



BOLLETTINO



ICF Welcomes Branch 442, Pleasant Hill



Michelle Feldman
Editor

On Saturday, September 28, 2013, the Italian Catholic Federation welcomed a new branch into its family. Located in Pleasant Hill, California, at Christ the King Parish, Branch 442 opened after many months of hard work by members of the Central Council and parish.

After the Mass, officiated by Christ the King Pastor Fr. Brian Joyce, Grand President Bob Basuino initiated the 117 charter members of Branch 442 and welcomed them all into the Federation.

Grand Treasurer Roselynn Jarrett was instrumental in the establishment of this branch at her parish. She was the mistress of ceremonies throughout the evening.

Past Grand President and Life Member Emeritus Carmen Kilcullen and Past Grand President and Life Member David Botta presented the branch with its new banner and gave a brief history of the



Italian Catholic Federation.

Grand 1st Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Carmen Kilcullen, David Botta and Bob Basuino then installed the new officers for Branch 442.

The 2013-2014 officers are:

President – Paul Nuti

1st Vice – Matt Dallara

2nd Vice – Diana Mackinson

Recording Secretary – Craig Lazzeretti

Financial Secretary – Judie Van Maren

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Orator – Carole Delucchi Padlo

Trustee – Pamela DeBernardi

Trustee – Joan Mangini Cummings

Trustee – Larry Nuti

Sentinel – Ann Consul

Chaplain – Reverend Brian Joyce



Deputy – David Botta from Branch 14, Crockett

After Central Council Life Member Nina Malone led everyone in the singing of “Noi Vogliam Dio,” those in attendance retreated to the parish hall for a dinner hosted by the Central Council.

The evening was celebrated with not only the members and parishoners of Christ the King, but ICF representatives from 20 different branches and 10 different districts.

Thanks to the many Central Council members in attendance, a delicious dinner was served to the over 100 guests. There were door prizes, raffle items and even a few auction items for people to bid on. All in attendance had a great time, and the new members are looking forward to their first official meeting as a branch.

Branch 442 is off to a great start. If you are interested in joining the branch or would like to send communications to the branch, you can do so by emailing them at:

icfpleasanthill@aol.com.

More photos are on our website, icf.org.



Grand President's Monthly Message

I love this time of year; the change of seasons, the crisp air, changing leaves and holiday scents. This time of year always brings back special memories of family and friends gathering together for a good home-cooked meal and enjoying each other's company.

One of my fondest memories was going to Nona and Papa's for that special home-made pasta dinner.

All of my aunts, uncles and cousins would cram around the table, eager to dig into the overflowing bowls and plates. I just need to close my eyes and I remember the sights, sounds, and smells of those special evenings.



Two months ago I had the honor and pleasure of attending our Annual Convention in La Quinta. I enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. I also enjoyed spending time with my family. They put up with me while I was being installed as Grand President, then I got to tote my kids and grandkids around Disneyland for four days. We had a fun time creating our own family and food memories. One of my grandsons passed out on his dinner plate at the table in a restaurant after a long day in the park. I saw my oldest granddaughter last week, and she asked when we were going back!

I have also attended Bishops' Days in Santa Rosa, San Diego and the Santa Clara Valley. At these great events I spent time and shared meals with friends -- old and new. I got to know our new “family” at the Installation of the new branch in Pleasant Hill, California, Branch 442, and at the re-organization of an older branch, 75, in Cloverdale, California.

I was overjoyed that the ICF was asked to participate in the Columbus Day Parade and Celebration in San Francisco. It has been about 20 years since we have been invited. A good time was had by all. A special thank you goes out to the Heritage Committee for making this event possible.

All of these events remind me of those
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UPCOMING:

2013 Bishops' Days:

- Nov. 3 Las Vegas
Monterey (Central Coast)
- Nov. 17 Los Angeles
- Dec. 8 Reno

2014 Bishops' Days:

- Feb. 1 Tucson
- Mar. 2 Oakland (Contra Costa
& East Bay)
- Mar. 29 Stockton
- Apr. 27 San Francisco (San Francisco,
San Mateo & Marin)
- Oct. 12 Fresno
- Oct. 26 Monterey (Central Coast)



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

CONCEPT OF THE LOGO

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

A Walk in the Park

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

One day I went for a walk and after awhile, I got tired and sat down on a park bench. A few moments went by and a very old man came along and sat down beside me.

"Hi," I said to him.

He said, "Good morning, young fellow."
"What's your name?"

"Dan. What's yours?"

"Paul," he said. Then he said, "You look troubled. Is there anything wrong?"

"Oh, I was just thinking about all the trouble in this world. Why don't people just get along?"

"Yes, I know what you mean, but there is an answer for your problem."

"What, tell me, please?"

"People are chosen by God. God wants

them to be holy and loveable. They should be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. They should bear with one another. They should forgive one another, especially if they have been hurt or have a grudge against another. God forgives us, so we must forgive others. And, to make it perfect, we must love people and let the peace of Christ control our hearts. This peace of Christ unites us all together and we become one in Christ. And be thankful. Let Christ's word become part of us.

We will be rich with wisdom. We will help one another and work together with joy and be one happy family.

Above all, we should be grateful to Christ. And whatever we do, we should do in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

If we all did this, there would be a much happier world with peace and love."

"Wow!" I said, "That's really a wonderful way of living our lives and not getting all mixed up in squabbles. You ought to



publish this."

"I did," he said.

"Where can I find it?" I asked.

He said, "You can find it as an excerpt from my published letter to the Colossians 3:12-17.

Leonard Rossi Bestowed Honor



Central Council Life Member and Past Grand President Leonard Rossi with his daughter Janet at the ceremony in Washington D.C.

Life Member and Past Grand President Leonard Rossi O.L.J. was formally invested in The Military And Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. The ceremony took place at the Grand Prior Council of America, held in our nation's capital, Washington D.C.

The effective history of the Order of St. Lazarus as a hospitaller order dates from the beginning of the Crusades in 1098 AD.

The Order of St. Lazarus became a military as well as a hospitaller order, and was recognized as a sovereign order by the Pope.

The three aims of the Order are: Spirituality, Hospitaller Charities and Tradition.

Leonard joins Central Council Life Members Emeriti Larry Marsalli KLJ, and the late Richard Valli KLJ as members of this Order.

The outpouring of care and concern has assisted our family in dealing with the loss of my wife.

Cookie truly loved the Federation and all of its members.

Fraternally, Nello Rossi

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many districts and branches that sent cards and prayers upon the recent death of my wife, Cookie.

Thoughts to Ponder

God poured life into death and death into life
without a drop being spilled. -- Author unknown

Membership Stats as of Oct. 1, 2013:

10,935

Members as of September 1, 2013:

10,806 - 129 total gain

New: 263

Reinstated: 4

Transfer in/out: 5

Deceased: 47

Cancelled: 162

High Five!

Top five districts and areas
with increased membership:
(excluding deceased members)

Contra Costa	+97
(Reflects opening of Br. 442)	
Santa Rosa	+26
Santa Clara Valley	+16
Chicago	+9
San Mateo	+7

Editor's Note:

Next Bollettino deadline
is November 10 for the
December issue. All
Christmas ads for the
Bollettino are also do on
November 10.

Please send everything to:
icfeditor@gmail.com
and Christmas ads to
info@icf.org

HERITAGE

AROUND THE ICF

Nancy Corsi
Heritage Committee Chairperson

More than 25 years has gone by since the ICF participated in the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco. This year on October 13 we changed that. The ICF participated in the Parade this year!!! The Heritage Committee, members and Central Council participated in the float build which began on Saturday. The visionary and designer of the float was Marie Antonowicz. The truck and trailer were donated by Jim Friebe who was also the driver. Our famous little 90 year old chicken Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz was the big hit in her chicken costume dancing the "Chicken Dance" along the entire parade route. All of North Beach looked like dancing chickens when our float came by.

Driving the escort FIAT convertible was Giovanni Corsi with Grand President Bob Basuino and Past Grand President Jane Dianda. We wish to express a big "Thank You!" to Capitol FIAT in San Jose and Ty-



ler Block for the donation of the Fiat for the day.

Our girls "on the street" handing out Grazie mints on ICF info cards were: Lisa Crudo, Nancy Botta, and Donna Hoffman. Much thanks goes to so many members that made the event such a team effort. More kudos and pictures to follow next month.

If you know of any events in your area please let the Heritage Committee know.

OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
10/1	Lois Brenkwitz	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
10/2	Eva Y. Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
10/3	Tony & Carla Sylvestri	163	San Mateo, CA	\$30
10/4	Beverly Smith	332	Novato, CA	\$30
10/5	Ann Zoccoli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
10/6	Branch 191		San Jose, CA	\$30
10/7	David Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
10/8	Leon Haygood	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/9	Manola Scovel	7	SSF, CA	\$30
10/10	Antonio Ratto		Alameda, CA	\$30
10/11	Loudean Becchetti	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
10/12	Fr. Vu		Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/13	Lena Merendino	326	Temple City, CA	\$30
10/14	Louisa Russo	241	West Covina, CA	\$100
10/15	Prudence Price	261	San Diego, CA	\$30
10/16	Sandra Leon-Alfaro	39	Atwater, CA	\$30
10/17	Becky Fidler	281	Posey, CA	\$30
10/18	Barbara Ebel	6	Redwood City, CA	\$30
10/19	David & Mary Tomlinson		Hollister, CA	\$30
10/20	Most Rev. Jose H. Gomez		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
10/21	Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone		San Francisco, CA	\$30
10/22	Jerry Marsalli	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$50
10/23	Gennifer Bohannon	237	Gardena, CA	\$30
10/24	Josephine Delaney	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
10/25	Therese Calgaro	290	San Francisco, CA	\$30
10/26	Josephine & Barbara Colombana	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/27	Genevieve Luna		Merced, CA	\$30
10/28	Dorothy Aggio	150	Rohnert Park, CA	\$30
10/29	Brenda Donohue	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/30	Rosemarie Maffei	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
10/31	Brock Parsons		San Francisco, CA	\$50

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

Save The Dates!

The year 2014 will be a year of celebration for the Italian Catholic Federation as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary!

There will be celebrations at three different locations:

**San Francisco -- Where it all began
Sunday, June 22, 2014**

**Los Angeles
Sunday, June 29, 2014**

**Chicago
Date still being set**

More details will be brought to you as they are available. For now, put the dates on your calendar and get ready to celebrate with your ICF family!

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by Oct. 10, 2013.

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
Get well wishes for Roselynn Jarrett

John S., Darlene and Danielle Delucchi

In memory of Dorothy E. Rossi

Emily Corral

In honor of the 90th birthday of Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz

Bollettino Holiday Greetings

Send a Christmas greetings to your fellow members in the ICF via the Bollettino. Please send in your ad and payment to the ICF Office by November 10. The ads can be sent to the ICF office or emailed to info@icf.org.

Here are your sizes to chose from:

2 1/2 x 2 1/2	\$25
2 1/2 x 5	\$35
4 x 5	\$50
6 1/2 x 5	\$70

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Elvera Garcia	Mike and Marcie Rossi
Bob Gianatasio	Officers/Members of Br. 45
Elvera Garcia	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
Elvera Garcia	The Kilcullen Family
Elvera Garcia	Leonard and Karen Rossi
Elvera Garcia	David and Pat Botta
Leroy Anthony Rampone	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
Tony Giluso	Russ and Louise Vento
Veronica Pestun	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Marie Harrington	Officers/Members of Br. 163
Elvera Garcia	Leroy and Stella Taddei
Marge Rosati	Mr. and Mrs. David Peoples
Cookie Rossi	Officers/Members of Central Council
Cookie Rossi	Leroy and Stella Taddei
Cookie Rossi	John and Donna Rossi
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Harold, Virginia and Steve Fuentes
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Diana Petrolino
Cookie Rossi	Mike and Marcie Rossi
Dorothy Rossi	Rosalie Campisi
Cookie Rossi	Bob and Kathy Acquistapace
Cookie Rossi	Art and Lorraine Fricke
Cookie Rossi	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Cookie Rossi	Patricia Lencioni-Vivenzi
Elvera Garcia	Bob Basuino
Cookie Rossi	Bob Basuino
Cecilia Fini	Bob Basuino
Cookie Rossi	Roger and JoAnn Dorn
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Dorothy Rossi	Officers/Members of Br. 91
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Cookie Rossi	Lisa and Rosalind Crudo
Cookie Rossi	Jim and Janice Jones
Cookie Rossi	Rosie and Elaine Lencioni
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Rusell and Louise Vento
Cookie Rossi	Forrest and Prudence Price
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Ann Bavoso
Cookie Rossi	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda
Cookie Rossi	Mr. and Mrs. Louie Tosti
Cookie Rossi	Cory and Teresa Helfand
Dorothy Rossi	Jim and Rina Negri
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Frank Beccaria	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Linda Lanzon	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
Dorothy Rossi	Romolo and Lorraine Iavarone
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Dorothy Rossi	Lawrence and Carmen Kilcullen
Dorothy Rossi	Lauren Kilcullen
Cookie Rossi	George and Diana Bacigalupi
Cookie Rossi	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Gloria Maffeo
Cecilia Fini	Officers/Members of Br. 191
Dorothy Rossi	Ed and Bella Leonard
Cookie Rossi	Charlyne Pacini
Cookie Rossi	Roselynn Jarrett
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Daniel and Mary Bava
Cookie Rossi	Officers/Members of Br. 48
GET WELL WISHES:	
Roselynn Jarrett	Officers/Members of Central Council
Roselynn Jarrett	Leonard and Karen Rossi
Rose Jarrett	Mike and Marcie Rossi
Betty Castagnola	Officers/Members of Br. 290
John Consiglieri	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Yvonne Borella	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Vito Borella	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Roselynn Jarrett	Larry and Elise Marsalli
Larry Marsalli, CLJ	Bob Basuino
Michael Cannady	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of Central Council
HAPPY BIRTHDAY:	
Kathy Acquistapace	Officers/Members of Br. 161
IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:	
Donations were made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of the sales of the I.C.F. jewelry offered by the store.	

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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JOHN COLLINS	Branch 442	CHARLENE A TIGRI Branch 442
ANN CONSUL	Branch 442	HENRY R TIGRI Branch 442
JOAN M CUMMINGS	Branch 442	ANN M TOMASELLI Branch 442
SUSAN M CUNNINGHAM	Branch 442	GRACE M TOMASELLI Branch 442
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ANDY E GANDOLFO	Branch 442	
ANTONIO B GRANZOTTO	Branch 442	

Cooley's Corner

Celebrate Christmas in Outer Space!



You are cordially invited to attend the
Annual Thalassemia Christmas Party



When: Thursday, December 12, 2013, 6pm-8pm



Where: Children's Hospital Oakland,
Outpatient Center Atrium
744 Fifty Second St. Oakland, CA 94609-1809



Please RSVP By Dec. 1 To:
Laurice Levine
LLevine@mail.cho.org
510-428-3885, ext 5427

Please let us know how many people in your party,
names of everyone, and ages of children.

Dinner * Arts and Crafts * Games * Entertainment *
Visit with Santa and his Elves

It Will Be A Stellar Time!

Grand President

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family dinners I remember so fondly, new and old friends getting together to share our love of fellowship and food. It is much like the ICF; people getting together to form a group of friends and family uniting for the common goal of supporting our church and priests. As we enter this holiday season, my wish for all of you is peace, love, and good health. Thank you for all your hard work, love and devotion to the Italian Catholic Federation and to

all of our charities. It is at times like this that we realize the importance of family, friends, love and faith, and how significant they are to our happiness and livelihood. We should also keep in mind those in this world that are not as fortunate as we are.

I hope that during this Thanksgiving holiday you are with family and friends, creating memories that will be carried with you for years to come.

Bob Basuino
Grand President

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by Oct. 10, 2013.

Branch 4
Branch 4
Branch 139
Branch 195
Branch 290
John and Kris Kaiser

In honor of the birthday of Josie Galante
Carol Lawson
In memory of Cookie Rossi
Fran La Torre
In memory of Cookie Rossi
Johanna Tacci
Get well wishes for John Sorci

Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland Thalassemia Program

Guidelines for Donations

Due to hospital policy, limited storage space, fire hazard, and the prevention of infectious disease, the Thalassemia Outreach Program at Children's Hospital Oakland has a set of donation guidelines. If you would like to make a donation, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ☐ All toys must be new and unused
- ☐ Stuffed animals must be new, clean and not off the store shelf more than a month
- ☐ Books must be new or in very good condition
- ☐ Used DVD's are acceptable

We are unable to accept the following:

- ☐ Clothing of any type
- ☐ Used baby blankets
- ☐ Used games – including board games and puzzles
- ☐ Books in poor condition
- ☐ VHS videos

Suggested donation items:

- ☐ Infant Toys: mobiles, musical toys, rattles, teethingers
- ☐ Books for all ages
- ☐ Board Games for all ages: Life, Monopoly, Clue, Sorry, Trouble, Candyland, Chess/Checkers, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Simon, Trivial Pursuit, Jenga, Taboo, Hi Ho Cheerio
- ☐ New Dolls: Barbies, baby dolls
- ☐ Hand held video games
- ☐ CD Players
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Gift cards to: Target, Gap, Old Navy, Banana Republic, Barnes and Noble, Borders Books and Music, Movie Theater Passes, Starbucks, Jamba Juice
- ☐ Make up kits and nail polish
- ☐ Art supplies: pens, crayons, coloring books, paper, glitter pens
- ☐ PlayDoh and modeling clay
- ☐ Toy cars, match box cars
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BOOK REVIEW

Robert Pachinger Br. 413, Angels Camp

The California Missions **Msgr. Francis J. Weber** **Editions du Signe** **Strasbourg - France, 2007** **256 pages**

My family and I took advantage of the local sights as we traveled throughout California following the Italian Catholic Federation Conventions. The Convention at La Quinta gave us the opportunity to travel to San Diego and visit Mission San Diego de Alcalá. We also visited San Fernando Rey de España on our way home. At San Fernando, I found the subject book by Msgr. Weber. It is a beautiful book with many colorful pictures of the missions. The book contains a brief description of each mission.

However, the book focuses more on mission life with fine detail. The history presented here is well researched and documented as the author has access to archival records dating to the mission period and beyond. The author strives to present a true picture of mission history. As a result of his efforts, the picture that emerges is quite different than the one that we have been hearing and is being taught to our children. The current popular history of the missions emphasizes supposed atrocities by clergy and the Spanish soldiers. Catholicism is cast as a religion forced upon native peoples. Children are being taught that the mission system directly resulted in genocide of the Indian population in California. (Read, for example, American Holocaust: The Conquest of the New World by David E. Stannard. Mr. Stannard has no reservation to blame Christianity for the genocide of all indigenous people in America). Msgr. Weber's book addresses the issues currently being emphasized and brings clarity to the history that modern historians wish to distort.

The native population encountered by the missionaries was poor and scattered. Approximately 135,000 to 350,000 Indians lived in the portion of California where the missions were established. The Indians were primarily hunters and gatherers. Indian families were small due in part to a high infant mortality rate. It is apparent that the available food could not sustain a large population. Although Spanish expeditions had set foot in California in 1542, California had been neglected until the Spanish crown realized that they were in danger of losing the area. The missionaries were sent to what was then called Alta California in an effort to evangelize and to stop the southward progression of Russian settlers. Of course, this mingling of Europeans and Indians resulted in an introduction of diseases that affected the native population. However, the way of life introduced by the missionaries led to a native population boom.

In chapter three of *The California Missions*, the daily life on a mission is presented. This daily life consisted of a "routine somewhere between freedom and leisureliness." The daily routine followed a strict pattern in all the missions. Chores were performed at sunrise, followed by Mass and breakfast.

After breakfast, assignments were issued. The Indians then returned to their dwellings for about an hour and a half. After starting their jobs, they stopped for lunch at about 11:00. They resumed their work at about 2:00pm and continued working for about two hours. They prepared for dinner and enjoyed the rest of the evening. Catholic teaching was a daily event with the "doctrina" being recited in common before Mass and before bedtime. The "doctrina" consisted of the basic prayers and precepts of our faith such as the Ten Commandments, Seven Sacraments, etc., that we know today. Mission commodities included agriculture and livestock. Instead of living in huts and eating acorns, the Indians lived on mission grounds, learned trades, and had a better diet. Their way of life had greatly improved for them.

The issue of forcing Catholicism on the indigenous population is dealt with directly in chapter 5 of the book. The missionaries were guided by the principles contained in the *Itinerario Para Parrochos de Indias*. This guide was written by the Bishop of Quito in the early 1600's. It governed missionary work in all of America. Violation of the regulations contained in the document was considered sinful. The document stated "just as the apostles were poor, humble, suffering fishermen having neither staffs nor money, their successors can most effectively harvest souls if they come armed only with virtue and confidence in God's pity and mercy." The missionaries did not come to destroy populations. Harvesting souls was the mission. The Franciscan missionaries knew that as each soul was a gift from God, the Indians had to exercise their free choice to convert. One can read the *Diary of Fr. Junipero Serra, Expedition Loreto to San Diego, March 28 to July 1, 1769* (Academy of American Franciscan History, Berkeley, California) to gain an insight as to the joy that he felt whenever an Indian wished to converse with him and the gentleness with which he treated the natives. Father Serra eventually was given the authority to expel soldiers in the expedition that he felt were immoral or behaved poorly towards the natives. It is interesting to note that the expedition to establish the missions consisted of a few missionaries and a small detachment of soldiers. In total, approximately 142 friars served during the missionary days in California 1769 to 1833. These brought in more than 100,000 Indians to Catholicism. If Catholicism were forced upon the natives, they could have easily revolted against the friars and the few soldiers sent to establish the presidios.

Although this history is not Italian, it is still part of our heritage as Catholics and as Californians. *The California Missions* presents a more balanced history than the current revisionist accounts. It is written in a manner that is easily understandable by school age children. Yet, the book is a scholarly account with the necessary references to support the facts. Most photographs are in color and beautifully composed. The book also contains historical photographs so that the reader can see various aspects of mission life in the 1800's including the stage of decay that the missions were in prior to their restoration. *The California Missions* may bring back memories of trips to the missions. This is a great book that all can enjoy. I am sure that if it is left on a coffee table, no one will be able to resist picking it up and enjoying it.

Do You Have What You Want?

Do You Get What You Truly Need?

Jim Acitelli
Apostolic Chairman

All of us are familiar with the "Peanuts" cartoons, so if you would, place yourself in the enjoyment of visualizing this as you read:

Lucy and her little brother Linus have just finished eating a Turkey dinner. Lucy is explaining to Linus how to make a wish on a wishbone.

"This is a wishbone, Linus," she says. "We both make our wishes and then pull it apart. Whoever breaks off the biggest part gets his or her wish."

Whereupon Linus asks, "Do we wish out loud?"

Lucy replies, "Of course we wish out loud. If you don't wish out loud, the wish answerer won't know what to bring you!"

So, Lucy begins the wishing. "Let's see now - I wish for a new doll, a new bicycle, four new sweaters, some new saddle shoes, a wrist watch and about \$100!"

Linus, (the thoughtful, sensitive one) gets his turn.

"First of all," he says, "I wish for a long life for my friends. Then I wish for peace in the world. I wish for great advancements in the fields of science and medicine and agriculture..."

By this time Lucy is throwing away the

unbroken wishbone in DISGUST saying, "You just seem to have a knack for spoiling everything!!"

There is a great lesson there for us today. The character of Lucy is much more concerned about SELF and things in her life. Whereas her brother Linus is so much more sensitive and thoughtful of other people and isn't that what it is all about?

Have you ever noticed how good we all are at getting what we want - those ugly self-serving wants? They promise the good life but never deliver. How often do we confuse our wants with our real needs? How many times have we said: "I need new furniture. I need a new car. I need new clothes. I need this. I need that. Those needs are not actual needs at all but wants!"

We can legitimately want all those things, but they are not needs that address any of life's fundamental issues.

Our real needs, which we must pray for, often consist of such things as the need to forgive, the need for self-esteem, the need to be of service to others, the need to be compassionate and understanding, the need to embrace an approach to life and to people that is in harmony with God's way; the need to experience the special presence of God in your heart through prayer.

Jesus tells us that nothing - not even money - should take priority over our right relationship with God and one another.

Plan Now, Set Goals... Get a Workshop

Dante Galeazzi
Workshop Committee Chairman

The new Grand President has asked the Workshop Committee to continue its successful Travel Show from last year, and to follow the effort presented at the 2013 Convention -- such as open forum, spiritual, heritage and fundraising. We know that the districts and branches have scheduled many activities for the upcoming calendar for the goodwill in the parish, in the community and in the name of the Federation. The workshop, however, will add to the fantastic planning and enhance the many responsibilities by the ICF nationally.

Your Workshop Committee can provide assistance in Membership growth, the valuable leadership and officers guidance's 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 goals are determined, the Workshop Committee will provide the necessary resources or additional concepts for your branches and district to achieve with less effort and struggles. The Workshop Committee can suggest topics including: how to increase membership, fundraising activities, provide heritage/history of the Federation, 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 your first choice date and to discuss with the Workshop Committee what is the most valuable topic/s that best suit the needs of your branch 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 and improve on your diligent effort.



Gifts of Love Gratitude

Gifts of Love Committee is Looking For Volunteers

Pat Mages
Chairperson

This year the Gifts of Love Committee is going to try something different. The committee meets approximately four times a year to read applications and grant awards. For the past several years, the meetings have been held in Oakland and nearby areas. However, this year in order to have a more diversified representation, the committee will be meeting in Oakland and areas further away. These areas will be in the southern part of California, possibly in Los Angeles, Orange County and/or San Diego areas. This is the reason for the 'call for' volunteers. When the meetings are held in a particular area the volunteers in that area will assist with reading and judging. The use of teleconferencing, 'Go to Meeting' and Skype are also possibilities. I know this still does not encompass all of the ICF areas, but let's take it one step at a time; with time and practice we can make this work.

The committee consists of the appointed members: Central Council members, Member-at-Large, and volunteer judges. This year's appointed members are Pat Mages, Chair; Michael Cannady; James Friebe; Al Teglia; Fran Foglia-Teglia; and Members-at-Large Bob and Elaine Osorio. These are volunteers who have given their time and experience to this committee for

many years. We do not want to diminish their dedication and hope they will continue if you so choose.

One more last comment, the committee wants to thank you for your generous donations. Besides your donations, we ask that you look around at your family, branch, or community for those who may need the assistance of this committee. The awards go to persons with disabilities, physical and mental/emotional. However, as many of you know, awards have been granted to organizations. Awards have been given to assist dioceses or parishes in providing religious education teachers (certified signers) to teach deaf members; to play productions performed by persons who are mentally challenged; to care for specially trained therapy/service animals. Although, Gifts of Love does not provide education scholarships or awards, it can assist with the 'tools' an individual needs to achieve that training or education. The awards are varied and many, from assistance with medical prescriptions; prosthetics; wheelchairs; walkers; hearing aids; even a gas card for a mother with a special needs child and so much more. Check out the ICF website for the Gifts of Love application form.

Please contact Pat Mages if you are interested in volunteering. The commitment would involve about four hours a meeting, one or two Saturdays a year. My phone number: (805) 428-4623; pat.lou.mages@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Laurice Levine's Sunday Convention Speech

Per request by many members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we are running the speech given by Laurice Levine during the Sunday business session at the Convention.

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Monsignor Cardelli and Dearest Members of the Clergy; Madame Grand President Jane Dianda; Central Council; Michelle Feldman and ICF Staff, ICF Members; Family and Dear Friends:

In 1983 when ICF began giving to Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia or Thal) to Dr. Hyman in Southern California the average lifespan of a patient was approx 20 years old. An adult with thalassemia was virtually unheard of.

Your contributions – which to date is over 1 million dollars – have resulted in changes in technology and advances in medicine which have greatly improved the quality of life and increased the longevity of people with thalassemia. Some examples of this are as follows:

- Developing a safe blood supply – before 1982 contracting HIV and HEP C infection was a common occurrence.
- Chelation therapy – as a result of routine tx q 2-4 weeks starting by age two and being administered throughout life patients are at risk for iron toxicity which could lead to premature death. Desferal administration improved over the years – pumps sizes decreased from the size of a shoebox to a small device that fits into a pocket.
- 2005 first oral chelator approved by the FDA
- 2011 2nd oral chelator approved by the FDA
- Combination therapy proved to be effective – this is when desferal is administered through a pump and a patient also takes an oral chelator to remove iron.
- A patient's liver iron was assessed via a liver bx – a surgical procedure that was painful and required an overnight hospital stay. ICF funds helped purchase the Ferritometer machine which put an end to liver bx. A ferritometer is a scan – painless and noninvasive. Even this procedure has improved. Down from over an hour the scan takes 20 minutes to complete. There are only three of these state of the art machines in the world – Italy, Germany and Oakland.
- The first technology to assess heart iron was developed using specialized MRI technology. Heart failure is the leading cause of death among thal patients – this tech helps assess both function and iron the results helping doctors and patients decide what type and how much chelation therapy is needed.
- A medication that stimulates red blood cell growth was developed. This medicine especially helped patients with less severe forms of thalassemia, by preventing the need for transfusion therapy.
- Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) became a known cure for thalassemia. While this is still a complicated and often dangerous procedure, it is a cure for some fortunate patients who have a sibling who is a bone marrow match. We were able to cure the first patient with alpha thalassemia – the most severe type of thal that usually causes

still birth. Even more promising than BMT is adult stem cell transplants – this means that the stem cells of a newborn baby's umbilical cord or placenta can be used instead of bone marrow to cure thalassemia. It is important to know that no embryos are harmed when using these stem cells.

- Recently gene therapy trials have begun – which may someday be closer to a universal cure for thalassemia. Trials have been conducted in NY for the past year and soon we will launch a trial at CHO.

The ICF has funded the Thalassemia (Thal) program at Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) since 1992 when Dr. Hyman in LA retired. We are one of 6 specialty centers in North America. Along with supporting medical research as I just outlined, the ICF is the reason we have the only outreach program in the U.S. at CHO.

Outreach consists of raising awareness and educating the community on thalassemia – going to healthfairs; educating the medical community by providing inservices; publishing literature such as the "Standards of Care for Thalassemia" and the "Perspectives" newsletter. And most importantly, patient services. These range from helping patients who cannot afford care to flying patients in from remote areas. This is especially important for those who are underserved, to receive comprehensive care at our center. We then work with their local doctor to assure they have the proper treatment to survive and thrive. Lastly, outreach includes planning special events such as retreats and the Christmas party.

Four years ago we collaborated with The Painted Turtle Camp in LA to send Thal patients to camp for a week in the summer. The Painted Turtle Camp has become a sacred and beloved place for our patients, including myself as I volunteered there for thalassemia week during the past two summers. Sadly, camp burned down this past June as a result of the LA powerhouse fires so sessions were cancelled this summer. But they will be back in action in 2014.

As a professional I see how much of a difference the ICF makes in countless lives. The other day I was thinking of how the ICF adopting Cooley's as their national charity has paralleled my own life. I was 11 years old when the ICF adopted Thalassemia as their national charity. My parents were told that I would not live past the age of 13. I am 100% sure that your contributions have allowed a patient like me to grow up, work, get married, and now have the hope to grow old enough to become a parent. Had the ICF not adopted Thalassemia as their national charity the above mentioned advances would not have occurred. I turned 41 this year!

You say I inspire you, but it is all of you who are the inspiration. Not only are you responsible for my good health, but you have shown me that there is still good in the world despite all of the darkness we hear about everyday. You have provided me with support, understanding, love and often during my darkest times a reason to live. It is during my sad times that you have given my husband Matt hope that we may grow old together. I am inspired by every one of you and in awe of those you

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Celebrating Bishop's Day in Santa Rosa

On Saturday, September 14, the Santa Rosa District held its annual Bishop's Day at St. Joseph's, Branch 150, in Cotati, CA.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. At the reception, event Chairman Bob Acquistapace introduced Branch President Tom Saksa and District President Dante Corsetti who proceeded to welcome everyone.

Bishop Vasa had a special message for the attendees concerning the good works of the ICF.

Grand President Bob Basuino presented Bishop Vasa with a check for \$2,000 from the Providenza Fund. Lydia Camozzi presented the bishop with a check for \$2,700 from the district's seminary burse. Louise Vicino presented the Spiritual Bouquet to the Bishop.

Special guests in attendance included Msgr. Daniel Wheland; Grand President and Central Council Life Member Bob Basuino and his father Frank; Past Grand President and CC Life Member Mike Rossi and his wife Marcie; CC Life Member Emeritus and Past Grand President Carmen Kilcullen and her husband Larry; Santa Rosa District Past President Lauren Kilcullen; CC Grand Trustee Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and CC Grand Trustee Nancy Corsi and her husband Giovanni.



Grand President Bob Basuino presenting Bishop Vasa with a check from the Providenza Fund.



Lydia Camozzi presenting the Bishop with the District's Seminary Burse.

(Left) Louise Vicino presented the Bishop with a Spiritual Bouquet.

Laurice Levine

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have honored, Anna Greco-Gonzales and Chef Bruno Serato. Like they both said – if everyone does a little bit – we can make a big difference. You often apologize and I quote – “that you cannot do more” when truly you have done so very much and I am honored to see and live the fruits of your labor.

Often times it is easy for people with chronic illness to feel lonely or outcast. While there is much support for people undergoing an acute illness, it is not so for a chronic illness. Since I am so compliant I feel like medical professionals think it is easier for me to have blood transfusions every two weeks (it is no less than a 12 hour day) and do the desferal pump 15-20 hrs a day 6-7 days a week. Aside from my husband and the ICF no one asks me how I am doing healthwise. I usually cope well and take it all in stride, but I am human and I do break down. Sometimes all I need is a good cry – not because I want to be pitied or b/c I feel sorry for myself – it is sometimes just the sheer exhaustion of having to work so hard to stay healthy, the guilt I often feel for bringing another person into the often complicated world of thalassemia, or sometimes the insensitive things people say. It is often during these times that I draw on

your strength and love.

I was talking to Bob Basuino this weekend when he asked if Matt and I wanted to adopt a baby boy or a baby girl. I told him that truth be told that if something happened to me, Matt is more comfortable raising a boy. Bob teared up saying he doesn't even think of that or see me as someone who is “sick”, but rather he sees me as an individual with thalassemia not a thalassemic – a person and not just a patient. I am confident most of the Federation sees me this way. Yet society has negative expectations of someone who is chronically ill – that they cannot live a fulfilling and fruitful life. Or maybe don't even deserve one. Even one of my own best friends said something that crushed me. She was adamant in telling me she thought I was making a mistake by adopting and that my husband was selfish for putting me through the adoption process b/c SHE was was under the impression that I did not want children – despite it being a lifelong dream. I explained I could never parent let alone go thru the grueling process of adoption if my heart was not in it. Matt and I discussed adoption since date #3 and have worn out every scenario. She went on to say that if people who interviewed us to adopt their child knew that I had Thalassemia then they would certainly NOT choose me to parent their child. She later said that in a world where people strive for perfection

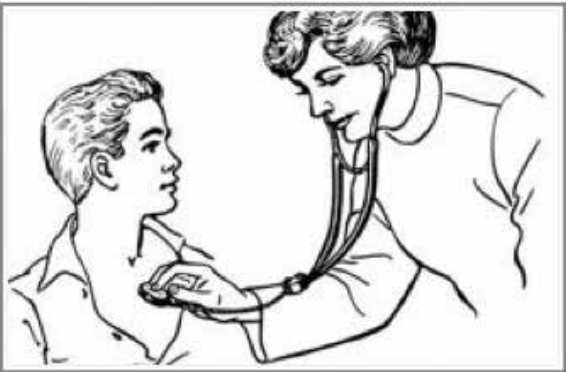
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why would they choose someone with that? Along this same vane I was actually at an event when a woman asked me what I could possibly offer and give to a child since I struggled with my own mortality and I am unsure of my life expectancy. Today, since care improves rapidly, it unclear what the life expectancy is – also depends on your care, what country you live in and most of all your compliance. I was taken so off guard that I ended up commending her for asking me this question – since she was probably saying what most people were thinking anyway. I went on to say that no one knows when their time is up and that I do everything in my power to adhere to my medical regimen and stay healthy. These people have not told me anything I haven't grieved about in therapy in my young 20's and 30's when I felt inadequate, sad, and unworthy.

But I cannot and will not let this stop me. Some people think I'm selfish. But the power of love and family and what I think is God's plan prevails. I prayed hard to make my adoption decision – and I believe we go down every path for a reason. During these challenging times I draw upon my Catholic faith, your positive energy, your support and your prayers, and it gives me strength to go forth and live each day with passion and compassion.

Children in hospitals have countless

services – playroom, child life specialists, child-friendly decor, parties, camps – while you hearts bleed for our children – I also want to thank the ICF for supporting adults. For you are a primary reason we are still here. Challenges change, but they are always there, but you have to deal with them often alone. Support for chronic illness wanes and often is non-existent. The feelings of isolation can be pervasive. But knowing there is actually an organization with incredible individuals such as yourselves dedicated to Cooley's Anemia gives a patient a sense of well being, security and gratitude – that people care and that we are not alone. More than money your kindness and genuine love are invaluable gifts. And your dedication has never wavered.

Before I close I want to give you all an adoption update – so many of you have kept up with me throughout this long process (18 mos) and I thank you. We had a fingerprint delay of 5 months, but completed our paperwork and received our license in late August. Now we await referrals from foster care or requests to meet by pregnant parents. It could be any day, weeks or months. I hesitate to say a year or more.

On behalf of Dr Vichinsky and the Thal Team and most importantly the children and families with Cooley's thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Members of Branch 358 visited the retired sisters of St. Charles Borromeo and had a wonderful time.

Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

Our night at Balmoral Park Race Track was a fun night for members and guests. We were pleased to have Rev. Bob Sprott from St. Victor and Rev. Steve Kosinski, Pastor of All Saints Church in Hammond, Indiana, as our guests for the sumptuous buffet dinner in the Club House. We are also pleased that Johnny Kelly (brother to our prez), Dr. Barbara Merlo, and Dr. Tony Hirschenberger (my niece and nephew) joined us for this annual event. Once again, luck of the Irish prevailed as the Kellys emerged the big winners of the races. And, in the third race, I bet on All American Solo driven by Casey Leonard (in honor of 195 member Leonard Casey who is recuperating from illness). Guess what? He was the winner as is our member!

We began our October meeting praying the rosary. Our elections for 2014 officers followed along with our Thanksgiving Raffle.

In November our board will assess our fund-raising events and goals for the coming year and our regular meeting will be dedicated to the memory of 195's deceased members.

Sunday, December 1 is our Christmas Party at Carlo Lorenzetti's in Chicago Heights.

In the meantime, let us support Tom Lessner who is chairing our 2014 Calendar sales.

For now, we wish a Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

We've had a very exciting and enjoyable September - visited the retired sisters of St. Charles Borromeo and had a wonderful time.

In October we will have on Oct. 13 our first ICF Mimosa Sunday and the following week on Sunday, Oct. 20 we will hold our annual bake sale. Looking forward to a wonderful November and to all of you have a healthy, happy, joyful Thanksgiving Day with family and friends!

Sincerely,

Br. 358 members

Chicago

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Br. 439

On October 6, 2013 ICF Branch 439 Our Lady, Mother of the Church held their 2nd Annual Fundraiser to benefit Dr. Jeffrey

Cantor, the Director of Dentistry for Easter Seals Autistic Program. Dr. Cantor has given so much of his time and expertise to serve Autistic patients with their dentistry needs over the years and we raised money to help his program continue to exist and progress. This wonderful man and his wife were our guests at a dinner dance held at Alta Villa with over 250 guests in attendance. Dinner, open bar, sweets, dancing and numerous raffles and auctions took place which was a huge success. Fun was had by all, and money raised will be presented to Dr. Cantor at our next ICF meeting.

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The October meeting was a Halloween themed event with witches, bats and pumpkins filled with candy at every table. A delicious dinner of chicken, lasagna, salad, and garlic bread was enjoyed by all who attended. The dessert was yummy pumpkin squares. That recipe can be found in our ICF cookbook that is still for sale. Thanks to the chairmen Butch and Frances Hope, and the committee: Ada Cavallero, Gary Cavallero, Carol and Jim Espinola, J.B. and Camille Overstreet, Mary Dal Cerro and John O'Meara.

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; Ila Schoettler, orator; Cari Beveridge, Sentinel; Jim Espinola, trustee; Frances Hope, trustee; Louise Chiarelli, trustee and Mabel Willmon, District Deputy. Congratulations everyone!

Members are busy making plans for those attending the Bishop's Burse on the 20th. The committee has distributed the tickets for our take-out pasta dinner in November. By all reports sales are off to a great start. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Tom Marschall, and his wife, Kris, prepared a fantastic meal for our September meeting. Members enjoyed viewing a slide show presentation of their trip to Italy and neighboring countries in Europe.

Members who came dressed in costumes at our October meeting received goody bags



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filled with sweet treats. Prizes were awarded to the "Best of Show" costumes.

Kudos Tom! Tom Marschall returned to the kitchen for our October meeting along with Elaine Lencioni and Patricia Vivenzi. Thank you for being a member of Br. 32.

Our Salad Bar Luncheon in October was a great success. Thank you to all the members who made salads and supported our event.

An "Hour of Memory" mass and candlelight celebration will be November 10, 2013, at the 11:30am mass at Our Lady of Victory Church. A time for remembering those who have passed, Fellowship will follow at Shepherd's Inn in Downtown Fresno.

Remember in your prayers those who are ailing, especially Mario Isnardi, Peggy Barbato, Manny Fischer, Olga Sulenta, Larry Scott, Vinto Scarabello, and Norma Scarabello. Send a card, give them a call, and add a little sunshine to their life.

Pray for Peace.

Sanger

Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

Greetings from Branch 70 Sanger. We want to thank Michael Quiroz, our delegate to the convention in La Quinta, who gave us a good report on the convention at our last meeting.

We thank President Kay Lopez and Bob Merlo (who was in charge of cooking spaghetti) and all the members who worked on our spaghetti and meatball dinner fundraiser on Sept. 29. We also had a bake table sale. Both turned out very successful. We are looking forward to Bishop Day in Merced.

We send get well wishes to Enos Giovacchini. We hope she feels better from the flu. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella



Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Our branch has been very busy. Gary Moles and George Carson made sure coffee and donuts were ready for our parish after the Masses. Various members stopped by to help. The new ICF signage was well received; a nice addition letting the parish know who we are. We enjoyed a lovely Fall evening with dinner and meeting in the backyard at George and Terri Carson's, we thank them for their hospitality. Turkey Bingo will be held at the next meeting. Pizza, salad and pumpkin pie for dinner then Bingo! Come play for pies, money and turkeys. This is always fun. Details to follow.

Our largest and always fun event, "A Night at The Races" was a success, thanks to Chairmen Marian Zasoski and Allen Watts and to all who helped sell horses, man the bank, and assist in the kitchen. It's an event where our financial success further enables us to fund our charities.

Gary Moles has graciously made fruit an option at our various functions, we thank him for his generosity.

Gobble Gobble Felice Ringraziamento Mindy

Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

Our St. Anthony of Padua Branch 308 held its general meeting on Wed. Sept. 12 at the Social Hall. Members were treated to many delicious side dishes and desserts. A big thank-you to all and to Antoinette and Angelo Pecora for the Italian Sausage.

Branch Deputy Flora De Pasquale, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora gave the members present a report on the ICF Convention held in Palm Springs. The ICF Convention was beautifully done and the workshops were excellent.

On October 9, at 6:00pm we will have our Oktoberfest with Polish dogs. Nick Di Liddo, Leonard Garber, and Russell Renna will do the shopping and cooking for the dinner/meeting.

On the weekend of October 19 and 20th, we will be selling Italian Sausage Sandwiches after all the Masses. The Bishop's Seminary Burse will be on October 20 in the city of Merced.

Continual prayers for all our sick members and the people who care for them. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers, Barbara Hioco, Genevieve Ochinerio, Patti Lometti, Carolyn Romersa, Margaret Rodriguez and Evie Manfredo.

Birthday Wishes go out to Angela Di Liddo, Alex Garcia (Aug. 23), Nick Di Liddo (Sept. 12), Jim Watson (Sept. 19), and Larry Pricolo (Sept. 24).

Celebrating an Anniversary are Maria and Larry Pricolo (Sept. 28).

Peace and Love,

Maria E. Juarez~Garcia

Los Angeles

Los Angeles

District Council

The ICF Booth at the Feast of San Gennaro in Hollywood was a success again this year. ICF and Cooley's Anemia information was picked up by many of the festival visitors with interest in joining a branch in their areas. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Tony Farinella (Br. 326), Lou and Pat Mages (Br. 380), Michele Silveri, Tad and Theresa Shaw (Br. 108), and Monica Abbot, Jeff Smith and Steve Di Pietro (Br. 440) for staffing the booth throughout the weekend. Visitors included Robert "Bocce Bob" Castagnola of the San Pedro Bocce Club; accordionist Norman Panto; and LMU student Mariele Courtois. Can't wait until next year.

The 2013 Bishop Banquet Committee meeting was held on October 10 at Marri's Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Long Beach. Preparations for the November 17 event at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles is moving smoothly. All members of the 18 ICF branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to come and support the ICF and join in giving of the Seminary Burse to Saint John's Seminary while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members and clergy. Please encourage your Clergy and Seminarians to also attend. Questions? Call 626 372-7812.

The District Board encourages all branches to support each others events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

On November 10, 2013 - Mother Cabrini Open House from 9:00am to 1:00pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Burbank. Board Meeting to follow at 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Members welcome. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm's way.

Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA, President

South Pasadena, CA 91030

626 372-7812



Dante Galeazzi, CC Life Member and Chairperson of the Workshop Committee joined a Pedro group in the Fresno District during the demo lessons for ways to recruit new members into the branches in their district and for fundraisers for the different charities of the Fresno District. CC Members also in assistance for the Pedro demonstration were CC Life Member Jim Friebe and his wife Mary Ann, CC Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani and his wife Sid, and CC Sergeant-at-Arms Marco Galeazzi. Marco Galeazzi was generous with donations of wine and olive oil for the door prizes.

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

Congratulations to Branch 67 President Nick M. D'Egidio and his committee for the success of the Fall Special Polenta Dinner and Dance held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at the Casa Italiana! Chef Gaetano and Company again delighted the attendees with his fabulous Hors D'oeuvres, Salad, Polenta, Pasta with Sausage and Dessert. The music provided by Enzo Selvaggi was so inviting that everybody was in the dance floor!

Nick and his committee are busy preparing Branch 67 Halloween Banquet to be held on Sunday, October 27 at the Casa Italiana at noon. They are dedicating this 1st Halloween Party to young parents and their children, grandparents, great-grand parents, their family and friends. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the best kids costume.

As it is customary, every 4 Sunday of the month, Branch 67 members will attend mass at 11:00am at St. Peters Church.

Branch 67 next membership meeting/Election of Officers for 2014 will be held on Monday, November 25, 2013. Molto grazie a tutti.

Save the Dates

- November 17, 2013 - ICF Archdiocese of Los Angeles Districts to host the Annual Bishop's Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles beginning at 10:00am Mass followed by a Luncheon to honor our Chaplains and Seminarians in the Cathedral Banquet Hall. Call 626 372-7812 for more information. Members of the 18 branches of the ICF in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to attend. A show of solidarity and communal spirit with our Holy Church are greatly encouraged.

- December 1, 2013 - Mass (12:30pm), followed by Pilgrimage and Luncheon in St. Frances Xavier Church Parish Hall, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA. All members, families, friends and parishioners are invited to share in this holy event. Call 626 372-7812 for questions and reservations.

- December 19, 2013 - 6:00 to 9:00pm. Los Angeles District Christmas Party at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030. Call 626 403-6102 for reservations.



The members of the Los Angeles District had a booth for the ICF at the Annual San Gennaro Festival. (Top Left) Lou and Pat Mages, Robert Castagnola and Carmelo Sabatella worked the booth. (Top Right) Stopping by to visit the booth were members from Holy Family, Branch 108. (Bottom Left) Monica Abbott and other visitors places pins on a map of Italy, designating where their families came from. (Bottom Middle) Norman Panto entertained with his accordion at the Festival. (Bottom Right) At the ICF booth were Carmelo Sabatella, Mariele Courtois, and Theresa Shaw.

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

Happy Thanksgiving to all ICF Members and their families from Branch 108!

On October 12 and 13th ICF Branch 108 provided Sausage Sandwiches, Pasta and homemade Cannoli at this year's Holy Family Fair in South Pasadena. Thank you members for staffing the ICF Booth and to Theresa Shaw for coordinating the ICF crew for a great job getting the visitors fed. And to Ignazio Vivarito for making the cannoli and ricotta filling. Thank you to Parishioners for supporting the ICF Booth and Holy Family Church Fair again for making this event a success.

Branch 108 will host a combined Branch and District Christmas Party on December 8 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm with Bocce practice tournament from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. All members will be asked to bring \$10 donation to help support a preselected family in need and to bring canned goods for the Holy Family Giving Bank. For more information please call 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812.

Save the Dates:

December 8, 2013 - ICF Branch 108 Christmas Party in the Holy Family Church St. Joseph Center from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Thank you Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Our 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 "per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Our October 10 Columbus Day Potluck dinner meeting had a great turnout. Lots of food,

fun, and friendships to go around for everyone.

We celebrated our October birthdays: Lina Canzonieri, Crocetta Salomone, and Jeannine Vieni. Delicious cake was eaten by all. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

The last social night was great in September. We all played Scopa and had lots of fun! Our October social night was held on Thursday, October 17. It was Bingo Night for all and a night full of fun! You should join us next time.

Don't forget this year's Bishop Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 17 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Mass will be celebrated at 10am and the luncheon and program will follow the mass at noon in the Center at Cathedral Plaza. Please contact Franco Salomone at 323-888-2074 for more details

This month's I leave you with a quote from our fellow Italian Sylvester Stallone – "I believe there's an inner power that makes winners or losers. And the winners are the ones who really listen to the truth of their hearts."

*Thank You and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano*

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Dear Members,

At the October 10 meeting, the election of the new 2014 officer took place. We will announce them in the December Bollettino.

The recent four days trip to San Francisco, Napa and Monterey was a big hit with wine tasting, great food and accommodations and lots of fun. Also a stop at the Chumash Casino, Solvang and San Luis Obispo. Forty-five people attended. Thank you to our members and friends of the Italian Community that made this trip a great success.

Upcoming events:

Oct. 17 -- Bishop Day Banquet, Mass at the Cathedral in Los Angeles followed by luncheon \$23.00 for members. Call Neal Di Leva for reservations 310-433-1044.

Nov. 21 Members Meeting at 7:30pm in the Parish Center

Next year our Branch will celebrate the 60th Anniversary (1954-2014). We are planning to have the Saturday night dinner and celebration on August 16, 2014 at the "Top of the Fish Market Restaurant" Please pass the word to family and friends and join us that evening celebrating 60 years of great memories.

God bless you all and keep all of our sick and deceased members in our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Neal Di Leva -- President Br. 115

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

November! Celebrate Thanksgiving/ Veterans' Days in the true American spirit of joy, love, family, pride and respect!

Our 44th Annual Columbus Day Dinner-Dance Fundraiser was a great success on October 12 -- which is the actual date, in 1492, that Columbus' men caught sight of the Americas' at 2am!!!

Wow!!! Lomeli's Italian Restaurant's delicious cuisine; accordion-stylist John Dynice's classic music; Vaughn Suponatime's sensational tribute to Frank Sinatra!!! The rhythmic melodies of DJ Cherry Sound! A great Silent Auction!

Congrats! 7th grader Christopher Jordan won the ICF Essay Contest on the Life of Pope Francis. Nicole Flores came 2nd; Aisle Ortiz came 3rd. Certificates & prizes were awarded.

Also in October, a special lady & ICF friend celebrated her 100th Birthday. Peggy McGeer hails from the East coast; she raised a family on the West coast, and just happened to be a good friend of Francis Sinatra. Wishing you many more, Peggy!

On November 24, we conclude A Year of Faith! Let us daily continue to express our "living faith" through thoughts and actions.

Pray especially for: Grace Barnett, Theresa Marino, Raul Romero, Rae Evans, Gloria Bartok, & Judy Sucharitakul.

Chaplain Father George Aguilar, Donna Michels & Theresa Aguilar enjoyed their October B-Days.

Calendar dates:

Nov. 7: Board Meeting

Nov. 13: Feast of Mother Cabrini



Members of Branch 108 manning the booth at the Holy Family Festival.



San Pedro Branch 115 recently took a 4 day trip, wine tasting in San Luis Obispo, Napa and a side trip to San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf and the Monterey Pier. Also a brief stop on the way up in Solvang for lunch and an overnight stay in Chumash Casino. Members and friends joined us making this trip one of the more memorable ones.

Nov. 17: General Meeting/ Bishops' Banquet

Dec. 1: St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage in Burbank

Dec. 15: Christmas Party!!!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ciao,

Eleanor Rose

La Canada Flintridge

St. Bede, Br. 374

After a long summer break members of Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church in La Cañada Flintridge, California were ready to have some fun and get back to business. They met for their September general meeting to celebrate the birthdays of nine members who had birthdays

during the summer months when the branch was dark.

Joining the festivities were Central Council Member Pat Mages, Los Angeles District Council President Carmelo Sabatella, who is branch deputy, and Branch 374 President Al Restivo who introduced each birthday celebrant. Members of the branch joined together to sing a rousing Happy Birthday. The festivities were accompanied by a big birthday cake and ice cream. Birthdays are always celebrated at Branch 374, but this was the first time so many members had birthdays that fell during the summer months.

Central Council Member Pat Mages presented a program that included an update on the convention, the elections and, an overview of the upcoming ICF Strategic Plan.



Pat Mages sits back and enjoys the camaraderie of being with Branch 374 members at their September meeting.

Standing left to right are: Al Restivo, Carmelo Sabatella, and Pat Mages, Birthday celebrants Mary Wynton, Alice McCormick, Sherene de la Mott, Emy Mannarelli, Joe Vinci, Christine Wheeler, Tom Passanisi, Diane Restivo, and Penny Baisley. Photo by Joe Layton



Branch 111 members Domenica Orofino, Rosa Licari, and Estera Veneziano.



Branch 111 October birthday Lina Canzonieri and her husband Salvatore.

San Gabriel Valley

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Upcoming: General meeting November 10. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

November 17 – Christmas Boutique – A great way to start your Christmas shopping early. We always have a wonderful variety of wares on display. Also, again we will have available sandwiches for sale. Time: 8 to 3. Setup will be Saturday evening from 6 to 9. Please tell your family and friends to come and browse. Also, this day is the Bishops's Day Banquet, again in Los Angeles. Mass is at 10am followed by a luncheon.

Our Christmas party is right around the corner – Saturday, December 7. Setup will be from 8am to 3pm and the party will begin at 5pm. Watch for more on this from Jeane's newsletter.

Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and hope to see all of you at these events.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

November 08 – General Meeting/ Thanksgiving Dinner. Also will be Election night for 2014



Branch 111 members at their Columbus Potluck dinner meeting.



Branch 111 members in line at their Columbus Potluck dinner meeting.

November 10 – ICF Donut sale at St. Denis

November 17 – Bishop's Day Banquet at the Cathedral in Los Angeles

November 18 – ICF Board Meeting Branch 317

November 28 – Happy Thanksgiving

December 01 – Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage.

December 08 – Breakfast with Santa

Thank you to Toni Werley for the delicious dinner she prepared for the Oktoberfest dinner. Also, thank you to Laura, Terry, Liz, Ann, and Rosie. We had several desserts. Pineapple upside-down cake, chocolate cake and even some chocolate candies. Thank you to Julia who brought an apple pie, and thank you Roxanne who completed the Oktoberfest event. Grazie! Pat Mages from Central Council attended our meeting. She spoke to us about future plans of the Italian Catholic Federation. Members enjoyed meeting her and answered any questions or concerns.

We appreciate our hosts for the Thanksgiving dinner. Julia Scalise and Josefina and Eliseo who will prepare the turkeys. Grazie!

The Bishop's Day Banquet will take place at the Cathedral in Los Angeles. Mass is at 10am; luncheon to follow at \$45 per person.

Mother Cabrini pilgrimage is always a lovely event. Please attend and view the actual relic of Mother Cabrini at the Shrine in Burbank.

Breakfast with Santa will once again be successful on 12/8. All proceeds will be donated to the St Denis Christmas baskets.

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will take place on November 10 at St. Luke's in the hall beginning at 1:00pm and dinner at 2:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person which is donated to St. Vincent de Paul. And, don't forget to bring canned goods for the St. Luke Pantry.

Our Christmas Party will take place on December 15, 2013 in the hall at 1:00pm. There will be a short meeting beginning at 1:30pm and dinner at 2:00pm. The menu will be antipasto; ham; pasta and meatballs;





Branch 380 kids were "Dressed to Impress" for their Annual HalloWINE Meeting.

Branch 380's 2014 Officers, High School Officers, and Youth Officers.



mashed potatoes and gravy; vegetables; rolls, apple pie and ice cream. The cost will be: Members - \$13.00, Guests - \$15.00 and children 11 & up - \$13.00, 4 to 10 \$6.00, and 0 to 3 are free. We will again be giving gifts to "Friends of Foster Children." Bring unwrapped toys, games or gift card and no name tags or ages on packages.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, Anne Dandrea and Ann Primising. Also, please pray for Roberta Nangelo who is having surgery. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy November Birthday to: Vinzina Accardo, Connie Frattarelli, Mary Lou Lemoine, and Merilee Taylor.

"...November is a thankful time, for every heart is blessed as we celebrate the harvest when Nature's at her best. The dignity of human labor is proudly on display as people come together in prayer Thanksgiving Day. As we pause to count our blessings, we feel God's presence there, for November's a thankful

time we consecrate with prayer."

(Clay Harrison)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley

Burbank

St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Saturday, November 9 -- Noon, St. Francis Church-memorial mass, meeting to follow in Cabrini Hall. We will have the election of 2014 officers.

Our Polenta Dinner was enjoy by all. Thank you Chef Guy and crew.

Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

Ciao,

Joy



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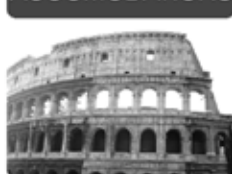
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St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

This month, we kicked off the Halloween season with our annual "HalloWINE" celebration. In addition, new board members were nominated and elected for 2014.

On October 11, branch members eagerly attended the highly anticipated "HalloWINE" event. This festive event included wine tasting, Halloween crafts for the kids, a costume parade, and a great dinner. Branch 380's youngest members showed their wild sides and dressed up as their favorite characters. During the event, in honor of Respect Life Month, a special prayer was read before dinner, allowing members to reflect on the importance of respecting each and every life, as each is a significant and beautiful reminder of God's love.

We congratulate the newly elected board members, who will assume their office in January. New board members include: President - Greg Corricello, Co-1st Vice Presidents - Sonja Oliver and Michele Inouye, 2nd Vice President - Patrick Scott, Financial Secretary - Lou Mages, Treasurer - Tony Mian, Recording Secretary - Elizabeth Mian, Orator - Deacon Dave Lawrence, Co-Sentinels - Annette Bondelli and Cathie Lawrence, Trustees - Kathy Carter, Dianna Mosca, and Della Spinelli. Also, congratulations to our youth and high school officers, who continue to demonstrate the promise and uniqueness of our branch.

Coming up, we have our Thanksgiving celebration on Friday, November 8. We hope to see you there!

Marisa Interrante

Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

Nostra Signora del Soccorso

Santa Cruz, Br. 21

We all enjoyed a grand Octoberfest celebration at our last general meeting. Thanks to Valerie and Richard Vote, the appetizers, dinner, and dessert were 'wunderbar'. We also thank Rosalie Campesi who, as always, brought something yummy to share as well.

Now we busily prepare for a Polenta Feed on Friday, October 25 and then a Bishop's Day/ICF Memorial Mass Celebration on Sunday, November 3. Branch 21 will be host to Bishop Richard Garcia who will participate at the 10:30am mass in Holy Cross Church. A lovely brunch will follow mass in Holy Cross Hall. Finally, on December 6, we will celebrate the Christmas Season with a fabulous dinner and entertainment. Stay tuned for further information.

It might seem that all we do at Branch 21 is eat, but we actually do more. Our purpose, besides having fun and sharing our faith and culture, is to raise money to donate to various charities. Here is a partial list of where the monies have gone this year that you helped raise by attending our functions. We have given to Holy Cross School, the Holy Cross Food Pantry, the Sienna House, St. Francis Catholic Soup Kitchen, Santa Cruz Hospice, the Alzheimers Association, the ICF Scholarship Program, Cooley's Anemia, and more. You should be very proud!

So come to our meetings, held at Holy Cross Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. We play cards, visit, practice Italian, and, of course, eat! In the meantime, may the Good Lord bless you, one and all.

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary, Br. 21 - Santa Cruz

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

We had a number of members that helped with the International Festival at Sacred Heart on September 29. Our branch worked the pizza booth with such stalwarts as Julie Richards, Gia Ussery, Thelma Frontani, Joanne and Ralph Cristofano, Rita Dominy, Marti Hayes and Roy Frontani. Sorry if I missed anyone. Our branch also donated ten pizzas as well as plates, napkins, utensils, etc.

The polenta luncheon planning is well along, under the direction of Chairperson Linda Hoffman. Please help sell and/or buy tickets as it is our major fundraiser. A bake sale will be held at the same time, and we encourage you to help provide the baked goods for this effort. We also need help on the luncheon preparation day, November 12 and sale day, November 13, both held at the Sacred Heart Hall.

The Branch 25 Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 15 at the J&M Ranch. It is always the highlight of our yearly events, so we hope you can make it.

We have two days this month in which we can express our appreciation. One is Veterans Day, the other Thanksgiving. In the light of the sacrifices made by our veterans in past and ongoing wars, words are a pale expression of our gratitude. Remember them in your prayers. Thanksgiving Day gives us focus on the incredible bounty given to this country, and for this we are grateful.

Prayers go out to our ill and injured members and friends, Emil Mirandette, Genevieve Vonnegut, Bob Coyle and others who may be unwell.

Dates to Remember:

November 13 - Polenta Luncheon. Preparation on the 12th

December 15 - Branch #25 Christmas Luncheon at J&M Ranch

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

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80th Annual Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival. There were Tarantella Dancers, and the youth carried the Santa Rosalia statue from the San Carlos Cathedral to the Custom House Plaza. Many people from all over came to enjoy this wonderful event!

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

We had a delicious meal before our meeting, Chef Peter J. Curatolo and his kitchen crew did a fantastic job - as they always do.

A bus load of our members and friends will be in Reno for three days for Columbus weekend, we have a great time on the bus and in Reno. A huge thank you to our activities chairperson, JoAnn Riso, she works very hard to make our trips fun and memorable.

There is also a bus going to Golden Gate Fields for a Day at the Races this Nov. 11, if you are interested in going call JoAnn at 372-2108, Golden Gate Fields gives us a wonderful lunch with our trip.

Our branch was so sorry to hear about Cookie Rossi passing, such a pretty lady, always warm and friendly with a ready smile.

We have lost three more members, Katherine DiMaggio and her son Tim, they came to all of our dinners; and Charles Evans, Charles and Nadine have two darling little dogs who adored their "Daddy" and he adored them right back! Our deepest sympathy to the families of Cookie, Katherine, Tim and Charles -- may they rest in peace with no more pain.

November 7 - Monthly Dinner Meeting - Please remember to bring staples for St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

November 28 - Have a blessed Thanksgiving, remember to thank God for all of the good things in your life.

December 7 - Adult Christmas Dinner-Dance, we will have the U.S. Express Band.

No matter how big a house you have,
How expensive your car is,
How large your bank account is,
Our graves are still going to be the same size.
Stay Humble. -- E-mail

*Happy Thanksgiving,
Bettye Sollecito*

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy Thanksgiving to all our I.C.F. members! (Can you smell the turkey in the oven)!

At our September meeting Pauline Bigby, our convention delegate, was not able to give us a report due to lack of time. She did share with me that the Open Forum Workshop was very informative and she hoped they would have it again next year.

Our nominating committee presented their slate for 2014 officers. Voting will take place at our October 23 potluck dinner. Along with the voting we will have the initiation of our new members. (The new officers for 2014 will be listed in the December Bollettino).

On October 13 Our Lady of Refuge Church had their 75th annual Ham/Chicken Dinner. As always, it was a delicious success.

We would like to wish a happy belated birthday to Wilma Cursi, one of our youngsters, (only 92 years young).

Our prayers go out to Sal Seeno and family on the passing of his mother Josephine.

Congratulations on the wedding of Egidio and Marie Tonus's grandson.

Gentle Jesus, help us to be signs of your saving love in our families and among our friends.

*Ciao,
Leonora Barlow*

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

The Members always enjoy visiting and playing bingo before a delicious potluck buffet.

We want to thank everyone who supported our very successful enchilada take-out and bake sale. The Members worked hard on this fund raising event, and we sold out early.

Please keep Hope Gradis and Jeannette Rose in your prayers.

God Bless!

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Everyone who attended the Convention came back full of enthusiasm for the ICF, and great ideas for the branch. But that was summer and now we are back in the Autumn mode again.

Our first order of business is to elect our new officers for the 2014 year, that will be done on Nov 10.

Another one of our annual duties has been to make our annual contributions to the many charitable organizations that we support. We worked hard all year, and its a honor to support so many.

A big thank you goes to Dan Casagrande and Gary Podesto, on all there hard work for the Church's annual golf tournament, the food they prepared was excellent, and many thanks goes to the members who worked so hard to make the night a success.

We had to say goodbye to our Branch Chaplain, Father James Catalano, who was with us for the last 8 years. We wish him much luck in Madera, and told him not to forget us in Capitola.

At this time we offer our sympathies to the families, of our members that passed away. Frank Becceria, and Elizabeth Peterson, they will be truly missed by us all.

*Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Franklyn Lopes*

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our September and October Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers were a success! Our final spaghetti dinner will be held on November 16 from 4pm-7pm at St. Patrick's Church hall. Net proceeds from all 3 dinners will go towards our St. Patrick School Registration Assistance Program.

At our September meeting we initiated 3 new members: Paul and Nicole Karp and Jens Wagner, Jr. Welcome to I.C.F. Branch 291!

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At its September meeting Branch 291 initiated 3 new members: Paul and Nicole Karp and Jens Wagner, Jr.

Speaking of membership, our Branch was honored to receive two membership awards at the convention—a 3rd Place Certificate of Merit for an increase in membership among Branches with 101+ members and we tied for a First Place Award for the most new “Family” Memberships.

Our Branch welcomed Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Grand 1st V.P., and his wife B.G. and son Andrew at our September General Meeting. Our members were also treated to a delicious Peruvian meal prepared by one of our members, Gigi Carroll.

Please continue to pray for the following members who are experiencing health issues: Anita Caracci, Homer Clees, Bob Harris, Trish Jimenez, Sharon Reed, Joe Slavin, Josephine Volanto, Jens and Sonia Wagner, and all our members who may be suffering with pain or heartache.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles St. Rose, Br. 354

What a satisfying feeling to sit down at the September meeting and see the tables filled with members! Irma Zanini our vice president opened with asking Pastor Father Roberto and member Karen Kudija to lead us in the opening prayers. Our Branch Deputy Pete Gallagher and wife Abby honored us with their presence. He spoke of their success in enrolling families into their Arroyo Grande Branch, which is something we have been attempting to achieve and continue to work on. New member Kathy Houghton was introduced and will be an asset to our club.

The La Quinta Convention was also a topic of discussion. Irma and Delegate Alice Mastagni brought back ideas from workshop meetings. Our branch was awarded the Certificate of Merit First Place in recognition for increased membership for branches with 35 or fewer members during the 2012-2013 year.

Father Marc, our associate pastor reminded us that on October 13, the Blessed Lady of Fatima will be consecrated by Pope Francis in Rome.

Our members were asked to pray individually around the clock on October 1, for the successful kidney transplant surgery on Santa Salvia.

Irma, Alice Mastagni, Mary Ferry and I went down to Arroyo Grande for their first Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds will be used for registration assistance in their scholarship program. The meal was exceptional, and the warm reception by their members made us feel very welcome.

Several of us took a great trip up to Monterey

on September 8, for Branch 36's Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival. Irma Zanini, Lucy Olsen, Esther Lombardi, and I thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful celebration. The entertainment, food, and “revisting” old friends made for a memorable day.

Now, as Bugs Bunny said, “That’s all Folks.” God bless us all and may He help to restore peace in the world.

Theresa Sollazzo,
Corresponding Secretary

Oakland East Bay Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your Family. Election of officers for year 2014 was not completed at the October meeting due to absence of members. It will be completed at the November meeting. If you can attend please do so.

Upcoming:

Nov. 7- Monthly meeting at 7pm

Nov. 28- Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 5- Christmas Party. Potluck dinner at Sacred Heart Church Cafeteria, dinner at 6pm. Each member please bring a favorite dish to share. The branch will provide ham, pasta, green salad, and beverages. Contact Mary Ann Francis at 655-4971 by Nov. 25 to let us know you are coming and what you plan to bring.

Happy Birthday to Angela Rainero and Clemence Zanata. God Bless You. Remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing members of our branch. Especially Leroy and Elma Casale, Bruna Gasparro, Elsie Giani, Aldo and Inez Innocenti and Clemence Zanata. God Bless you all.

Thought: “It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing”.

-- Saint Mother Teresa

Ciao,
M.A. Francis/L. Francis

Oakland St. Theresa, Br. 223

Christmas Ravioli and also Polenta sales (for our Gluten-Free patrons) will take place at St. Theresa Church, with orders taken after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 7, and the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday, December 8. Food to be picked up on December 15.



ICF Branch 13 members Mary Cook, Paul Cook and Karen Glen participated in the recent St. Vincent de Paul Food for the Poor Walk held in Concord collecting sponsors and donations for the St. Catherine of Siena Conference.

Please contact President Nancy Carriere at (510) 655-3446 to help.

Branch 223 Christmas Party date to be determined.

Get Well Wishes to Ann Raineri, Elsie Giuntoli, Michael Bamrick, and to all our members who are not well.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary on November 21 to Holly and Al Raineri.

The month of September brought the loss of two of our dear members.

Dorothy “Cookie” Rossi passed away September 20. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Nello Rossi, Leonard and Karen Rossi, and Janet Rossi. Our branch had a mass for “Cookie” on October 26.

Mary Rinaldi passed away September 22. We extend our sincere condolences to her niece Carolyn Cavallero. We are having a mass for Mary on November 23 at 5pm at St. Theresa Church.

We also wish to extend our condolences to members Robert and Lisa Mahoney on the loss of Robert’s father Francis Mahoney. Condolences are also extended to his wife Carmel, and Grand-Children Daniel and Kate Mahoney. Our condolences are also extended to Ann Bavoso on the passing of her Brother-in-Law in Italy, Lorenzo “Enrico” Ballestrasse.

May all the deceased rest in peace.

Happy Thanksgiving
Yoli Moglia

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

As we gather together to ask God’s blessings on our family, friends and loved ones and the food we will eat on Thanksgiving, let us also remember those who are no longer with us or who have far less than we have. Our branch will have a bountiful soup meal for our November meeting and collect nonperishable items for St. Vincent de Paul to help



ICF Branch 13 members Maria Catanes-Helberg, Marie Caccavo, Mina Pospishek, Kelly Pospishek and Tom Cook take a brief respite during the recent Sunday bake sale and hosting hospitality for St. Catherine of Siena parishioners.

feed those in need. This is also when we begin to buy gifts for the children at Children’s Hospital for the party for on Dec. 12. that we all have the opportunity to attend.

Thanks to all who were able to support our coffee booth at the OLG church festival and a special thanks to the cookie queens for their delicious Biscotti and butter cookies. Now the rest of us need to get our baking skills in working order and contribute to the branch bake sale on Sunday, Nov. 10 after all the Masses.

May the Good Lord bless each and everyone of you.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pat Grasso

Contra Costa District Council

September was exciting for Contra Costa District! A new branch was opened at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill, Branch 442. They had their inauguration Mass and dinner, which was wonderfully attended. There were 160 people earnest in becoming a member in the ICF. How great is that? Thank you to those who made it so successful.

I extend my appreciation to the members of the Central Council who worked so tirelessly to make creating the new Branch a reality. My thanks furthermore goes to those District members who also helped.

October is the month for nomination of officers, hopefully your particular branch has already done so, along with the preparation of Branch activities calendar for 2,014.

The success of any organization is proportional to the efforts of it’s members.

Martinez

St. Catherine, Br. 13

The November 22 meeting is our year end Thanksgiving Feast! Members, family, and



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friends are welcome to join us for a traditional turkey dinner. RSVP to 925-229-2665. It is a wonderful time.

There is no meeting in December.

Mark your 2014 ICF* calendars now for our Branch 13 meetings which will be on the fourth Fridays of each month. The nine dates are: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, August 22, September 26, October 24, and November 21.

Our two annual branch fundraisers are “Family Night Out” on Saturday, April 5, 2014 and Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 25, 2014.

*ICF Calendars are now available for purchase for \$25 each with 365 chances to win. To get yours, see Maria Catanese-Helberg who is this year’s chairperson or pick one up at St. Catherine of Siena Holiday Lane, Nov 30 and Dec. 1.

You are all wished God’s richest blessings for a bountiful Thanksgiving and Advent season.

Ciao for now,

Mary Cook

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Our October meeting was filled with the police and all kinds of animals! Yes, it was costume night at our Halloween meeting, and it was great fun, and the perfect time for the frolicking chicken dance we all performed.

A tradition, in this season of traditions, is our November 12 Thanksgiving Social Meeting. Mass is at 5:30, our turkey dinner begins at 6:30, and a meeting and turkey raffle is at 7:30.

We are pleased to welcome Sandra Bowman, Mark and Iris Manzoine and Susan Priccio to our Branch 14 family. An enthusiastic welcome back to Catherine Maricich.

We are glad to hear Pat Botta, Louise DeTomas and Rita DeTomas are doing well, and we send get well wishes to Andrea Carington.

Sincere sympathy to Barbara Denton, Mary and Medoro Pagni, and Pino Pagni on the passing of an interesting, proud Italian, Faustino Pagni. Our sincere condolences to Patricia Sullivan on the passing of her mother. Also, heartfelt sympathies to Bill, Jim and Mike Thomas on the passing of their youngest brother, Dan. The Thomas Family Table will never be the same. And to the family of Cliff Parr, we send our deepest condolences.

Congrats to our newly elected officers: President Donna Hoffman, 1st Vice President Dee Carone, 2nd Vice President Nancy Botta, Recording Secretary Kathleen Thomas, Treasurer Carl Heller, Financial Secretary Clare Alvarado, Orator Addie Bepler, Trustees Vonda Egan, Carol Lawson and John Valentini, and Sentinel Derek Peterson.

Hope you’re saving your pennies for the Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip on Friday, December 6th and that you have a favorite recipe to share at the December 10 Christmas Potluck. Remember, there is neither a mass nor meeting...just a time to visit with friends and to welcome Santa.

May you enter this traditional holiday season with optimism, enthusiasm, and lots of energy!

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Everyone enjoyed the bus trip to the great Italian festival in Reno. Once again, we thank

Joann for her work on all of our bus trips. Next month I will report on the profits of both of the past bus trips.

Upcoming:

Sun. Nov. 10 – Anniversary Mass at Good Shepherd at 12:00pm. Meeting, elections and anniversary celebration at 1pm in the church’s spiritual gardens patio.

Sunday Dec. 8- Branch Christmas party. Location and time will be mailed. Thank you gifts will be given and membership contest winner announced.

Please read information for the district Christmas party in the district report and RSVP to Patty. Then mail your check to treasurer Helen one week before the date of the dinner.

Helen will send the district treasurer one check. Your check should be made out to ICFBranch 72 and sent to Helen Politakes 953 Veterans Dr. Martinez, Ca. 94553.

Time is running out to win the membership contest. Deadline is Dec. 1.

Whoever has the most new members join Branch 72 by that date will win a grand prize.

Please continue to pray for Josie Leontini who is recovering from surgery. We also pray for Roselynn Jarrett who had complications after surgery. If you know of any member who is ill please let Patty know and she will have Jane Russo send a card.

Condolences’ to Joann Thilgen on the loss of her cousin. May she rest in Peace.

See you soon.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Helen Politakes

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

Sorry if we miss current events. Date for submission of articles is tenth of the month preceding Bollettino issue and our meetings occur after the cutoff date.

Mark your calendars now for Joe Meneghelli’s Casino Trip on November 4. Reserve your spot with Joe at 234-2203. Cost to Cache Creek is \$30. Come early to the November meeting for the Mass for our Deceased Members at 6:30pm. Soup and salad will be served before the meeting for only \$5. Reserve with Terri Ventin at 524-6093. Of most importance, December 9 is the annual polenta dinner complimentary to members. Guests are invited for only \$10.00. Toni Reeder is taking reservations at 236-9560.

Thanks to all the helpers during the year: Diana De Simoni at the door, Fred De Simoni handling the beverages, Lillian Smithson for selling drawing tickets, and most important the cooks, Walter Costa and Toni Reeder.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

God Bless

Joyce Peterson

Concord

St. Agnes, Br. 214

September was our first meeting after summer.

Eileen Vonk, V.P. headed the meeting and will also run Octobers meeting. As Pres. Roberta Healy is recovering from a knee replacement. Nominations and installations will be postponed until November.

We welcome Fr. Johnson, our new Chaplain, he will replace Fr. Vince who is now on Sabbatical.

We have cancelled our Bingo & Pedro Tournaments due to lack of responses. Other fundraisers will be updated soon. In



Members of Branch 14 enjoying Halloween together.

Branch 14 presented a Gifts of Love check to a lucky recipient.

celebration for the 50th Jubilee of St. Agnes Church an International Rosary was said in October, a decade was recited in Italian by member Rosie Lexon.

Prayers go out to all our sick and elderly.

Thanksgiving Blessings to All

Ciao,

Christina Artale

Danville

St. Isidore, Br. 352

Our October meeting was cancelled because of our preparations for our “ANNUAL HARVEST CELEBRATION”.

Our November General Meeting will be Monday the 18th. Nominations/Election of Officers will take place. The meeting is 7:30pm, preceded by dinner at 6:3pm. Please respond to the Evite or let Pres. Tony know that you will attend (tel: 820-1670 or e-mail tlosellini@sbcglobal.net).

Christmas is again just around the corner. We will celebrate the season with a Christmas Potluck Dinner Party on Saturday, December 7 at 5:00pm. Santa will also celebrate with us and distribute gifts to the children. It’s not too early to let Pres. Tony know that you will be there with your families.

Bring gifts for the children so Santa can present them. Put your child’s name on them and we will take care of them for Santa to present.

Another December reminder, we will not have a General Meeting in December.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and a Happy Birthday to all of our November birthday members.

Please remember Veterans Day on November 11. Hang out the flag and offer a prayer for those who have served us and those who continue to serve.

Ciao,

Madeline Cefalo

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

As I write this our branch has not yet voted in our new officers for the upcoming year, so I will have to wait until next issue to share that with you.

Other than elections and upcoming holiday celebrations, we are entering into a fairly calm period in the ICF calendar.

Our September Festa d’Italia, was a huge



success we sold out the dinners and had close to 50 beautiful automobiles on display. It is becoming a very successful fundraiser for our branch.

We want to thank our committee headed up by Ed and Anita Camera, Gene and Marilyn Simonetti, Steve and Philomena Sawko. Other members who gave of their time, Bill Goldsby, Mary Walter, Chris Bottino, Mary and Jim Webber and many more volunteers. Thank you all!!!

We will be celebrating our Holiday/Anniversary Party on November 25. This special event usually begins with a Mass followed by a meal of hearty appetizers and drinks, this is all at no cost to our members.

I want to close, by saying to our branch’s 2nd Vice and our good friend Bill Goldsby, that we offer our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved wife and our good friend, Mary. She will be greatly missed by us all. May she rest in God’s peace.

On behalf of Branch 432, I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Until next month,

Ciao,

Phyllis Lilly

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

Thank you to everyone who attended our Branch Inauguration on September 28. We opened our branch with 117 charter members, and there is plenty of room for us to grow. The evening was hosted by our Central Council and was attended by representatives from 20 branches among 10 districts. Thank you for the warm ICF welcome. Installed as branch officers:

President – Paul Nuti

1st Vice – Matt Dallara

2nd Vice – Diana Mackinson

Recording Secretary – Craig Lazzeretti

Financial Secretary – Judie Van Maren

Treasurer – Paul Peterson

Orator – Carole Delucchi Padlo

Trustee – Pamela DeBernardi



Branch 438's September Pizza night also highlighted members telling stories from their trips to Italy.



Trustee – Joan Mangini Cummings

Trustee – Larry Nuti

Sentinel – Ann Consul

Chaplain – Reverend Brian Joyce

Deputy – David Botta from Branch 14, Crockett

On October 20, we had our first official meeting and enjoyed a Columbus Day pizza party. Our next meeting is on Sunday, November 17 at 2pm in the hall. We will begin with a Thanksgiving style potluck. Details are forthcoming via email, E-vite and our phone tree. Please come and enjoy an early Thanksgiving Dinner with your new ICF family.

Our branch email is icfpleasanthill@aol.com. If you're not yet receiving email from the branch, please send an email to this address to let us know.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Craig Lazzeretti

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Our Branch hosted Bishop's Day on Sunday, October 27 beginning with 11:00am Mass in St. Mary's Church. Recap of the event in the next Bollettino as event hasn't occurred as of this writing deadline.

Our next meeting and dinner will be Sunday, November 17 with the meeting at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. Chicken and polenta on the menu. Cost is \$12 for members and \$16 for non-members. For reservations, call Bruna at 916-515-9380 or me at 916-714-6967 by Tues., November 12. This will be our last meeting and dinner of the year. Let's have a good turnout.

Our Annual Branch Members' Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8 at



2:00pm, at Espanol Restaurant on the corner of 58th and Folsom Blvd. Menu includes: Roast Beef, Roasted Chicken, Catfish, or Veal Parmigiano. Cost is \$12 for Branch members and \$25 for a guest. Please call Mary Ann at 916-568-2324 or me at 916-714-6967 by December 1 for reservations.

Calendar at a Glance:

Sun., Nov. 17 -- Branch Meeting and Dinner, Giovanni Hall

Sun., Dec. 8 -- Branch Christmas Party at Espanol, 2:00pm

Buon Compleanno to Members in November: James DeVito, Matteo Genna, Janine Orsi, Virgil Petrochi, and Sandy Legarizzi-Schettini.

Get Well Wishes to our Trustee Marie Leonard who had knee replacement in October.

Ciao,

Janine

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

Members are asked to reserve the afternoon of Saturday, 14 December to attend Branch 73's Christmas party. As in the past, it will be a potluck meal, with the Branch providing ham for it, and also a cake befitting the season as dessert.

We hope to have Santa Claus in attendance to distribute gifts to the younger children. There will be a mailing to members as to the date to the party approaches.

Tickets to the polenta/chicken dinner on 9 November are being sold rapidly. We hope to see many members in attendance that night.

Auguriamo a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 una buona festa del Ringraziamento il 28 novembre. Che abbiano sulla tavola un bel tacchino ed altri cibi buoni, ed intorno a questa i loro familiari.

Buon compleanno a tutti i soci della sezione nati nel mese di novembre, ed anche tante belle cose.

Robert Delpippo

North Highlands

St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

On Saturday, October 5, our general meeting was held in the Parent Center. Members enjoyed chili/corn bread and pie for dessert provided by Virginia Becker, Vera Beine and yours truly. Congratulations to Vera Beine who won this month's membership drawing and to Josefina Stang who won this month's 50/50 drawing.

Nominations/Election of Officers took place and here are the 2014 Officers for Branch 236:

President – Tina Flanders; 1st Vice President – Nina Malone; 2nd Vice President – Virginia Becker; Recording Secretary – Maria Keller; Treasurer – Natalie Malone; Financial Secretary – Melissa Keller; Orator – Pat Korf; Trustees – Ann D'Antonio, Mary Mencarini, and Bill Keller; Sentinel – Margie Burke. 105

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

Happy Birthday wishes to Charlotte Ricci (November 6); Vera Beine (November 12); and, Matthew Burke and Maria Keller (November 22);

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 in the Parish Center.

God Bless,

Margie Burke

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Congratulations to our newly elected Board members! A big thank you for being willing to serve our branch for 2014!

President: Maryann Mikles

Vice President: Maria Fregosi

Secretary: Pam Andersen

Treasurer: Marisa Borba

Financial Secretary: Trish Putkey

Orator: Colleen Andersen

Sentinal: Josephine Andersen

Trustees: Lisa Stockman, Lynne Madonna, Nina Ashford

Another big thank you goes to all those who helped to make our November Dinner Dance a success! A special thank you to Chef Aaron and crew for preparing such a yummy dinner!

Please keep your eye out for future e-mails reagarding our upcoming Christmas party.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Bollettino Contributor

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Our branch is still busy. We hosted the parish Pasta Dinner on September 14 and it was a huge success thanks to Craig and Malinda Crimele and all who volunteered to help. Our meeting in September was a Pizza night and we heard from three different members telling us about their recent trips to Italy. What a treat that was. October 12 brings the Reno bus trip, with bingo games along the way and the Italian Festival when we get there. Following the bus trip, the next week we are having our yearly elections for officers.

Our branch is super excited to have Laurice Levine, the Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator as a guest at our meeting on November 15. We are so excited to see her again and to have all of our new members get a chance to hear her speak and meet her in person. We fill so very blessed to have such great members that are always willing to volunteer and step up to the plate when asked and sometimes even when they are not asked.

More to come next month. God bless you all!

San Bernardino

Fontana

St. Joseph, Br. 210

Despite the competition with the Columbus Celebrations, we had a quorum and were able to hold officer elections for our branch. Although most of the Offices will be held by incumbents, we added an alternate Orator and a change in two of our Trustees. Paul Behrens will be an alternate when Chuck Lamon is absent, and Roseann Rovere, and Corky Papenfus, will replace Nan Judge who is recovering from heart surgery. John Carlo and Dan Venditti will remain Trustees. Corky and his wife travel a lot so we elected a fourth Trustee. We reelected our Corresponding Secretary, Angie Teal who does a great job sending the meeting cards every month.

We had two prospective members Mat and Roberta Pinto, cousins of our member, John Carlo. Welcome Matt and Robbie! Hope you decide to join!

Paul Behrens set up his camera and photo equipment to take portrait pictures of members to use for Christmas Cards. He took many pictures at the Convention in La Quinta. If anyone wants to view them and/or download some, his web site is SoYouPhotography.com. Thank you Paul



Members of Branch 210 gathered for a quick photo at a meeting in October.

for setting up and shooting the group.

I also want to wish Nan Judge a fast recovery from her opened heart surgery. The members of our branch send their best wishes and prayers.

Our new Priest Father Fernando joined us for a while and gave us a blessing at the close of our meeting. It was great to welcome him back to St. Joseph Parish. He came two years ago as a Deacon and was reassigned to a Parish in Los Angeles after he was ordained.

Next Month -- Turkey Dinner to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Hope to see everyone!

God Bless!

Ciao!

Jack Grisafe

San Diego

Chula Vista

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

I don't know if I should blame laziness or "just plain losing track of time" Which ever caused it I am sorry I haven't had any Branch 229 news in the Bolletino for the last couple of months. A rather slow summer, however: we did have several persons attend the District Picnic and a very good time was had by all. I found out I can actually play bocce, so watch out next year, I m out to win.

August was very quiet for us however: September's "Football Kickoff" meatball and sausage sandwich sale went very well and added needed cash to our coffers. October will be very busy, with the Bishop's Lunch coming up on the 20th and our yearly "help out" selling pizzas to aid our St. Rose of Lima School Fall Festival.

We look forward to the coming holidays, and all of the wonderful preparations that go with it.

Take care,

God Bless you all,

Toni Hildebrand

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Cari Amici,

Happy Thanksgiving! Let us be grateful for all Our Lord has given us. Branch 230 held a General Meeting on Friday, Sept. 20, it was preceded by a dinner social. Thank you to our chefs, Carolyne Koebrich and Sherry Thurston, and to our bartenders Joe and Marcia Buompensiero, our dessert designers Maria Tollefson, and Mari Cragun, our set-up crew, Jack Battaglia, Warren Bozzo, Kiki, Fernando, Frank and Rosie Dyson and our Hall Organizers Mary Lou Terramagra and Theresa Cutri. Thank you to all the members and guests who came including Nina Alioto and Elliot, all the way



Members of Branch 261 making some yummy treats.

from Rancho Bernardo.

During the General Meeting Jim Cardinale- Hill gave a wonderful report on our ICF Labor day Convention in La Quinta, CA, which he attended with wife, Martha.

Branch 230 held Corporate Communion at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Sept 22.

In early November member dues invoices will be sent out.

We'll be having a General Meeting on Friday, Nov. 15- we will probably be serving Spaghetti and Meatballs for dinner.

Our ICF Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting around 6:30pm, and will be open to all, everyone is invited, reservations are required and tickets will be around \$20.

Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and for our servicemen and women.

Pace di Cristo

Richard Barker

San Diego

St. Theresa, Br. 261

Congrats to our members who have accepted nominations to our executive board.

Vic Tallarida

San Francisco

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria SS Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note the following events:

Nov. 24 - Branch Mass ICC 10:30am

Dec. 4 - Christmas Party and Raffle 6:30 pm. Members Free, Guests \$10:00 Hosts = The Officers. Reservations: Pres. Vic Arnaudo



Dora Varrachi of Branch 38 celebrated her 90th birthday by bringing ice cream cake to her branch meeting.

- (650) 755-1369 Please bring a raffle prize.

Congratulations to the 2014 Officers: President - Vic Arnaudo 1st Vice - Paul Biagi - 2nd Vice - Anna Doyle - Recording Secretary - Pat Arnaudo - Financial Secretary - Mary Zadra - Treasurer - Toni Morsello - Orator - Ollie De Micheli - Trustees - Leo & Margaret Sapienza & Olga Basso - Sentinel - Joe Allen

Since there will be no meetings in January and February, the dues for 2014 will be collected in November and December. The dues for 2014 will be \$38.40 - or - \$63.40 for members with hospitalization. Checks should be made payable to: I.C.F. Br. 1. Any questions, call Mary Zadra at (650) 997-4764.

Also pray for the deceased members of Branch 1 during the month of November. Also for previously mentioned sick members.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

I'm sorry I have missed a few months writing the articles for our ICF Bollettino. I believe the word I'm looking for to describe me in Italian is "Spensierata!"

I feel I have to tell you about our August "Hawaiian Luau" meeting. Our branch Scholarship winner Kimberly Anne Verzano with her boyfriend Grayson attended our meeting. We were so impressed with each of them. They were so charming and friendly. Our members even suggested, "We should invite them back next year for a reunion!" Dora Varrachi brought Hawaiian music, and by the end of the day, Dora (90 yrs. old) did the Hula for us. She and we didn't know what her hands were saying, but she looked good! We even encouraged Kimberly to dance with Dora, and the two of them were very entertaining. We wish Kimberly congratulations, and we know she will do very well in life. Our branch hopes to follow her and her dreams. By the way, our lunch was fantastic, too, and Dora, her sisters Norma and, Lottie and Maria Gloria provided Hawaiian leis for us to wear. We all looked like authentic Hawaiian Hula dancers!

We want to thank Patrick Ramsey for providing everything we needed for our September "Free Members' Lunch" meeting. I mean providing it and paying for it!! How nice is that? Cosmo got a well-earned kitchen break. We had 3 different lasagnas, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Dora Varrachi also provided us with a delicious ice cream



Gian Carlo Gratz, 8th grade graduate of St. Vincent De Paul School, who received Branch 50's 8th grade scholarship, with Anstell Ricossa of Branch 50.

cake to commemorate her 90th birthday (congratulations, Dora). If we keep this eating up, we are going to be considered the "FAT ICF Members of Branch 38."

At our October meeting we are going to nominate and elect (I hope) our officers for the 2014-2015. Even though we have a small group of members, everyone cooperates and helps.

Despite our health issues, family problems, or world tragedies, we should look around and thank God for all the blessings we have received in our lifetime. Hopefully, may you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ciao,

Ci Vediamo il 9 di novembre!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Autumn has arrived in San Francisco, with cooler temperatures and festivities to come. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Let us remember how blessed we are with the gifts of our God and our nation.

The branch Christmas luncheon is on December 10 at Scoma's Restaurant, beginning with cocktails at 11:30am. Price is \$37.50, for a 3 course lunch, with a choice of 4 entrees. Valet parking is available at the restaurant. For reservations, please call President George before Dec. 3 (415/731-2537). Again this year, in lieu of a gift exchange at the luncheon, please bring a small, unwrapped gift for the patients at Laguna Honda Hospital. Suggestions for the gifts include dusting powder, aftershave, body lotion, small perfumes, note paper and cards, holiday pins, personal care items, etc. Please brighten this holiday for patients who are often lonely and forgotten.

Our slate of branch officers will continue in their offices for 2014.

George

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We are very proud and happy to report that Mark Neuburger, former Br. 258, I.C.F. Scholarship recipient, made a personal donation to I.C.F. Br. 258 Scholarship Fund. A big thank you, Mark. Mark is Mary's Grandson and Eva's Great Nephew. We love you Mark.

On Oct. 18, we went to Thunder Valley. We were hoping to have a big winner. Maybe

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next time.

Oct. 25: plans are being made for our 42nd Anniversary lunch at the Basque Restaurant. Our report will follow.

Oct. 30 we have a trip planned to the Fratellanza Club in Oakland to see the "Boys are Back, Finocchio's" Full report to follow.

Our cruise to Mexico was very nice. We went to Cabo, Loreto, La Paz and Puerto Vallarta. Had a lot of fun with our group.

We are happy to report Dolores Crespi is on the mend after she fell and fractured her hip. Dolores, you are in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Remember these dates:

Off. Mtg: November 4

Mass: November 24

Meeting November 25

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Dear Members,

A heartfelt thank you to Millie Franzoni's nephew, Bob Ghiorzi, for inviting his friends Angelo, Andrea and Georgia to our September meeting. This talented musical family, on vacation from Caviglia, Italy, entertained us with Italian musical selections, which were enjoyed by everyone. What a wonderful way to experience our Italian culture and heritage.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. On that evening, please remember to bring a bag of groceries for the poor and a Christmas present for a needy child. What a wonderful way to thank God for our blessings by sharing with those less fortunate than we.

Please remember that our annual Christmas

party will be held at the Basque Center on Friday, December 6.

A reminder that the 2014 ICF calendars are now available. The cost is \$25 per calendar, and the calendar theme this year is "ICF through the Years."

Thank you to all our members and guests who helped make the October Champagne-Bingo luncheon such a marvelous success. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Finally, please continue to pray for all our members who are not feeling well.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Ciao,

Jeannett

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Many thanks to those who worked at our luncheon. A great time was had by all.

Our officers for 2013 are as follows. President- George Pagni, 1st Vice President- Joe Basuino, 2nd Vice- Liliana Zarich, Treasurer- Florence O'Malley, Recording Secretary- Ann Basuino, Orator- Paul DeMartini, Trustees- Italo Zarich, Paul DeMartini, Gary Gualco, Sentinel- Nancy Pagni. Thank you to all who accepted the responsibility of an office. Also, many thanks to Mary Fe', who agreed to be our Sunshine Person.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Ludvico Landi, spoke to us about his lineage and the Landi Castle. Very impressive.

Due to our dwindling funds, we found it necessary to increase the annual dues to better reflect the actual expenses to the branch per member. Yearly dues will be \$40.00 per person. Please mail your check to Florence O'Malley, 520 Vicente, San Francisco, CA 94116.

Members Ed O'Malley, Louis Mendieta, Frank DeRenzi and Ed Eremko are ill and we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Our November meeting date has been changed to November 28, 7 pm in the Serra Room. See you then.

Ann Basuino

San Mateo

District Council

The 83rd Annual ICF Convention in La Quinta was a great success and all who attended had a memorable time. Next year the convention will be held in Oakland, CA. Congratulations to our new Grand President Bob Basuino.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, November 8, 2013 -- Chaplain's Night at the San Mateo Elk's Club, 223 West 20th Ave., San Mateo. Hosted by Branch 351, Menlo Park, 6:00pm no-host cocktails. 7:00pm Dinner. Entree Choices: Sliced Cross Rib Roast, Petrale Sole with Lemon Butter Sauce, Chicken Marsala.

Reservation deadline: October 31. Price \$35.00. Make checks payable to ICF San Mateo District and send to Cecilia Tommei, 1001 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Telephone: 650-743-0233. Do not forget to invite your Chaplain and send the Bio to Cecilia prior to the deadline.

Saturday, November 2 -- Testimonial Dinner honoring Past Grand President Jane Dianda at the Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th Street, Oakland, CA 94608. Price: \$45 per person. R.S.V.P. by October 23. Send check to ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers: Father Frank Murray, Jerry Delfino and Al Teglia.

Happy Thanksgiving! God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

Redwood City

Regina Coeli, Br. 6

Thank you to all of our hard workers that made our polenta dinner a success. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, beautiful raffle gifts and had a good time. It was a lovely evening.

Our Christmas dinner will be our regular meeting night December 11 in the small hall. Please call Georgia or Sylvia for reservations 650-368-1795 by December 5. Also bring an unwrapped gift for a child, teenager or adult.

Keep our sick members in your prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ciao,

BF

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

A big thank you to Jim Eli and all his helpers, for preparing a wonderful pot roast dinner for our October meeting. The dessert was great too!

Don't miss our November 6 Business Meeting! We will have a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Also, as a reminder, it is always at our November meeting that we bring non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Food Drive. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Our Christmas Party will be held at our December 11 meeting. (Please note date change.) I would also like to remind you about "A Very Special Toy Box". "A Very Special Toy Box" is a non-profit organization that buys new toys (that are handled in a special way) and is given to children with cancer going through all the related treatments. We will have a donation box at our Christmas Party for your tax-deductible donation. If you are able to donate, checks should be made payable to, "A Very Special Toy".

So, until next time... a little chuckle for your holiday, a child once asked his dad, "Dad, what is an optimist?" His dad said, "Son, an optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day!"

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masetti

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Thanks to Debbie and Kathy for the outstanding dinner celebrating Branch 19's 85th anniversary. It was our privilege to welcome our new Pastor and ICF Chaplain Father Alex Legaspi.

Pam Ivani did her usual great job of chairing the weekend trip to Reno for the Fetsa Italia. Some winners, some losers but everyone had a great time on the bus and in Reno.

Looking ahead:

11/2 -- Testimonial Dinner for Jane Dianda, Outgoing Grand President. 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner at The Fratellanza Club - \$45.

11/8 -- Chaplain's Night - 7pm San Mateo Elks Club. \$35. Call Kathy for reservations.

11/11 -- Taco Bar Night, 5:30pm. No-host cocktails, 6:30pm dinner, 7:30pm Business meeting. \$10 members/\$12 non-members. Reservations to Cheryl before Nov. 9 (650) 755-0878.

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11/16 -- Champagne Bingo - 1:30pm Champagne, 2:30pm chicken dinner. \$16 price includes 1 bingo card. Send reservations to Deborah (650) 583-0805.

11/23-24 -- Holy Angels Parish Holiday Boutique at Holy Angels Hall, Colma 11am to 6:30pm.

11/25 -- Tentative Favor Night - At Debbie's home. Phone or e-mail drodoni@comcast.net if you are going and to check if this date is ok.

12/9 -- ICF Branch 19 Christmas party. 6pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner, \$39/\$42 at Sharp Park Restaurant. Send your reservations with your choice of entrée along with your check to Deborah as soon as possible.

Instead of exchanging gifts we now bring non-perishable food items or cleaning supplies for the Holy Angels St. Vincent de Paul. A good way to start the Christmas season.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ruth Lapachet

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! We welcomed back our convention delegates Harold and Virginia Fuentes. They both thanked us for sending them to La Quinta. It was a very meaningful and uplifting experience. They reported on the interesting workshops they attended and all the good work that the ICF does, especially for Cooley's Anemia. The Federation donated \$78,000 to this cause. Next year the convention will be held in Oakland, California. Will report on October meeting, election of officers for 2014 and Anniversary Luncheon next month. These events have not occurred yet.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, November 8, 2013 – Chaplains Night hosted by Branch 351 at the San Mateo Elks Club. 7:00pm. Price \$35.00.

Branch 213, St. Augustine's, South San Francisco will host Next District Communion. Date to be announced later.

Christmas Dinner will be hosted by Branch 130, St. Pius, Redwood City.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 – Installation will be hosted by Branch 130 at the San Mateo Elks Club. More information later.

Remember Father Frank Murray in your prayers. He is back at his San Mateo Address: 2087 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, 94403. His phone number is (650)548-9946. Send him a card or call him.

Happy Thanksgiving! Peace and Love.

Anne O'Brien



Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our October meeting was a chicken dinner chaired by our President, Dorene Campanile, with the assistance of earth angel helpers Miki Modena and Maria Camacia.

We held our election of officers and congratulations to Norm Bennett who is our new President followed by V.P. Mary Ann Camacho, 2nd V.P., Dorene Campanile, Recording Secretary, Mary Ann Camacho, Correspondence Secretary, Roz Emery, Financial Secretary, Jean Watterson, Treasurer, Darlene Gigliotti, Orator, Diane Magner and Sentinel, Maria Camicia. Our trustees are: Donna Cervelli, Ron Small and Bea Tomasello.

Special thanks to Sandra Bennett who was our Treasurer and will have plenty to do assisting her husband. Also, thanks to Lucy and Jim Witherspoon who have always been counted on to assist in setting up for our dinners.

We welcome our new member: Ray Tuccori.

Upcoming Events

October 29, 2013 -- 7:00pm Mass in the Friary for all past and current sick members.

Nov. 8 -- Chaplain's night: Elks Club, San Mateo \$25.00.

Nov. 10 -- 50th Anniversary Dinner Basque Cultural Center, S.S.F. \$45.00

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Thanks to our hostesses Barbara Gabriel, Jackie Smith, and Judy Crosetti for chairing our October 8 meeting. I understand it was a small group but everyone enjoyed KFC and delicious home-made goodies by Donna and cupcakes by Jackie's friend. AND, our slate of officers for 2014 was filled! President – Joe Crosetti; 1st Vice Pres. – Barbara Gabriel; 2nd



Members of Branch 163 at its recent dinner.



Vice Pres. – Jackie Smith; Secretary – Judy Crosetti; Treasurer/Fin. Secretary – Roberta Franchini; Orator – Glorinda Dobleman; Trustees – Gloria DeVincenzi & Steve Crisafi; Sentinel – Donna DeVoe. Congratulations to you all and thank you so much for accepting your offices!

Everyone had a good time at the Testimonial Dinner for outgoing Grand President Jane Dianda. Our thanks to Jane for her two years of hard work for the Federation. Great job, Jane!

Sunshine: Please keep in your prayers Reuben Barrera, John Cannon, Franco Franchini. If you know of any member who is ill, please let Pres. Joe, Jackie, or Roberta know so we can put it in the Branch Newsletter and Bollettino. Remember to keep in your prayer, our District Chaplain, Father Frank Murray, a loving and giving priest who has dedicated much time to the Federation. Send him a card or give him a call! He would love to hear from you. 2087 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo CA 94403 and telephone 650/548-9946.

Happy Thanksgiving to All! See you on Tuesday, November 12, for a scrumptious dinner prepared by chefs Donna DeVoe and Barbara Gabriel!!

RF

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Hi All,

A big Thank You to two members of the Men's Club here at St. Charles; Bill Hollywood and Jim McGraw prepared a wonderful dinner for us. These two men were nice enough to go out of their way to do this for us. They aren't even members. "What a Treat!"

Our meeting was good as well, I am told. I did not attend, unfortunately, because my husband took ill and I had to take him to the hospital. All is well and back to normal now, thank God. Everyone said it was a good meeting and I'm sure it was. Dick runs a good meeting.

Don't forget Chaplain night, November 8, host Branch 351 Menlo Park.

October 31 deadline for reservations ~ see you there!

God Bless,

Carole

Menlo Park

St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thank you to Theresa and Al for a successful casino trip and all those who attended!

Thursday November 7 – 5:30pm Mass for our Living and Deceased Members followed by Dinner Meeting. Reservations a MUST!! Call Cory at (650) 867-8946.

Friday, November 8 -- San Mateo District - Chaplain's Night, San Mateo Elks Club - Menu choices are Sliced Cross Rib Roast, Petrale Sole Dore with a Lemon Butter Sauce, or Chicken Marsala, and includes salad, pasta, potatoes, vegetables, roll, butter, dessert, wine and coffee or tea. The cost of the dinner is \$35.00 per person. Call Cecilia at 650-743-0233. Deadline is October 31! Please try to support our branch as we are the host branch!

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased, Martha Stevens and John Chaput. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for our many sick member.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

cr

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

St. Dunstan recently had their annual Fall Festival, the Country Fair. Our ICF branch supported our parish by working a root beer float booth. Being involved in our parish activities is very much appreciated and why we are proud to be ICF members.

San Mateo District Chaplain's Night held on November 8, 2013 at the San Mateo Elks Club was well attended, as we honored our chaplain Father Joe Glynn.

Nomination of Officers was held for the year



Pictured from Branch 173 at the Convention are: (left to right) Anthony & Donna Cervelli, John & Dorene Campanile, Mother Theresa Award Winner Fr. Michael Mahoney, Bea Tomasello, Roslind Emery, Jean Watterson and Bob Tomasello.

2014. Slate of Officers is as follows: President-Lorrie Kalos Gunn; 1st. Vice President-Dan Capodanno; 2nd. Vice President-Paul Larson; Treasurer-Eunice Danli; Corresponding Secretary-Rose Marie Morando; Orator-Roy Fry; Trustees-Lois Agresti, Kay Lucio, and Jack Gardner; Sentinel-Ann Gardner. Our gratitude to all our officers for their commitment and dedication to our Branch.

Corresponding Secretary,
Rose Marie Morando

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Thirty-seven people enjoyed dinner at Chalet Basque on September 29th. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and the wonderful company of friends. Thanks to everyone who donated money for the raffle baskets.

Our next meeting will be November 19 at 7:30pm in Healy Hall.

On Saturday, December 7 will be our annual Christmas Buffet. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will make a visit to the children and give them goodies. We will also have a basket raffle. If you would like to participate please send your check in to Phyllis Rybensky. For reservations, please send your check in to Lorraine Iavarone.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. Until next month,

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

More than 120 Branch 332 members celebrated Italian Heritage Month at our dinner meeting on October 8, 2013. All were encouraged to wear IL Verde, Bianco, Rosso and there was lots of green, white and red in the room. Karen Raccanello organized a quiz on Italy. There were 12 questions and everyone who answered 8 or more correctly was entered in a drawing. The top winners were Arlene Bondanza, Blair Thornton, and Anna Biggio. Some of the questions included: The largest lake in Italy is: Garda, Como, or Maggiore. How many World Cups has Italy won? 4, 5, or 7. The Father of the Italian language is: Mussolini, Dante, or Petrarca. Number of letters in the Italian alphabet: 24, 26, 21. Answers will be provided next month for those interested. Co-President Greg Erigero told us how successful the recent OLL Fall Festival was because of the participation of so many Branch 332 members. One of our new members Jeff Figone was in charge of the Spaghetti Dinner.

We were reminded that calendars are still for sale.

Sons of Italy are selling tickets for a trip for two to Italy. Tickets are \$20.00 each and only 600 will be sold. Contact Ernie Gioni at erng1624@aol.com if you are interested.

New Officers were selected and they include Greg Erigero and Joe Bondanza as co-Presidents, Pat Derenzo, Vice President, Diane Gizzi, Secretary, George DeMartini, Financial Secretary, Bev Smith and Ginny Perazzo, Treasurers, Dave Paganini, Jo Bacon and Florence Offinger as Trustees, Jean Schuster, Orator, and Dinah Mattos, Sentinel.

Wonderful mandolin music was provided by Rick Smith.

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Thank you St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191 for a very successful Bishop's Day. We were pleased to welcome Auxiliary Bishop, Rev. Thomas A. Daly. We were also happy that the Director of Vocations and Seminarians, Father John Poncini, and 11 of our Seminar-ians joined us for a wonderful Mass and luncheon.

District and Branch functions:

Don't forget St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage at Santa Theresa in San Jose on Nov. 17 at 11:00am.

Nov. 17 -- Br. 391 St. Martin of Tours pancake breakfast 8:00-11:30am - Contact Steve Lencioni 1(408)248-6728

I Hope you have elected your branch officers for the 2014 year. Info. regarding Installation of Officers will be in the December Bollettino.

February 8, 2014 - Valentine's Dinner Dance, Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours.

I wish I could have provided you with more information about our district; however, this article was due on October 10 for the November Bollettino.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Marcie Rossi

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

At our October Meeting the Mock Enchilada dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bev Maloney and Yours Truly for preparing the dinner.

The November fundraiser was well attended. All proceeds go to Holy Cross Parish. Thank you to all who supported our branch.

Nov 10- St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage. will be held at Santa Teresa Church. Mass at 11:30. Please try to come and honor our Patron Saint.

Dec 4- Branch Christmas Party- More Info later.

Our new Officers for 2014 are:

President- Anna Greco, 1st Vice- Darlene Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary-Ann Fitzgerald, Financial Secretary- Connie Barretta, Treasurer- Bill Greco, Orator and Sentinel- Walter Phillips, and Trustees Kathy Behmer and Maria Greco. Congratulations to all of you and Thank You!

To all of our sick members, our prayers are with you.

God Bless,

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Thanks again to all Officers and Members who have supported Branch No. 5 in 2013.

Please remember to pay your dues by January 1, 2014. If you have any questions, call the Financial Secretary at (408) 296-1998.

November 14, 2013 – Dinner/Meeting – Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread, Split Pea Soup, Salad, Dessert. Time: 6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm. Meeting. Cost: \$10.00 Member; \$12.00 Guest. Call Bea Cunha for reservations at 408-296-6184 on/ or before November 11, 2013.

Bring you new Baby Layette items to the November Meeting. Monetary donations are also needed for diapers and other items.

Thanks again for your support.

December 7, 2013 – Christmas Dinner/ Party – Menu: Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Time: 5:00pm in the St. Clare Parish Hall. Cost: \$10.00 Member; \$12.00 Guest. Members are requested to bring Food Donations on that night to help St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Clare.

All Officers and Members are invited to Officer Training which will be held on November 23, 2013 at Santa Teresa Parish, 794 Calero Avenue, San Jose, CA 95123. Time: 9-11am. Presented by the Santa Clara Valley District.

St. Francis Cabrini Pilgrimage will be on November 17, 2013 at Santa Teresa Parish. More information to come.

Let us thank God for all of Br. 5 Members and their giving spirit and love during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy the day with family and friends.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Very many thanks are due to so many in our branch for the fantastic "Taste of Italy" dinner we held at our Branch. The food was so deliciously prepared by our kitchen crew headed by our master chef Andy Pappani. The room was so attractively decorated by our talented women, and the servers for our sit down dinner were so very efficient (mostly young family members) and not least of all the crew who dished up all that food we enjoyed. Sorry if you missed it and remember it next year. Of course thank you to Chris Andrade for handling the raffle, and thank you members who donated prizes.

Upcoming:

November 17 -- Scholarship breakfast 7am to 11:30am Cullen Hall

November 18: dinner meeting 6pm Cullen Hall. This is when we collect nonperishable groceries for St. Joseph's Family Center. Bring a bag to the dinner meeting. Just a note, while school is in (catechism, extended care) the school blacktop will not be available for parking until after pm.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

Mountain View

San Giorgio, Br. 47

We want to thank all the members who helped with the Mass and Polenta Dinner. It was a very nice evening. And delicious!

We held our 2014 elections last month. We welcome our new officers.

It was great to see Bishop Daly and the Seminar-ians at Bishop's Day held at St. Frances Cabrini Church.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Happy Birthday to the following: Vincent Blaise, Mary Lou Bruzzone, Cody Butler, James Castelli, Pier Del Frate, and Alex, Erika and Todd MacDonald.

Please pray for our members.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joseph J. Teresi

Los GatoS

St. Mary, Br. 184

Feel the crisp change in the air, and soon, we will be "wasting away again in Margaritaville!" Plans for our annual polenta



Members of Branch 191 slicing peppers for the St. Frances Cabrini Fiesta.



Branch 191 welcomes Charles and Phyllis DePalmo.

dinner dance, this year's theme being "It's 5 o'Clock Somewhere", are coming along. Hope to see you there!

The Valli Girls Team raised \$1,150.00 at the Organ Donor Walk/Run 2013 at Great America. Denise thanked those who donated. The team name was chosen because Richard Valli had been a Central Council member and was a liver transplant recipient. Good job Valli Girls, thank you for representing our branch.

Marie Antonowicz gathered her crew and they made 800 meatballs for the St. Mary's Country Fair Spaghetti Dinner. Dave Romeri, Bob Cowan and Joe Yurosko made a flavorful sauce. Thanks to all who came to work, to serve and to support. It was a great night!

Branch elections have been held. This is our slate for 2014:

Pres. Denise Antonowicz; 1st Vice Pres. Julie Klem Brusco; 2nd Vice Pres. Marie Antonowicz; Recording Secty. Marie Yurosko; Corresponding Secty. Lucy Amico; Financial Secty. Michelle Antonowicz; Treasurer Donna Pfaff; Orator Barbara White; Sentinel Kenneth Lavezzo; Trustees Joe Yurosko, Marcia Green and Rose Arnaudo.

Thanks to all and congratulations.

We ask for prayers of safe travel for Marcia Green. She is leaving for Vietnam on Nov. 1, where she will be on a month long mission in an orphanage there. She is taking clothing, vitamins, her expertise and care.

Again, Happy 90th Birthday to Marie Antonowicz on Oct. 24! Such an inspiration!

We pray for the health of all of our members, and for the repose of souls for our beloved departed.

Peaceful Thanksgiving,

Lucy Amico

Los Altos

St. Nicholas, Br. 186

Thanks to those who again agreed to be officers in 2014. Now all need to support them and say yes when they ask for your help.

At the October meeting charity donations for the year were approved and \$5,800.00 was distributed. Congratulations to all who made this possible.

Happy 31st wedding anniversary to Kathy and Lee Lera.

As usual Rita's minestrone soup for our November meeting was great! Thanks to all who helped Rita. She has not been feeling well and the help was very much appreciated. It was good to see Central Council member Franklin Lopes, Jr. attend. He has been assigned to our branch to assist wherever needed.

Our condolences to Nella Lera on the loss of her sister and also to Bob Osorio on the loss of his brother. May they rest in peace.

Andy Cauz will be sending out dues notices soon for 2014. Please send your check in promptly.

Reminder: December 1 is our Christmas brunch at the Cabana. Only room for 40. Send your check to Bee Tapella. \$15.00 for members.

It's not too early to be thinking about helping and attending the special Cioppino Dinner-Dance January 18 th 2014. Flyers will be available soon. It's always a great event.

“We rob our lives much more than we know when we fail to respond, or any way show, our thanks for all our daily blessings.”

Happy Thanksgiving.

Elaine

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Once again our Italian sausages were a big hit at the St. Frances Cabrini Fiesta. Members gathered at the bocce courts the Thursday before the Fiesta to cut peppers and onions. With about 20 members helping it took no time at all to cut the onions and peppers. Afterwards the courts were open for the Thursday night pot luck get together. A few of the men who were helping set up for the Fiesta took time out to join members in a game of bocce. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Camille Orlando for organizing the volunteers and supervising the booth during the Fiesta.

The bocce courts closed on October 31. A special “Thank you” to Betty and Joe Antuzzi, Liz Donaldson, Gloria Garcia and to those dedicated members who made sure the courts were ready for parties and special events. If anyone is having a special event in the Spring, such as First Communion, Confirmation, or graduation, why not reserve the court for the occasion? Contact Betty Antuzzi at 408-559-4268 or Aldine Grisenti at 408-559-1242 for information.

Jo Bertaccini has once again volunteered to oversee the sale of calendars for this year. She did a wonderful job last year and she is hoping to top last year's sale.

At our September meeting new members Charles and Phyllis DePalmo were initiated into our Branch by Branch Deputy Mike Nunziata and member Jim Jones. We are looking forward to seeing the DePalmo's at our upcoming events.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Rosemary Janis

San Jose

Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Our September meeting had tasty casseroles, salads and desserts which were provided by our members. Thanks to our hosts; Judy Janini, Evelyn Taravella and Tina Vecellio for putting together this great dinner.

Ed Wendler gave us “Something To Ponder” with his spiritual reflection.

Mike Nunizata gave an update on membership. We are on track by adding new members throughout the year. Mike announced our commitment to the upcoming Bishop's Day on October 27 and Jerry Delfino talked about the importance of sponsoring a seminarian.

Monte Carlo Night was a great success. Everyone had a fun time and Noreen Gillio thanked everyone that supported the night. Thank you Knights of Columbus for co-hosting the event.

Joyce Robba, Ed Wendler, John and Noreen Gillio gave a brief summary on the ICF



Branch 368 ladies with current Layette items on display.

convention. Except for the heat, they had a great time. Members are encouraged to think about attending our next year's convention.

Upcoming:

Noreen Gillio announced that starting in December, we will be meeting in the church while the new hall is being built.

Aldene Grisenti reminded us that we have upcoming elections of new branch officers in October.

ICF Officer Training will be held in Avila Hall on November 23 from 9-11am.

Branch 368 members are encouraged to bring new toys or gift cards next month to be given to Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Ciao,

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our October dinner started off with a feast that Garfield would have loved, a huge piece of lasagna, sausage, salad, bread, and a cupcake for dessert. Thank you to our Kitchen Crew for all your hard work: Al and Diana Vallorz, Mary Lipari, Jeff Prolo, and John Rossi.

Branch 391 welcomes three new members, Sister Jane, and Doug and Diana Hughes. Welcome to our family! Father Abe gave his Chaplin report about the Feast of St. Therese who is known for her service and kindness to others.

Congratulations to our new officers: President- Marcie Rossi; First Vice President- Russ Vento; Second Vice President- Doug Shank; Secretary- Louise Vento; Treasure- Steven Lencioni; Financial Secretary- Tina Rossi; Orator- Mary Kay Tocci; Trustee- Donna Rossi, Jeff Prolo, and Marisa Banister; Sentinel- Carmi Jimenez.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, November 17. Remember, at the next meeting on November 5th; be sure to bring toys/gift cards for the Oakland Children's Hospital and items to donate to the Layette. Mark your calendars for our annual valentine dinner/dance on Saturday, February 8. Our dinner/dance is always a night filled with wonderful memories and is our yearly big fundraiser.

Ciao,

Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

From the proceeds of our first Pancake Breakfast of the 2013 school Br. 408 was able to make a Donation of \$500 to the Resurrection School Tuition Assistance Fund. Thanks to all our generous volunteers and supporters!

Remember to set your calendar and purchase your tickets for the Bishop's Day Mass and Luncheon. We will be meeting at St. Francis

Cabrini for Mass and then heading to Three Flames on Meridian Ave.

Resurrection Parish will be celebrating its 50th Anniversay with a festive Jubilee dinner with Bishop McGrath on Saturday November 9 at 6pm in the Farana Center. ICF will be hosting the Coffee and Tea for this event. We have come a long way from our early days holding Mass at Jake's Pizza Parlor.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers – especially Linda Cleveland Hart (for recovery of the full use her hand), Anne Lopez, Franco Ciacchella, Betty De Ville and Susan Colon (pneumonia).

ric

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D' Allesandria, Br. 435

Last month our branch enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Jerry Caravelli and his crew. We were also treated to an interesting and great story about some remarkable people of Italian heritage from Louise Vento. She always shares wonderful stories with our branch.

On Sunday, Oct. 12 we had our quarterly Mass at 10:30.

Denise Campagna shared with us some of the wonderful activities from the annual convention. It sounded like a good time was held by all.

On October 5 we hosted a fund raiser with a fabulous delicious Italian dinner, raffle prizes, dessert and fun.

We want to thank Dick Pfaff and Maria Yurosko for the auction of the tree house. They are from Branch 184.

Loretta Wilson and her daughter are taking a motor trip across some of the western states.

Please put these dates on your calendar.

Nov. 21 our Thanksgiving dinner.

Dec. 5 our Christmas dinner.

Please keep John Sorci in your prayers for his continued improvement.

God bless.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

St. John the Baptist, Br. 12

The October 7 dinner/meeting was our first one after a three month “vacation”. The evening began with a Pork Loin Roast dinner that was prepared by Chef Paul who cooks the Knights dinners. It was delicious with a tossed salad, nice slices of Pork, string beans, scalloped spuds, croissants and dessert. There were 21 present. The Convention Reports were given by Ken Marshall and me.

The November Thanksgiving dinner and meeting will be held November 4 in St. John's Hall. The cost of the dinner are canned



Members of Branch 408 had a Member-ship table at the Pancake Breakfast.

goods donated by the members for St. Vincent de Paul.

Santa Rosa

St. Rose, Br. 18

Feeling lucky? We have ICF calendars, 2014 edition at \$25.00 each. We keep \$5.00 of each one sold. They make fine gifts. Proceeds help with convention costs. Call if you would like one. The odds are good, your name goes into a drawing and you can win more than once during the year.

Please call Marie, 431-0563 if you know of anyone in need of prayers.

We elected Branch 18 officers for the coming year, all incumbents to remain.

November 16, our Festa D'Autunno, we will enjoy a fancy Thanksgiving turkey dinner and dance to the music of R&A band, \$20.00, call Doreen, 525-0295 for reservations.

Happy Autumnn,

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

St. Frances di Sales, Br. 52

Last week, we had two successful events – our Columbus Day Pasta Dinner and our Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to those who prepared the meals and to everyone who came and supported the branch. Welcome to our new members: Sharon Clobucker, Gary and Diane Cuccio, Paul Beseda and the Filben Family.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 2 -- Polenta Dinner. Bar: 5:45pm. Dinner: 6:30pm. Price: \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members. Wear a crazy hat this evening! A Prize will be awarded for the craziest hat.

Dec. 3: Christmas Party. More details in the branch newsletter. A special guest from the North Pole will be at the party!

Pres. Nancy has sign up sheets for members to assist with our Biscotti and Nativity Sales in December. Please contact Nancy, if you can assist with these endeavors.

Congratulations to our 2014 branch officers, elected at the Oct. Meeting: Pres: Nancy Seppi; 1st VP: John Del Monte; 2nd VP: Mary Del Monte; Recording Secretary: Marie Butler; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Pippi; Financial Secretary: Susan Matheny; Treasurer: Dee Rochester; Trustees: Alicia Kantor, Lauren Kilcullen and Teri Roller; Orator: Mary Madden; Sentinel: Carmen Kilcullen.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lauren Kilcullen



Branch 103 (top) Eleanor Berto, Treasurer and (bottom) Manny Borg, Sentinel.



Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

The Branch's membership presented and voted for our new slate of officers who will take office at the January 2014 meeting. They are: President, Tom Wurst; 1st Vice President, Carl D'Agostini; 2nd Vice President, Josephine Grant; Recording Secretary, Marie-Therese Denning; Financial Secretary, Lila Boragno; Treasurer, Eleanor Berto; Orator, Phyllis Serafini; Sentinel, Emmanuel Borg.

The next dinner meeting will be November 12 and the menu will be a gourmet surprise. For reservations, call Lila Boragno at 996-3448.

Look for our ad in the Thanksgiving issue.

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

It was nice to hear that the convention was

a success. Our delegates reported on the beautiful resort and what a great convention it was. I'll look forward to next years convention.

Nov. 11 – Regular Meeting - Bring canned goods for needy.

Dec. 21 – Quarterly Communion, St. Vincent's Church – 5:00pm Mass with Christmas Party to follow at McGoo's Restaurant. More information to follow at the meeting in November.

Get well wishes to Louis Vicino and any other members who are ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween to all. Let us all be thankful for what we have and ask for our Lord to help all those in need. God Bless our Armed Forces as well.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our October 8 meeting was called by President Marian Griffin at 7:00. Suanna Rowell read the minutes of last meeting which were approved. Joe Bonino gave his treasurer report. There was discussion regarding how much of our proceeds from our July fireworks sales should be dispersed. It was decided to give Sacred Heart, St. Benard and St. Bernard school equal amounts and the balance to our lodge.

We discussed our October 12 Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser. With much work from members, we hope to report that it will be success. We will have more to report by our next meeting.

November 3 will be our biscotti sale at St. Bernard after each mass. Biscotti would be much appreciated!

Dates to put on your calendar are December 8 for our parish Christmas party and December 10 for our branch Christmas party. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan

to attend. Both events are always very enjoyable!

Our next meeting will be November 12; please plan to attend.

Congratulations to Gene and Betty Senestraro who are celebrating their 59th wedding

anniversary! Happy birthday to Joe Bonino.

Please continue to pray for all of our members and their families who have been ill. Also pray for a speedy recovery for member Andrea Roslosnic who is recovering from foot surgery. Get well soon!

Peace and good health to all,

Nancy Paoli

Cotati

St. Joseph, Br. 150

Our October dinner meeting was a Octoberfest, with Brats by Sue, purple cabbage by Carol Saksa, potato salad by Barbara, german chocolate cake by Pat and cupcakes by Dara. Thank you to everyone who brought appetizers. All was so yummy.

Our Christmas Dinner will be at Olive Garden. Tom will handle the details, more to come.

We had three members step down from their officer position:

Lydia Camozzi - Financial Secretary, Carol Martinez- Secretary and Dara as Sentential.

Our new Officers for 2014 will be:

Tom Saksa- President

Susan Daly- First Vice President

Barbara Parry- Secretary

Sylvia Geraldi- Treasurer/ Financial Secretary

Carol Saksa- Trustee

Jef McCrea-Trustee

Eda Johnson-Trustee

Beverly Casella- Orator/ Spiritual Messenger

We send our sympathy out to Dorothy Aggio for the passing of her mother Madeline Poncia a 53 year ICF member.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the bakeless bake sale.

Get well prayers and wishes to our ill and recuperating members.

Happy Fall

Susan Daly

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

President Bob Acquistapace sends a sincere thank you to all who worked and attended our very successful fundraiser on October 5. We will now be able to expand our charity and scholarship donations in 2014.

As the year draws to a close we ask each of you to plan to attend our annual Christmas party on December 2 at 6:00pm in the Becker Center. The celebration is free to members and \$10.00 to guests.

All officers from 2013 were re-elected for 2014 except for a change in first vice-president. Claire Giampaoli will be replaced by Gene Zingarelli.

Congratulations to all who served our branch and good wished to those who will serve this coming year.

Upcoming events for 2013 include:

November 17-Mass for I.C.F 8:00am

December 2- Annual Christmas Party 6:00pm

December- 2- Mass for I.C.F. 8:00am

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday. May you enjoy the day with family and friends.

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

October began with a potluck dinner. Members furnished hot dishes and salads. Evening host, Pete Peters, furnished chocolate cake for dessert.

Our agenda for October was full. We began with our regular meeting on the 8th, followed by our hosting the District Meeting on the 13th, helping with a social following a 5pm Mass for the "Anointing of the Sick" on the 19th, attending the "Day of Recollection" in Napa on the 20th, and ending with our Chicken & Polenta Dinner on the 26th!! At least we were not bored!

The following members were elected as 2014 officers: President: Barbara Bidia; 1st Vice President: Yvonne Watson; 2nd Vice President: Pam McAlvain; Recording Secretary: Lona Bertoli; Financial Secretary: Gerrie Goin; Treasurer: Lorraine Vannetti; Orator: Jackie Corsetti; Trustees: Bud Polley, Pete Peters & Mike Falvey; Sentinel: Debbie Falvey. Congratulations to the new officers!

Lucky raffle winners each received seasonal potted plants. Winners were: Evelyn Reece, Sally Burgardt, Debbie Falvey, Don Becchetti, Gene Vannetti & Nancy Stedman.

Our prayers are with the family of our Past President Mildred Doherty who recently passed away. Well wishes to Bud Polley and Lucille Young.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Stockton

District Council

The joint Installation of Officers will be held January 5, 2014 at St. Stanislaus Church, 709 J Street, Modesto beginning with mass at 1:00pm hosted by Branch 48. The installation will be held in the church after mass. Lunch will follow in the hall at approximately 2:30pm.

Encourage your members to attend and invite your family and friends to join us for the mass and lunch.

Call Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 with the number of persons that will be attending the meeting no later than December 30, 2013.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Cecelia McGhee

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Thanks to the members that helped with the fall festival and baked cookies for the food tent. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Br. 395 in Stockton for helping us with our Bake Sale. Our members work very hard to have enough baked goods to sell and there are so few of us that your help is very much appreciated. You helped us to have a successful Bake Sale.

We will have the same slate of officers this year. Pres. Tom Silvaggio, 1st V Pres. Ida Dusi, 2nd V Pres. Patty Bertolotti, Rec. Secty. Cecelia McGhee, Fin. Secty, Carla Wagner, Orator, Marie Bertolotti, Trustees, Louise Alberti, Jan Parodi & Mary Souza, Sentinel Nancy Souza.

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The Tucson District held its first district meeting. Congratulations!



Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, November 10, 2013 8:00am at the Maze Blvd church and Tuesday December 10, 2013 5:30pm at the "J" Street Church.

Refreshments for the November 13, 2013 meeting will be furnished by Nancy Souza.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Coming up:

Nov. 13 -- 7:00pm Meeting – Hall 7th and K Streets

Dec. 11 -- 6:00pm Christmas Potluck and Meeting, Hall 7th & K Streets

Jan 5, 2014 Installation of officers, Mass 1:00pm 709 J Street

Cecelia McGhee

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our first dinner meeting of the year in September began with a yummy dinner of roast chicken and potatoes. A report on the ICF convention was given and our usual branch business. It was wonderful to be back with friends after the summer break.

At our October dinner meeting we served chicken cacciatore and polenta. Joe Bacchetti gave a short report on his recent trip to Italy. Members brought Halloween desserts and the children are invited to attend in costume for a fun evening. October is also nomination and election of officers for next year already. So think about how you can contribute a little time to our club by serving as an officer this

coming year.

Calendar sales have begun. Be sure to purchase yours at the meeting. You have 365 chances to win between \$30 and \$100. Our club had several winners this year. Calendars are \$25 and our club keeps \$5.00 for every calendar we sell.

Nov. 16: Polenta Feed /fund raiser with YMI

Nov. 21: Dinner meeting/canned food drive

Dec. 19: Dinner meeting

Anita Ridolfi

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

Here we are again! It is now time to get ready for the Holidays. Our Festa Italiana for Columbus Day kept us busy in October. The food was delicious and everyone attending enjoyed themselves.

For our branch, the next event to get ready for is the ICF Free Breakfast in December. It is our way of celebrating the past year with the members of our St. Patrick's Parish. We are usually blessed by a visit from St. Nicholas, who sits with anyone that wants to have a picture taken with him.

The event is open to all, and we serve right after the conclusion of the 10:15am Mass.

Good news was received at our last branch meeting. Amy Schmid is reaping the benefits of everyone's prayers. She thanks you for those prayers. I hope that in time, she doesn't regret that we kept her with us longer to keep

us company in our daily struggles. She is very good support.

We also had some very sad news. Our own Dan Darby, a.k.a., Good Cook and Handy in the Kitchen, has been diagnosed with a cancer that is hard to stop.

Your prayers are greatly appreciated for him and his beautiful wife, Eleanor. Dan has been at her side for many years in Mass, but just recently, he was baptized into the Catholic Church. Congratulations, Dan! You are now officially a Catholic!

May God bless us all and help us to do His will every day that He gives us.

We will be keeping you all in our prayers, please do the same for us.

Ciao,

Annette Pachinger for

Amy Schmid, Correspondence Secretary

Tucson

District Council

On Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, Branch 425 of Our Lady of the Valley (Green Valley), Branch 433 Fr. Eusebio Kino, Branch 434 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Tucson) and Branch 436 (Glendale) came together at Sts. Peter and Paul in Tucson for their first District meeting.

The meeting was chaired by District Deputy Dick Silva. Present were ICF Central Council Member Jim Acitelli (also Branch Deputy to Br. 433), Presidents Joan Silva (Br. 425), Henry Fleischmann (Br. 433 and Branch Deputy to Br. 434), Kathy Gatto (Br. 434) and Suzanne Tamargo (Br. 436), and 26 members from the various branches.

DD Dick Silva gave a brief insight to this first meeting and to the purpose, highlighting how to set up a proper meeting room; use of membership tools; recognition of members, making them feel welcome each time they attend a meeting, not just the first meeting; budgeting and a calendar of events for each branch.

ICF CC Member Jim Acitelli told members that changes are coming in the ICF. If anyone has an idea or suggestion for betterment, submit it to him and he will see it gets consideration.

An "Open Forum" followed and much discussion was held on getting and keeping new members, what works and what doesn't.

It was agreed this was a very worthwhile meeting and it was decided to do it quarterly.

Meeting was adjourned and the group then went to "Mama Louisa's" for lunch.

Bette Acitelli, Recorder

Tucson

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Our September meeting started our new season with our usual pizza night. A few of our snowbirds were back and we had a good turnout.

We had our first "District" meeting on Sunday after the 11am mass in the Family Hall at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Tucson. Dick Silva our Arizona District Deputy ran the meeting. The presidents of the three branches in Arizona were all present and about quit few of the members of the three branches also, they all contributed in the meeting. Quite a few of the suggestions that were brought up were discussed and the people there were involved in the discussions. There were some great ideas brought up. I felt that everyone gained a better feeling for what is going on in

the organization after the meeting.

Our meeting in October was a membership drive meeting. We invited some new people that showed an interest in the organization, gave them a great meal and showed them what our organization is all about. I could not tell for sure how many we join us but I have a good feeling about it.

God Bless All Our Members,

Joe Vivaldi

Tucson

Fr. Eusebio Kino, Br. 433

Our first meeting after the summer break was an opportunity to catch up with members and the happenings of the summer. It was good to see everyone! Our own ICF scholarship recipient, Gabriella Moreno was present and thanked everyone for sponsoring her for another year.

Present from Green Valley, Branch 425, were District Deputy Dick Silva and wife Joan. Dick spoke of the district meeting he had scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 6, at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Branches invited to attend are Glendale, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Green Valley and, of course, our branch.

New business for the branch included the site of our annual Christmas Party and the nomination of officers. It was felt there were not enough members present to have nominations so it will be postponed until October.

Mark O'Hara presented a brief talk on Fr. Eusebio and a booklet that he is preparing. All this is in conjunction for preparing for sainthood for Fr. Kino.

ICF Central Councilman Jim Acitelli reported on the Convention and the election of officers and Central Council members. He will be serving another year and thanked everyone for their support.

We were delighted to learn that, at the Convention, we received an award for increased membership and we also will receive an award at Bishop's Day for Apostolate/Charity as all three Tucson Branches complied with requirements.

Happy Thanksgiving! Let us be thankful for all the good things in our lives!

Bette Acitelli

Recording Secretary

Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

October 15, 2013 – This past Saturday, on the 12th, we represented the ICF at the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, presided. Rev. James Presta, M. Div., S.T.L., S.T.D., was the keynote speaker. He spends much of his time studying Mariology and was incredible to listen to. The Rosary Celebration was beautiful and clubs from all throughout the Southern Arizona area joined in.

I would also like to call all of the ICF members reading this article to join with me in a special prayer for our fellow member, Debbie Domanico. She is struggling with an illness and prayers for strength are most welcomed.

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou amongst woman, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pasta Drive for Pope John XXIII Award Winner

Inspired by Chef Bruno Serato's passion to feed the "motel" kids in Anaheim, California, Laurice Levine from Children's Hospital is organizing a boxed pasta drive to help supplement his food supply. The goal is to present him with at least 100 boxes of pasta when she visits the Los Angeles area in December.

You can send the pasta to Laurice at
Children's Hospital Oakland
747 Fifty Second St.
Oakland CA 94609-1809