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Strategic Plan Notes

Over the past few months, the Strategic Plan Task Force has been working hard to prepare a strategic plan workshop that focuses on membership, community/church connections, finance, and leadership. It also scheduled several workshops with districts. The first workshops occurred in the Blessed Sacrament District on April 12, Santa Rosa on April 19, and Fresno on April 25. Other districts have workshops scheduled for later in the spring and early summer, and will be announced in the next issue. This workshop is open to all Federation members who are interested, and will set the stage for work that will continue throughout the next three years of the strategic plan. For follow-up workshops on the topics covered in the strategic plan workshop, contact Dante Galeazzi of the Workshop Committee. For more information or questions about the strategic plan, please contact Vince Piro or Leonard Zasoski, Jr. at icftaskforce@gmail.com.

Thanks -
Vince Piro

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TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Make Plans to Attend the 4th Annual Seminarian Night

The Central Council sponsored Seminarian Night, will be held this year on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

This year's theme is: *Mangiare Bene e Divertirsi -- Eat Well and Have Fun!*

All proceeds will go directly to the Providenza Fund.

The evening is hosted by St. Mary's, Los Gatos

Branch 184, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos, CA. The cost is \$40 per person. Black tie is optional.

The evening will begin at 5pm with social hour, followed by a dinner of Pasta Rustica with Chicken at 6pm.

The reservation deadline is May 22, 2015.

Contact the ICF office or look on page 9 for reservation flyer.

2015 Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada Friday, September 4, 2015 to Monday, September 7, 2015 Glorify the Lord by Your Life

HOTEL AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino Phone: (702) 732-5111 / Reservations: (800) 635-7711; 3000 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109 -- Visit the following link to hotel reservations <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SICF5R> on our Web site for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

► **Room Rate:** \$113.00 Single Occupancy plus 12% (subject to change) tax; \$113.00 Double Occupancy plus 12% (subject to change) tax

► **Use Group Name "Italian Catholic Federation" or Convention Code "SICF5R" when booking your reservation**

► **Complimentary Self Parking**

► **Transportation to/from McCarran Airport:** McCarran Int'l Airport is approximately 15 minutes southwest from the hotel. For public transportation (taxis/shuttle services) and rental car information, please visit www.mccarran.com. Bell Trans has a location at the airport and the hotel.

Reservation Deadline is Thursday, August 13, 2015. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability. To avoid lost reservations and reservation errors, we will no longer provide reservation forms.

You must call the hotel or go to their Web site to make your reservations.

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Here are a few:

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

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

United Airlines: 1-800-864-8331; www.united.com

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

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

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

Who was the first person to teach us about change being good for us? If you are like me, it was your mother. From the womb to the big cold world, from being at home all day with Mom to going to school for most of the day, my mother taught me that change was a necessary event in life and I had to believe it was all for the better. She was always there offering love and support every time something new and different threatened to ruin my world. I remember her telling me not to worry, change is good even if it is a bit uncertain. If things did not go the way I wanted she was there to help me learn, so I would be better prepared down the road. If things went well, she was there to celebrate with me and tell me how proud she was that I took a chance. Looking back as a kid I never wanted my mother to be right, and was always hoping things would not work out and I could say, "I told you this would happen." Funny, she had wisdom I had not counted on, and with her love and guidance I now know how to handle and grow with the constantly changing world around me.



On Sunday, April 12, members of our Task Force Strategic Plan Committee held their first workshop in The Blessed Sacrament District. After months and months of planning meetings, in person and by "GoToMeeting.com," we are excited to begin the roll out of our new Strategic Plan to all our districts. What a wonderful feeling of pride to finally see this plan being implemented. I cannot express enough gratitude to the members of the Committee and all the hours and hard work they put into getting the ICF Strategic Plan rolled out. I would very much appreciate it if everyone could take time out of their busy schedules to attend this workshop when it comes to your district. I am looking forward to attending this workshop myself. All members, not just district or branch officers, will begin to see the changes we have planned for ICF.

Our Fourth Annual Seminarian Night will be held Saturday, June 6. I highly suggest you attend this very popular and well attended event. The Central Council created the Seminarian Night as a way to help support the Providenza Fund. To our great pleasure, this entertaining evening of dining and dancing has become one of the Providenza Fund's largest fundraisers. If you cannot make this event please consider sending a donation to "The Seminarian Night" to help support this event and very important cause. Our other

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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

2013 Convention presentation continued . . .

The Catholic Faith manifested itself in the **RENO** area with the building of the first Catholic Church, St. Mary’s in the Mountains, in nearby Virginia City in 1860. At the height of the Comstock Lode, St. Mary’s was rebuilt after suffering a terrible fire. In 2009, the Church underwent a massive restoration program and its Roman Catholic Museum is a magnificent tribute to the Catholic Faith of the area.

The **FRESNO DISTRICT** proved to be a bit of a challenge since this area was a part of the larger Monterey Diocese for a long time. However, in 1861, the first Catholic Church in the district was established at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, now simply called St. Mary’s Church, in the village of Visalia. It covered the entire area of the present Fresno diocese with a population of about 20 Catholic families. Today, the area serves 6,000 families.

The Catholic Faith manifested itself in the **STOCKTON DISTRICT** with the construction of St. Mary the Assumption Church in Stockton in 1862 on land donated by Captain Charles Weber, the founder of Stockton. This church has been significant as a center for the Cursillo Movement in California.

In the **SAN MATEO DISTRICT**, the first church, St. Matthew’s was built in 1863. Previously, this area had been a mission outpost as part of the San Francisco Archdiocese. Archbishop Alemany appointed Fr. Denis Dempsey in charge of starting the parish. The early church was a small wooden structure built on donated land.

In the **CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT**, in the city of Martinez in the 1860’s, the Dominicans did start a small mission for the families of the surrounding ranchos. However, The Catholic Faith flourished with the building of the first parish church, St. Paul’s in San Pablo in 1869. St. Paul’s has published a book on the history of the parish which is for sale through the parish office.

In one of our previous areas, the **DIOCESE OF PHOENIX**, the Catholic Faith became a part of the community with the founding, in 1881, of the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary, staffed by the Franciscan Fathers. Pope John Paul II visited the church in 1987. Many visitors have been privileged to kneel in the very kneeler that the Pope used. The Basilica has a magnificent stained glass collection.

And, last but not least, the **LAS VEGAS** community became part of the living Catholic faith in 1908 with the establishment of the first parish, St. Joan of Arc. The Franciscan missionary, Father Garces, had celebrated Mass in the area as early as 1775. Later, priests would travel occasionally from Salt Lake City to say Mass. Under the leadership of Bishop Lawrence Scanlan, the Catholics in Las Vegas saw their dream of a parish realized in 1908.

The first branch of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch #1, was started at the Immaculate Conception Church in San Francisco on Folsom Street. The date of the inauguration of Branch #1 was December 7, 1924. Over 300 members signed up to be part of this branch. Many of the members were entire families. Father Antonio Durantini was the pastor of the Church and John Musso was the chairman of the founding organizers. The Immaculate Conception Church is a jewel of a church with magnificent paintings and vivid colors. On the wall at the entrance to the Church is a plaque commemorating the founding of the branch. If you are ever in the Mission District in San Francisco, a visit to this church is very worthwhile. The pastor emeritus is Father Guglielmo Lauriola who served the Italian community in the area for 43 years.

As is evident, once the Catholic Faith comes to a locality, it becomes an important and powerful entity in a community. From the humble beginnings that we have mentioned, our faith has spread everywhere, from large cities to small towns and villages.

At the request of both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, it is our responsibility to keep our faith alive as we continue to pray for the growth of our “Catholic living faith.”

We hope that you have enjoyed this journey back into our ICF history. Please take time to share this information with others.

Branching Out

Anne Interrante
CC Member, Public Relations
Committee Member

Branching Out is a series that will focus on successful ideas shared by our branches. For more details about a particular idea, you can find the branch contact info at www.icf.org.

Branch 139, Manteca, California Selects Charity of the Month.

A couple of years ago, the branch had completed its yearly budgeted donations and found there were additional funds to donate.

It was decided that these funds would be donated to other charities in their local area, and divided to coincide with the number of General Meetings scheduled. The Apostolate Committee researched the various local non-profits and put all their information together in a folder. At the General Meeting, an attending branch member’s name is chosen. This member then selects the charity from the many listed in the folder and the donation is thus designated.

Feedback from the members has been good as well as the response from the charitable organizations – so far the branch has given to 12 new charities.

Not only are the members more involved in selecting additional charities, but it is a great way to keep them informed of what is happening in their local community. Also, reaching out to these new organizations helps to increase our charitable support while allowing us to share information about the ICF with many more individuals.



Branch 47, Mountain View, California provides Spaghetti Dinners to Build Relationship with Parish School.

An important goal of this branch is to offer support to their parish school. About a decade ago, they conceived of a Walkathon/Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to raise money for school programs. While the teachers and students focus on sponsors for the Walkathon, ICF members donate their time and resources to prepare an amazing Spaghetti Dinner for all participants – definitely the highlight of the event. This has come to be one of the most successful fundraisers for the school.

Branch members also collaborate with the school for an annual Bingo Night/Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in which both parties share the proceeds. The school focuses on selling bingo cards and the ICF members take care of feeding all of the hungry players.

As a result of working together, the branch raises awareness about the ICF through bulletin announcements, event flyers and school communications. Many new family memberships have come about through their collaborative efforts with the parish school. Also, both events are a great way to promote family togetherness while raising money for worthwhile causes!

Heritage

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

My Grandparents migrated around 1900 to the United States. My Grandmother came through Canada. My Grandparents were married in 1905 in New Bedford, Mass. My oldest Aunt was born in Marion, Mass. In 1906, after the birth of their daughter, they decided to go to Calif. where my Great-Grandparents lived. It took them 3 years to reach California by wagon and working on farms and dairy’s to make a living. My second oldest Aunt was born in St. Louis, Mo. in 1907. By the time they arrived in California my father Joseph George was born in Cicuas, Calif. in 1908. It must have been a real hardship for my Grandmother, 3 kids in 3 years traveling by wagon. When they settled in San Jose, Calif. they had 6 boys and 3 girls. My Grandfather went to work for my Grandmother’s cousin on his dairy. In 1922, my Grandfather stepped

on a nail and they cut off his foot and he died. My Father was the oldest boy and had to quit school and go to work to support the family. He went to work for a Ranch in the Almaden Area and worked for them for 47 years before he retired. My sister, brother and I were raised on a Prune Orchard and we were poor but never went without. We had plenty of food to eat and a cow for milk and chicken for eggs. My Mother made our clothes out of chicken feed sacks. Growing up we never had a phone or a TV. We had a radio. My mother cooked on a big black wood stove in the kitchen. I attended an 8 room school with one room for each grade. I graduated from High School but never went to College. My father said boys go to college and girls get married, so I married a Sicilian in 1954 and we have been married for 60 years. We have 1 son and 1 daughter, 4 grandsons and 2 great-granddaughters. The Italian Catholic Federation has been a second home to us. We enjoy living in Santa Clara Valley and can remember when it was called the Valley of Hearts Delight.

ICF Deadline and Calendar

Seminarian Night Reservation	May 22, 2015
Seminarian Night	June 6, 2015
Golf Tournament Reservation	July 17, 2015
Golf Tournament	July 24, 2015
Convention Hotel Reservation	August 13, 2015
Convention	September 4-7
Bob Basuino Testimonial Dinner	November 7

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
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Theresa Dianda	Officers/Members of Central Council

IN HONOR OF:	
Andy and Sid Pappani	Officers/Members of San Bernardino District

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 223 - Oakland as a Closing Donation from their Branch.

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

The Butterfly Effect

James Jones
Past Grand President
Apostolate Committee Member

Butterfly Effect- A property of chaotic systems by which small changes in initial conditions can lead to large-scale and unpredictable variation in the future state of the system.

I got to thinking about the Butterfly Effect this week. Our Branch 191 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San Jose cooked soup for our parish annual Lenten soup night. We donated the left over soup to InnVision, a homeless center in San Jose that houses and feeds needy individuals and families who are struggling in all areas of their lives.

Angela Galli, Mental Health Shelter Worker at the center, said that the soup was greatly

appreciated and they would serve it for dinner the following night.

Angela made me realize how important a bowl of soup is when you are hungry. Fulfilling their basic needs can help them kick start their lives in a positive way. This is the Butterfly Effect.

Your presence and willingness to help others is a gift that can keep on giving with good faith and encouragement. You can be reassured that the things we do whether big or small, can make a big difference in the lives of others. This shows me how important the Italian Catholic Federation is with our good works for Charity. You are the bowl of soup for the many that benefit from these Charities and believe me, you are making a difference. This is our purpose and our cause.

Your good deeds do not end with the person receiving them. They continue forever with the Butterfly Effect.

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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In Loving Memory

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Children’s Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2014 and ends in August 2015. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children’s Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley’s Anemia patients whom they treat. I.C.F. donations make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Events and Outings.
- Patient Family Conferences.

Last year, the I.C.F. donated \$2,625.00 and this year the I.C.F. wants to continue the program

whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation, in whatever amount you are able to give, towards this very worthwhile program.

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

The deadline for contributions is June 30. 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, 2015.

Thank you.

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1	Mike & Gina Frey		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/2	Pete Peters	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$40
4/3	Larry Stefani	39	Merced, CA	\$50
4/4	Louise DeTomasi	14	Fairfield, CA	\$50
4/5	Rita B. Csulak-Gomez		Bakersfield, CA	\$100
4/6	Jan Karp	91	Hayward, CA	\$30
4/7	Steve & Michelle Azevedo		Vacaville, CA	\$30
4/8	Sarah Sagouspe	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
4/9	Yolanda Griffiths	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/10	Eileen Perez	352	Danville, CA	\$30
4/11	Alan Levine	7	S.S.Francisco, CA	\$30
4/12	Karen Paz	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$30
4/13	Donna Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/14	Joe McNern	332	Novato, CA	\$30
4/15	Laura Vardoulakis		Menlo Park, CA	\$40
4/16	Beverly Mendoza	342	Newcastle, CA	\$30
4/17	Mary Stagnaro	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
4/18	Grace Romanello	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
4/19	Frank Di Paolo	36	Carmel, CA	\$30
4/20	Dwight Domonkos		Hayward, CA	\$30
4/21	Linda Sherman	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
4/22	John Del Monte	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
4/23	Madeleine Lorenzi		Merced, CA	\$30
4/24	Josephine Vivaldi	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
4/25	Ermelinda Zamora		Modesto, CA	\$30
4/26	Janet Verducci		Martinez, CA	\$30
4/27	Deacon Albert Dizon	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
4/28	Patrice Marvulli	39	Merced, CA	\$30
4/29	Mario Moretti	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
4/30	Maria Fregosi	342	Auburn, CA	\$30

Monetary Donation Reminder

Roselynn Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

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

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

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

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

Cooley’s Corner

Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)
Adoption Clinic

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Each July the thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) clinic at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland has an “Adoption Clinic” – this is a day where children with thalassemia, who have been adopted by U.S. families, come to the thalassemia clinic for comprehensive care. The children and families consult with all the specialists needed to care for a person with thalassemia including a hematologist, cardiologist, hepatologist, and an endocrinologist. They go to audiology and ophthalmology to get their hearing and vision checked because chelation medications (medicine to remove toxic iron in the body resulting from frequent blood transfusions) can affect these senses. They have an MRI and a SQUID (the machine that the ICF contributed funds to) to assess heart and liver iron respectively. They are also given the opportunity to see a nutritionist, a psychologist, and the social worker, who also assists the

family with insurance issues.

The ICF helps make these endeavors possible. If families require assistance with travel to California or accommodations while in town, ICF funds can be used to help them travel to our center. The ICF also funds the “Children’s Program” where Laurice Levine, with the help of volunteers, facilitates therapeutic medical play using dolls, teddy bears, and medical supplies (even real needles!); teaches about thalassemia at a developmentally appropriate level; and provides diversional activities such as arts and crafts, games, and Bingo for prizes. Throughout the day peer relationships are fostered not only among the children, but families as well. During lunch time, an educational program is given by a doctor with a round table discussion to follow. This provides a venue for professionals and families to discuss thalassemia and the unique needs of the adopted child.

This is yet another unique program at the thalassemia center at Children’s Oakland – and we thank the ICF for making this program possible.



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

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

Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach
Coordinator

(510) 428-3885, ext. 5427 or

e-mail: LLevine@mail.cho.org

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is – we are always willing and honored to come for a visit!

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro Central Council

Travel Books 2015


It is once again that time of year when we begin planning and preparing for our summer vacations. Many of us plan trips to the land of our ancestors to see family, discover lost traditions, and connect with our past. For those going to Italy, there are several guidebooks that can help you during your travels. Listed below are some of the guidebooks ranked the best by several bookshops. They have been updated for 2015 and contain many new features, including digital versions for your smartphones and tablets.

However, as stand alone books, they contain thorough coverage of many of Italy's most travelled vacation sites. Included below are the publisher's descriptions of each book. Local bookstores will carry most of these titles so that you can find the one that is right for you.



farther-flung cities and towns are also given their due, and this guide has long featured rich coverage of the “Mezzogiorno”: those now-trendy southern Italy destinations in Puglia, Calabria, and Basilicata.

ILLUSTRATED FEATURES: Multiple full-color features bring the many sides of Italy to vibrant life. Included among the photogenic array of riches are the ancient ruins of Rome, Sicily, and Pompeii; Michelangelo's spectacular Sistine Chapel ceiling, Palladio's villas, Florence's Duomo, and Assisi's basilica of St. Francis; the vineyards of Barolo and Tuscany; the scenic glory of the Cinque Terre and Venice's Grand Canal; Pizza, Naples-style; and more.



INDISPENSABLE TRIP
PLANNING TOOLS: Convenient overviews show each region and its notable highlights, and chapter planning sections provide knowledgeable guidance for making the most of travelers' time, with top tips on getting from cities to countryside villages. Enticing cuisine highlights are given in each regional chapter.

DISCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS: Fodor's Italy 2015 offers savvy advice and recommendations from local writers to help travelers make the most of their time. Fodor's Choice designates our best picks, from hotels to nightlife.

PULLOUT MAP: Handy take-along maps of Rome and Venice provide added value, giving travelers essential information about top attractions, walking tours, and nearby dining so they can travel with confidence.

INCLUDES: Rome, Venice, Florence, Tuscany, Milan, Sicily, Sardinia, the Amalfi Coast, and more.

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Italy

Experience the best of Italy with DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Italy. This newly updated travel guide for Italy will lead you straight to the best attractions this country has to offer, from touching the stones of the Colosseum in Rome to gazing up at Michelangelo's David in Florence to slurping gelato along the canals of Venice.

- Extensive itinerary recommendations help plan trips to Italy by length of stay and by interest, whether you have just one day to spend in Rome or a week in the countryside, or are looking for a gourmet tour.
- Neighborhood walking maps show you the sights at a glance and help you make the most of your visit.
- Hotel and restaurant listings include DK Choice special recommendations.

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Inside DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Italy, you'll find DK's famous cutaway illustrations of major architectural and historic sights, museum floor plans, and 3-D aerial views of key districts to explore on foot, along with in-depth coverage of the country's history and culture. Maps are marked with sights from the guidebook and include street finder guides for Florence, Rome, and Venice.

With hundreds of full-color photographs, hand-drawn illustrations, and custom maps that illuminate every page, DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Italy truly shows you this country as no one else can.

**La Celebrazione di Gioventu --
The Celebration of Youth
Happy Mother's Day!**

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett

Grand Treasurer

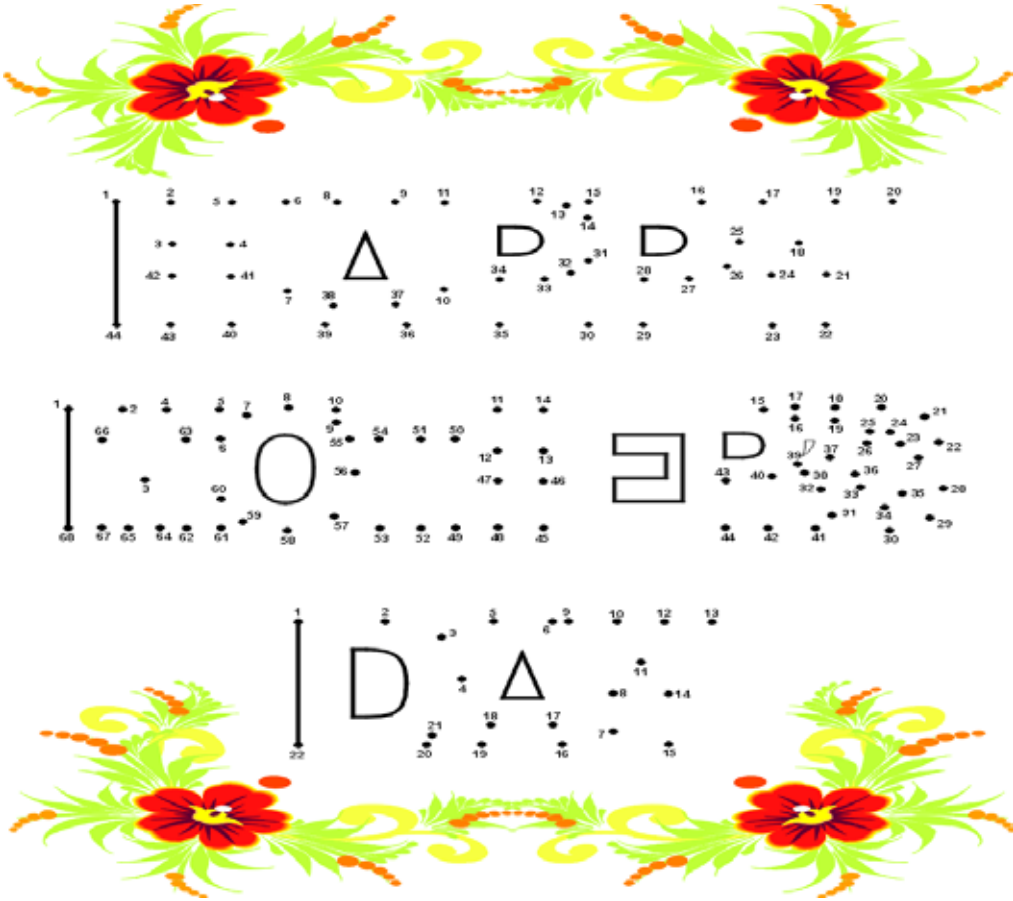
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Examples: to, pay, dear, those, poem

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Italian Catholic Federation Fifteenth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

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: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 17th, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2015

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

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
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Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 17th deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 17th.

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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Plan Now, Set Goals... Get a Workshop

Dante Galeazzi
CC Life Member

The Grand President has asked the Workshop Committee to continue its successful Travel Show from last year and to follow the effort presented the last two years such as open forum, spiritual, Heritage and fundraising. Even though the Districts and Branches have scheduled to develop many activities for the upcoming calendar for the goodwill in the parish, in the community and in the name of the Italian Catholic Federation... the workshop could provide for the fantastic planning and enriching the many responsibilities of the ICF nationally.

Your Workshop Committee can provide assistance in Membership growth, the valuable leadership and officers' guidance and directions to set goals reinforced by the memberships of the Branches and Districts. All ideas are necessary and valuable from the past, present and especially the future. Once your goals are determined, the Workshop Committee will provide the necessary resources or additional concepts to your Branches and Districts to hopefully achieve with less effort and struggles. The Workshop Committee can suggest topics on how to increase membership, fundraising activities, provide heritage/history of the Federation or tools for Italian culture for the grandchildren, event planning, officers' duties, IRS forms, convention awards, apostolic devotions or spiritual activities and even topics selected by the Branches'



membership.

The Workshop Committee highly recommends that when you go to your next Branch or District meeting that you #1) discuss ideas for setting goals, #2) provide and direct the leadership in your District to have a workshop for support and assistance/guidance and #3) stress the importance of achieving those goals for the Federation, your Branch, the District, and the Parish or Diocese in your community.

PLAN NOW, because it's very important for the District Presidents to get their first choice of date and to discuss with the Workshop Committee what are the most valuable topics that are best suited for the Branches and District.

You may contact me via email at dantegaleazzinpc@aol.com or at 888.423.1924 for any additional inquiries. Do not miss out this year on scheduling a resourceful Workshop to simplify your diligent effort.

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Invites you to attend

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Thursday Night Dinner

September 3, 2015

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7:00 pm Dinner

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Chicken Sauteé Sec

Filo Wrapped Salmon

Italian Pot Roast

Mixed Garden Veggies

Homemade Baked Potatoes

Berries & Cream

Loaded Tea

Lemonade

Coffee

A bus departing at 5 pm

will be provided for

convention hotel guests.

Please print clearly

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2015

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Branch #: _____

Contact Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

Number of persons attending: _____ X \$39.00 per person Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

☒ We will be riding the bus to Thursday Night Dinner ☐ YES ☐ NO

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Friday, September 4th 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm

Saturday, September 5th 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 6th 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Monday, September 7th 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

We will be located in front of the Convention Meeting Rooms

Come check out all the fabulous items available for purchase!

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Chase, age 5, who is undergoing cancer treatment watches stylist, Rita Turco, a member of ICF Branch 441, St. Zachary, shave the head of his brother, Aidan, 6 during a fundraiser on March 7th for the St. Baldrick's Foundation at the House of Music and Entertainment in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

We mourn the sudden passing of Dr. Vincent Papa,formerly of Calumet City,recent of San Antonio Texas, son of long distance member, Sarina Papa of Scottsdale Arizona. Vince is well known and loved by many in our area as well as in many parts of the U.S. and Italy as a result of his accomplishments and career. Please pray for his family. Our Financial Planning Program at our April 28 Meeting was well received by all who attended. Our Financial Planner, Don Cuba was asked to return later in the year with a follow-up presentation. On May 17 we plan a private tour of the grounds and catacombs at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana,followed by dinner at John's Family Restaurant at 5 P.M.At our June Meeting, we will take reservations for our July 19 trip to Christ's Shrine of Passion in St. John, Indiana.

In the meantime, Happy Easter! This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it - Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

(This was Jo Merlo's last contribution for the Bollettino. I just found out that Jo passed away. My prayers and condolences go out to her family. She has been a long standing branch contributor who I will miss greatly. RIP Jo.)

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

May, the month of our beautiful blessed Mother Mary.

“Brilliant star of purity Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of the mother of God, Virgin Mary, Queen and mother of our comfort, hope, strength and consolation.”

Happy Mother's day to all the Mothers, Foster Mothers, step-Mothers and teachers who educate our children and grand-children.

A great celebration given by our BR.358 and Linda Calabrese from A-Theme Events on March 15, 2015. It was truly a day of tribute to San Giuseppe, foster Father of our Savior.

A REFLECTION BY OUR POPE FRANCIS: “Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, know we are not alone.”

Frank and Teresa Cairo, i miei sinceri Auguri – Anniversario April 7, 2015.

A blessed and Happy Birthday to Ida DiSalvo and Cathy Neri.

Welcome to our new member, Carmen M. Rodriguez.

Please keep our members and their families in your daily prayers, especially Leonora Gillette



Members of Branch 39 at their St. Joseph's Day meal at St. Patrick's Parish.

and Gene Gillette who are home convalescing.

Our next meeting will take place May 19, 2015.

Ciao,

Caterina Renzi - Comisky

Fresno

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Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

We celebrated our branch's 84th anniversary in March. It was a quiet affair beginning with a mass by Fr. Jesus. At our regularly scheduled branch meeting we had a delicious dinner of pasta, chicken ala cacciatore, and zucchini rounds cooked by Mr. Tom Marschall. The dinner also included salad and dessert.

Our sick list is quite extensive with several hospitalizations. Please pray for improved health for Deacon Kurt Neuhaus, George Pisching, Dorie Sabbatini, Irene Jelmini, Maria Guglielmino, and little Nico Ficher.

The Fresno District Bocce Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at the campus of San Joaquin Memorial High School. Save the date!

We are looking forward to our hosting Hospitality at Our Lady of Victory Church during the month of June. Evelyn Nieto is the chairperson and wants all the help she can get. Please volunteer. Besides the regular donuts and coffee, fundraisers are planned for each weekend.

June 6 and 7: Bake and Misc Sale. Cookies, biscotti, cakes, bars, squares, and plants, figurines, and spaghetti sauce will be the items available for sale.

June 14: Spaghetti Take Out or Eat In Dinner

June 21: Father's Day Novelty Items for Sale
Egg Burrito Sales

June 28: Italian Sausage Sandwich Sales

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

We had St. Anthony's Table at our March branch meeting. It was decorated beautifully. Many thanks to Jenny Campopiano, Jeanette Shriver, Rich and Mary Zanarini, Cindy Newton and Ron Travis.

We're looking forward to the Annual District Picnic/Bocce Ball Tournament. We're getting our teams together now. Just want all you other

teams to know - we're practicing.

Jeanette Shriver's birthday was on the 4th of April. She was gifted with her fourth great grandchild, Jameson Virgil Arnet, that same day. Jameson's parents were stationed in Germany in the Air Force and had just arrived in the States in time for his early arrival.

Linda Stockwell's daughter, Brianne Stockwell, ran the half marathon (13.1 miles) in Fresno. They ran past the landmarks throughout downtown Fresno, through the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and ended in Chukchansi Park downtown Fresno.

Alyssa Zanarini Collins, daughter of Rich and Mary Zanarini also ran the half marathon and surprisingly celebrated at the end of the race with a free beer

Jennie Campopiano's youngest daughter, Barbara, and Richard Varga were married on March 22nd. The wedding was held at Villa de Amore in Temecula, California. The newlyweds will reside in Austin, Texas.

Happy Birthday to Mary Beth Mueller (4/6), Jeanette Shriver (4/4) and Mary Zanarini (4/9). We wish you all many

“Queer things happen in the garden in May. Little faces forgotten appear, and plants thought to be dead suddenly wave a green hand to confound you.” (W. E. Johns)

Let's remember the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces this Memorial Day.

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Br. 281

Spring has been good to us thus far, with sunny, mild weather during our celebrations of Easter. Our annual Palm Sunday Pasta and Meatball Dinner was another successful event, complete with live Italian music and hundreds of smiling faces. Thanks to Leonard “Zasoskini” and all our chefs, as well as all the members who worked and attended the event. The parish always looks forward to this delicious dinner, and this year did not disappoint. Also, with the end of the Lenten season came an end to the parish's weekly Friday Fish Fry, at which the ICF hosted the adult beverages. Allen Watts was quite the mix-master, and raised over \$800 in tips alone to be donated to the seminarians.

Our annual Parish Spring BBQ was held on the school campus on May 7th. Our branch

serves adult beverages and Walter Scott does a wonderful job getting volunteers. As always, the event was a joy for all.

Spring will continue to bless our branch as we look forward to our most fun annual event: bocce ball! Our ICF OLPH Bocce Tournament will be held on May 16th. Get a team together, and contact Allen Watts for more tournament information. This is an awesome day of fun competition, flavorful cuisine, and fantastic camaraderie. Don't miss out!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Watts

Fresno

St. Anthony, Br. 308

Our Friday Lenten Dinners are over, we really appreciate our loyal supporters who came every week.

Our branch could never do our Friday Lenten Dinners without our dedicated volunteers who signed up for different times, they show up every week, they know what to do and get it done. A huge thank you to the cooks, servers, and the clean-up crew.

But don't think our branch is only about work, we have some fun events coming up this month and next that we are looking forward to, along with our May Tri-tip dinner meeting, cookbook sale, and our sausage sandwich sale.

The sixth annual Fresno District Bocce Tournament will be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School on Saturday, May 30th. The registration fee includes prizes and a lunch. It is \$20 per person or \$80 per team of four. Sign up to join a team or come with your own team to join in the fun, fellowship and good food. Non-players are welcomed, come out and support your family members or friends.

You can purchase lunch ahead of time or when you are there, for only \$10 per adult or \$5 a child.

June 7th is our Mass for our branch's deceased members. It will be at the 8:00 o'clock Mass, then afterwards the group is planning to go out to breakfast. Hopefully, you'll be able to attend.

The Feast of St. Anthony de Padua on Sat. June 13th plans to be a terrific celebration with dancers, four stations of different kinds of food, entertainment and fun. Join in the decision making meetings. Sign up to help in the setting up, serving or clean up.

It was good to see Toni Edwards up and about and back to our meetings. Please pray for Evie Manfredo and all our ill members.

We are wishing happy birthday to our members



Members of the LA Archdiocese celebrated St. Joseph's Day.



Matthew Pardun (April 3), Sebastian Fortunato (April 4), Tim Solipasso (April 21),

Janine Pardun (April 23), Paul Soligian (April 23), and Marilyn Renna (April 27).

Some people spend their lives complaining and grumbling every day, instead of counting blessings God sends daily their way.

*Happy Mother's Day,
Maria E. Juarez~Garcia*

Las Vegas

Las Vegas

St. Francis De Sales, Br. 367

WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS!! Soon you will be coming to Las Vegas – the entertainment capital of the world!! If you are bored in Las Vegas, It is your own fault. In last month's issue, editor, Michelle, included all the FREE (my favorite word) sites you can see, plus most of the reasonably priced places to go and see.

I just want to add for your information that we have The Las Vegas Monorail which stops at the SLS Hotel, Westgate Hotel, LV Convention Center, Harrahs, Flamingo, Bally's, and ends at the MGM Grand Hotel. The Westgate Hotel and Casino is where you will be staying and there is a boarding station right near the registration desk. Cost? 24-hour pass is \$10.80, 2-day pass is \$19.80, 3-day pass is \$25.20, 5-day pass is

\$38.70 and runs every 7 minutes. Order passes online and save 10%.

We also have a double decker bus called The Deuce, which goes up and down the strip. Cost? \$7 for an all-day pass. Get on and off as many times as you want in one day.

Also, did you know there are THREE FREE monorails/trams? Mandalay Bay-Luxor-Excalibur Tram. This tram runs from 11:00 AM to 10:30 PM only.

Monte Carlo-City Center-Bellagio Tram. This is undoubtedly the best way to arrive at and visit City Center (especially on a 3-day weekend). Board the Aria Express near the Street of Dreams shopping mall at the Monte Carlo and head North to the Crystals shopping mall, which is the drop off point for the Cosmopolitan/Area. Then head north again to the south tower of the Bellagio. Go down some escalators, walk past the convention hall, and you're in the Bellagio. This stop also provides access to the Vdara Hotel. This tram runs from 8 AM to 4 AM.

Mirage-Treasure Island Tram. This is the shortest tram ride, but saves the feet between the two hotels

Our little branch is working hard to help make your convention visit a pleasant one. Come and plan to have a great time.

Ciao for now,

Jackie Donato



Members of the LA Archdiocese playing bocce at the Rose Bowl.



for quite a while... I hope this can be a yearly tradition... Thanks again for an incredible experience."

Thank you Branch 102 for hosting the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House on April 12, 2015 at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Burbank. All Branches are encouraged to include the Mother Cabrini Open House in their respective Church Bulletins. This year the Mother Cabrini Chapel needs funds to replace the weather-damaged doors. Please ask members, parishioners, friends and families to help support the building restoration program. Your support is greatly needed to continue maintaining the facility that protects the precious artifacts of one of our ICF Patroness Saints. Please call 626 372-7812 for more information on how to help.

Thank you ICF Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Community Members for a speedy recovery and especially to those who recently passed to their eternal reward.

Please remember our brothers and sisters of our armed services in your prayers to keep them out of harm's way.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, President

Email: cas1810@aol.com

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On April 12, 2015 - Branch 108 Bocce on Children's Field followed by Lunch Social and General Meeting in Parish Hall. Congratulations to members Ines Sabatella (95th), Tad Shaw (66th) and Gina Sabatella (39th) celebrating April Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.

On March 21st and 22nd. Branch 108 coordinated the 21st annual Saint Joseph Table in the Parish Hall. Many donated items were

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District

Los Angeles Region

On March 15, 2015 - ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese District Communion Sunday was celebrated at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada. Msgr Cacciapuotti, Archdiocesan Director of the ICF invited all 18 Branches of the LA Archdiocese District to participate in this year's Special Mass, Procession and Luncheon in the Parish Hall celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph. The Luncheon included Msgr's own special Napolitano Sauce. Thank you to all of the Branches that participated and Branch 374 for co-hosting this event.

On March 14, 2015 ICF Branch 108 played in the first-ever Exhibition Bocce Tournament on the Rose Bowl. See Branch 108 Article in this issue.

On March 3, 2015 over 59 students and six teachers from John Muir Middle School in Burbank visited the Mother Chapel and Library in Burbank. ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel President Carmelo Sabatella talked to students about Mother Cabrini and the history of the Chapel and Library and responded to questions. School Social Science BTA Middle School. Director Barry Sarnes commented after the event "Our field trip surpassed my wildest dreams! You were all incredible teachers and the hospitality of your organizations can not be measured. We will be talking about this trip



SAVE THE DATES:

May 2, 2015 - LAADC Board Meeting at Holy Family Church, So Pasadena from 9:00 to 11:30 am hosted by Branch 108

May 30, 2015 - LAADC General Meeting at Saint Cornelius Church, Long Beach from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. District Meeting hosted by Branch 440.

May 30, 2015 - Strategic Planning Workshop “Leadership Coaching” at Saint Cornelius Church, Long Beach from Noon to 1:00 pm (lunch) and from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Workshop) in the Parish Hall. Workshop hosted by Central Council Strategic Planning Committee. All Branches of the District are requested to participate.



Celebrating St. Joseph's Day at Branch 108.



Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Hop everyone had a great Easter celebration with friends, family, and lots of food. Let’s remember our Lord has risen and is among us as we journey through life.

Our St. Joseph’s Table was a great success. turnout! A Thank You dinner was held April 9th during our monthly meeting to celebrate all who participated and helped out at our Branch 111 Annual St. Joseph’s Table and truly made this a successful event! The monies we raised at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict Parish school graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians with a yearly contribution for the training of seminarians, allow us to donate scholarships to high school students, and of course allow us to contribute to the Cooley’s Anemia charity.

Happy birthday to all our March and April birthdays: Tony Delorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Tanina Sergi, Carlos De Los Santos, Dante Terramani, Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, and Nancy Dolci... Buon

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA needs YOUR support.

Funds are needed to restore the Chapel and Library Doors. Mother Cabrini is one of the I.C.F.’s Patron Saints and this is the Chapel she built to pray to Our Lady. The Mother Cabrini Committee of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is holding a “Monthly Money Madness Raffle” - 11 chances to win \$200.00. One drawing per month for 11 months. Only \$25.00 per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. We NEED every Branch’s support. Buy one for your Branch! Individual Members are welcome to purchase tickets, too! Please call Theresa Shaw at 626-379-0629 to reserve your ticket.

made available to Parishioners and community members in celebration of the Feast of Saint Joseph with proceeds from this event supporting Saint Vincent di Paul, the Holy Family Church Giving Bank and the Carmelite Sisters in Alhambra along with other charitable causes. Thank you members of ICF and other Holy Family Ministries for staffing this event.

On March 15, 2015 - Branch 108 joined several Branches of the ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council Branch members and parishioners to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph with Mass, Procession and Luncheon in the Parish Hall of St Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada. See District Article.

On March 14, 2015 ICF Branch 108 played in the first-ever Exhibition Bocce Tournament on the Rose Bowl Field in Pasadena. ICF was invited to play Bocce on the field adjacent to the host Pasadena Croquet Club and the Los Angeles Gateball Club based in the Little Tokyo area of downtown Los Angeles. Congratulations to Branch 108 members Tad Shaw and Paolo Fratino first place medal winners in the Exhibition Bocce Tournament. Congratulations also to Second place winners JD Lombardi and Branch President Michele Silveri and third place winners Branch 108 Financial Secretary Theresa Shaw and guest Sheena Manek.

On March 1st, Branch 108 held its Annual Lunch Meeting in the Fermentation Room of the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles. The food was great, the meeting went very well. Meeting in the Winery was a fun diversion from our regular meetings in the Parish Hall. It is always a treat to meet up with the Patriarch of the San Antonio Winery who loves to share great memories on the history of the Winemaking with visitors.

Save The Dates:

May 4, 2015 - ICF Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Branch Meeting (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm) at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ in downtown Monrovia.

May 30, 2015 – ICF LAADC General Meeting is scheduled in the Saint Cornelius

Church Parish Hall in Long Beach from 9:00 am to 11:30 am; hosted by Branch 440; and

May 30, 2015 - Lunch will follow the above General Meeting from noon to 1:00 pm then Central Council will conduct the ICF Strategic Planning Workshop on Leadership Development in the ICF from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm also in the Parish Hall. All Branch and District Officers are requested to attend this Work shop. Please put on your calendar. Call 626 372-7812 if you have any questions or need help getting to the Workshop.

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

May God bless and keep you healthy “œper cento anni!”

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com



Montebello Branch 111 memebers working in the Cannoli Section.



Montebello Branch 111 ICF members working in the free pasta section.



Montebello Branch 111 Frank Salomone and Nancy Dolci handled sale of items from St. Joseph's Table.

Compleanno a tutti!

This month we are preparing for St. Benedict's 45th Annual spring festival being held on May 15-17. All our welcome to bring their families and children for carnival fun, food, and entertainment. ICF Branch 111 will be hosting and sponsoring the Pizza Booth. Stop by and say "Hello."

This month's I leave you with a quote from Elon Musk – "When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor." Always Believe.

*Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano*

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

At our April meeting Financial Secretary Pauline Iacono reported on how successful our crab dinner was. Over 400 people were



Montebello Branch 111 members working in the sausage section.

served and with the profits we were able to donate \$3000.00 to Mary Star of the Sea Church and \$500.00 each to the Elementary and High School. President Neal DiLeva thanked each and everyone of our ICF members who contributed their time, effort and hard work to make this dinner a success. Our branch also purchased a memory brick commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Mary Star Elementary School. We also donated \$250.00 to help rebuild St. Joseph Father Casper's church in India

What a busy month we will be having!

Please join our branch on May 9th for May Crowning at 5:15pm mass, May 16th for Relay for Life at San Pedro High School, (for info call Anita Trujillo 310 8327186)

Plan on attending our Potluck meeting on May 21st. Not only will there be great food we also will be meeting our scholarship recipients. Please call Nancy Donato (310 833 2584) with what tasty dish you will be bringing.

8am mass at Mary Star on Saturday June 13th will be in Honor of St. Anthony. Hope to see you there!

Our June meeting will be held on June 18th at 7:30pm. We will be discussing our annual Parish Fiesta which will be held on July 17th -19th. Please think about volunteering and helping our branch with our parish fiesta. There are many



Members of Branch 237 hosted a coffee and donuts information booth.



San Pedro, Branch 115 Crab Dinner-Dance on March 7 was a big success. Nearly 400 were served. Thanks to all the volunteers on the floor and the kitchen crew.



ways to help out. Please call Neal to volunteer (310 433-1044)

Happy Mother's Day to all! May God Bless you all!!

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Gardena

St. Anthony, Br. 237

March 22nd we hosted Coffee and Donuts and an information booth after mass. It was very well received..See photos of some of the group with associate pastor Elmer and a few of the sisters that dropped by.

The younger members asked if we could do this every week. They had a great time passing out Mother Cabrini coloring pages..

And speaking of well received we had two more winners in the calendar drawing. We are a very lucky branch!

May 3rd, 4th and 5th was our annual trip to Laughlin. What a good time time for all. These

trips help support our charities and the parish is very supportive.

Next on our calendar is our quarterly communion Sunday in June and planning for our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance Oct 10, 2015. SAVE the DATE!!!!

*Respectfully,
Micheal Roa*



Downey, Branch 362's St. Joseph's Day Table.

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

A very happy Mother’s Day to all the moms. At our last board meeting, the board discussed where to donate our funds as we have accumulated quite a lot from the St. Joseph’s Table. Different ideas were tossed around such as the children of the race track workers, St. Baldrick’s Society (cancer research for children’s cancer}, restoring one of the statues in the church, which is very expensive, or possibly donating to the archdiocese who can designate the money to a needy parish . It was also suggested that we adopt Annunciation church as a sister parish. These ideas will most likely be discussed at our April meeting. (this article was submitted before our meeting).

Our next donut sale is May 24. It was suggested that we put up a sign to show exactly where the profit from these sales is going. We would also like to involve our Jr. ICF members to help out with the donut sales.

Our president, JoAnn, has been moved to an assisted living facility and is making great strides towards a full recovery. She still needs our cards and prayers. Hopefully, she will be with us soon.

Until our next meeting -

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

05/08 – MOTHER’S DAY DINNER/ GENERAL MEETING

05/18 – BOARD MEETING

Our May 8th Dinner and General Meeting will be hosted by Gerry and Don Hughes with a Mother’s Day theme. After all everyone has or had a Mother at one time or another. Let’s celebrate. Mary Schmidt will decorate the tables and we thank all – Gerry, Don and Mary for their love and dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation. The menu will be a surprise. I am sure we will love it.

Congratulations to St Denis Branch and our great chairperson, Barbara Northem with her husband Randy who did an awesome event with the Holy Cannoli’s. It was a success. Thank you to all who sold, bought worked, donated to make it happen. Grazie!

We also extend to Bea Yary our congratulations too for the Arts and Craft Faire. She too was awesome and it was a great event. Thank you, Bea and all who extended their spirit of ICF.

The Board Meeting will be on May 18th at the church- More details later in the Newsletter.

God Bless,

President

Roxanne Perry

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

March and April were very busy months. We had our St Joseph Table March 8, with a very impressive response from the church members and the community.Many members joined St Bede’s in La Canada for their St Joseph table ar awards dinner nd dinner provided by Fr Antonio (mama’s sauce recipe). April we all celebrated Easter We joined the parish in a fundraiser at Quake Stadium for a baseball game. Spring is here.

May is the church Fiesta on Mother’s Day weekend. All the members will help either in the pizza booth or other foo and game booths. This is the biggest fundraiser for the church and



everyone looks foward to the weekend of fun.

At our future meetings we will have open house for the parish with a Mexican theme dinner in May, June will be our awards and donation dinner and in July we will have and all American dinner.

Please keep all our soldiers serving all over the world, sick and deseased.

Andre Linn

Corr. Sect.

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

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

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Also, just a reminder that our Pancake Breakfast will be on June 7, 2015. Pre-sale tickets will take place in May. The price for those age 13 and up is \$6.00 per person; those age 4 to 12 is \$3.00 per person; and those 3 and under are free. Please support your branch and help make this a successful fundraiser.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Anne Dandrea, Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Herminia Saez, Pat and Frank Buccola, Pete Costa, and Ann Primising. 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 (63 years).

“I love to walk in springtime along a flowered lane, especially when God has sent a soft and gentle rain. The air is so refreshing as the breezes softly play, all the cares I had before with them are blown away. My heart is singing once again just like the birds on high; the sun’s come out and now appears a rainbow in the sky... Though miles and miles away, I see its beauty and each hue... And know it holds God’s promise of His faithful love so true. (Lou Ella Cullipher)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our Branch had a very exciting month of March. We celebrated our 29th Annual St. Joseph’s Day! We had an exciting line up of food and entertainment throughout the night. Our bake sale team headed up by Marie Chadowski was a great success. Our members sent in many Italian specialties to the bake sale that we all look forward to every year. Della and Gino Spinelli once again made their fabulous cannoli which is always a very big seller!

Our kitchen crew lead by Lindo Palliani made a pasta and sausage dinner which was Super Delicious! The night was filled with raffle prizes



Branch 380 members celebrated their 29th Annual St. Joseph’s Day.



galore and new this year was the silent auction with great gifts baskets, and fun things to bid on! Our youth officers participated throughout the night. Many thanks to all who contributed their help to make this night a success. We are looking forward to having a really great 30th St. Joseph’s Day Celebration next year, so please get involved to help make it a fun and great night!

Our branch had many had several members who participated in the Gifts of Love Committee this month. In total we awarded over \$17,000 in grants to people in great need. Donations made to Gifts of Love go directly to those in need. Anyone who would like to participate in the Gifts of Love Committee in the future, or if you know of someone who is disable and in need of some financial assistance, please contact Pat Mages.

We look forward to seeing all of our ICF Members at our next meeting.

Ciao!

Jean Fontana Bridges

Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

Santa Cruz

N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

Spring is upon us and the much loved month of May is here; in the words of Edwin Way Teale: “The world’s favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.” Branch 21 is celebrating all things possible on Friday, the

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Nancy Ausonio, Susan Seeno, Vera Doris, Greg (their exchange student from Austria), Linda Ausonio and Gino Ausonio serving at Branch 51's Annual Polenta Dinner.

15th of May, when we will have our Spring Event. The theme will be a Hawaiian luau; so wear your grass skirt and bring your appetite. For information and reservations, please call Roseann Costabile or Madeline Crews.

St. Joseph's Day Dinner on March 22nd was well attended and lots of fun. The raffle baskets were amazing as was the baked goods table. Thank you all who helped with the beautiful décor of the Hall, the delicious spaghetti and meatballs dinner, and the contributions of raffle prizes, flowers, and baked goods. Everyone worked so hard and we truly appreciate your support.

We will be having more fun events coming up. In the meantime, there are the Branch 21 monthly meetings. The food is yummy, the company is inspiring, the goals are lofty. In other words, we have a good time. We meet at 5pm at Holy Cross Hall the first Tuesday of each month, except for June when our meeting will be on June 16th. We hope to see you there.

In closing, it is with sadness that we offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of Joe Novo, Devi Belli, and Richard Locatelli each of whom have gone to meet our Lord. They will be missed. In Luke 23:43, Christ said, "Truly, I say unto you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

Once again, the Lenten Fish Dinners were a big success. Proceeds from those dinners will be split between Sacred Heart and Madonna del Sasso. Our council was well represented in preparing and serving the meals. Thanks to all who helped including Don Stoffey, Rita Dominy, Joanne and Ralph Cristofano, Rosa Rossi, and Thelma and

Roy Frontani. My apologies if I missed anyone.

If you haven't yet bought raffle tickets for the convention, they will be available from any ICF officer. You can purchase a book for \$20 or a single ticket for \$2.

We have received letters of appreciation for donations made by our branch to Martha's Helpers and Dorothy's Kitchen, and also to Sacred Heart for donating a basket for St Patrick's Day Dance.

Mark your calendar for our annual Polenta Luncheon scheduled for November 4th, with preparation on the 3rd. It is a community favorite and a chance to enjoy a good meal while meeting old friends. We will need help in preparing and serving, so please consider volunteering.

Got this from my niece: "Finally my winter fat is gone, now I have spring rolls."

Dates to remember:

June 6, 2015 - District Meeting at Paso Robles

July 24, 2015 - Golf Tournament, Central Council - Monterey Cathedral Hall

August 2, 2015 - District Picnic at J&M Ranch

2nd Tuesday of every month - ICF Meeting, KofC Hall, 270 Rianda Circle, Noon.

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Lenten dinners are over and we had record crowds each week and so much camaraderie, it was like being at a huge party of happy people. We appreciate all who came to support our dinners, special thanks to all who came from Central Council, they travel long distances to attend and we love seeing them. What makes our dinners work (or anything we have) is our



Br. 291 recently initiated several new members. Pictured here L-R (back row): Chris & Elizabeth Giannini, Zorka Draeger, President Pete Gallagher, Karen & David Beaudin. Front row: Vincent Giannini (held by mom), Ava Marie Giannini, Thomas Beaudin, Sarah Beaudin and Kimberly Beaudin. Not pictured: Nico Giannini

volunteers, they are the best and the backbone of Branch 36, they all work together like clockwork, know what to do and they do it.

We also helped St. Joseph Society with their Thirty-Third Annual St. Joseph Day Celebration

Dinner-Dance. First, benediction at San Carlos Cathedral with Father Peter Crivello, the Holy Family was: St. Joseph - Eli Bettencourt, Mary - Alessia Torrente, Baby Jesus - Marco Torrente. After church everyone came to San Carlos Parish Hall for a fantastic dinner and dancing. Mary Manuguerra, Beatrice Bonanno, and their committee always do a beautiful St. Joseph Celebration each year to make it very special, and it is.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 7 is our 83rd Anniversary/Initiation of New Members/Scholarship Recipients-Dinner, This dinner is free to all paid up members, new members, and scholarship recipients, all others pay \$15.00 p/p. Telephone ladies/men will contact you regarding the menu, count, and if you are bringing guests.

We have lost another two wonderful members, Vince Belleci and Joe Pironi. Our deepest sympathy to their families. Vince's wife Pansy and family and Joe's wife Vitina and family, they will be missed.

Next month, June, we will have pictures of our scholarship recipients and their names.

Happy Mother's Day to every mother, you are so deserving and special, and no one can ever replace you. Enjoy your day!

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51

Happy Mother's Day!

The showers we had this past week were most welcomed and we are praying for more.

In March we had our St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. As always the food was delicious. At the general meeting that followed, Ashley Stefani gave us all the details of our March 1st fundraiser. The fundraiser was a huge success and I really give a lot of credit to the younger members and their friends that made it a fun filled day, (Ashley, Brian, Gregory, Nathan, Laura, Kevin, Greg (our exchange student from Austria), Gino and Zach....Thank you so much).

In April we will have our first ever barbeque and general meeting. Since everyone enjoys sharing a meal together we are hoping to have more such events before our general meetings. More of our members are coming forward with their

ideas and input.

Happy Birthday to our members that have May, June or July Birthdays---Nancy Ausonio, Father Pedro, Carrie Holbrook, Eva Mae Sigala, Alice Soliven, Ashley Stefani, Cindy Stefani, Kathy Stefani and Marie Tonus, happy belated birthday to Carl Armento and Frank Rossi.

Our Branch will not be meeting in June and July---see you in August.

And happy Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

A BIG thank-you goes to Ellen Pauly for coordinating our Fish Fry dinners. A total of 1,691 dinners were served over the six weeks. The proceeds benefit the charitable activities we support each year.

Just a reminder to please RSVP your meeting attendance to Mary Harrison each month so we can prepare the appropriate amount of food. Not only will it be a great help to our cooks, it will help with our finances.

Many thanks to John Scurich and his crew for preparing lamb with noodles at the April meeting.

Convention Raffle Tickets are now on sale. Treasurer Jim Smith will have them on hand at the next several meetings.

Vicky Howell is organizing a bus trip to Table Mountain Casino on May 6. Contact her at (831) 345-6374 if you'd like to go along. Cost is \$35 per person. Profits from the trip will go to the Perlino Scholarship Fund.

Another unsung hero in our branch is Bill Hawkins, who is at almost every meeting and event setting up and putting away chairs and tables. Bill works quietly and efficiently and is willing to do whatever is needed. We appreciate you, Bill.

You may have already heard this Jewish proverb, but it's worth repeating:

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."

Happy Mother's Day to all you moms,

Deanna Musler, Secretary

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St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our Branch recently completed another successful Lenten Fish Fry Season, and once again, our ICF family came together to accomplish our goals and to serve the best fish dinners for our community. In addition, we would like to thank our younger members whose presence and enthusiasm certainly added to our overall success of our Fish Fry Program.

Our Registration Assistance Program recently provided 15 eligible students \$200 towards their registration fees at St. Patrick School and Mission College Prep. We are very dedicated to the Catholic education of our youngest members, and all net proceeds from our Fall Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers support this worthwhile program.

We recently initiated several new members to our Branch: Zorka Draeger, the Beaudin family and the Giannini family. Congratulations and welcome to ICF Branch 291!

Our Branch is looking forward to co-hosting the next Central Coast District Meeting in Paso Robles with Branch 354. Please join us on Saturday, June 6th in Paso Robles for the informative meeting and a delicious lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, baked beans and dessert!

Please continue to keep in prayer our ICF members and their families who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Congratulations to our Priests, Father Marc and Father Roberto, who are so dedicated and hard working in our Parish. Father Marc is seen almost everywhere, even saying Mass at the Convalescent home and coming to our ICF meetings. Father Roberto is on a six-month sabbatical in Europe. He even said Mass in Nazareth. Thank you so much for being here for us.

We had a wonderful initiation of our new members, and we welcomed a new member, Jackie Beato. She has always been very active here at St. Rose of Lima. She worked years ago with her husband at the Pasta dinners, and she is very busy with the Catholic Active Group.

Federico, a new member, suggested we invite other ICF members who have lost their branches. Perhaps we might get them to join us. The invitation is open. A good idea.

We will have a Mass for James Brescia’s grandmother. He and his family have been long time members. Our members will meet again in June for a Mass followed with a breakfast at the local Grange. We always enjoy this social and spiritual affair.

Our first district meeting with be in Santa Cruz, April 19. A luncheon will follow.

A short note this month, however, another congratulations to the second anniversary, March 13, of our Pope Francis.

Get well to all our sick friends.

Evelyn Gandara for Theresa Sollazzo

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Hopefully you had Blessed Easter and that our renewed faith remains with us throughout the year.

Thank you to all who attended Bishop’s Day at St. Isidore’s. Our support of the future priests of the diocese is necessary for the future of our parishes.

We would like to say Bon Voyage to our members who are sailing off to Alaska on the Golden Princess in late May and to those joining them from Sam Francisco. Can we expect a full report???

Day at the Races will be June 4th, beginning at 11 A.M., tickets are \$40.00 and only 40 are available. Deadline is May 18th, this is always a sell out, so sign up ASAP.

The Central Council will hold a Night for the Seminarians, in Los Gatos on June 6th. This event supports the Proidenza fund which funds the education of our future priests.

Our District Communion will be held on June 20th at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley beginning with the 5 P.M. Mass. A light dinner will be served in Stack Center following the Mass. Although this event is free, a head count from each branch is required, please forward your head count to Karen Rossi by June 10th.

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, godmothers and grandmothers, and greats! God Bless and love you all.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We will celebrate our 89th anniversary as a branch on Saturday evening, May 16, with a pork and risotto dinner in Monsignor O’Brien Hall in Alameda. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. , and dinner will be served as 7:00. Ben Ratto will prepare the meal, and regulars Peggy and Ken Dorrance will operate the bar. The program will include accordion playing by Leonard Rossi during the social hour, and the Ramos brothers will provide dance music following dinner. Prices are \$10.00 for guests 12 years of age and younger and \$35.00 for all others. For reservations and additional information, please contact first vice-president Gina Foster, gfoster@csdo.org or (510) 995-8141.

Monsignor O’Brien Hall is named for the late Rev. Patrick O’Brien, a longtime pastor of Saint Philip Neri Church, and is located at High and Van Buren Streets, about one mile west of the High Street exit from Interstate 880 in Oakland. On-site parking is available in the lot adjacent to the hall.

We have scheduled our annual bocce and barbeque for Thursday evening, July 9, in Lincoln Park. The event will be held in conjunction with the July meeting of Branch 10. Bocce will be played on the park courts, which be reserved for the event. District Council President Patricia (“Pat”) Pasquinelli, a former Branch 10 president, will serve as chef for the meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. Lincoln Park is located at the intersection of High Street and Santa Clara Avenue in Alameda, about one-and-one half well-lighted blocks from Saint Philip Neri Church. Limited parking within the park is accessible from the Fernside Boulevard (southern) entrance to the park. Parking is also available on nearly street and in the Saint Philip Neri lot. Details regarding times, prices, reservations and additional information will follow in the June Bollettino.

We are also considering a bunco party for Saturday afternoon, June 27, in a location still to be determined. Proceeds would benefit Birthright, a Branch 10 charity headquartered in the close-by city of San Leandro. We will provide details in the June Bollettino if we are able to proceed with this new Branch 10 fundraiser.

You might have noticed in the article “Calendar Sales Results” in the March Bollettino that, with 66 calendars sold, Branch 10 finished second in its membership category. We thank Sheila Doan for her yearly efforts with this ICF fundraiser.

We were very busy with activities, both social

and religious, during the month of March. We welcomed a total of 84 guests for the Irish Social on Saturday, March 14. A few days later, on Thursday, March 19, we marked the feast day with our annual Saint Joseph’s Day Table with Mass and dinner. The latter raised over \$600.00, which was divided equally between the Saint Vincent de Paul dining room in Oakland and the national organization Food for the Poor. On the next day, Friday, March 20, we concluded our weekly Lenten Fish Fry’s, which followed Stations of the Cross in Saint Philip Neri Church.

We look forward to members and friends of all branches joining us for our anniversary dinner and for our summertime activities.

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Mothers Day. Wishing you all a beautiful day with your families. An invitaion goes out to all of our members to join us at our monthly meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6PM in the cafeteria at Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments are served following the meetings.

Upcoming:

May 10 -- Mothers Day

May 19 -- Monthly meeting 6PM

May 25 -- Memorial Day

August 9 -- Branch 40 Anniversary Dinner

Happy Birthday to Thomas Poggii. God Bless you. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing of our branch.

Thought: You can never do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ciao,

M.A. Francis

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our May meeting will be a pot luck on May 22, 6 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pleasanton. Since the 42nd

Anniversary of Branch 285 is approaching (June 3rd), we will celebrate by providing cake and champagne for dessert! Let’s all come and toast our branch!

The Primavera Dinner Dance which is usually held the first Saturday in May, has been postponed until Saturday, June 13, pending the completion of necessary repairs to St. Michael’s Hall. If repairs are not done in time, the branch will plan an event in October. Stay tuned !!

The “Bocce Bunch” is enjoying getting together the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Pleasanton Senior Center courts. The court cost is split among the players. Contact Don at 846-8436, or just show up!



Mary Merucci and Rosalyn Dickie with Branch 285, St. Joseph’s Table. Food was delivered to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks to all who donated.

Some of our members are going to hear the “Swinging Blue Stars,” Sunday, May 24, 2 p.m., at the Firehouse in Pleasanton. If you would like to join them, contact Pauline at 447-4564. Tickets are \$25.00.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day this month, we are grateful for all our mothers did to nurture us and help us be the people we are today. We especially remember Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, and the love and example she brings to us all. Let us thank God for these blessings.

And, as Memorial Day approaches, we thank all our veterans who have served our country; especially those who gave their lives and those whose lives will never be the same because of injuries. God bless them and their families for their sacrifices.

Ciao,

Mary Merucci

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

A Blessed and Happy Easter past to all. May the joy of the Risen Lord remain with you.

Pres. Karen Rossi was pleased to announce that we had placed 2nd in calendar sales for branches of our size. Thank you and keep up the good work. Let’s use those super sales skills to sell convention raffle tickets. Remember this is a money maker, 1/2 of the money stays with the branch. Plus the more we sell the better the chance of winning. We did have a \$1000.00 winner last year!

Here’s to the success of our 36th anniversary dinner dance on April 25th.

Our May meeting, May 14th, will begin a bit early, with a rosary being recited at 5:30 P.M. followed by a Mexican dinner. We will be making a decision on the number of 8th grade scholarships to award. This is also the meeting where delegates to the upcoming convention are elected.

Sailing the bounding main to Alaska on May 22nd, are an adventurous group from our branch. Bon Voyage! Pictures for the convention book????

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Members of Crockett, Branch 14 who helped set up and decorated for the Corned Beef Dinner.



Head cook, Jim Thomas and his other cooks helping out at the Corned Beef Dinner in Crockett, Branch 14. Great job.



Special group of ladies peeling carrots for the Corned Beef Dinner at Crockett, Branch 14.

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

So glad we celebrate Mother's and Father's Day at ICF. Whether we are parents ourselves and/or celebrate our own mothers and fathers, they are days that are rightfully set aside to honor those who chose to give us life.

Is there a time more fitting to attend mass than when parents are honored? I think not. Please attend 5:30 mass on Tuesday, May 12, prior to our 6:30 dinner and 7:30 meeting. A Mexican Enchilada dinner, prepared by Italian Chef David Botta and his trusted crew, is free to all members.

A well-deserved standing ovation to Jim and Kathleen Thomas for their successful 39th (!) Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. They are quick to thank the many ICF members who help make this a popular, profitable fundraiser.

Thanks to Lena McCrossen for sending get well cards to Mike Bowman, Marcy Morales, Joe Noe, Mike Radcliff and Diane Thomas. It's always nice to know someone is thinking of you. We extend heartfelt sympathies to the family of Laverne Marinell, on the passing of her daughter.

We will forego our May Bingo and Hot Dog Night as "Number Caller Extraordinaire" Pat Botta and her friend and cohort, Sylvia Smith, will be flying off to China to visit Nancy Botta, who has been teaching in China for just under a year. We can't wait to hear Nancy's stories...at least the ones she chooses to share!

Happy Mother's Day wishes to all women whose kindness and love brightens the lives of others, and Happy Father's Day to all men whose May this special day be filled with many blessings.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Our April 12 meeting was held after lunch at the New Mecca in Pittsburg. Everyone had a great time.

Now we move forward to May. We do not have a meeting in May but watch for a notice with a date for a get together.

Upcoming:

Saturday June 6- A night for the Seminarians dinner dance hosted by the Central Council in Los Gatos. Call Patty at 925-228-0810 for details and tickets.

Sunday June 14- Meeting and Membership appreciation potluck and raffle at 2: PM.

Thursday June 25--District Meeting in Danville at S.I. conference room at 7: 30 PM.

The Contra Costa district is hosting a fun filled event on Saturday August 22. It will include a Oakland A's baseball game, pizza tailgate party and a post game fireworks show. All for 30.00 per person. Tickets are going fast. Call Roselynn at 925-957-0269 for your ticket.

Joann will have two fall bus trips. We will go to the Santa Rosalia festival in Monterey on Sunday Sept. 13. We will also go to Reno for the Italian festival on Sunday/Monday Oct. 11/12. Watch for newsletter in the mail with all the details.

I am happy to report that member Donna Stone has recovered from some recent illnesses.

Get well wishes go out to Roselynn Jarrett as she recovers from a tummy tuck operation.

A very happy Mothers day to all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers. Let's not forget our Mom's who we miss so much. Say a Rosary to our blessed Mother. The Rosary is very powerful.

Sempre Avanti,

Patty Jarrett

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The Polenta Dinner held on April 18th was a big success. This is a fundraiser held twice a year to fund our scholarship winners. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful event: Toni Reeder, Walter Costa, Alicia Trevino, Julian Acuña, Dee Yonke, Beth Reidorf, Carmen Avila and the Martinucci Family. Please forgive me if I have left anyone out.

It is not too early to start thinking about the next Polenta dinner which will be October 23, 2015, more to come later on that event.

The April 13th meeting was honoring past presidents of the St. Raymond's branch. Risotto and Salad was served and prepared by Toni Reeder and Walter Costa. Thank you to Barbara

and Terry Pipkin for setting up the tables and to Carole Jobe for always bringing us such wonderful desserts.

The next meeting is May 11th celebrating Mother and Father's day, Mass will be followed with an Enchilada Dinner.

It is not too early to start thinking about the ICF convention, held in Los Vegas, NV, Sept 4th to the 7th.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

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We had an ICF Hospitality & Membership drive at St. Agnes Church, last month. We are hoping to expand our membership. It is slated to have drives at our other 3 churches this year. April also included a Ravioli lunch with Guest Speakers: Laurice Levine for Cooleys Anemia and another Guest Kristi Ouimet, a mom who spoke of her young son who has Primary Hyperoxaluria, Type 1. This illness sent him into kidney failure and 2 years of dialysis. Little Matthew is now in remission. Always Keeping Children in our Prayers.

We have our Annual Tea date set for May 30. This is a sell-out every year; so get your tickets soon. contact: Franca Schepis (925) 682-5499 or Christina Artale (925) 827-3717.

Keeping all our members in Our Prayers especially Lillian & John Whalen; we ask the Lord for their healing.

Wishing all Mother's a Very Happy Mother's Day!

Christina

Correspondence Secretary

Danville

San Isidore, Br. 352

The Danville Branch has definitely been busy! Bishop's Day was hosted on March 1st at St. Isadore Parish, which included the Contra Costa & East Bay Councils (Oakland Diocese). What an event! The members had a chance to meet the Bishop and the sold-out crowd really enjoyed the catered dinner, which earned rave reviews. Many thanks to the members who pitched in to make that evening such a huge success! The Bishop returned to visit the following weekend of March 7-8th to meet/greet parishioners and the ICF hosted the reception after the Sunday morning Mass. Next was our March 16th dinner meeting, just in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Chef Angelo whipped up the best corned beef and cabbage west of the Mississippi - which was much appreciated! We also received a very educational update on Thalassemia research, by



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Contra Costa District Council

Our next District meeting will be on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 P.M. in the Saint Isidore Church main conference room. Our District President would like to have all the delegates attend the District meetings in order to have good Branch representation.

"A Night for the Seminarians" hosted by Los Gatos Branch 184 will take place on Saturday, June 6 starting at 5:00 P.M. in the Saint Mary's Church Hall located at 219 Bean Ave. in Los Gatos. Reservation deadline is May 22, so please contact the ICF office if you would like to attend.

On Saturday, August 22nd the Oakland Athletics will defeat the Tampa Bay Rays in a baseball game in Oakland. It will be "Fireworks Night" and the Contra Costa District is hosting "ICF Contra Costa District Night at the A's Game" The \$30.00 donation includes a pizza tailgate party before the game and the postgame fireworks. Please contact Roselynn Jarrett at angels8199@aol.com for more information.

In closing, here is an old saying "Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."

Joseph



Members of Branch 442 planted a flower garden in front of the parish house.

Laurice Levine, which is always insightful - and a good reminder of why we continue to raise funds for this worthy cause. The April dinner meeting found the Branch hard at work, already planning our major fundraiser, to be held on Saturday, May 2nd. Our “Festa Primavera” features our famous pasta & chicken dinner, raffle prizes, entertainment - and a full night of fun for the entire family. All are invited. The committee is looking forward to knocking this one right “out of the park!”

Ciao,

Marianne Bordogna

Recording Secretary

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all. We rolled the dice for our first ever St. Joseph’s Table held on a Saturday. Not surprisingly, it was a huge success. A large percentage of members were in attendance. Also gracing us with their presence were Fr. Jerry, Fr. Joseph and Seminarian Erick Villa. Great food was in abundance: plenty of hot dishes, salads and desserts. Deacon John did the Blessing. A wonderful Blessed evening.

Looking ahead, the April meeting will be held at Mountain Mike’s Pizza. Coming up on the first Sunday in May (the 3rd) will be the Parish Pancake Breakfast. Once again Deacon John will be looking for help. Any and all are welcome to support this effort.

June will be here shortly and that is the time for our annual College Scholarship Winner’s Presentation Dinner. This year the dinner will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The applications for the scholarships have been available to the high school seniors and we are looking forward to receiving them. The highlight of the whole effort is reviewing the applications and selecting the winners. “After reviewing the applications and selecting the winners, you get a real sense of what today’s youths are all about. They’re not all about what you see or hear in the media” commented Branch President, Gino Simonetti.

Get out and be active. It doesn’t matter how much or how little, it’s all good.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

Thanks to branch members Judie Van Maren, Matt Dallara, Janet Sullivan, Pam DeBernardi, Nancy Santos and Judi Dallara for their work planting the flower garden in front of the parish house. Stop by and take a look at the beautiful display contributed by our branch at the request of our pastor and chaplain, Father Paulson.

Branch members also pitched in on April 11 to prepare and serve lunch to families staying at the parish as part of the Winter Nights program. Volunteers gathered at President Paul Nuti’s home on a Saturday morning to prepare the meals consisting of sandwiches and a variety of salads. This was the latest example of the work our active branch continues to perform in support of parish ministries.

The branch once again will be hosting the Salami Toss booth at the Parish Festival from May 22-24. We will be looking for volunteers to help staff the always popular booth over the three days; stay tuned for more details via email or contact Matt and Judi Dallara to sign up at 899-2224.

Know of a family member, friend or fellow parishioner who is interested in joining our branch? Please call our new membership chairperson, Second Vice President Diana Mackinson, at 335-9712, or email icfpleasanthill@aol.com. Membership applications are available at www.icf.org and are on hand at each branch meeting.

Our next branch meeting is Sunday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Details to follow via evite and email.

Ciao!

Craig Lazzeretti

Orange Huntington Beach St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

Our branch held its annual St. Joseph’s Table on Sunday, March 15th. Father Joseph Knerr blessed the table at 7:30 a.m., overseen by the St. Joseph’s statue carried from the church to the hall. We opened to the public at 8:00 a.m., selling meatball sandwiches; sausage with grilled pepper and onion sandwiches; and cannoli; along with baked goods, lemons and even plants. Our members the Ruiz Family provided delicious cakes and bread crosses from their bakery Chelos Panaderia in Huntington



Members of Branch 379 gather after the blessing of the St. Joseph’s Table: (from left to right) Greg Geraci, Karen Paz, Connie Meinke, Viva Palumbo, Jane Calister, Fr. Joe Knerr, Fabiola Di Paolo.



Br 379 Greeters: from left to right: Joan Furtsch, Marisa Babin, Viva Palumbo, and Peter Shores at the Br. 379 St. Joseph’s Table.



Fr. Joe Knerr of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Huntington Beach blesses the St. Joseph’s Day Table.

Beach. We were so successful that we sold out of sandwiches and cannoli by the noon mass!

The branch helped the Donut Ministry with coffee and donuts after the morning masses on Sunday, March 29.

On March 28th, our branch suffered the loss of our dear member Fabiola Cristina Di Paolo, 1928-2015. Fabiola was a member since 1988, serving as Secretary, Branch President, District Officer and Central Council Member. She was responsible for recruiting many of our members over the years, and especially chairing our Pasta Dinner and St. Joseph’s Table events. To many in our parish of St. Bonaventure, Fabiola was the face of the Italian Catholic Federation. She will be missed, but we will have remembrances in the red, white and green aprons she made for members, the red and white checked tablecloths she searched for and purchased on sale, and the many traditions she helped keep alive in our branch. We offer our condolences to her daughters Maria Di Paolo (Br. 379) and Ann-Marie McCarthy (Br. 210) and great-grandchildren Joseph and Jacob, as well as the rest of her family.

Ciao,

Karen Paz



Fabiola Di Paolo at the Silverado Days Pizza Booth with Greg Geraci (middle) and Mike Geraci, wearing the aprons made by Fabiola. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Reno Reno St. Albert, Br. 135

On a warm and pleasant Sunday evening on Sunday, April 12 at St. Albert’s Hall, 29 members and guests enjoyed a dinner of baked chicken, with pasta and meat sauce and Strawberry shortcake prepared and served by Nancy and Nolan Cantrell, Charlyne Pacini. Appetizers were brought by Vonnice Ramos. Many thanks for the delicious food and dedicated service.

Ill members were Nolan Cantrell, who had a bad fall earlier in the week and Vonnice Ramos who went home before the meeting because she had lost her voice. We pray for God’s healing touch for these members.

The Branch received a letter thanking the branch for the \$300.00 donation towards the Diocese sponsored TV Mass. The Convention Raffle tickets are now available from Joyce Kowatch or Elle Snellgrove for a donation of \$20.00 for a book of 12. President Carolyn Smith gave the dates for the remaining year’s activities, the picnic will be on September 20 at Idlewild Park, the annual Polenta Dinner on November 7 and the November meeting will be November 15.

At the March meeting it was discussed and voted on to increase the dinner prices from \$8.00 to \$10.00.

The Heritage report, read by Secretary Charlyne Pacini and prepared by Vonnice Ramos, was about St. Mark, whose feast day is April 25. He wrote the Gospel sometime before the year 60 AD, and he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition ascribes to him the founding of the church in Alexandria.

Our next meeting will be May 17. President Carolyn Smith wished all Mothers a Happy Mother’s Day.

Ciao,

Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

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St. Mary, Br. 45

St. Mary’s Branch 45 reached a milestone in April of 2015; we had a birthday! Branch #45, born in April 28, 1935, celebrated its EIGHTIETH year! Some interesting 1935 happenings: For Sacramento, 1935 brought the completion of the Tower Bridge; the bridge was built by the WPA, a work program created in the depression. It was the year Elvis Presley and Woody Allen were born and gas was only 10 cents a gallon!

We’re hoping you will help us to continue celebrating by attending our May event! We invite you to our Monte Carlo Games and Pasta Dinner to be held in Giovanni Hall on May 17th at 4PM. “CASINO 45” will feature a variety of games, Blackjack, Texas Hold’em, Bingo, Bunco and Roulette with a cache of valuable prizes for the winners. The games will be followed by a delicious pasta dinner serving pasta with meat sauce and pesto sauce, salad, bread and dessert. Total cost for the FUN and the FOOD is \$20.00. Reservations by May 11, 2015; call Janine 916-508-1199.

This year our ICF branch is proudly offering a \$500 scholarship to a qualified 8th grade student. The scholarship, offered in memory of Leda Pasquini, is sponsored by Lee and Shirley (Pasquini) Bennett. Thank you to the Bennetts for their generosity.

Buon Compleanno to John Waldron, Jacqueline Orosbush, Fern James, Tina Tallman and Ottavio Luchini. Blessings and good wishes to our friends born in May.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Ciao!

Mary

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

When the list of branch officers was prepared, one name was omitted, that of Fred Terrio, financial secretary. Our apologies to Fred for the omission.

At the March meeting, the members present voted to approve a \$500.00 scholarship to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will be attending a Catholic high school in the fall. The school will decide who the recipients will be.

Auguri di ogni bene a tutte le madri della Sezione 73 nell’ occasione della loro giornata speciale, il 10 Maggio. Buon compleanno a tutti

I soci della sezione nati nel mese di gaggio, ed anche tante belle cose.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all those who helped to make our Easter Hospitality Sunday such a great success. We are very grateful to all those who donated their time and donated baked goods. Everyone at St. Theresa’s was extremely pleased with the outcome of the event and we may have even picked up a few new members.

We hope to see many of you at our first Spring Luncheon which will be held at the Elk’s Lodge in Auburn on Saturday, May 16th. We will be served a wonderful spring salad buffet and yummy dessert . There will be a great raffle and a fantastic speaker from Seniors First. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling MaryAnn (916-759-8466) or Pam (530-913-2041). We need as many of you as possible to attend in order to make this event a great success.

We also hope you will be able to attend our annual Appreciation Dinner which will be held on June 7th at St. Joseph’s Hall. This will be an evening to honor our scholarship winners as well as members who have served our branch. More info will be in the next Bolletino.

Please continue to keep our ill members in your prayers. Thank you.

Pam Andersen

Bolletino Contributor

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

A big thank you to all the volunteers for making the fish fry and all the members that baked all the delicious goodies for the St. Joseph Table a big success. All the proceeds from the fish fry went to St. Clare Lenten Charity. And the proceeds from the St. Joseph table went to St. Vincent De Paul Society. I would like to thank Susan and Natalie for helping me with the St. Joseph table. Keep up the good work everyone. This is what makes this branch so successful.

Please remember all our sick members in your prayers. Our President Joe Fisher , Erlinda Rael, Angela Sullivan, Millie Casarino, Theresa and David Brill, John Rizza and Joe Wagner.

Upcoming Events: May 15th. Cinco De Mayo dinner at 6:30 Meeting following dinner.

We will be making spring baskets for the Chemo Patients at Roseville Kaiser Hospital.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Wow here it is April already and the “New Year “ is one forth gone! Easter is past already, I filed my taxes before the dead line, and Memorial Day is fast coming up. We celebrated Saint Joseph Day with Branch 217 in Redlands. They had a Lasagna dinner including Homemade Cannoli’s. Their Guest Speaker was Bradley James who worked with Saint (Mother) Teresa. He was so interesting that my three Grand Children were awed and sat through the whole presentation. (They are ages 9, 8 and 5) . We are going to participate in our Parish Fiesta on the weekend of 18 &19 and hopefully get some new members. On a sad note We lost an active member. Danny Venditti. Dan had Heart surgery before Christmas and fought a good fight but lost the battle on March 20. He was always ready and willing to help set up for our meetings and work in the kitchen. May your soul rest in

peace. We will miss you. Our sympathy goes out to Member Anne Marie McCarthy who lost her mother, Fabiola Di Paolo, Branch 379, on March 27. Fabiola was a Central Council Member for three years. Chuck and Diane Lamon are going to rejoin. They dropped out when they moved to Yorba Linda. We welcome them back. Get well wishes to Ron and Roseann Rovere who have been having one thing or another since they got back from their cruise. We are looking forward to Lenard’s workshop for The Strategic Plan, coming up in Los Angeles this July. Happy Birthday to the April and early May Celebrants.

Ciao!

Jack Grisafe

San Diego

San Diego

St. Theresa, Br. 261

Military service brought some of our members to all parts of the world... One of our members served in Vietnam with Dr. Tom Dooley... The doctor was obsessed with providing food and medicine to the poor... Tom completed his first novel – “Deliver Us from Evil” - while in Vietnam... There is a memorial statue of Tom at Notre Dame University... adjacent to the Grotto...

Another member spent time in Hong Kong with the Military Police... He recalls purchasing Ada Lum dolls from a private home in Kowloon, China... the dolls were recently viewed on E-Bay selling for more than 5X the original price...

We also have a Purple Heart awardee as a member... He was injured in Vietnam...

“Passage to Freedom” was a humanitarian effort by the USA to transport thousands of Christians out of harms way in communist northern Vietnam... The men, women and children were brought south to Saigon... Sailing up the twisting Saigon River is not easily forgotten...

Our Pastor - Father Michael Pham – left Vietnam with his family as part of the “Boat People”... His family ultimately settled in San Diego where he attended San Diego State University... Father Michael’s experiences provided excellent training for his being a loved pastor. His homilies are from a warm and caring heart...

Vic Tallarida

Br. 261 San Diego CA

San Francisco

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District Council

We were delighted to welcome CC members Dante Galeazzi and Andy Papani to our April meeting. It was also a pleasure to see Mrs. Papani. We had an extensive discussion about training meetings at the District level. San Francisco is looking forward to attending such a meeting in the near future. Thank you Andy and Dante for all the information. Thanks also to Mario and Illonka Quevedo for providing the yummy dessert from Branch 290. Our next meeting will be on October 8th, at 6 P.M.

Ann Basuino

San Francisco

Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note these upcoming events:

May 6 -- Mother’s and Father’s Spuatino 6:30pm, Cost \$15.00. Chairperson Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a raffle prize.

Happy Spring !

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our March meeting was short and quick! Cosmo and I had another commitment at Cosmo’s men’s club at 4:00 pm in San Bruno. We had never done this before, so our ICF meeting just seemed to fly by: no Chit Chat, no Bingo, and no Nothing! We did manage to get all our branch business in, and we did honor St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, told us stories about St. Patrick. His parents, she said, were Roman; therefore Patrizio was really an Italian! Maria also told us the story when the people in Sicily were in a drought and they prayed to St. Joseph for help. It’s wonderful to hear these stories! In keeping with our theme of the day, Maria gave each one of us one large chocolate Leprechaun, 3 \$1.00 gold pieces (See’s), and 3 Three Leaf Clovers. Maria thanks you from all of us! When we got home that night, after a very long day, exhausted, I sat down, ate my chocolate Leprechaun (yum), and went to bed!

Our branch #38 will be having our next monthly meeting on April 18. We are just starting our “No Bake Sale” fundraiser. All the money we raise will be used for the annual ICF Scholarship Program. We hope that a large percentage of our members will participate and be as generous as you can. This is Br. #38 only fundraiser that benefits only our branch. This year we will sponsor one student. The \$400.00 scholarship goes to a deserving student. College tuition is extremely costly, so every dollar helps!

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Br. 290 celebrated Louise Oneto's 90th birthday in March.



Please do your best to support our Scholarship Program. Last year we did pretty well...thanks!

At this April meeting we will be celebrating the start of our beloved “Giants Baseball” season. Dora Varrachi as usual will be decorating the PC and our luncheon menu will consist of strictly Baseball food...Hot Dogs, potato salad, Peanuts, and Cracker Jacks too, plus more surprises. Come ready to sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game!”

We will also be celebrating a very special birthday to Norma Tealdi who will be 99 years young on April 20. Norma is a very active and dear member of our branch. Dear friend, our members all wish you a very Happy Birthday, and we pray for your continued good health. We all love you!

Our branch also has some very sad news to report. Our dear and active 43 year member Ines Massetani died on March 18. She attended every meeting she was able to. We are going to miss her very much. I’m sure she’ll start an extension of Br. #38 in heaven!

“Non Ti Scordar Di Me” was her favorite song played at her funeral! Ciao Ines!

In May we will be celebrating Mothers’ Day...to all the wonderful ICF Mothers, Grand-mothers, and Aunts may God keep you (us) healthy, happy, and active members!

May 16 meeting: (3rd Saturday) 11:30 am Regular Monthly meeting in the PC.

Ci Vediamo! Ciao!

Mara Amato

San Francisco Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Dear members,

Spring has arrived along with summer soon to follow. We have a general meeting in May and then summer vacation with no meetings. Remember to check your mailbox for meeting and dinner notices.

We will be trying a new system for dinner meetings. You will not need to make reservations

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for the next dinner meeting. We will order dinner for 35-40 (our usual attendance) and judge how this works. This will simplify the problem of reservations for those who reserve and those who do not.

Regretfully, Eleanor Pieretti has resigned from her post as Sunshine Chair and Diana Bacigalupi has offered to assume that responsibility. Please call Diana (415/731-2537) to report any member who is ill, is hospitalized, or has suffered as loss. We thank Eleanor for her service to the members in this important role.

When President George is unable to attend a meeting or is delayed from attending, Liana Figone has offered temporarily to run the meeting in his absence.

Please remember to pray for our ill members--and rain during this drought! Happy Mother’s Day to all!

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

May 18th to 20th: We are planning a trip to Eureka--Bear River Casino Hotel. If interested, call Florence Mangion @ 1-415-468-1764.

Mary and I attended the 91st Anniversary dinner of Oakland’s Br. 91, St. Lawrence on March 29th. We had a delicious Chicken dinner. It was a very enjoyable evening. Our niece Jo Ann Maggiora Donovan picked us up and brought us home. Grazie Jo Ann.we hope our members and their families enjoyed a Buona Pasquale.

Birthdays: Rose Moisant, April 11th; Isola Deodati, Aprl 20th; Maria Serrato, April 21st; Barbara Bottarini. April 23rd; Gloria Ashbrook, May 1st; Tony Sammut, May 8th, Beatrice Bertana, May 26th. We wish you many more yeas of Happiness and good health.

Our Champagne Bingo on April 19th was another was another huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped make this another great day!

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

We are very happy that Dolores Crespi is doing great after her surgery. We have missed you at our meetings. Hurry back!

Remember these dates:

May 4th: Officer’s Meeting

May 24th: Mass

May 25th: Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Friends,

Branch 290 celebrated Louise Oneto’s 90th birthday at our March meeting with a lovely

cake and birthday greetings. May Louise enjoy continued good health and many more happy birthdays.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21st, at 12:00 noon. A pot luck lunch will precede the meeting.

Save the date of June 6th!!! This is the date of our next Champagne-Bingo luncheon. For the price of \$25, those in attendance will enjoy a delicious lunch and will receive a Bingo packet. For reservations, please call Mary Rowe(415) 333-7939 or Joyce Nuti (415) 586-7879. Hope to see you there.

Please continue to pray for all members who are not feeling well.

Happy Mother’s Day to all Branch 290 moms.

Ciao,

Jeannette

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

By the time you receive this issue of the Bolletino, we will have had our garage sale, hopefully successful. Thanks in advance for all of those who will volunteer to donate, work, and shop.

On Sunday, May 17, Our branch will host the family mass and coffee. Please volunteer to help.

May 13th - regular meeting, 6:30, followed by a light meal of finger food, provided by the branch. This is in celebration of Mothers/Fathers day.

June 10th, regular meeting, at 6:30. We will discuss the Convention.

Please pray for our sick members, Leo Juarez, Anna Torrano, Constance Mertes.

God Bless,

Ann Basuino

San Mateo District Council

Salutations! Hoping for warmer days and the sight of lovely May flowers. Will report on Bishop’s Day next month since at this writing it has not occurred.

A reminder: Our next District meeting will be Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, 7:30 p.m. Branch 163, St. Matthew’s, hosting.

Hosts for this year’s events:

2nd Semi-Annual Mass, Branch 7

Chaplain’s Night, Branch 130

Christmas celebration, Branch 173. Dates to be announced later.

Save this Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015, San Mateo District’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. Mass, 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame followed by Dinner at St. Dunstan’s, Millbrae. Cost will be \$25.00. More information later. Help needed! Celilia Tommei and Cory Roberts are working on the Raffle and Silent Auction for this event. They would appreciate Gift Cards, Tickets to Games, Sports Memorabilia and gifts you may have received that you will never use. They can be put in baskets with other items or be a Silent Auction item. Bring to the District meetings.

Note: Father Frank Murray moved to Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903. Send him a card and visit.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Anne O’Brien

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our April meeting was cancelled.

The May dinner meeting will be on the 6th and will be chaired by Gayle & Bill 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 is scheduled for October 24th and will be our 90th anniversary. We will send out more information on this event as time draws near.

Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 6th. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization. Our convention us coming up in September and will be held in Las Vegas this year. We would like to welcome our new members, Jennifer Monge, Bill Ruggeri, Don Cordo and Patty Guglielmetti.

On a sad note, we send our sympathy and prayers to the families of Lois Cordo, Ed Guglielmetti, Olga Ruggeri, Bert Montegani and Caroline Riebeling. May they Rest in Peace.

So, until next time, a little chuckle as we just finished tax time... “Did you ever notice: When you put the two words together ‘The IRS’ together they spell THEIRS”!

Have a great summer!

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masetti

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Hoping all of you had a joyful and prayerful Easter. The beautiful signs of spring are all around us.

St. Patrick’s dinner was really celebrated by the Branch with a delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner. Everything was kept in the theme of the evening by even having a dessert with some green in it. Many thanks to the chef, Joe Ursino and his helpers in the kitchen. Thanks also goes to the hostess, Donna Barnes and the servers who kept everything going. Every one took the spirit of evening with them when they left.

With Spring here it a good time to start to clean out those garages and closets for our 5th Annual Garage sale happening in the near future. Remember one person’s “throw away” maybe someone’s “treasure.”

Branch Schedule:

May 11th:5:30 p.m. - Cocktails

6:30 p.m. – Dinner (Mexican food) – Hosted by Christine Prudenciado.

Reservation(s) to Cheryl Simon by May 5th – (650)755-0878 or e-mail cas94015@yahoo.com.

May 26th: Tentative date for the Baccalaureate Mass/Breakfast for Jefferson High – Hosted by Cheryl Simon.

Auguri di Buona Pasqua

N. Thurman

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Salutations! Hope you enjoyed a glorious Easter! Many thanks to Virginia Fuentes for cooking the delicious Minestrone soup for our March dinner.

Will report on our April Paella dinner and Bishop’s Day next month since at they writing they have not yet occurred.

The District held a very enlightening Night of Recollection. Thanks to the Colma Branch for hosting. Sister Montealto O.P. principal of Holy Angels School gave an inspirational lecture.

Our Branch has donated a \$400 scholarship to



Every year Branches 173 & 403 get together for a Sunday mass, then we go to Brunch. This year Branch 173 hosted the mass at OLA.



Branch 173's Fr. Michael Mahoney enjoying the food the members provided.

be given in memory of our beloved member Anne Guerin.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, May 14, 2015 – Mothers' Day dinner meeting and social at 6 p.m. We will have hamburgers, and the men members will be in charge of the social to honor the mothers. Convention delegates will be elected that evening.

Save These Dates:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 – Our Branch's 53rd Anniversary Celebration at the San Mateo Elks Club.

Note: Our friend Father Frank Murray has moved to Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903. He will love to hear from you.

Happy Mothers' Day!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our St. Joseph's feast day celebration was beautifully displayed thanks to our president, Dorene Campanile and none of us left hungry.

This month we will be attending Bishop's Day and looking forward to enjoying our members from neighboring branches.

At this month's meeting we will be receiving our Convention Raffle tickets and Diane Magner has offered to distribute them. We have until late July to send in the money and our branch will keep \$10.00 for each book of tickets sold.

Please remember our June 19 & 20 rummage sale and clean out your closets and garages. It would be best to let us know if you have items and if you could hold on to them until close to the actual dates. We can arrange pickups.

The newsletter was mailed out last month and



Elena & Joe Malta of Branch 173 at the St. Joseph's Day celebration.



Branch 173's St. Joseph Altar.

hope to see many members at our meeting and Ham dinner chaired by Mara Millis. Kudos to Mara for volunteering.

Please keep any sick members in your prayers.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our April 14 dinner meeting was hosted by Virginia and Harold Fuentes. They served a delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings and everyone enjoyed it. Thank you both, and also many thanks to Joe Flores for keeping us supplied with wine!

We enjoyed Annual Bishop's Day on April 12 with a beautiful Mass at All Souls in So. S.F., and a delicious luncheon afterwards at the Basque Cultural Center. Thank you Branch 7 for hosting this beautiful event.

On Sunday, April 26, our branch celebrated its 48th Anniversary with dinner at Bertolucci's in So. S.F. We all had a good time and enjoyed the delicious dinner.

REMINDER: Saturday, September 19 is the San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Justice at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame, and dinner will follow at St. Dunstan's Parish Center in Millbrae.

More details will follow.

Convention raffle tickets were distributed at our April meeting. Our branch makes \$10 for every book sold, and the prizes are great. Need

additional books? Call Roberta 650/355-0813.

Our next dinner meeting is on May 12th. See you then!

Roberta

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

April was a quiet month for our branch. Our April meeting featured a dinner that was a representation of our March dinner. In other words, our wonderful lady members prepared a delicious meal of leftovers!

Be sure to check out Our Lady's Grotto behind the chapel. It has been completed and is beautiful. Our donation was well received and put to good use.

Our May meeting will be a potluck meeting so start thinking now of something yummy to bring. We will be accepting donations that will go to the Mexico trip being sponsored by St. Charles (Charlie's Angels).

In your April newsletter you should have received a book of raffle tickets. The raffle is being held on September 6 at the ICF Convention and the tickets are \$2.00 each or 12 for \$20.00.

Last year the 1st prize winner was Nancy Woodfall from our branch. So get your money in - you could be the next big winner.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!

Looking ahead:

Tuesday, May 19 -- Branch #327 meeting

Tuesday, June 16 -- Branch #327 meeting - pizza and scholarships

Friday, Saturday, June 19, 20 -- Branch #173 Rummage Sale, 716 Newhall Rd., Burlingame

Sunday, June 21 -- Happy Father's Day

Saturday, June 27 -- Branch #19 Champagne Bingo

Saturday, September 19 -- 50th Anniversary of our District - info to come

Everyone stay happy and healthy!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Menlo Park

St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thursday May 7 - 5:30pm Monthly Mass Church of Nativity followed by Mother's Day Dinner and brief meeting. Call Cory at 650-867-8946 by May 3rd!!!!

CALLING ALL GAMBLERS!! Our first Bus trip of the year will be Thursday, May 21st! We are going to CACHE CREEK. \$35.00 per person. Everyone is welcome!! Bus leaves from Menlo Park at 9am - Call Theresa at 650-324-0421

SAVE THE DATE Saturday September 19 – San Mateo District will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary! Hope many of you can make it!

Please pray for our many sick members, especially Joan Briggson, Dr. Yob, Lee Savasta, Flo Budelli, Al Genevro, Mary Henriques and



Members of Branch 332 celebrate St. Joseph's Day.

Maestrini Family. Also let us not forget our many deceased members.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mother's!

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Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

On March 19, 2015 we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with our annual potluck dinner. We had such an abundance of food, that all leftovers were given to the San Bruno Catholic Worker Hospitality House for the homeless.

On March 22, 2015 we joined our neighbor Branch #173, Our Lady of Angels of Burlingame for our annual joint Mass and Communion, followed by breakfast at the Terrace Cafe.

On April 12, 2015 we celebrated Bishop's Day with Mass at All Souls Church, in So. San Francisco followed by lunch at the Basque Cultural Center.

Our annual fundraiser "Spaghetti & Meatball" dinner took place on May 3, 2015. We thank the members of other branches who were in attendance and and supported our branch.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Sent from my iPad. Rose Marie Morando

r.morando@aol.com

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

On Tuesday, May 19 we will start the evening with Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a mini spuntino in the hall. That evening we will honor scholarship recipients, special members and new members.

There will be no meeting in May.

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

We wish all our mothers, whether living or deceased, a very Happy Mother's Day.

See you next month,

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

Our branch held a St. Joseph's dinner on March 10th attended by over 90 members and guests. A huge thank you goes out to Karen and Jim Raccanello and Angie McDuffee who organized the dinner. Jim built the altar which was made in the traditional 3 tiers to include greenery, a pineapple, carpenters tools and candles. Karen gave a very detailed description of La Fiesta Di San Giuseppe. She related the traditions of the meatless meal which has been served throughout the ages. Angie served the meatless meal of risotto with peas and carrots, a green salad and a bean salad. All the fathers in attendance gathered around the altar and table and a picture

was taken and each father was given a holy card of St. Joseph. Our branch believes this may have been the first St. Joseph’s Dinner presented to the members. Thank you to all who participated.

Diane Gizzi

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

District President, with a new arm, gaveled the meeting to order she thanked host branch president Bertaccini for meeting room prep & refreshments. Denise was very appreciative of all “get-well” cards and well wishes. Correspondence included a “thanks” from Holy Cross Pastor Fr. Montevideo (sic) for council donation \$1120. And an acknowledgement from Central Council on scholarship donations.

Reflecting on attendees – we had current central council president Bausino, past president Jim Jones, past-past president Mike Rossi, and president emeritus Larry Marsali – quite impressive (and this normal).

Branches 4 and 5 celebrated their 90th Anniversaries. Branch 191 has set Sunday, June 28th 2015 for their 50th. Many of branches reported confirmed and paid-up membership. Outstanding were Br 391 = 200+, Br 191 = 165, and Br 28 =118. Another outstanding accomplishment was Br 408’s Blood Drive with 47 people. Bravo Ric!

Bertaccini’ heritage talk about the partial liquefaction of San Gennaro’s blood with Pope Francis in attendance was a special treat.

o Central Council Seminararians Night – June 6th, at St. Mary’s Church, Los Gatos

o Our Lady of Peace Mass – 11 am, July 12th. (Note Change)

o Central Council Leadership/Membership Workshop – 7/25/15 Location TBD

o Testimonial for Bob Bausino – Nov 7, 2015.

Mike Nunziata

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

Coming up:

June 3- Fundraiser baby back ribs, salad bar, beans, dessert, wine included. Donation \$30.00. Let’s make this a big success! These fundraisers keep the Branch going. This is always a great BarBQue. Invite all of your family and friends.

June 14- District Quarterly Mass and Communion. Mass 11:00 at Our Lady of Peace. Lunch to follow at Michaels’ at Shoreline. More later.

July 8- Picnic Night at Backesto Park. Potluck. Bring your own chairs. Beverages will be supplied by the Branch.

You should have your Convention Raffle Tickets. Please try to buy or sell them. \$10.00 stays with the Branch.

Our prayers are with All of our sick Members.

God’s Blessings to All!

Happy Father’s Day to All Dads!

God’s Blessings to All!

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

A big “Thank you” to the Branch 4 and 5 members of the 90th Anniversary Committee, who worked so hard to make the celebration of such an important milestone, so memorable for all of us.



The Compagnas, the Ventos and Marie Antonowicz chat with a server at the Branch 184 Dinner Dance.

May 15 - 17, is the St. Clare Parish BBQ and Festival. Come and enjoy the many international foods being featured. Br. 5 will be hosting the Italian Sausage booth and volunteers are needed.

Members are invited by the District ICF, to an 11:00 AM Mass and/or luncheon on July 12, 2015 at Our Lady of Peace Church (outside around the statue of Mary). Please mark your calendar to become part of this truly inspiring experience.

Drive safely and have a nice Memorial Day weekend.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Happy May everyone.

Our monthly dinner meeting will be on May 18.

May 30 will be our Motorcycle run at Roger and Kathy’s home on Buena Vista Ave. This is our main fundraiser for Cooley’s anemia research at Children’s hospital in Oakland, and a very important charity event. Even if you are not going to ride in the event, come out for a wonderful lunch in their park like setting. The donation for lunch is \$20.00, and the food is always wonderful. We will need help, and as we always have a raffle, we will need raffle prizes. A gift certificate is a great idea, as the riders can carry the prize easier. But any prize will be appreciated. Last year we were able to donate more than \$3,000.00 to Cooley’s anemia, so let’s make this year even better. We also need to support Roger and Kathy as they do this every year, and donate their home for this occasion. Help is needed to set up the tables and chairs, feed the people, and register the riders. So make an effort to help.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Dorothy Chiesa, who passed on recently.

See you at the motorcycle run!

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

At our March meeting, Marie Antonowicz prepared a Heritage Report, presented by Denise and Michelle. They had samples of Italian cheese from four different regions of Italy, complete with Chianti, Italian soda, focaccia and apples; such a special treat!

Our Polenta Dinner Dance was a huge success. Hats off to Dave Romeri, the Buonaccorsi’s, and the entire cooking crew for a great meal! The raffle prizes were all beautiful - thank you all who worked by selling tickets, decorating or tending bar! We were able to fund three first year scholarships!

The ICF Convention will be held in Las Vegas this year, over Labor Day Weekend. Look for raffle tickets arriving in the mail. Our Branch receives a portion for each booklet sold.

Plan to attend the always beautiful outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. The date is Sunday, July 12 at 11 A.M. More information to follow regarding the luncheon.

Gary Cassetta, Denise Antonowicz and Gertie Klem are in need of your prayers for their healing. Sending best wishes for a Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Godmothers, who love and nurture our young, the hope for our future.

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the Mothers and Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers in our branch, District and throughout the Federation a Happy Mother’s day.

This year, take the time to thank them for all that they have done and currently do for us. They can all use a little acknowledgement of love. Like a hug, a kiss or a diamond.....

March was a busy month for our branch with a successful Chicken Cacciatore Polenta Dinner Dance; Our branch cooking minestrone soup for the entire Parish for our annual Lenten Soup Night, and attending Mass together on Palm Sunday with breakfast for our members and their families after Mass. After breakfast the Easter Bunny hid a few Easter eggs for the kids. I didn’t find many but it was lots of fun.

Please note that on April 25th, branches 4, Holy Cross and branch 5, Saint Clares will celebrate their 90th anniversary. Try to attend this celebration. This is an unbelievable accomplishment. Congratulations branches 4&5.

A couple of important dates to remember; First, Seminarian Night on June 6th at St. Mary’s Church in Los Gatos and secondly, our branches 50th anniversary on June 28th. More to follow. Please mark your calendar.

Remember: God could not be everywhere, so he created Mothers.

James Jones

Branch 191

San Jose

Santa Teresa, Br. 368

At our April 8th meeting, Joe Dyer and Anne and Robyn Schlice organized a lovely spread of ham and cheese sandwiches and salads, all the trimmings, great appetizers, and desserts! Thanks to them for a delicious meal. Mike Nunciata also deserves our special thanks for so ably substituting for our president Noreen Gillio, who is attending a baptism in the family.

We have a new branch deputy, Tina Souza Dutra, a member of Branch 5 in Santa Clara. Thank you, Tina! We look forward to working with you. Thanks to our retired deputy, Aldine Grisenti, who did an excellent job, serving with enthusiasm, knowledge, and love. Come back and see us!

We are happy to welcome our new members Bob and Elaine Osorio, Chuck and Bea Tapella, Linda and Joe May, and Rose Wesley. It is great to have you.

We are watching our new parish hall take shape. Next year we should be able to distribute Easter hams and food boxes from the hall. This year many members of our branch, led by Joyce and Phil Robba, served 53 families.

Anne Cordoni and Mary Ridi, co-chairs for our pasta dinner on May 15th, are recruiting volunteers for our main fund-raiser. Many members signed up at the meeting to help out.

Mike reminded the members to turn in their Convention raffle tickets and encouraged us to attend it in Las Vegas over the Labor Day weekend.

Benediziones,

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Members gathered around the dinner table, as they enjoyed succulent meatloaf, freshly mashed potatoes with flavorful gravy, mid-western creamed corn, zesty salad and cookies. Thank you Kitchen Crew and servers for your help!

At the meeting, branch Deputy Pat Cordich informed the members that the Central Council scholarships will be announced soon, and Mike Rossi thanked the branch for their generous contributions to the scholarship program. Louise Vento’s informative Heritage Report focused on the uniquely different fashions between Northern and Southern Italy, and how fashion can distinguish a class in which a person lives. Marcie Rossi will mail all Branch #391 members the events calendar and a list of all the members with their contact information. President Russ Vento summarized the last Quarterly Communion and hopes to see more members at the next one.

Pace,

Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

We are sorry to learn that our Chaplain Father Allen Navarro has been reassigned to St. Catherine’s in Morgan Hill effective 1 July. We thank him for his support and send him off to his new posting with our prayers.

Our Spring ICF Blood drive was held on the 12th of April. We hosted another successful drive with over 47 Donors participatingin this Mobile. ICF also hosted the Parish Hospitality Donuts and Coffee after the Masses, with



The St. Joseph's Table for Br. 435.



MaryJo Dimuccio and Patricia Look manning the ICF Membership Table.

Our Annual ICF/5th Grade PASTA Dinner was held on Sat March 14th and we raised \$1376 to support the Resurrection School Science Camp.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Monsignor Milani (who is Physical Therapy), Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, Al's wife Syd, Carolyn O'Connor, Susie Quaglia, and Aldo Lucaratti.

Ric

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

At our last dinner meeting our branch enjoyed a delicious dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage prepared by Jim and Maryann Friebe, Anna Friebe, Sid and Andy Pappani. A cake was donated by Sal and Denise Compagna.

We also had a wonderful turnout show up for the St. Joseph table. The tables were decorated so beautifully by Johann Tacci, Carol Tacci and Rosemarie Martin. There were many different foods and objects that enhanced the tables. Sal and Denise Compagna were so kind to lend us their beautiful St. Joseph Statue and the flowers were donated from the I.A.H.F.

The delicious anchiovi spaghetti sauce, salad, bread, and wonderful desserts were enjoyed by all. We want to thank Josie Talamo for her homemade sauce, Lucianna and John Valenti made the salad and a lot of help in the kitchen from Jim Friebe, Kevin O'Keefe and Stan Seagren.

We want to thank St. Catherine's middle schools children and parents for all their hard work in making this possible. This tradition was started years ago by John Sorci our past president.

Our next big event is our fund raiser to be held

on April 25th. By the time you read this the event will be over.

Please keep Jim Curry, son in law of Fran Scalzo in your prayers.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our Branch is busy this month hosting the SANTA ROSA DISTRICT MEETING at St. Apollinaris Church Hall on Sunday, April 19. The District Officers and Central Council members will be providing the luncheon entre and our Branch the rest. So far three Branches have rsvp'd. Seminars are planned on the upcoming strategies to sustain and make ICF a stronger organization. The day will begin with members arriving at 10:30 am where coffee/tea will be available. 11:00 am will be the first seminar. Lunch and 1:00 pm seminar will follow.

Our 88TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION dinner will be held at Filippi's Restaurant, 645 First Street, on Saturday, May 2nd with arrival time 4:00 pm. Members of all Branches, Central Council members, family and friends are cordially invited to attend. The cost is \$25 per person. There is a seating limit of 35. Reservation can be made from April 16 to April 30 by calling Juliann Fontana 707-252-3630 or emailing caiocca@sbcglobal.net. This is a special time for our Branch, the more to celebrate with us the merrier.

Our Scholarship Committee is working on getting the information out to all Parishes in Napa with the winner selected the end of May.

Yours truly had a successful total left knee replacement on March 24th. Our 1st VP Ernie Rota conducted the April Meeting.

Ciao,

Juliann

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Happy 87th Anniversary, ICF Branch 18 St. Rose! We celebrated beautifully March 21 with a jolly crowd who enjoyed good company and good dancing. Many thanks to all our stalwart helpers and ticket purchasers. The proceeds from our three dinner dances each year pay

for our many projects: two \$400 first year ICF scholarships, Yountville Veterans Home, the Living Room, Life Pregnancy services, Catholic Charities, Gifts of Sight to name a few of the many Community Service and Church support projects we are accomplishing year after year. Please consider inviting friends and loved ones to join us in these most worthwhile and rewarding projects. Let us offer our prayers to our sick and deceased members and loved ones. Marie Canale's Uncle, Anthony Nicosia passed at the age of 103 years. He will be remembered with much fondness. Our prayers and sympathy to Larry Dinelli on the passing of his dear sister, Olga.

Happy Mother's Day.

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

San Francesco Di Sales, Br. 52

Our first annual Fish Fry on March 27 was a resounding success. Thank you to Rob Lippincott and Scott Cavallo, head chefs, and their crew for cooking an outstanding dinner. The bar, raffle silent auction and buy-ins were also successful. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the branch, we appreciate it!

Upcoming Events:

May 12: Mother's Day Dinner / Meeting. Parish Hall. 6:30 PM. More details next month.

May 16: ICF Paint Class. 6:30 PM. Join the fun and become an instant artist (no experience required). Under the guidance of a professional artist from Painted Cellars we'll turn blank canvases into instant "masterpieces." Price: \$60.00 includes all supplies, appetizers and wine, to get your creative juices flowing. For reservations, please call: Alicia Kantor: 707-318-8615, Susan Matheny: 707-433-3806 or Nancy Seppi: 707-433-4708.

May 17: ICF Mass at 10:00 AM. More details, next month.

June 10: Father's Day Dinner. 6:30 PM. More details, next month.

Happy Mother's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! At the Santa Rosa District installation, there were several mother – daughter pairs in attendance. Pictured with Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani are Roseanne and Sharon Cresci, Nancy Azevedo and Mary Desideri, Teri and Siena Roller, Carmen and Lauren Kilcullen, Linda Sherman and Miria Garfagnoli, Patty and Roselynne Jarrett, Rosalind and Lisa Crudo and Marie and Denise Antonowicz.



Carmen and Larry Kilcullen were honored for their longtime support of Br. 52, Healdsburg, and the ICF and at the recent Fish Fry. Pictured are Carmen and Larry Kilcullen, Branch President Nancy Seppi, and 1st Vice President John Del Monte.

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

The Scholarship Fundraiser was a smashing success. Our branch thanks the members of other branches in joining us for the champagne/ dessert bingo party. The members also thank our President, Margo Kosta, for her organization and direction and members and friends who donated outstanding prizes for the event.

Spring is here and for our May dinner, we hope to be back at Fr. Roberts Hall. Chef Diane is making up a fresh and delicious meal. For reservations, call Lila at 996-3448.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings , from Petaluma!

Easter is over! But still thanking God for all that we are fortunate to have. It was wonderful with families getting together and watching the little ones scrambling all over the yard looking for the Easter eggs that had all the candy and money. But after all that hustle, bustle I am exhausted. Almost forgot to get this into Michelle for this publication.



Doris Borg of Branch 103, and bingo prizes.

The year so far has been a busy one for the Branch. We’ve had the Spaghetтата Dinner, Crab Feed Dinner, St. Joseph’s Dinner and coming up is the Chicken Cacciatore Dinner tol be held on May 23rd at St. James Church Hall at 6:15 p.m. Adults \$20 Children under 12 yrs. \$10. Reservations: Louise 769-7389. Plan to attend and get your friends to attend. Funds raised at these dinners go to Scholarship and other ICF programs.

April/May is our Bakeless Bake Sale. You will receive a letter asking you to donate. If you can, it goes to the programs as well.

May 11th - Pizza Nite/Bingo to follow. 6:00 p.m. St. James Church Hall. Pizza \$5 Bingo \$3, It’s a great night to socialize with your friendly members.

June 7th - Regular Meeting

St. Joseph’s Table was a wonderful night. The Cooks did a fantastic job on the food. Pasta and Salmon were cooked to perfection. Thanks go to Bruno, Sam and Tony Orlando, Angelo Leone (the cooks) and all who helped in any way to make the evening a success. Angelo and Janet Leone’s grandchildren helped serve and did a great job. We are so thankful to have them. St. Joseph’s Table has always been a wonderful dinner and at one time, Roseanne and Frank Cresci and the Orlando’s did all the cooking and donating of food to this wonderful tradition of celebrating St. Joseph. Kathleen Cresci did a beautiful job of St. Joseph’s Altar. They did it for many years and now are unable to participate due to health. We want to thank them and their families for all their donations of food and for all the time they gave of themselves for this beautiful event. Thank you so much to all of you.

Start thinking about going to the Convention in September. It is always informational and a lot of fun. It is going to be held in Las Vegas this year. So think about going.

Happy Mother’s Day! That will be coming up in May. Remember your Mother, and remember all the love that you were given. They will always be in our hearts.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Also Get well wishes to anyone who is ill.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

The final report on the Polenta Dinner is in. We cleared \$3004.13, thanks to all. The 50/50 made \$216, which went to the Kitchen Maintenance Fund. After a great presentation from the Boy’s and Girl’s Club, we donated \$500. The St. Joseph’s Table earned \$356.24 for St Vincent’s. We also donated \$300 to Gifts of Love, \$500 to Cooley’s Anemia, \$300 to Arcata House, and \$400 to Scholarships.

Biscotti Sale after all Masses May 9th and 10th.

Happy Birthday : Jacqueline Aseltine, Marie LaBanca, Lucia Monge, and Ruth Monge. Please pray for ou ill; Lena DalPorto, and Shar Evans.

Hope you all had a very Blessed Easter. This month we hohor Mother’s Day, Assention, Memorial Day, and First Communions. may our Mothers be in our thoughts and prayers, especially for their love and devotion to our familys, their guidance of our youth to participate in the Sacraments, and the deep loss of husbands, sons, and daughters in the service to our Country. Thank you and God Bless you all Mothers.

Ciao,

Linda

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

After our March 10 meeting was called to order, President Joe introduced our guest Jerry Colivas Jr., son of member Jerry Colivas Sr. We all enjoyed meeting Jerry’s son.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, Marian reported that the peanut butter and jelly drive for Betty Chinn was an overwhelming success! A big thank you to Marian and Suanna for organizing the drive. Betty makes at least 1200 sandwiches a week for the homeless. You can donate any of those items at any time by contacting Marian or Suanna. Thank you to all who made the donations!

We decided that we will not have a booth in Old Town this July 4th. We are open to any of your ideas for future fund raisers.

Jerry Colivas will be first vice-president, stepping in for Elise Furse. Gene Senestraro will be a trustee.

The heritage talk this month was about the influence of the Latin language over the world. At least 80 per cent of our English language is from latin, especially in the sciences. Also Latin is the official language of the Vatican and the church today. Thank you Jerry for your informative and enjoyable talk.

It was brought to our attention that our Sister Anita Pera had another fall and is recovering. Please remember to keep her in your prayers. We miss you! Also pray for all our members and their families, especially those who are ill or recovering from an illness.

Our next meeting will be on April 14th, at seven p.m. Please plan to attend.

Peace and Good Health to All!

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The lead into Summer means time outdoors with family; time to watch our gardens grow; and time to pick our delegates to the Labor Day Convention in Las Vegas.

Join us for our June 1st potluck and help us select our two delegates.

Many thanks to Randy Apel for his cooking at the Prime Rib fundraiser and to Claire Giampaoli for leadership in selling tickets.

Gene Zingarelli is heading a committee which is planing our 50th Anniversary celebration. More information will be out in the next two months.

Our Branch is very proud to present eight scholarships to this years high school graduates. Check the paper next month for their picture.

We are very fortunate to have Central Council member Lauren Kilcullen as our deputy. She knows the history of the Federation activities and is up to date on Central Council activities and gives us the outside support and guidance we need.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers especially Marlene Scinto and Frank Castelli.

Happy Mothers Day!

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

Scheduled for our April 14th meeting is an “April Showers Potluck”. Members contributions have been requested by using the alphabet to designate either a MAIN DISH, SALAD, or DESSERT. We are looking forward to all of the delicious dishes!!

Unfortunately, St. Sebastian’s has had trouble with vandals breaking into cars in the back parking lot. We urge everyone to keep their belongings out of sight and be sure to lock your vehicles.

Our recent FISH FRY was a huge success. The fish was delicious and we received many compliments from our attendees.

We are sorry to report that there are a number of members who have not yet paid their dues. This is an urgent request to those persons who are still in arrears. Thanks in advance for taking care of this important matter. Dues may be paid at the meeting or by mailing your check to our Financial Secretary, Gerrie Goin, 1883 Paradise Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

Msgr. William Hynes will be celebrating his 90th birthday on April 19th. A birthday celebration is scheduled to honor Msgr. Hynes.

Upcoming:

May 5 -- Board Meeting – 6 p.m.

May 12 -- Regular Meeting – 6 p.m. – Mother’s Day/Scholarship Winners Dinner

May 31 -- Quarterly Communion – 10 a.m. Mass – St. Sebastian’s

Happy Mother’s Day!!

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

District Council

Branch 48, St. Stanislaus, Modesto, hosted a very successful Bishop’s Burse Mass and Dinner on March 28. Most Reverend Stephen E. Blair presided at the mass with Fr. Ernesto Madrigal, Fr. Luis Cordeiro, and Fr. Gladstone Stevens concelebrating. Fr. Stevens is the President/Rector and Vice Chancellor of St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park. Deacon Karl Welsbacher, Stockton District Chaplain, was acolyte, and proclaimed the gospel marking the beginning of Holy Week. The Knights of Columbus Color Corp assisted in the mass processional with John Zamora and the choir providing the music. Guests were treated to appetizers prepared by all branches of the Stockton District and a delicious pork loin dinner prepared by Connie Gonsalves was enjoyed

by all. Cecelia McGhee, Br. 48 Secretary and Chair of the event, made the opening statement and introduced Mike Rossi, Central Council Member, Master of Ceremonies. Special guests included Stockton Diocese seminarians John Ngo, Joseph Nguyen, Adrian “Ace” Cisneros, Ronald Manango, Tom Orlando, and Michael Rocha. Other honored guests included Central Council Member Mike Rossi’s wife, Marcie, Grand President Bob Basuino, Fr. Luis Cordeiro, Director of Vocations to the Priesthood, Life Member Dante Galeazzi, Central Council Members Marco Galeazzi, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Lisa Crudo and her mother, and past Central Council Member Nancy Corsi and her husband Giovanni. The bishop was presented a spiritual bouquet of 6,823 masses, 6,814 communions, 1,309 rosaries, and 5,641 special intentions. The Stockton District presented a check to the Bishop in the amount of \$6,000. Other contributions included \$1,500 from the Central Council presented by Bob Basuino, \$2,000 from Branch 139 presented by Branch President Frank Re, \$400 from Branch 48 presented by Branch President Tom Silvaggio, and \$200 from a St. Stanislaus parishioner, for a total of \$10,100. Bishop Blair expressed his gratitude for all of our contributions and prayers.

SAVE THE DATE: August 16 – District Picnic Escalon Community Park. This event is a wonderful BBQ steak dinner with games and a raffle. Bring the family.

Karen Rosson

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Thanks to all who helped, our Bishop’s Burse was successful. A special thanks to Father Ramon for his tremendous support. We had a beautiful mass with participation of the Knights of Columbus Color Corp, bring in the Bishop, several priests, Deacon, alter servers, communion ministers and the choir. Thanks to all of you for your participation.

Thanks to Mike Rossi for being the Master of Ceremonies his help is very much appreciated. Thanks to our seminarians who gave us some insight as to their journey to becoming a priest.

Thanks to our sister branches for supplying the hors d’oeuvres, Mary Jennings for helping with the decorations and for all who helped put the tables and chairs away.

The May 13, 2015 meeting will be our Mother’s Day Potluck. It will begin at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish your family and friends and join us.

Our Bake Sale will be May 16-17. Remember what makes a good bake sale is having product to sell. Every little bit you help with is appreciated.

Mass for our deceased members will Sunday May 10, 2015 and June 7, 2015 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:

April 8 – 7:00 pm – Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets Modesto

May 3 – District Meeting Br. 395 Stockton

May 13 – Mothers Day Potluck & Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets.

May 16-17 – Bake Sale after all the masses

June 10 – 7:00 pm – Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets Modesto

Cecelia McGhee

Stockton
St. Bernard, Br. 390

Okay, we are bragging again about new members so we hope you aren’t tired of hearing about them. We now have 20 new members since the first of this year! We investigated where these great folks are coming from and it seems to be a combination of word-of-mouth, members



“All Hands on Deck” - ICF Branch 390, Tracy at the last dinner meeting, shows how it takes a village to hold these fabulous monthly events.

bringing new members, new families moving to Tracy, and others who hear about us through the church grapevine (how appropriate “grape”vine since we’re all Italian). Since we have monthly dinner meetings, we are increasing the attendance at those too and thereby increasing our profits for the evenings we come together as a community. We also had our drawing for the scholarship fund-raiser, with prizes of \$1000 in one-dollar bills, a Spa Basket with \$500 worth of gifts and \$100 cash.

In April we did it up big, since we tagged it “Italian Heritage Night” which we traditionally hold every April. This year featured a parade with the littlest ones belonging to members, costumes and all. We had members tell about their own family’s history, coming to America from Italy and Sicily. Dinner was Ravioli, Italian Chicken, green beans, salad, and appetizers and

desserts prepared by our members. Everyone loved this night especially because it brings back such fond memories of our warm Italian heritage.

May 16th is the date for St. Bernard’s Gala, which is our biggest annual fund-raiser for the New Church Building. We must admit that the talents of the ICF members do so much for this event, it’s hard to touch on all their contributions. They head the committees, produce fabulous not-to-be-believed decorations, cook, donate auction items, set-up, serve the dinner, clean up, wash dishes and never tire of this effort year after year. It truly would be hard to pull off if it weren’t for our ICF team. For tickets please contact Jennifer Overby in the Parish Office at 209-835-4560 Ext. 157 and she will give you details regarding the event, donations for either auction and deadlines.

Our next dinner meeting will be held Thursday, May 28 and will honor Mothers and Fathers. All are welcome.

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Branch 395 has been busy this Lenten season. We facilitated the Stations of the Cross and soup supper on March 20 with homemade soups made by our wonderful cooks! In our April edition, I reported that our oldest member JoAnn Rosato, who was 98, was visited by our member Bob Zanoni who collected her dues. I am sad to report that JoAnn passed away just after that visit. She was remembered with a Mass. Rest in Peace JoAnn. At our meeting on March 12 we welcomed new member, Sue DeCarlo. We had a productive meeting and a delicious pot luck dinner. A number of our members attended the Stockton District’s Bishop’s Burse meeting hosted by Branch 48 in Modesto on March 28. We are planning our booth for the annual Festa Italiana to be held May 31. Upcoming events:

April 9 – Branch meeting – 6:00 pm

May 3 Sunday – District meeting – Our branch to host, 1:30 Guadalupe Hall

May 13 Branch meeting – 6:00 pm

May 31 Sunday Festa Italiana in Lodi (our branch will have a booth)

We hope you all had a blessed and happy Easter!

Josephine Weber, President

Branch 395, Stockton, CA

Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413

Happy Spring Everyone!

Thank you to the Kingshills for preparing a delicious roast beef sandwich lunch for our meeting. Our Corned Beef sandwich luncheon was a great success as was our Easter Basket

Larry Re passed away on June 7, 2014 at the age of 89. He was a Charter Member and Officer (Sentinel) of I.C.F. St. Bernard, Branch 390 in Tracy. He helped his wife, Paula Re, (who was the Charter President) to start the Branch through the help of Guy Masciotra, then I.C.F. Field Director, Msgr. Rocha, then Pastor of St. Bernard Church, Fr. Andrew Colnaghi, then I.C.F. Spiritual Director, Larry Marsalli, then I.C.F. Grand President, Carmen Kilcullen, then I.C.F. Grand First Vice President, and last but not least, David Botta, Past Grand President. Larry Marsalli conducted the Initiation of the Branch on July 12, 1986 and David Botta conducted the Initiation of more new members in January 1987. Because of their caring and professional advice and guidance we were able to open I.C.F. Branch #390.

Larry would always offer himself as a Volunteer to set up or take down tables and chairs or to cook in the kitchen or for many years he would play Italian Songs on his accordion during the Social Hour of the Monthly Dinner Meetings. He also played at the Social Hour for many Stockton District Bishops’ Dinners. He hardly ever missed a Monthly Meeting.

At 17 years old, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He was the Flight Engineer on B-17’s. He was



deployed overseas and once had to parachute out of a burning B-17. He earned many medals including “The Distinguished Flying Cross.” He and his wife, Paula, were married for 66 years.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations received by April 10, 2015

Branch 31
Branch 250
Angelo Benassi
In memory of Teodoro “Ted” Chavez
Officers/Members of San Bernardino District
In honor of Andy and Sid Pappani
Officers/Members of Br. 28

In memory of Dorothy Chiesa
Louie and Pat Cordich
In memory of Dorothy Chiesa
Angelo Benassi
In memory of Dorothy Chiesa
Laurice and Matt Levine
In memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Officers/Members of Central Council

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by April 10, 2015.

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year
Deborah Rodondi
In memory of Nello Rossi
Deborah Rodondi
In memory of Wayne Shriwise
Deborah Rodondi
In memory of Frank Basuino

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Donna, Steve and Jackie Barnes
In memory of Joseph Rodondi
Aldine Grisenti and Family
In memory of Italo Roncaglia

Gifts of Love D o n a t i o n s

Donations received by April 10, 2015

Branch 186 - Closing Donation
Branch 223 - Closing Donation
The Thomas R. Pollicita Trust
Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
In memory of Dominic V. Gullo
Fran Teglia
In memory of Frank Basuino
Joe and Judy Crosetti
In honor of the birthday of Joey Crosetti
Tom and Elaine Davis
In memory of Frank Basuino
Officers/Members of Br. 368
In memory of Bob Schlice
Domenica Dusi
In memory of Nella Bonomini
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Frank Basuino
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Thomas Pollicita

Rosalie Campisi
Get well wishes for Mary Ellen Brigantino
Chris and Cathy Bachmann
In memory of Frank Basuino
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
In memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Janice and Jim Basuino
In memory of Frank Basuino
Bob Basuino
Get well wishes for Denise Antonowicz
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get well wishes for Denise Antonowicz
Roland and Katherine Codiga
In memory of Bino Chiado
Roland and Katherine Codiga
In memory of Dorothy Chiesa
Aldine Grisenti
Get well wishes for Denise Antonowicz

LOOKING FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS

By Marco A. Galeazzi

Do you know of any World War II veterans still living? The Central Valley Honor Flight is looking for them. The CVHF wants to take them to the WWII Memorial and other monuments in the Washington DC area. The CVHF knows many are in their 80’s and 90’s in age. They want to honor them by taking them to visit the memorial that was made for them. Many have passed on, as my uncles and my father-in-law, Sgt. Albert Brocchini. None of these soldiers were able to attend, because they had passed on before the flights were available. Many were of Italian descent, as my father-in-law and some of my uncles. We, as the Italian Catholic Federation, can help locate and let these Veterans know of this flight.

Please help find and send these “not forgotten” veteran soldiers, male and female, to see the Memorial. There is no cost to fly on the Honor Flight for the Veteran or their Escort. An Escort will help the veteran throughout this endeavor. An Escort can be a friend or relative, but must attend a class to be an Escort. If he cannot get an Escort, one will be provided for them. If the Veteran is impaired in any way, accommodations will be taken so they can attend. No matter what the accommodation will be, they will make it happen. The CVHF takes every avenue to make sure any Veteran can and will make the trip. After all, it is for them.

The next available flight is April 27-29, 2015. Help them fill the application now for the flights. If they can’t attend the April flight, make the next flight. There will be flights in June and July also. But if the Veteran does not know that these flights are available, how can they go. We, as the ICF, can help these great people, our Veterans, know of this great opportunity. Will you help?

The application is at the web site: www.cvhonorflight.org or email: info@cvhonorflight.org or phone: (559) 970-9853 . My brother Dante and I, took our uncle to attend this flight. He was truly amazed and enjoyed this trip. He still speaks of it to everyone. If you have any problems or questions, please call, leave me a message or text me, Marco Galeazzi, at (209) 815-2107. Grazie.

Please Fill Out the Apostolate-Charity Survey Form and Return to the ICF Office

Apostolate-Charity Survey Form

Branch Name and Number: _____

Apostolate Chairperson: _____ Phone: _____

1. Did your Branch submit an Apostolate-Charity report last year? YES NO

2. Does your Branch have an Apostolate Chairperson? YES NO

3. Is an Apostolate report given at each monthly meeting? YES NO

4. Does the Branch Chaplain attend most of the monthly meetings? YES NO

5. Do your Branch members participate as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Music Ministers, Ushers, Visitors to the sick, Funeral Ministers, etc.? Briefly list below or attach letter

6. Is it the policy of your Branch to attend Mass together?

a. Monthly YES NO

b. Quarterly YES NO

c. Semi-Annually YES NO

d. Annually YES NO

7. Does your Branch recite the rosary and/or pray for special intentions? YES NO

8. Does your Branch offer Mass for deceased members? YES NO

9. Does your Branch attend Branch/District sponsored:

a. Retreats YES NO

b. Pilgrimages YES NO

c. Day or Night of Recollection YES NO

10. Did your Branch attend Bishop's Day last year? YES NO

11. Did your Branch sponsor a special religious event during this past year? ... YES NO

a. If yes, what event?

12. Is there an Italian Mass in your area? YES NO

a. If yes, when and where?

13. Please attach an explanation of your Apostolate works in the community and include pictures if possible. This will allow us to share this information with other Branches.

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MEMBERSHIP IDEAS

1. ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS
- The I.C.F. is generally good at attracting new members
- Bring your family - children, grandchildren
- Bring your friends
- Pay first year dues for your children and grandchildren
- Have a guest night at a meeting
- Your Pastor, Chaplain or other religious can help spread the word
- Support your parish and school and let them know you do
- Keep I.C.F. information readily available - example: church entrances
- I.C.F. sponsored coffee and donuts after mass
- I.C.F. sponsored free dinner for parish anniversary
- Active membership committee
- Information table at mass
- Two-minute mass speech
- Advertisement in parish bulletin
- Encourage family memberships
- I.C.F. is the only family-oriented group at most parishes
- Schedule events and meetings for families with young children

Membership Stats as of	
March 31, 2015: 10,059	
Members as of July 1, 2014:	
10,454 = overall loss of 395 members	
New:	643
Reinstated:	26
Transfer in/out:	74
Deceased:	-208
Cancelled:	-637
Non-payment >12 mos.:	-219

High Five!	
Top five districts and areas with increased membership: (excluding deceased members)	
Central Coast	+39
Santa Barbara	+20
Santa Rosa	+15
Contra Costa	+10
Tucson	+5
Fresno	+5



Branch 425 president JoAnne Sapp giving the \$500 proceeds from our St. Joseph table dinner to the Green Valley Food Bank.

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2014 is the following:

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.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2014 is the following:

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.

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED*****

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2015. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.

Included in the Financial Secretaries' packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2014. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

raffle. Both were very profitable and we appreciate all who helped create, donate, and shopped. Such great teamwork within the Branch.

A very special thank you to the Modesto Branch for hosting such a beautiful Bishops Day Event. The Mass and food were excellent.

Some fun local events are coming up; Festa Italiana in Lodi on May 31, 2015 @ the Lodi Grape Festival grounds. Cost is \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the gate. Dante Galeazzi invited us to join the other branches in the Stockton District at Baseball Italian Heritage with the Stockton Ports baseball team on Tuesday evening June 30th @ 7pm. Cost is \$14.00 per adult. Always fun to meet others from our District and what better way but a baseball game!

“Hot Off The Press” Mark your calendars and plan to spend a weekend in the foothills and enjoy Br. 413’s Annul BBQ Western Dinner and Music on Saturday, June 27th. Always a good time! Menu to include steak OR chicken and all the trimmings, beer, wine and soft drinks included all for \$25.00. Reserve your tickets early with Annie Pachinger @ 209-754-4575. More info to follow.

Happy Birthdays to Tom Kingshill, Bob Dunn, Michael and Michelle French. Blessings for many more!

Ciao!
Nancy Corsi

Tucson
Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

The new year has started out quite successful so far. In January, our branch held our annual 8th grade grad dinner to help raise funds for our kids. We served antipasto, roasted chicken with meatballs and pasta, salad and dessert. The kids were very successful in selling twice as many tickets than last year. We raised over \$3200 for their class, which not only paid for all of their 8th grade graduation trip but also gave them the chance to go on a field trip to the U of A so all students would get an idea of what Arizona has to offer for college.

We joined Branches 425 and 433 in our Bishop’s Day and Installation dinner in February.

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Stockton District Bishop's Day Celebration



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Bishop Blaire of the Stockton Diocese speaks and thanks the ICF.



Bishop Blaire and Stockton District Chaplain Deacon Karl Welsbacher.



Seminarians thanking the ICF.



Stockton District Deputy Karen Rossen gives the Bishop the Spiritual Bouquet.



President Frank Re of Branch 139, Manteca gives Bishop \$3,000.00 for the Seminarians.



Pres. Tom Silvaggio of Branch 48 Modesto gives money for the Seminarians.

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