



BOLLETTINO



Task Force Committee Looks Into Future of ICF

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Chairman Task Force Committee

The Task Force Committee has been assigned by Grand President Jane Dianda to the task of implementing a strategic plan for the Federation. Over the course of the next several months the committee will be meeting with companies or individuals who have experience in preparing strategic plans for religious and/or non-profit organizations. Each month in the Bollettino there will be an update of where we are in the process and what the committee will be working on in the following months. There are several steps to be taken so that we can achieve the best plan possible for the Federation.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report Now Available in Excel Format

Roselynn Jarrett
Grand Trustee

Branch and District Treasurers are encouraged to prepare their quarterly reports using Excel. This easy to use format allows you to enter your debits and credits without the use of a pencil and calculator. Excel does the math for you! Once your report is complete, print and send to the ICF Office with your current per capita report.

The handwritten report is still available. Either method of preparing and filing will be accepted. Please visit www.icf.org to begin using the Excel Treasurer's Report. It can be found in the Members Area.

A sample can be seen on page 7.

As a reminder, your quarter 3 report is now due. Thank you!

Celebrating Bishops' Days Around the ICF

Fall around the Italian Catholic Federation is rich with the colors, sights and smells of the season, but it is truly a rewarding time as many districts celebrate Bishop's Day with the bishops, clergy and seminarians in their areas.

Celebrating Bishop's Day in the San Bernardino District were Grand 2nd Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Bishop Ritillio, members of Branch 210 and Branch Chaplain Fr. Guillermo Martinez.



Many ICF members and Central Council members have been busy organizing and traveling to these special events. Without all of its members, the ICF would not be able to carry on this program. Congratulations one and all on another successful year!



Orange District members celebrated the Bishop's Banquet with Grand President Jane Dianda. (l-r) Maria Di Paolo, Jane Dianda, Sam Difilippo, Frank Giannantonio, Joyce French, Deidre Burke, Fabiola Di Paolo, Chuck Mazza and Joe DiGrado.



Bishop McGrath, Grand President Jane Dianda, Father John Poncini, Father George Aranha, and Father Bob Moran, our 2012 Mother Teresa Award recipient, welcome 14 Seminarians to Santa Clara Valley's 2012 Bishop's Day.

Congratulations Br. 115!

San Pedro Branch 115 was given a certificate of appreciation in recognition of outstanding citizenship and activities enhancing community betterment in the City of Los Angeles.

The award was presented by Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino on October 2, 2012 at City Hall kicking off the celebration of Italian Heritage Month. Members present (L-R) Marianna Costa-Bradford, Anna Di

Leva, Councilman Joe Buscaino, Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva, Frank and Lena Amalfitano and L.A. District President Carmelo Sabatella.



Grand President's Monthly Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The holiday season is fast approaching, with Thanksgiving right around the corner. My dear friends, I am so thankful to you, the members of the Italian Catholic Federation. I am, as always, in awe of the work and service you provide for the church and the spirit of love you display for those in need. Please know, that whatever role you play in your branch, you are there to make a difference, and you are the reason we are successful.



These days it seems to me that the many societies in our world have lost site of the importance and meaning of "family." This is very hard for me to perceive. So during this holiday season and as always, I am especially thankful for my amazing parents, Sir Robert & Theresa Dianda and my siblings, Joe, Donna, Lou and Judy and their families.

During the past month, branches and districts should have elected their officers for the coming year. With that in mind, now comes the task of planning the programs and events that best meet the needs of our members. I encourage all of you to try something new in an attempt to find what will work best for your branch. All attempts at improvement take time, careful study, and a willingness to understand that change is necessary. While many of us struggle to resist change, it has now become urgent.

Our founders envisioned an Italian Catholic family organization that would embrace the life of each member through the dedication to church and heritage. Today we invite all Catholics to join us, and believe that all Catholics who do so are Italian. As you know, there are three kinds of Italians: Those who are born Italian, those who marry Italians and those who choose to be Italians.

Thank you and my warmest wishes to you and your families this upcoming holiday season.

Jane Dianda
Grand President

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Back to the Future

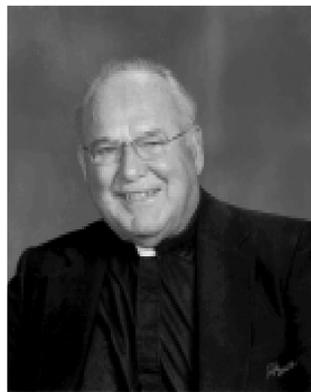
*Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini pioneered the Italian Catholic Federation in San Francisco in 1924. They wanted to help keep the Italian immigrants close to the church and close to God. After several failed attempts, they were able to gather a dozen or so men and women at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in San Francisco for their first formal meeting.

Because the Italian immigrants new to the United States did not know the language or the culture of their new country, the ICF was the glue that kept them from losing their faith and connection to the Church. The ICF accomplished this goal throughout the years by fostering a close relationship to God through participation in local parish churches. The Italian immigrants eventually melted into the American culture, language, and traditions. Italians became Italian-Americans. The organization grew, and eventually the focus matured to include works of charity while at the same time

retaining its identity with Italian heritage, language and especially the Italian cuisine. The ICF is now an outreach organization open to all Catholics (and non-Catholic spouses of members) from any nationality or race. There are members and grand officers with names such as Jones, Cannady, O'Brien, Collopy, Zasoski, Jarrett, Lopes, Friebel, Mages, Farber, Levine, Candy, Kilcullen, and Helfand. Some of these members are Italians married to non-Italians and some have an Italian connection, an Italian spouse or relative. The ICF is also a family-oriented organization where children are members and welcome at all events. The emphasis is on Catholics spreading the gospel and helping those in need. Like any organization, it has by-laws and procedures to maintain continuity and unity.

Each year the ICF gathers for a convention, always over the Labor Day weekend. The venue varies each year. The outreaches are many. The major charity is supporting research for Cooley's anemia (Thalassemia.) Other outreaches are helping those with special needs, scholarship awards, education



and training of seminarians, blood donor programs, and many more. ICF Branches also support pastors and parishes in their areas. Pastors can always depend upon them to help with any parish project or needs.

The ICF is evolving into an ever-expanding charitable group that looks toward service to those in need and spiritual growth among its members. The future of the ICF will be prominent and exciting as it welcomes all Catholic as members. It is and will continue to be a significant contributing organization to Faith, Charity, and Culture.

Heritage Around the ICF

*Louise Vento
Heritage Committee*

Did you know the fishermen who live on the islands around Italy fish at night? They row off shore at night and use gas lamps (lampara) attached to the sterns of their boats to attract their catches of anchovies and larger fish into their nets. In the early morning the fishermen shakes out his nets, which hold his catch of fish and shrimp. At sunset, some fisherman row into shallow water and wait for the larger fish to appear in the light of the lampara. They let down nets and grab the big fish with a 12-foot nine-pronged spear. This process of catching fish has been done this way for centuries.

Did you know St. Anthony was not Italian, he was Portuguese? He is entombed in the Basilica Di San Antonio in Padua, Italy. The outside of the Basilica looks like a small version of St. Mark's in Venice. When entering you notice the absolute silence. You will see many different artworks on the walls including Donatello's bronze relief. By custom, visitors process around the back of the tomb and touch the

dark slab of stone near the saint's body. Many leave a thank you note or picture for a miracle received or pray and ask for a miracle. Even if you are not a religious person you will be moved by your visit to St. Anthony's Basilica. St. Anthony is the patron saint of lost souls. Whenever I misplace something I pray to St. Anthony and he helps me find whatever I have lost.



Scholarship Focus

Dante Dianda

Dante Dianda San Jose State University Spartans

An ICF scholarship recipient for 2012, Dante Robert Dianda is attending San Jose State University. He writes, "I picked San Jose State University because it has an excellent computer engineering program. It also is conveniently located in Silicon Valley the best place to be when looking for internships."



Dante is majoring in Computer Engineering because he has always loved technology and growing up it has been a hobby of his. He states that "I now want

to make my hobby into a career. This will allow me to love my job and will allow me to be more passionate about my work. " He is very appreciative of his scholarship from the ICF. He recently stated, "I would like to thank the ICF for granting me a scholarship. The ICF scholarship allows me to be able to pay for my college and allows me to pay for the education which I need to help me achieve my goal of graduating with my Bachelors in Computer Engineering."

Dante is also anticipating meeting many new people and making new friends at college.

Dante is a member of the Dianda family of the ICF and is a cousin of Grand President Jane Dianda.

Take Part in a Membership Survey

*Take Part in a Membership Survey
By: Roselynn Jarrett, Membership Chairperson*

The membership committee invites branches and members to participate in a survey. Three surveys have been established. One for branches, one for members and one for outgoing members.

Branch Survey
Last conducted in 2007, this survey asks branches to share their techniques to recruit members and activities/programs available to keep members active. Retention is also highlighted.

Member Survey
This anonymous-optional survey focuses on member participation. What programs do you take part in? Is the ICF an organization you would recommend to others? Does your spouse, children or other family members belong to the organization with you? Please share your ICF experience with us.

Exit Survey for Outgoing Members
We don't want to say farewell to our members, but when we do, let's find out why they left. Membership Chairpersons will be asked to send this short, anonymous-optional survey to members who cancel. The goal of the survey is to determine why the member cancelled, what the member enjoyed about the ICF and offer feedback on how the branch or organization could improve.

Each of the three surveys are now available on our website, www.icf.org and will be mailed to the branch presidents in the next quarterly mailing. After completing the survey, please submit to the Membership Committee in one of three ways:

- Email an attachment to membership@icf.org
- Fax to the ICF Office: (510) 633-9758
- Mail to the ICF Office: 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland CA 94621

We thank you for participating in this survey. Your responses will help the committee and the Central Council learn more about what is working well and where we can make improvements. Your feedback is of great value. If you have questions, please contact membership chairperson, Roselynn Jarrett, at the above email address or by calling (925) 957-0269. Thank you!

Great Idea
Former ICF First Lady, Diana Bacigalupi, recently promoted the ICF at her parish's ministry/organization fair. She observed that another organization had a donated autographed item from the San Francisco 49ers that would be raffled off to a person whose name and contact information was provided. Needless to say, the organization collected several contacts that day and will encourage membership to those individuals. Consider raffling an item to prospective members at your next membership drive.

High Five!
Top 5 Districts/Areas with increased membership. (Deceased members are not factored into these stats).

Blessed Sacrament	+46
Contra Costa	+18
San Diego	+13
Los Angeles	+11
Central Coast	+9

Congratulations to the following districts/areas who also have increased membership: Santa Barbara-Ventura, Chicago, Fresno, East Bay, Orange, San Gabriel, Reno and Stockton.

Things to Ponder
"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'Thank you,' that would suffice."
-Meister Eckhart

Membership Stats as of July 2012 -- 11,212

New:	210
Reinstated:	6
Transfer in/out:	1
Cancelled:	136
Non-payment:	6
Deceased:	58

Members as of 10/01/12: 11,228

Note: There are currently 497 members that are past due. Please follow-up with any members who are not current with their dues and encourage retention.

Upcoming Events

2012 Bishops' Days:

- Nov. 18 Los Angeles
San Diego
- Dec. 2 Reno

2013 District Installations:

- Jan. 5 Santa Clara Valley
- Jan. 6 Stockton
- Jan. 13 San Francisco
- Jan. 14 Blessed Sacrament
Tucson
- Jan. 19 San Mateo
- Jan. 20 East Bay
Los Angeles
- Jan. 25 Phoenix
- Jan. 26 San Gabriel Valley
- Jan. 27 Contra Costa
San Diego
Santa Rosa
- Feb. 2 Central Coast
Tucson
- Feb. 12 Las Vegas

2013 Bishops' Days:

- Jan. 25 Phoenix
- Feb. 2 Tucson
- Mar. 17 Stockton
- April 8 San Francisco (San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin)

CC Corner

Lisa Crudo

At the recent Convention in Reno, Nevada, Lisa Crudo from Branch 343, Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley, California, was elected to the Central Council.

Lisa Crudo was born on October 26 in Denver, Colorado at Fitzsimmons Army hospital to Dr. Frank and Rosalind Crudo.

Lisa is the youngest of five children. She has a sister Toni and brothers Stephen, David and Brian. Unfortunately her brother Stephen passed away in 2008.

Lisa has a BA from Holy Names University, and a MS degree in Clinical Psychology from Cal State Bakersfield. She currently is the department clerk in pediatrics at Kaiser Hayward and the ADHD coordinator/facilitator in the departments of Pediatrics and Child Psychiatry.

Lisa was married in 1982 at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley. She was married for 20 years, but unfortunately the marriage ended in divorce. She has four wonderful children: Michael 28, Laura 25, Marin 22, and Damien 18. She also has an almost daughter-in-law Rita, a son-in-law Matt, and her beautiful 9-month old granddaughter Natalie.

Lisa joined the ICF on September 8, 1981.

"I joined because I had been hearing so much about the Federation from my parents who were charter members of Branch 343. They joined in 1979. They encouraged me



to join and I have been active ever since. Several other members of my family are also ICF members."

For her branch, Lisa has been branch treasurer, which she did for several years, and is currently branch president, which she has served for a few years. She has also served as the second and first vice president and president of the East Bay District. She is the current past-president of the district.

Welcome to the Central Council Lisa!

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
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Norma Damozonio Norma Damozonio	
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IN HONOR OF A SAFE RETURN FROM AFGHANISTAN:
Marine Sergeant Emilio A. Galeazzi Zio Dante and Zia Julie Galeazzi

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Paul and Jacque Butler Lorraine and Mike Nunziata

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:
Mrs. Diana Bacigalupi Leonard and Karen Rossi

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY:
Mrs. Giulia Gallego Ms. Rosemarie Martin

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY:
Bea Bianco Giovanni and Nancy Corsi /
Art and Lorraine Fricke

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

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 10/12/2012	FLORENCE COSENTINO Branch 054
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Happy Thanksgiving

Cooley's Anemia Donations

<i>Donations received to the ICF Office by October 15, 2012.</i>	Marlene A. Filice In memory of Jennie Filice
Branch 4	Anna Barberi
Branch 4	In memory of Jennie Filice
Branch 18	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Branch 21	In memory of June Brown
Branch 230	Johanna Tacci
Branch 261	In honor of the 75 th birthday of Giulia Gallego
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In memory of Lucky Barroza	Pat and Louis Cordich
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Cooley's Corner

YOU ARE Cordially Invited To The Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Christmas Party...



....Under the Sea!

**WHERE: Children's Hospital Oakland Outpatient Center Atrium
744 Fifty Second St.
Oakland CA 94609**

When: Saturday, December 1, 2012

**RSVP: Please call or email Lauriee Levine
llevine@mail.cho.org
510-428-3885 x 5427**

Let me know the names of those coming and ages of children in your party

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!!!

Gifts of Love Gratitude

Tell Us Your Success Stories

*Andy Pappani
Chairman of Gifts of Love*

Since the inception of our program, September 1996, a vision of Al Teglia, past grand president and life member emeritus, we have helped more than 550 individuals bring direct assistance to people of special needs.

With the financial support of our Italian Catholic Federation membership we have received approximately \$304,000 and granted \$274,000 in our years of existence.

The Gifts of Love Program dispenses every cent received to the needs of developmentally delayed and disabled people.

I am very proud of our Italian Catholic

Federation and Gifts of Love is but one program that makes us stand out.

The Deaf/Hard of Hearing CCD Program in the San Jose Diocese under the director of Rev. Chris Bennett, Pastor. This past year we have also begun a Deaf Program in the Chicago diocese. My hopes are to see this same program started throughout all the dioceses in the Italian Catholic Federation.

If you know of any success stories that have come from the Gifts of Love program, please forward them to me so that I can share them with everyone.

I want to thank everyone for your generous donations. Without you it wouldn't be possible.

Thank you again.

Gifts of Love Donations

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Branch 4	Aline Amatisto Get well wishes for Paul Gagnon
Santa Clara Valley District	Guido and Emma Zan In memory of Marcia Elizondo
Italian-American Women's Guild	Katherine and Roland Codiga In memory of Mimi Serafin
Rose S. Santanocito	Nonno Dante and Nonni Julie Galeazzi
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane	In honor of the 1 st "Big Boy" haircut for Giovanni Cavalli Galeazzi
Get well wishes for Norma Damozonio	Marie Amoroso
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In memory of Kermit Johnson	
Joan and Jerry Delfino	
In memory of Joyce Barlotti Shriwise	

Apostolic Committe Report

*Jim Acitelli
Apostolic Committee Chairman*

As we begin a new year, I would like to begin with the Apostolic portion of this committee and to bring it before all of our ICF Branches.

To do Apostolic works is to follow the teachings of Christ, and to treat others as we would be treated.

Did the Apostles all get along? Probably not. Did they disagree with each other? Probably so. But the most important question of all is – did they follow Christ and teach His word? Yes, they did.

To belong to the Italian Catholic Federation is a privilege we all share and we are aware, first and foremost, we are an Apostolic and Charitable organization. Do we sometimes have disagreements? Yes, we do. We are only human. But as an organization, we must remain united in our mission of encouraging faith renewal and apostolic and charitable works. As the saying goes, "Charity begins at home."

I believe we all agree that we are very generous in support of our charities and

that we embrace these charities with a united passion. It is our hope, as the Apostolic/Charities Committee, that we encourage each other as brothers and sisters to accept our differences and pull together in unity and show the world what we can accomplish together.

Let's help us to become more spiritually active in our parishes by sponsoring Nights of Recollection and St. Joseph's Table, for example. Let's help organize food or clothing drives for the needy as well as a blood drive. These needs are with us year-round.

Let's keep supporting Children's Hospital in their efforts to find a cure for Thalassemia. Let's continue to be generous in supporting the Gifts of Love program.

Together we can make a difference. Together we can become more "Christ-like" and work together even though we may have differences of opinion. It's great that we are able to see past each other's flaws and accept each other as brothers and sisters united for a wonderful cause as we attempt to live a life of what we profess at Mass. May God bless us in all our endeavors.

2012-2013 Central Council Officers and Members

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(*denotes Life Member)

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Joseph Santello (Catherine), Br. 358

Frank Signorelli, Br. 291

Chuck Sperrazzo (Josephine), Br. 210

Jim Spinetti (Dorothy), Br. 21

Helen Tatone, Br. 380

Chris Valentini (Elizabeth), Br. 14

Chicago

Franklin Park
St. Gertrude, Br. 181

Happy thanksgiving everyone!
Calendars have arrived, lets try and, sell all we received. Remember the cost can be shared with friends or other members.lets have 100%. Happy birthday to Sam Ochpinty. and Lotty Wall.

Those who went to the night at the race track at Maywood had a great time and enjoyed their wonderful buffet. This event was given to raise money for the Seminarians. Our sympathy is extended to the Sam Ochpinty family on the recent loss of Sams sister Catherine Passo. Please remember her in your prayers and all other deceased members and friends.

Important dates.
Nov. 11-- St. Frances Cabrini Mass
Nov. 15 -- District meeting night
Nov. -- Branch Mass and meeting.
Pray for world peace.
Barbara Miller

Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195

Branch 195 mourns the recent death of Virginia Cuzzo Pyrkowski, a long time member of 195. We thank her family who requested memorials be made in her memory to 195's St. Joseph's Table, in lieu of flowers. Our September Meeting began with a decade of the Rosary to honor Sister Alban Hermes, who recently retired. Br. 195's annual Turkey Raffle resulted in six lucky winners of a gift card to Strack & VanTil.

Our Annual Nite at the Races was fun by all, especially President Mary Alice Kelly and her sister, Denise, who were covered by Luck of the Irish. We had two special guests with us: St. Victor's Associate Pastor, Rev. Bob Sprott and Rev. Steve Kosinski, Pastor of All Saints Parish in Hammond, Indiana, who enjoyed the wonderful Balmoral's Club House Buffet Dinner.

Some of our members attended the Gala Fundraiser for the Cause for Sainthood of Father Augustus Tolton, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. We're humbled and very appreciative to be part of this spiritual event.

Please pray for all our sick members and friends to be restored to good health. Also, please add Betty Torson, mother of our weekend presider Rev. Dan Torson, to our prayer list. She has been afflicted with a severe hearing impairment.

Let us remember to love one another as God loves us. We pray, too, for world peace.

God Bless
Jo Merlo

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

Ciao a tutti!!! Hello everyone !!!!!

After having said our initial prayers we began the September meeting. Our President Antonietta Gerardi and our 1st Vice President Teresa Helfand D'Alessandro gave us a report as to what happened at the Convention in Reno, Nevada, and we are happy to report that Teresa Helfand D'Alessandro has been reelected to the Central Council in California. Congratulations !!!!

This year we have also taken part to the Columbus Day Parade in downtown Chicago to honor the man who discovered America: Cristoforo Colombo. Most of the members of our Branch met at Casa Italia in Stone Park and then went to our Lady of Pompey where we attended a beautiful commemorative Mass celebrated by many Scalabrinian and Italian priests with a beautiful homely given by Father Fragoneri. After Mass we laid a wreath at the statue of Cristoforo Colombo in Arrigo Park and then we took the bus to downtown Chicago for the parade which went on without a hitch.

This year the Mother Cabrini dinner will be celebrated Nov. 11 at Porretta Restaurant.

The month of November is the month that we honor all our Saints and we remember all those who sleep in the hope of the Resurrection and we remember with a prayer or going to the cemetery. In the November meeting there will be elections for the new Officers and don't forget to pay your dues for next year.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new members such as Anna Angiulli Weiss and we would like to salute all who celebrate their birthday this month.

Pace e Bene a Tutti
Vincenzo DeVito
2nd Vice President

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Our branch officers and members would like to wish everyone in the ICF a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. May God keep you safe in your travels this holiday season.

Ciao,
Rita

Chicago

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 439 of Our Lady Mother of the Church participated in the Columbus Day Parade in downtown Chicago for the second year. October 8th was a beautiful fall day and the parade had an amazing turnout. Numerous decorated floats, cars, trolleys, marching bands from area schools all participated in the parade as onlookers watched from the sidelines. Italians, young and old enjoyed the festivities as local politicians, media personality and



Members of Branch 439 marched in the Columbus Day Parade.

Italian organization leaders emceed the event. The day started with a beautiful Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Pompeii and ended with a spectacular dinner at Biaggio's. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all!

Fresno

Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The October meeting was a Halloween themed event with a scrumptious chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Thanks to the chairmen Butch and Frances Hope, and the committee Brenda, Jim and Ola Toschi, John O'Meara, Mary Dal Cerro, J.B. and Camille Overstreet, and Ada Cavallero and her son Gary Cavallero (a new member!) Welcome Gary. Our cookbooks, with lots of yummy comfort food, have been sent to the printer and will be ready for purchase just in time for Christmas presents. We have been very lucky to have had some Boy Scouts helping at our meetings recently. They are working on their religious medal given by the Catholic Church to Boy Scouts, the Ad Altare Dei. Thanks for the help and good luck Bradley, Mark, Thomas and Will. Elections were held and the new officers are: Elsie Bottorff, President; Ray Chiarelli, 1st Vice President; Jim Cavallero, 2nd vice president; Marilyn Rowe, recording secretary; Kerin Cavallero, corresponding secretary; Janet Petrucci, financial secretary; Carol Espinola, treasurer; John O'Meara, orator; Frank Brunolli, Sentinel; Jim Espinola, trustee; Frances Hope, trustee; Louise Chiarelli, trustee; and Mabel Willmon, District Deputy. Congratulations everyone! Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Our Branch did not meet during June and July. On August 18, our Annual Pot Luck was held at the home of Rick and Terri Post. Banners in Italian colors were hung over the festive decorated tables, music was playing and the aroma of good food filled the air. It was a beautiful evening with friendship, food and drinks for all to enjoy.

Our Branch under the direction of President Gary Caropreso and his great officers has grown 72%. Thanks to all who have given so much and so generously to make this happen. At our September meeting plans were set to have a no-host breakfast on September 30, 2012 at M & M Restaurant, Los Banos at 10:00am.

Next Meeting being held November 6, 2012 at 7:00pm at the home of MaryAnn Post.

Ciao
Germaine Orlando



Branch 33 - Members Nancy Romanini, Bob Lencioni and Barbara Fanucchi stopped by to see Josephine Colombana's (92) (2nd from right), Barbie Bride/Bridesmaid dresses which she made. She received 1st prize at the Kern County Fair.



Branch 32 members at the September regular meeting.



Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Our branch just completed our Annual Salad Bar Luncheon and Raffle. It was a great success, with many tasty salads and desserts prepared by our members. We had a large array of door prizes donated and drawn from the luncheon tickets. Raffle ticket winners were Erna Bonetto \$200.00, Paula Muro \$100.00 and Raymond Keller \$50.00. Our September 25, regular meeting, was a Pot Luck. Our members are really great cooks! Parrish Center has assigned our Annual Masses for the living and deceased for February 3, 2013 8:00am

April 7, 2013 8:00am

August 11, 2013 8:00am

November 10, 2013 10:00am

Up coming Events;
November 11, 2012 -- Hour of Memory 12:00pm Mass, Lunch 1:00pm
November 27, 2012 -- Regular Meeting
Would you like to become more involved? Become a Branch Officer, Need a Ride? Call (559) 977-0190, we will provide a ride!
God Bless
Jim Clark

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

What an abundance of food we had at our October potluck. Our cooks outdid themselves.

Our new slate of Officers for 2013 was presented and accepted by our members. The new officers will be: Mike Cerri, President; Charles Linenbrink, Vice President; Martha Ball, 2nd Vice President; Pam Bell, Recording Secretary; Gertie O'Neil, Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Crear, Financial Secretary/