeting was fun and newswy. Maria also treated us with cookies shaped and decorated as SF Giants' Baseballs. Thank you Maria for a great, interesting, and fun Heritage Report. So far, no one has volunteered to attend the convention at La Quinta. We are an elderly group, with a lot of aches and pains, which makes it difficult for us to travel. We will see if anyone volunteers next month.

We lost a faithful and generous Branch 38 member in March. Emilia Glessi was cremated and will return to Italy in be buried in the little Sicilian town where she was born, and where her husband and parents are buried. Rest in Peace dear Emilia.

Next month, our meeting will be on May 11 in the PC at 11:30. There will be a Board meeting at 10:30. Later, we are having a Tony's Pizza Party! Ines will phone you for specifics.

Happy Mothers' Day!

Ciao!

Ci Vediamo il 11 di maggio!

Mara Amato

San Francisco Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Cari Membri,

Thursday, May 16, is the date of our monthly meeting. A pot luck dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting at 7:00pm. Please come and bring your favorite food to share with our members.

Our next Champagne-Bingo luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 1. Doors open at 11:00pm, followed by lunch at noon. Lunch will consist of a salad, pasta, chicken and dessert. Price of the lunch is \$25, which includes a Bingo packet. The highlight of this event is the marvelous array of prizes available to all Raffle winners. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333- 7939) to make your reservation.

Please remember to pray for our members

who are not feeling well, or who are recuperating from surgery or a fall.

That's all for now. Hope to see everyone at our May meeting.

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Our thanks to the San Mateo District for a wonderful Bishop's Day celebration. The Mass was beautiful and the luncheon that followed was tops. There were three tables of appetizers that beckoned return visits, and return we did. Chicken, veggies, and pasta were served. After that came scrumptious napoleons.

Sorry to hear that Adelina Campini has shingles. Having had shingles myself, I really feel for her. Please keep her in your prayers. Peggy Nan said that she is doing much better. Stay well now, Peg, we miss you.

The next meeting will be on May 8, changed to 6:30 start time. Spuntino (a simple repast), and a raffle will follow. The branch will supply the food. This will be in lieu of our usual Mothers' and Fathers' day dinner.

God Bless,

Ann Basuino

San Mateo District Council

Greetings! Welcome to Spring. Hope it brings warmer weather and May flowers. No more wind. Many thanks to Branch 6 for hosting the very special Lenten Night of Recollection on Monday, March 18 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Hope everyone who attended Bishop's Day on April 7 at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame enjoyed the very spiritual mass and delicious luncheon.

Mark your Calendars:

Thursday, May 23, 2013 -- Next District Meeting at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Refreshments by Branch 130.

District Communions: Branch 213 and Branch 351. Dates to be announced later.

Friday, November 8, 2013 -- Chaplain's Night hosted by Branch 351.

Christmas hosted by Branch 130. Date given later.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers our ill members: Father Frank Murray, Rose Marie Sickle and Nancy Van Tricht. Also remember our Bollettino Editor Michelle Feldman and Anne O'Brien who are still recovering from their recent surgeries.

Happy Mother's Day! God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

At our dinner meeting on April 3, we all enjoyed a wonderful ham dinner. A big thank you to the cook, Jeanette Assereto and all her helpers. Your efforts are always appreciated. The May dinner meeting will be on the 1st and will be chaired by Gayle Mangini. Gayle will do a wonderful Mexican meal to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo". The meal is always outstanding and we all appreciate the fact that she "steps up to the plate" every year

to do this for us.

Don't forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. The "Western BBQ Dinner-Dance" Fundraiser will be scheduled for either the month of September or October. We will send out more information on this event as time draws near.

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

So, until next time, a little chuckle for your day... "A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one-day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

Have a great summer!

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masetti

Colma

San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

The members and guests who attended Branch 19's Soup Night on April 8th enjoyed the very tasty homemade soups prepared by our President, Kathy Trevizo.

Looking ahead:

May 13 -- Check monthly bulletin for meeting details

May 19 -- 8:30 am mass for living and deceased members of Branch 1 at Holy Angel's Church, Colma

Please call Kathy, (650-993-8336) if you are able to help at the Champagne Bingo scheduled for June 15. Every volunteer is needed as many of our "regulars" are off on vacation.

Have you turned in your raffle tickets to Donna Barnes? This is a great fundraiser for us because half of the proceeds stay with us. May all our mothers enjoy their special day, May 12, with their families. Let us remember to pray for all the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy.

Ruth Lapachet

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Salutations! Spring is here and hopefully warmer weather will follow. Many thanks to Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for hosting the enlightening Lenten Night of Recollection in March.

Hope everyone who went to Thunder Valley on April 2 had a fun trip and came back richer. Also, hope everyone who attended Bishops' day at our Lady of Angels, Burlingame enjoyed the spiritual filled mass and delicious lunch afterwards. Sorry I had to miss these two events.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, May 9, 2013 -- Mothers' Day Dinner meeting and celebration, also we will elect our convention delegated at this meeting. Dinner 6:00pm and meeting 7:00pm. Call

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Anne Guerin (650-341-7872) for reservations. Thursday, May 23, 2013 – Next District meeting at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Dates for the District Communions at Branches 213 and 351 will be announced later. Friday, November 18, 2013 – Chaplains' Night hosted by Branch 351.

Remember in our prayers Father Frank Murray, Rose Marie Sickie and Nancy Van Tricht. Also pray for Michelle Feldman, Bollettino editor and Anne O'Brien, who are still recovering from their surgeries.

Happy Mothers' Day!

Peace and Love

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our Bishop's Day celebration was held on April 7 in conjunction with all branches included in the San Mateo District. We really enjoyed Auxiliary Bishop William Justice's presence as he is a good speaker and gives meaningful messages.

The Mass was special and the luncheon afterwards was delicious. Barbara Firpo was chairperson and did a great job along with Dorene Campanile who helped organize the Mass. Special thanks to all of the volunteers from all branches who helped in the successful event. Our waiters were Michael and Jack Martinelli who did a great job!

Upcoming events:

April 14 -- Branch Fundraiser/Spring Fling Chairman: Norm Bennett 650-245-5439

April 24, 2013 -- Mass for those deceased and sick members. (held in Friary)

April 28 -- Mass at O.L.A. 10:00am and brunch to follow at the El Rancho's Terrace Café in conjunction with Branch 403 Millbrae.

It is with great sadness that we have lost one of our members, Anita Bacich. Please keep her husband and sons in your prayers. She will be greatly missed especially by me.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our thanks to Linda Marcelli and Bob Es-erini for hosting our April 9 dinner meeting.

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They served a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, and hot French bread and a delectable chocolate cake for dessert. Wonderful job!

Our annual Champagne Bingo Luncheon is quickly approaching! So get those flyers out to your family, friends and enemies! This is our only fundraiser of the year, so we need everyone's support. The date is Saturday, June 22 and begins at 12:00 noon with luncheon served at 1:00pm. Need additional flyers? Call Joe Crosetti at 650/589-8377 or Roberta at 650/355-0813.

Everyone had an enjoyable time at our April 28 Anniversary Luncheon at the El Rancho Terrace Café. Thank you, Jackie Smith, for a great job arranging the luncheon and handling all the details.

All members should have received convention raffle tickets. Books are \$20 each and our branch keeps \$10. Call Judy Crosetti at 650/589-8377 if you have not received your tickets or need additional books.

As always, please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members with health issues: John Cannon, Helen Minotti, Dorice Gracia, Franco Franchini.

Our May meeting will be hosted by Joe and Judy Crosetti.

Happy Mothers' Day!

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San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Hi All,

Because we had our annual St. Patrick's corned beef dinner in March, we cancelled our regular meeting. We'll catch up next month.

The dinner was a great success! Thank you all who attended! Our family truly enjoys coking and serving the dinner each year and without all of you attending, buying the raffle tickets, etc... it would not be the success it is each year.

Congratulations to Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels Church, San Mateo, for a wonderful Bishops Day celebration. All of the branches helped in setting up and bringing "Antipasto". It was a wonderful effort done by all. The picture above is of Terry Roman, "Bishop's Justice", and Susan Welsh of our branch. If you didn't attend, you really missed a lovely mass and luncheon that followed.

'till next month...

God Bless - Ciao,

Carole

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our annual St. Joseph's Table Potluck Dinner held on St. Joseph's Feast Day was very impressive; thanks to Marie Amoroso and Eunice Danli for the beautiful flower decorated table surrounding the statue of St. Joseph. ICF members brought an abundance of delicious food to share and all remaining food was given to the San Bruno Catholic Hospitality House for the homeless.

April 7 – Bishops Day was celebrated at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame, followed by

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The Santa Clara Valley District April meeting. We have such great members!!!

lunch in the Parish Hall. Thank you Branch 173 for hosting this event. A Seminary Burse, donated by all branches, was presented to the Bishop to help in the cost of educating seminarians.

April 28 – Our Branch was joined with Branch 173 for a Communion Brunch at the Terrace Café in Millbrae, following Mass at Our Lady of Angels.

Coming Event:

May 19 – Annual fundraiser Spaghetti & Meatball dinner in Parish Center – no host cocktails at 4:00pm, dinner at 5:00pm. Dinner includes antipasto, salad, spaghetti & meatballs, bread, wine, dessert, coffee or tea for \$25.00 per person. Send reservations and seating arrangements with check payable to ICF #403 by May 13, 2013 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Corresponding Secretary,

Rose Marie Morando

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Our next event will be on Tuesday, May 21. At 6:30pm we will start with Mass at which our first year scholarship recipient will be announced. The rest will be announced in August. New members will be initiated as well as special members will be honored. There will be a mini Spuntino to follow in Healy Hall.

There will be no meeting in May.

We wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother'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

Our April meeting was attended by 100+ members and guests.

Our meetings have become progressively better attended and members have been particularly diligent in inviting and recruiting new members.

Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and Italian music played on the mandolin by Rick Smith, and accompanied on the accordion by Dave Garbarino.

One of our newer members, Ed and Penny Moresci, have been outstanding in the sale of our raffle tickets. The Moresci's are owners of Tia Margarita a Mexican restaurant at 19th and Clement in San Francisco, and have promoted the sale of ICF raffle tickets to all their employees as well as their clientele. This resulted in the sale of over 16 books for our Branch.

Dinner, as always, followed the business meeting: Green salad, Pounded and breaded port cutlets (ala Milanese), green beans, and a monthly staple, a special pasta. Our variety of deserts (never less than six) include cakes, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, and usually a surprise. These are homemade and volunteered every month by different members.

Dinner is followed by a raffle for cash prizes. Come and join us on the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner for ICF members

is \$10.00, and \$15.00 for guests. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND YOU MUST CALL FOR A RESERVATION BEFORE THE PRIOR SUNDAY: Call Bev Smith at (415) 897-8825.

Joe Bondanza

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Thanks to Pat Cordich and her committee of volunteers for a wonderful day of golf, friendship, great food and a fantastic raffle. The next district meeting will be held at Santa Teresa Church. Details to follow regarding premeeting dinner.

The following are CC, district, and branch dates to mark your calendars and make plans to attend:

May 11 – Day at the Races 12:00- Bill or Maria Greco 408-226-7820 or 408-221-4953

May 13 – Br. 28-Gilroy–Motorcycle & Rod, Pasta, and Poker Run – Roger/Kathy Santos 1(408)842-8547

May 17-Br. 368, Santa Teresa, Pasta and Meatball-John Gillio 1-408-225-6372

May 18-Br. 28, Gilroy - Motorcycle & Rod Pasta and Poker Run, Diana Berry (408)219-2223

June 1 -Central Council - Night for the Seminarians - in Castro Valley, Lisa Crudo, (510)537-3256

June 5 – Br. 4, Holy Cross – Baby Back Rib – Ann Fitzgerald 408-266-2549

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

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

August 30-September 2 – ICF Convention at La Quinta

August 31 – Br. 391, San Jose Giants – food booth

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 11:30 A.M. More info. to follow.

Don't forget to elect Convention Delegates in May.

Happy Spring!

Marcie Rossi

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother was a beautiful event. Members and other Holy Cross groups joined in the event.

May 11- Day at the races. This is a District event. If you want to attend, call Maria Greco at 408 226-7821.

June 5 - Our Famous Baby Back Rib Dinner. This is a fundraiser. All are welcome. Donation \$25 per person. Ribs, beans, salad, desert and wine. Soda and Water \$1.00. Call Ann at 408 266-2549 for tickets.

June 23- District Mass at Our Lady of Peace. More Info Later, but save the date.



Congratulations to Mrs. Doliva and her family who are celebrating her 100th birthday. Mrs. Doliva resides at Villa Sienna and is a member of Branch 186, Los Altos.

To all our sick members, our prayers are with you. Happy Mother's Day to all Moms. Remember a phone call or a card can make the day of a sick person.

*Blessings to All,
Ann Fitzgerald*

Santa Clara N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

A big thank you goes to Tina Dutra for helping train the new officers for Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary in their jobs.

May 23 Dinner Menu is: Yankee Pot Roast, Egg Noodle Pasta, vegetables, salad, bread, and dessert. Please call Bea Cunha at 408-296-6184 by Sunday, May 19. Costs: \$10.00 members; \$12.00 guests.

Pray for all sick members who are ill and for all caregivers to members.

Remember to sell the ICF Convention raffle tickets and mail check and stubs to Mary Ann Ruiz, treasurer as soon as possible.

Put on your calendar these dates:

June BBQ Festival St Clare Parish – June 2, 3, 4 (ICF Italian Sausage Sandwich Booth) on Saturday.

ICF Br. 5 BBQ – July 13 (setup), July 14 (BBQ & Cleanup)

As you plan your vacation this summer, please remember to include the ICF activities and BBQs.

We always need help at meetings, BBQ and new members to be added to ICF Br. 5. Please volunteer at each event and do your part in making our branch successful.

*Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo*

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Coming up Dinner meeting May 20, Cullen Hall 6pm.

Thank you very much to all those members for your help with our Spring scholarship breakfast. Now our next fund raiser will be the Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle run and Car Show at the Santos residence on 1195 Buena Vista Ave. Gilroy on May 18. Non riders are welcome. Join all in a delicious meal in a park like setting. Donation is \$15.00 for the meal only. Single riders \$20.00. \$35.00 rider/ driver and passenger. For information call 408 842-8547 or 408 219-2223. Anyone having a classic car for the car show and would like to bring it along, please call the above numbers.

Convention raffle tickets will be going out soon. Please send them back upon receiving them. Remember this helps us fund our delegates going to the convention, as half of the funds come back to our branch.

Upcoming date to remember: Lady of Peace mass at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Santa

Clara, June 23.

Happy Mother's day to all our moms.

*Ciao,
Anna Barberi*

Mountain View San Giorgio, Br. 47

Our branch is looking forward to finding out who will be our branch scholarship winners for 2013.

We wish all the mothers a happy Mothers Day.

There will be no St. Joseph Festival at St. Joseph School this year.

Congratulations to Al Canata, son of John & Natalie, on his marriage to Camilia.

Congratulations to all of the students who graduate this spring.

Happy birthday to Alessandro & Christina-Baretta, Karen Brosi, Jean Carpeneti, Stephanie Mirenda-Knight, Al Puccetti, Marcy Puccetti, Jon Riley, and Michelle Sopera.

Please pray for our sick members.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Joseph J. Teresi*

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

By the time you read this, our polenta dinner dance will be a memory. Here's hoping all goes according to plan!

The next Quarterly Communion will be Sunday May 19, at the 11:15 Mass. Lunch will follow at Double D's, located on the corner of Highway 9 and North Santa Cruz Avenue. Please plan to attend. It's a casual way to get to know your fellow members.

Our faithful Deputy, Maria Greco, belongs to Holy Cross Branch 4. Her branch is hosting their annual Baby Back Rib Dinner on June 4. They are famous for this dinner. Call Ann Fitzgerald at 408 - 266 - 2549 for your tickets.

Save June 23, 11am for the annual outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. More information to follow.

Prez. Denise Antonowicz's nephew Justin Velez has recently been inducted into the Marine Corps. Please say a prayer for Justin's safety.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, Nonna's, Godmothers and aunts who love and care for our young, the hope for our future.

*Ciao for now,
Lucy Amico*

Los Altos St. Nicholas, Br. 186

Updates on what's been happening at Branch 186.

The April meeting was fun. Gene Canderle conducted some line dancing after the meet-



Esther Ramonda and Aldine Grisenti with one of the baskets they created for the raffle at Branch 191 Dinner/Dance.

Co-chairs Jaime Portillo and Debbie Piro welcomed guests to Branch 191 Dinner/Dance.

ing and members who joined in, were great. At our May meeting all enjoyed the enchiladas and Bob's margarita's.

June meeting we will have an Ice Cream Social. Gene Canderle always supplies a good choice of ice cream and toppings.

As you can see, good things are happening at our meetings, so come and enjoy.

We would love to see you.

Happy Birthday to all having birthdays in May. Nino Barbieri, Steve Bianchi, Ralph Del Prete, Pat Felice, Rita Fraguglia, Ron Gile, Anne Marcus and Pat Woodley.

Prayers are really needed for David Guslani and his family. David has been very ill for quite a while and prayers would be appreciated.

May 15- Deceased Remembrance Mass 8am, St. Nicholas Church

June 6- Regular meeting - 6:30pm. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

June 23 - District Outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Statue in Santa Clara. Mass will be 11:00am - Lunch to follow at Michaels Shoreline. \$23.00. Cost to Branch 186 members \$13.00. Call Elaine for reservations and she will let you know the entree choices. 650-493-5520.

"Being a mother means that your heart is no longer yours; it wanders wherever your children do."

*Happy Mothers Day
Elaine*

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

At our March meeting we welcomed new member, Ed Smith. Ed was initiated into the Branch by Jim Jones and Bob Basuino. We look forward to seeing Ed at our future meetings and social events.

Our polenta dinner/dance was a huge success. Special thanks to Debi Piro and Jaime Portillo the event Chairs for all their hard work in preparing for the affair. Thanks also goes to Jim Jones for making all the large size posters that were hung around the hall. And to all those members who helped set up and prepare the meal and to the school children



who helped serve, THANK YOU! And let us not forget our two members who put together the raffle baskets, Esther Ramonda and Aldine Grisenti. Their lovely creations generated well over \$1000 for our charities.

Our Bocce court will be open by the middle of May for our Thursday night gatherings. Reservations for the use of the courts for birthdays, graduations, family reunions and other special events are filling up fast. If you would like to reserve the courts for an event, contact Bette Antuzzi at 408-559-4268 or Aldine Grisenti at 408-559-1242.

Our next meeting is on May 22. Member will enjoy a dinner of Raviolis, salad, bread and dessert. If you would like to attend, contact Aldine Grisenti at 408-559-1242.

Sadly, our branch lost member Catherine Sadler. Catherine's warm smile and cheery greetings will surely be missed.

*God Bless,
Rosemary Janis*

San Jose Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Thank you to our dinner hosts Rose Noack, Mary Ridi and Sue Gillio for organizing a wonderful meal.

Ed Wendler's spiritual talk about everyday miracles and how these miracles can spread to others.

Judy Zahn shared her thoughts about a recent retreat she attended. Thank you for sharing all the wonderful ideas and benefits of this event.

Aldine Grisenti spoke about the need to continue membership growth and commended our Branch for doing a great job. She also reminded us about the upcoming Convention and the need to elect our delegates and their alternates.

A big thank you to John Janini for the continuous support to our Branch with the monthly bus trips. John also wanted to recognize the help of Phil Robba and John Gillio in making the last trip a huge success. Mike Nunziata encouraged everyone to complete the survey regarding membership. Mike also acknowledged how blessed we are to have Father Bennett as our pastor.



Diana and Al Vallorz of Branch 391 received a certificate of appreciation for all that they do for Branch 391 and the community.

Congratulations to Father Bennett on his Ordination Anniversary for 23 years of service.

Joan Delfino spoke briefly about the Gifts of Love Program. Thanks to our generosity the committee was able to award monetary gifts to sixteen recipients.

Important Dates:

May 6 -- District Meeting at Santa Teresa

May 4 -- Golf Tournament

May 17 -- Branch 368 Pasta Dinner

August 16 -- Branch 368 Casino Night

Ciao

Cheryl Sanchez

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Based on our ICF success with organizing and hosting Blood Drives at Resurrection Parish, the Stanford Blood Bank asked us to increase the number of Blood Drives we host from two to three per year. We held our first Spring Blood Drive and hosted over 37 Donors! A very successful effort - Thank you.

We look forward to the District Golf Tournament in Gilroy on Saturday the 4th of May. The Proceeds are donated to the Bishop's Burse to support Seminarians.

Please mark your calendars for the District Mass under the Statue at our Lady of Peace on Sunday 23rd June at 11am with Fr. George Presiding. This is a memorable occasion - please plan to attend.

Remember to include our ongoing sick members in your prayers especially for Virginia Mirrione, Marie Volp and Franco Ciacchella and for a former member Mary Maloof who passed away peacefully in April. Picture 3 and 4

Members and guests enjoyed the 50's music at Branch 191 Polenta Dinner/Dance.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Spring is finally here and we are all so ready for it. It's been a long winter.

At our last dinner meeting a beautiful bouquet of flowers were given to Denise Campagna in appreciation for the hard work and many years with the ICF.

She thanked us and especially her husband Sal who is always involved in so many ways. A Mass was said for Giulia Gallego's daughter Theresa Seifert. The Church was overflowing with everyone who loved her and her family. Two weeks later Giulia's brother Jim Mammimo suddenly passed away.

A Mass was also said for Loritta Johnson who also passed away. She will be missed.

On April 6 after the 5:30pm Mass, our branch was treated to a wonderful, successful fundraiser. We had an amazing raffle that Sylvia Sorci put together with help from Loretta Wilson. We were thankful for so many donated door prizes. Our wonderful dinner was organized and cooked by Jerry Caravelli, John Sorci, Jim Friebel and George Guglielmo. They treated us with a delicious scrumptious dinner of spaghetti with home-



Loretta Wilson and Sylvia Ritchie Sorci, trustee of Branch 435 Morgan Hill, CA and Raffle chairperson of our Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner on April 6.

made sauce, sausage, salad, garlic bread and ice cream for dessert. The wine and water bar was handled by Rick Chiala. We had a wonderful attendance and many thanks to everyone who helped put all together.

Please keep the following in your prayers -- Father Alex, Loretta Wilson's son-in-law who passed away, and all the homeless people in the ICF chapters.

Hope you had a happy, blessed Easter and God Bless all our members.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa Br. 12

ur April meeting was held the day after Easter in St. John's Hall with 17 present for the Salad & Ham dinner. We had many prize winners after dinner.

Masses: Saturday, April 6: Quarterly Communion/ Dinner at St. Apollinaris



Santa Rosa District President Dante Corsetti presents Catholic Charities Development Director Rebecca Kendall with the District's annual donation to Catholic Charities. The District donated \$875 for Catholic Charities to use for its many programs.

Church/ Uva's Restaurant. Tuesday, April 9: Monthly Mass for Living & Deceased ICF members at St. John's Church.

April 15: Officer's Meeting 4:45pm at the President's home.

Members recently voted: to purchase a chalice for St. John's Church, continue the Beer Booth at the Napa Fair in August, and host the annual ICF Day of Recollection in September.

Our member Angela Katzner was a winner in December of the Calendar drawing.

We were saddened by the loss Marjorie Simich, a 23 year member having joined our Branch February 28, 1990. Several members attended her funeral, performed the Ritual, and extended sympathy to family.

Mark your calendars now for the 86th Anniversary celebration of our Branch on Sunday May 5th at Filippi's Pizza Groto & Fine Italian Food Restaurant (645 - 1st). All members near and far are most welcome to join us. Fliers will be passed out at the District meeting. Anyone interested in joining us, please call me by May 4 at 707-252-3630 for reservations. Arrival time 4:00pm, dinner served at 4:30pm.

The menu is: Appetizer, Salad, Penne pasta with chicken & artichokes, meat lasagna and pasta primavera plus an Anniversary Cake. Wine and coffee/tea will be included in the meal. Cost: \$20.00

God bless,

Juliann Fontana, President

Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, Br. 18

As yet, we have no members celebrating April birthdays, all the more reason to invite new members to join us especially if they have April birthdays. All Branch 18 members should have received a book of convention raffle tickets with their April Newsletter, at \$20.00, for a book of twelve tickets, great odds and prizes. Good luck to those who have already purchased tickets. We can get more books of tickets as needed. We keep half of all ticket sales earnings to help pay for our convention delegate's expenses. May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary. We have, for many years honored her by our support of Sonoma County Life Pregnancy Services (formerly known as Birthright). This fine organization offers aid to mothers and infants in need. We will also observe Father's Day in June with suitable donations. Please call us if you know of anyone in need of prayers. We still collect used eyeglasses for the needy through Lions Club and Lenscrafters program.

Happy Mothers Day

Marie Canale

Healdsburg San Francisco di Sales, Br. 52

Our April Polenta Dinner was successful. Thank you to Richard Passalacqua and his crew for cooking a great dinner!

Our Pancake breakfast on April 14, was also successful. Thank you to everyone who helped. We even had a special guest - Bishop Vasa came to breakfast after Confirmation.

Upcoming Events:

May 7 -- Regular Meeting in the Parish Hall. 7:00pm.

May 11 -- Br. 52's Famous Ravioli Dinner. TAKE MOM TO DINNER! Price: \$40.00 - Tickets available from Carol -433-4007 Dee- 433-5454 Mary -433-4821 or Nancy 433-4708. We will honor our scholarship winners at the dinner, also.

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

June 15 -- Father's Day BBQ. More details, next month.

Please remember Anna Filice and Julie Tomasin in your prayers.

Happy Mother's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Petaluma hosted the Santa Rosa District Meeting this month. Our District President Dante Corsetti had a great meeting with many members in attendance. Thanks go to our Chairperson Lucy Spingola and her crew who had a lovely lunch prepared. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and a lot was accomplished at the meeting.

April is the Bakeless Bake Sale and letters have been given out. is one of our fundraisers, so please send in your donation to Margaret Cordrey, Chairperson.

Tula Bologna, is Chairperson for the Convention tickets. So when you receive your tickets, send your ticket stubs (leave them stapled) and your money back to Tula as soon as you can.

It was nice to see Linda Cordoni, our new member, at our meeting. We welcome her and hope she feels at home with all of us.

May 13 -- No formal meeting in May. We will be meeting at 6:00pm in Room 9 for pizza, with Bingo to follow. Cost \$5 Call Louise - 769-7389.

May 25 -- Chicken Cacciatore Dinner - St. James Church Hall - Doors open 6:15pm - Adults \$16 Children under 12 yrs. \$5 - Dinner 7:00pm for reservations call Spence - 763-9082 or Louise.

May 6-7 -- Reno Overnighter - For information and reservations call Kathleen - 763-7354 or Louise.

June 9 -- Quarterly Communion Mass for Living/Deceased - St. Vincent's Church - 10:30am - Breakfast/lunch to follow. More info at the Meeting.

June 10 -- Regular Meeting

We were saddened by the loss of our member Sam DiGirolamo this month and express our deepest sympathy to his family. Sam served the Branch well and was our Heritage Chairman at one time.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our sick members and Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in April and May.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mommies. Thank them for all the hugs and kisses and their love given through the years, even if in memory.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Marian called our February 9 meeting to order. There were no minutes read from our last meeting. Joe Bonino gave his treasurer report.

Marian then reported that the permits for the fireworks sales have been signed and will be finalized. Please consider helping with the sales. The dates for the sales are July 1st through July 4th. This is one of our biggest fund raiser for the year, so we need your help. You should contact Marian for the times that are needed to fill.

Gene Senestraro reported that we are receiving several applications for our two available scholarships.

The winner of our March Madness fundraiser was Mike and Linda Richards. They won a dinner for two at the Applebee Restaurant. Congratulations!

There were five winners from our basket raffle. They are Alan Knapp, the St. Patricks Basket; Frank Bisio the sports basket; Ken Griffin, the Easter basket; Bonnie Dumond, the gardening basket; and Tina and Brett Moranda, the movie basket. Congratulations to all, and thank you for participating!

Under new business, we have cancelled the biscotti sale until June.

Our good friend and brother Francesco Stagnoli passed away. He will be dearly missed. Please pray for Caterina and all of their family. The next meeting will be May 14. It will be



St Joseph Br 150 Cotati installed four new members, Belle Schlyer, Shelia Gardner, Steve and Maryann Vossbrink with Tom Saksa president. Welcome from all of us.



Branch 150 Cotati celebrated long time member Eda Johnson's 90th birthday with Champagne and cake. Happy Birthday from all your friends of Br 150.

a pizza potluck. You are asked to bring one pizza of your choice. We will be presenting our two scholarship winners at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

Also thank you Betty and Gene Senestraro for hosting the delicious refreshments this month.

*Peace and good health to all
Nancy Paoli*

Cotati St. Joseph, Br. 150

For our April dinner meeting we had an international potluck hosted by Pat Harte and Barbara Parry. The decorations were very fitting and the food, oh my did we have food. It was all so great and delicious. Thinking about how much food we had, we ought to bring enough for 4-5 people and then we won't have so much food to take back home. We could try that in August for our next dinner meeting.

Beverly is such a wonderful orator. She always has wonderful meaningful prayers and reading for us. We really appreciate her.

We surprised and wished Eda Johnson a Happy 90th birthday. We toasted her with champagne, a beautiful cake and a small gift. Eda has been a member of Branch 150 since 1984, 29 years.

We will be having our scholarship dinner on June 6. I will be sending out the invites after May 1. Please check with your graduates to see if they or their family will be able to attend. We would love a big turn out. Dinner will be spaghetti with red sauce or a pesto

sauce, with garlic bread, salad, wine, lemonade and dessert. We will have a bar open too. Remember to bring raffle prizes befitting the kids going off to college.

We are planning a real bake sale Father's day weekend. We ask of our members to make as many items as they can to sell. Please no store bought items. Info will be coming out soon if we are able to do it that weekend at church. We won't be having anymore fundraiser dinners. They are becoming too hard to do as we all get older.

Please pray for our ill members and our dear Wendell who we miss so much. Please pray for Emily Daly who will be having brain surgery (benign pituitary tumor) in May. God Bless them all.

*Have a wonderful Spring
Susan Daly*

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters
With a successful Prime Rib dinner behind us, our scholarship dinner on May 6 and the pot luck dinner on June 3, Branch 198 has been and will be very active.

We should all thank Marge Milano for dessert on April 1, Randy Apel and Kathy Acquistapace for their work on our fundraiser and Bill Scinto for the chicken and risotto dinner on scholarship night.

We mourn the loss of our long time member and supporter Aldo Strambi. May he rest in peace.

As we head toward the mid point of 2013 it should be the goal of every member to ask a friend, neighbor or relative to join our branch of the I.C.F. When they see the good work we do and the fellowship we enjoy they will want to be a part of our great branch.

Dates to remember:

June 3 -- Father's Day Potluck and meeting -- 6:30pm. Parish Life Center

June 8 -- Mass for ICF members- 4:30pm.

July 1 -- Deli Sandwich and Ice Cream Social plus meeting and bingo at 6:30pm. Parish Life Center

Happy Mothers Day

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209

Roy & Leona Spadoni, Don Becchetti and helpers once again demonstrated their culinary abilities by grilling and serving juicy cheeseburgers with all the trimmings, along with potato salad and chips. Dessert consisted of "make your own" sundaes. Thanks so much for a great dinner at our April meeting. This month we are continuing our yearly support of the "Get on the Bus" program. The financial contribution provides a child an

opportunity to spend Mother's Day with his or her Mother who is currently incarcerated. We are happy to report that Trustee Bud Polley is recovering nicely from recent heart surgery. On a sad note, we extend our condolences to Todd McAlvain & Family on the recent passing of his father.

Our Fish Fry proved to be another successful event. There were 238 dinners served. Thanks are extended to our steadfast workers who never fail us!

Our 2013 scholarship winners are: Analy student, Peyton Bogges, who won the Ag Scholarship. Peyton is our Sentinal Al Bogges' granddaughter. El Molino scholarship winners are twin sisters, Julia and Elizabeth Ornell.

Upcoming:

May 7 -- Board Meeting

May 14 -- Regular Meeting -- Mother's Day/ Scholarship Dinner

May 19 -- Bocce Tournament -- 11am -- St. Sebastian's, Sebastopol

Happy Mother's Day!!

Lona Bertoli

Stockton District Council

The 51st Annual Bishop's Burse was a very enjoyable day. The day began with mass in the beautiful St. Bernard's Church said by Bishop Stephen Blaire & Msgr. Ivo Rocha with Deacon Karl Welsbacher assisting. Joe Schiemmer was the cantor accompanied by Pianist Gerard Stroh.

The hall was beautifully decorated, the food was excellent. The members of the committee made everyone feel welcome and it was great visiting with old friends. A beautiful vocal presentation by Ashley Willits was enjoyed by all.

Bishop Blaire was very pleased with the Spiritual Bouquet and the donation for the seminarians, Dante Galeazzi was the Master of Ceremonies. We had great support from Central Council. Members & friends attending were Grnd. Pres. Jane Dianda, Sir Robert Diands & Theresa, Robert Basuino & Father Frank Basuino, Deborah Rodondi, Nancy Corsi & Giovanni, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Jim and Janice Jones, Lisa Crudo and Rosalind Crudo, Jim and Mary Ann Friebe, Dante Galeazzi, Marco & Diane Galeazzi, Andy and Siria Pappani, Leroy and Stella Taddei. Seminarians -- Cesar Martinez -- Adrian Cisneros - Tom Orlando -- Ronnie Manango, Clergy-Msgr. Ivo Rocha -- Father Jose Gutierrez, Father Chad Wall -- Deacon Jack Ryan-Deacon Ray Whitlock & Lois-Deacon Karl Welsbacher and Sisters of the Cross Mary, Moreen & Marlene.



Branch 48's St. Joseph's Table Celebration.

There will be a district meeting May 19, 2013 hosted by Presentation Br. 395 in Stockton at 1515 Benjamin Holt Dr. at 1:30 pm. Cost \$8.00 per person.

Reservations should be in to Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 no later than May 13, 2013.

Cecelia McGhee

Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very nice day for the St Joseph's Table Celebration. Joining us were Central Council members Dante Galeazzi and Marco Galeazzi as well as friends from Stockton and Angels Camp.

As always, we had some of the best food and a great variety. You have to make a couple of trips to the food just to get a little taste of everything. It is too good to pass up.

We had a lot of fun with the raffle. Most of the time, you do not know what you are going to get when you select a gift which can make it quite interesting to try to guess what is in the package. The proceeds from the raffle will go to St. Vincent De Paul.

The May 8, 2013 meeting is a potluck in honor of Mother's Day beginning at 6:00pm. Bring your favorite dish, family, friends and appetite and join us for the evening.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday May 12, 2013 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. church and Thursday June 13, 2013 5:30 pm at the J Street church.

Bank Night winner was Tom Silvaggio

Coming up:

May 4 & 5 -- Bake sale at Maze Blvd. church after all the masses

May 8 -- 6:00pm Meeting & Mother's Day

potluck St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

May 19 -- District Meeting Br. 395 Stockton

June 12 7:00 pm Meeting St. Stanislaus hall 7 & K Streets.

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca N.S. Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Plan to attend the branch picnic to be held at Dino & Sharon Cunial's home on May 5. The club will provide the steaks and the members will bring the sides, appetizers & desserts. It is a great time to relax and enjoy a game of bocce, swim or eat. Hope to see you all there. The next save this date is June 30, 2013. Join us for the first year of the Festa Italiana-Giorno della Famiglia. It will be held at the Waterloo Gun and Bocce Club on Ashley Road in Stockton. Starting at 10:00am until 7:00pm. Our club is planning to have a booth selling Italian related items. There is going to be lots for the whole family to enjoy. We would like to wish all our ladies a Happy Mother's Day. Enjoy the day with family and friends.



Ida Queirolo

**Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413**

Spring time is in full bloom in the foothills. The grass is a brilliant green. The hills are covered in gold from our poppies and clusters of blue larkspur, yellow and white daffodils. The days are warm and the nights are cool. Makes a person glad to wake up in the morning and see God’s beautiful masterpieces. Branch 413 surprised all our children at Easter Mass. Since we weren’t sure what the weather would be like, instead of having the traditional Easter Egg Hunt we had the Easter Bunny himself come to deliver the candy to the children. They also were able to have their picture taken with him. Even some of the adults got in on the fun and had their picture taken with him. Many thanks to Bob and Sharon Dunn for getting the costume and preparing the gifts for all the children. Now Branch 413 is planning their BBQ Western Dinner Dance. Our youth group will again be assisting us with set up, serving the dinners and then the big job of clean up. We are so proud of the enthusiasm our young people have shown to ICF and the parish. This will be my last article as I will be handing the job off to someone else. Due to some more medical issues I will be low key for awhile. God Bless each and every one of you.

Ciao,
Amy Schmid
Corresponding Secretary

Tucson

**Green Valley
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425**

Our branch had a real great time at Patagonia Lake, yes I did say lake, and because we live in Arizona you may think of only desert. Well we have news for you, Patagonia Lake isn’t the only lake in Arizona we also have Roosevelt Lake and others. To get back to our outing, we had a very large group of the members at the outing and we had lots of fun on the paddle boat ride around the lake taking in all the different bird life in the area. After the boat ride we had a picnic at a large covered table area with plenty of food and snacks. We broke up in to groups and played various games. I think everyone had a good time. We had a very successful pre Easter Cookie sale with plenty of Italian Biscotti, pizzelles and large variety of different kinds of cookie. Next on the agenda was our trip to St. David, the Holy Trinity Monastery which we visit every year and give them a nice donation to support the Mission. We go to Mass in their very small church and then enjoy a relaxing afternoon. Some of us play games until it’s time for us join the priest for their dinner meal. We socialize for a while and then it’s time to go home. A picture of the members at Patagonia Lake attached.

**Tucson
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434**
April 15, 2013 – Happy Easter everyone! Our Tucson branch has been quiet the past couple of weeks following all the events the first part of the year brought us. Today’s news has been covering a bombing that took place today in Boston. We pray for peace. We look to God to wrap his arms around all of us. Given the events of today, I’d like to present the bollettino with the Mano Ponderosa – the Prayer to the Powerful Hand: O Powerful Hand of God I place my Christian soul before you and in my despair and anguish beseech you to aid me with your almighty power. At your feet I place the devotion of my sorrowful heart that I might be delivered from my suffering. May the loving kindness of your power help me and give me strength



Members of Branch 425 having a great time at Patagonia Lake,

and wisdom to live in peace and happiness. Lord, please grant this world peace and ease the hearts of those suffering. Please place peace in the hearts of those who caused this horrible act. Amen.

**Hurricane Sandy Relief
Fund Contributions**

We received an additional donation, to our Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, since we published a list of donors in the March 2013 Bollettino.

We thank the following for their generous contribution:

Members of Branch

352

This brings our total donations to \$9,800.00 as of April 1, 2013.

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(Left) Branch 433’s St. Joseph Table with Henry Fleischmann, Jim Acitelli, and Fr. Crino, who blessed the table.
(Right) Henry Fleischmann, Jim Acitelli and William Lanton , who was just initiated as a new member.



Italian Baseball Hall of Fame

The Italian Baseball Hall of Fame was established in 2005. As it is operated by the Italian Baseball and Softball Federation, some of the individuals listed below might have been enshrined for their softball involvement.

Inductees

2005

Silvano Ambrosioni, coach
Bruno Beneck, executive
Giancarlo Bianchi, scorekeeper
Prince Steno Borghese, executive
Luigi Cameroni, coach
Giorgio Castelli, catcher (record .421 life-time average)
Alfio D’Aprile, umpire
Roberto Gandini, Player (first Italian Triple Crown winner)
Giulio Glorioso, pitcher (2,884 strikeouts)
Renato Germonio, executive
Guido Graziani, executive
Franco Imbastaro, writer
Romano Lachi, pitcher
Alberto Manetti, writer
Antonio Marcucci, catcher
Horace McGarity, coach
Attilio Meda, umpire
Max Ott, executive
Carmelo Pettener, umpire

2006

Lou Campo, executive
Franco Faraone, umpire
Riccardo Fraccari, umpire
Enzo Masci, player
Antonio Micheli, softball coach
Giorgio Nanni, scorekeeper
Aldo Notari, executive
Rita Ramieri, softball player
Giorgio Regazzi, writer
Giampaolo Reiter, scorekeeper
Alberto Rinaldi, player (first player raised in Italy to make it to the US minors)
Federico Soldi, softball coach; played briefly in Serie A1
Tino Soldi, softball executive
Jimmy Strong, coach (2-time national team manager; 3-time coach of the year)
Carlo Tagliaboschi, pitcher
Franco Tavoni, player
Goliardo Zanella, executive

Italian Catholic Federation Hospitalization Plan
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM

Who is eligible to join?
Any member of the I.C.F. under the age of 65.

Benefits:
After six months from the date of enrollment, the fund will pay:

- \$50.00 for the first day, \$25.00 for the second day and \$10.00 for a third and any additional days thereafter. A member must stay at least overnight in an acute care facility unless an outpatient surgery is performed. *Stays in strictly convalescent or rehabilitation facilities are not covered by this plan and do not qualify for reimbursement.***
- \$75.00 for the use of the operating room if required during the confinement.**
- \$75.00 to outpatients for the use of the operating room in a hospital or state licensed Surgical Center.**
- Up to a \$500.00 maximum per calendar year.**
- Up to a \$500.00 maximum for any one sickness during lifetime.**

Features:

- Payments made directly to the member.**
- No required medical exam.**
- Membership continues beyond age 65.**
- Claims accepted up to one year after Confinement.**

To Join:

- Complete and sign the application below.**
- Submit the application to your Branch Financial Secretary.**

Application for Membership in the Hospitalization Plan
(return this portion to the I.C.F. Office)

I hereby apply for membership in the Italian Catholic Federation Hospitalization Plan.
I am under 65 years of age.

I am a member of Br. _____ in _____ (city) _____ (state)

Mr.
NAME Mrs. _____
Miss _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

☐ I will pay \$25.00 to the Financial Secretary of my Branch.

Member's Signature _____ Date paid _____
Financial Secretary's Signature _____ Check # _____ or Cash _____

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Don't Forget to Submit Apostolate Charity Report for 2012-2013

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

APOSTOLATE CHARITY REPORT

2013

JULY 1, 2012 THRU JUNE 30, 2013

ALL BRANCHES: Please submit this report by July 15th to:

I.C.F. CENTRAL OFFICE

8393 CAPWELL DRIVE, SUITE 110

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Web Site: www.icf.org • E-mail: info@icf.org

District: _____ Br.#/City: _____

Br. President: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Apostolate Chairman: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Diocese of: _____

Number of Members as of June 30th:

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – SCRIPT FOR MASS SPEAKER

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening,

- My name is _____ and I am the _____ of Branch _____ of the Italian Catholic Federation here at _____ Parish.

- The Italian Catholic Federation is a 11,000 member organization founded in San Francisco in 1924. The organization has grown and presently has branches in four states. Our branch was established _____ years ago and we are very proud of the role we play within the church and the community.

- We are Italian in origin, but gladly accept members of non-Italian background as we feel that our organization has something to offer everyone. We promote the Italian heritage through social events, food and music. Members also enjoy our faith and fellowship.

- We are also a family organization where all members of the family, of all ages, are welcome. We have a family membership expressly for this purpose.

- As a Catholic organization, we support our parishes with time and money we also support our parish schools and religious education programs. Each year we support our seminarians with a seminary burse which is presented to Bishop _____.

- Within the community we assist those in need, provide grants to persons with developmental disabilities and college scholarships to students graduating from local schools, specifically _____ High School.

- In addition, we sponsor dinners, dances, trips and heritage festas because we believe that social interaction is important.

- Members will be in front of the church after mass. We invite you to stop by and learn more about the federation at our table. If interested in being a member of our branch, please complete the post card in your bulletin and leave with us or drop in the mail. Additional postcards are available at the table.

- From our family to yours, we thank you for your time and look forward to meeting you after mass.



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La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA (Phone: (760) 564-7111 / Reservations: (800) 598-3828
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- **Room Rate:** \$105.00 Single Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & \$5 - Resort Fee
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The resort also charges \$3.00 per room, per day Housekeeping gratuity to your guestroom folio and recommends a gratuity of \$12.00 per person Porterage Charge (includes both check-in and check-out).

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

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.

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Here are a few:

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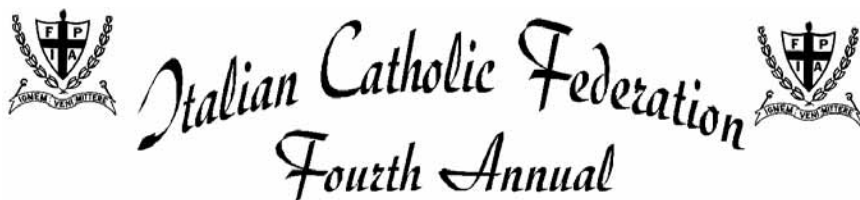
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For more information on flights and approx. prices/contacts for services, visit www.palmspringsca.gov.

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

PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR DELEGATES!

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



A NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS

Saturday, June 1, 2013

DINNER DANCE FEATURING
THE BIG BAND SOUNDS OF "IN FULL SWING"

Cocktails 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Dancing 8 - 11

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

TICKET PRICE: \$50.00 PER PERSON

Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall

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FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT PAT MAGEZ
CC WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEMBER (805) 492-9658

For Reservations Please Contact Lisa Crudo (510) 537-3256

3718 September Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546

Email: Watkins6pk@aol.com



Italian Catholic Federation Thirteenth Annual

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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