



# BOLLETTINO



## Las Vegas Convention a Success for the ICF

Michelle Feldman  
Editor

What happened in Vegas isn't going to stay in Vegas, as the results of the Italian Catholic Federation's 85th Annual Convention are about to be revealed. This year's Convention took place in Las Vegas, Nevada from September 3 to September 7, 2015. With the theme, "Glorify the Lord By Your Life," the delegates and members of the ICF arrived in Las Vegas with change in the air, and ready to have some fun.

The Las Vegas area, along with Convention Director Steven Fuentes and his committee, hosted a wonderful gathering at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino.

On Friday, friends and family gathered to register, play Pedro, and battle it out on the bocce courts. The Live to Give Committee also hosted the ICF's 4th Annual Convention Blood Drive.

With so much to see and do in Las Vegas,



Congratulations to the 2015-2016 newly installed Central Council Officers! Top Row (l-r): Grand Trustee Anne Interrante; Grand Trustee Dante Galeazzi; Grand Trustee Denise Antonowicz; Sergeant-at-Arms Franklyn Lopes, Jr.; Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen; Grand Treasurer Deborah Rodondi; Parliamentarian David Botta. Bottom Row (l-r): Grand 2nd Vice President Vincent Piro; Grand 1st Vice President Andy Pappani; Spiritual Director Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli; Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.; Past Grand President Bob Basuino.

as evening rolled around, the delegates and members returned to the hotel as it was finally time for the Convention to begin. The members gathered in the Ballroom for the official Grand Opening.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Leonard Rossi, O.L.J. ICF Spiritual Director Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli welcomed everyone to the Convention and expressed his enthusiasm over the upcoming weekend.

Grand Trustee and Central Council Life Member Nina Malone sang both the Italian and National Anthems.

Branch 367 President, Frank Vatalare, welcomed everyone to the Convention and presented Grand President Bob Basuino with a gift of appreciation.

During the Roll Call of Districts, all dis-

tricts were announced and present.

Grand President Basuino presented the Grand President's Award to Russ and Louise Vento. In their acceptance speech,

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Saint Pope John XXIII Award Winner Bradley James and Grand President Bob Basuino.



Grand President's Award Winners Russ and Louise Vento with Grand President Bob Basuino.

## Grand President's Monthly Message

by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

*As is per Bollettino tradition, the October issue prints the Grand President's inauguration speech from the Monday of the Convention. Enjoy!*

**M**onsignor Cardelli, Reverend Fathers, Officers and Members of the Central Council, Brothers and Sisters of the Italian Catholic Federation, my family and friends.

What an honor to be standing before you today as the Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation. I cannot put into words the feelings running through me as I take on this endeavor as your humble servant.



I would like start off this morning by thanking our Past Grand President Bob Basuino. Bob has been a great leader for our organization balancing work, family, and the passing of his father, Frank, all while being there to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Federation these past two years. Bob challenged us to look for new ideas and to keep moving towards the future. Because of his love for the Federation, he wanted it to be there for the next generation. Bob, Frank is looking down on you and saying, "Job well done, Son." Please join me in giving Bob a warm round of applause.

To my fellow officers and members of the Central Council, thank you for your vote of confidence by electing me to the position of Grand President.

I wish to thank Steve Fuentes and his committee who did an outstanding job of planning a successful convention here in Las Vegas 2015. Steve has been doing this for eight years, what dedication from a great member and friend. Along with Steve, I wish to thank Branch 367 Las Vegas for hosting the convention. For those who have hosted a convention in the past, you know all the planning and preparation that takes place prior to and during the event. When it is one branch it can become overwhelming, but not for Branch 367. They did an outstanding job. Please give Branch 367 and their hard working committee a great round of applause.

I could not have made this journey through my years on Central Council and this weekend without my lovely wife B.G. Little did she know that when marrying a young Polish-German husband 32 years ago that she would spend 25 plus years as an active member of an Italian-American organization. Along with my sons Andrew and Joseph, they have all been my support

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## 2015 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won a prize in the Convention Raffle.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, \$2,500 + \$250 Seller's Prize

James and Martha Cardinale-Hill, Br. 230, Diego, CA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, \$1,500 + \$150 Seller's Prize

Sue De Carlo, Br. 395, Stockton, CA

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, \$1,500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Catherine Janssen-Bowman, Br. 281, Bakersfield, CA

### 4<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$1,000

James Prendergast, South Holland, IL

### 4<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$100 Seller's Prize

Martha T. Nowakowski, Br. 195, Calumet City, IL

### 5<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Jeanette T. Hudson, Br. 28, Gilroy, CA

### 6<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Anne O'Brien, Br. 163, San Mateo, CA

### 7<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize

Branch 14, Crockett, CA

### Special Drawing for Branches that sold more tickets than last year: 2 prizes of \$250 each.

Branch 21, Santa Cruz, CA -- \$250

Branch 214, Concord, CA -- \$250

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**UPCOMING:****2015 Bishops' Days:**

- Oct. 4 Fresno
- Oct. 11 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 18 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 28 San Bernardino
- Nov. 1 Las Vegas
- Nov. 7 Reno
- Nov. 8 Blessed Sacrament
- Nov. 15 Los Angeles

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I thank the Central Council, the Santa Rosa District Council, the Branches of the Santa Rosa District, Branch 161 Larkspur, and the many individuals for the prayers, Masses, cards and donations to the I.C.F. funds on my behalf.

My progress is slow but day by day I am making improvement. I am not able to write, so this letter of thanks is meant for all of you.

Bob and I missed seeing all of you at the Convention. We hope you had a good time and good fellowship with one another.

May God bless all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

*Fraternally,*

*Kathy Acquistapace*

# 2014 Convention -- Great Success Glorifying The Lord By Your Life

**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
ICF Spiritual Director  
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

**G**reat enthusiasm, filled with excitement, joy and friendship permeated the atmosphere of the convention. The Westgate Resort was just great for the convention. The meeting rooms were large and plentiful. The workshops were well attended and informative. The service was excellent. The general sessions went smoothly and there was a good feeling of camaraderie among the delegates and officers. The temperature inside of the hotel was cool and comfortable. The food was good. The Saturday banquet was excellent and the service was fabulous. What a great venue for a convention!

Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bishop of Las Vegas and Bishop Stephen Blaire, Bishop of

Stockton, joined us during the convention. Both support the ICF not only at the convention but also in our purpose and quests throughout the years. We thank them for their presence and encouragement.

Congratulations to all the new officers of the ICF. We look forward to a Faith-filled leadership during their tenure. Congratulations to all the award winners. We are proud and grateful to them for their service to God and the people of God.

"Glorifying the Lord by your life" was the theme of this year's convention. We strive to glorify the Lord not only during the convention, but also in our daily lives. God gives us so much. We are alive in this world because of His love for us. We want to show our appreciation and gratitude every day of our lives. How? In all our daily actions, in all our dealings with our family, friends and fellow humans we want to make every effort



to follow the example of the love that Jesus shows for us. In this way we GLORIFY THE LORD BY OUR LIFE.

## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

### The Ladies Take the Spotlight...

**David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen**  
Past Grand Presidents

**F**or the first sixty-nine years of the Italian Catholic Federation, only men were elected to the position of Grand President. In 1993, all that changed with the election of the first woman Grand President of the ICF. Since then, three other women have had the title. We would like to feature them in this article.

Carmen (Solari) Kilcullen- Carmen was elected the first woman Grand President of the ICF in 1993 at the Anaheim Convention. Carmen is a first generation Italian-American, the daughter of Ambrogio and Teresa Solari who came from the Liguria region of Italy. She attended St. Brigid elementary/high schools and graduated with a degree and teaching credential from San Francisco College for Women (a super college, she adds) and a Master's Degree from SF State. She taught elementary school in San Francisco for 37 years and enjoyed every minute. Carmen joined the ICF in 1971 and presently is a member of #52 in Healdsburg, CA. In her work with the ICF, she has served as an officer in branches, districts and as ICF Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. During her term, work was started on implementing the Family Membership program for the ICF. In the last several years, she has worked with David Botta in establishing ICF branches. They have eight branches to their credit. She has been married for 55 years to Larry and has a daughter, Lauren, who is the Grand Secretary of the Central Council.

Nettie Descalso-Del Nero -- Nettie, also a first generation Italian-American, was born in 1933 to Italian immigrants from Lucca, Italy, Joe and Yolanda Bernardi. She attended local schools in Merced and Merced College. She later pursued a successful career in real estate. In 1952, she

married Bill Descalso, with whom she had 4 children, and now has 12 grandchildren. Bill served as Grand President from 1969-1972 and died in 1986. In 1997, Nettie was elected Grand President, an honor she says she will treasure forever. At her side during this time was her second husband, Bill Del Nero. Bill passed away in 2000 after a short illness. During her term, the Mother Teresa Award was established; Ways and Means Committee started, and the Calendar Fundraiser began. She also started the first branch in Arizona, #425. She produced the book "Our Italian-American Heritage." In 2007, Nettie married Tom Pollicita from #19, Colma and they were together until his death in 2014. She says she will never forget the friendships, love and support from her second family, the Italian Catholic Federation.

Madeleine (Catanzaro) Vinci (deceased)- Madeleine was born in New Jersey in 1929. After coming to California, she joined the Federation in 1968 and became a member of #235 in Lynwood, CA. She was very active in the Los Angeles District, serving in many leadership roles and chairing many committees. She was elected to the Central Council in 1985, holding many offices. Elected Grand President in 1999, she served until 2001. Madeleine was a teacher of government in Catholic high schools, and it was this interest in young people, that prompted her to work for the establishment of the Young Adult Award, now given every year at the annual convention. She was also instrumental in the founding of the Mother Cabrini Library, in 1986, in Burbank, CA, which is an important pilgrimage site. Madeleine and her husband, Ralph, loved Italian Culture and were very active in the Italian community in Los Angeles, always promoting their heritage. She was a member of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and a Third Order

Franciscan. Sadly, Madeleine passed away on February 10, 2008.

Jane Dianda-Jane was born to Sir Robert and Theresa Dianda in Oakland on January 21, 1965. She attended Bishop O'Dowd High School and Merritt College. She obtained several credentials from H & R Block and the Intuit Lacerte for specialized certifications. Jane joined the Federation in 1981, becoming a member of Branch 91 in Oakland. She says that it seemed a natural thing to do because her family was so active in the ICF. She served as president of the branch after working her way through the chairs and did the same for the East Bay District. Jane was elected to the Central Council in 2005 and served as Grand President from 2011 to 2013. During her tenure of office, she started the Live to Give and Blood Drive Program, of which she is justly proud. Jane continues her work with the ICF in many capacities. She says that the Federation has not only been a part of her life, but a way of life.

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A few months ago, we did an article on the very first ICF Scholarship winners in 1964. We were able to find three of those winners. Last month, another winner contacted us as she had been in Italy at the time of that writing. Here is her story.

Susan Audap Page-Susan graduated from Delano High School and attended UCLA where she majored in political science and Russian. She later received a teaching credential and taught in the Los Angeles schools for 19 years. Other teaching experiences included 9 years at the International Schools in Syria and Malaysia, principal of Cobb School in San Francisco, and in Oakland as a mentor for principals. Now, semi-retired, she works with teachers to improve their math teaching skills while working with special needs children. Susan is married to Richard Page and has two daughters, Natalie and Kate, and two granddaughters Lucia and Sienna. She greatly appreciated the scholarship money and said that it helped make a difference in her life. Thank you, Susan, for touching base with us.

# Branching Out



Anne Interrante  
Grand Trustee, Public Relations  
Committee Member

**B**ranching Out is a series that will focus on successful ideas shared by our branches. For more details about a particular idea, you can find the branch contact info at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

## **Branch 368, San Jose, California has Themed Potlucks Hosted by Members.**

For nine of their General Meetings, members take turns as hosts for a particular month to plan the dinner, theme and deco-

ration. Each meeting has two hosts that work together to prepare for their month. The hosts contact each member to ask them to bring certain potluck items based on the theme. Some themes have included "Soup Night," "Taco Bar," or "Thanksgiving Feast" to name a few.

A list is kept as to what a member brings each month so they can alternate bringing an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert. The menu always includes appetizers and these are served during a social time prior to the meeting. Members enjoy coming

early to enjoy each other's company as well as sampling the creative variety of appetizers. There is a \$2 donation to cover supplies and beverages.

The hosts have a fun time planning their themed evening and decorating the meeting space. Not only is this a great way to get members more involved in the monthly meetings, but it also builds community during the social time!

## **Branch 319, Claremont, California sponsors "Who's Got the Best Sauce" Contest.**

The branch advertises the "Who's Got the Best Sauce" event in their church bulletin inviting parishioners to enter a pot of sauce in the contest and/or to participate as a judge. The contest takes place at their regularly scheduled General Meeting which is a great way to bring in parishioners to see what the ICF is all about.

Contestants bring their sauce to a pre-designated area where it is tagged with a letter for anonymity of the cook (i.e. A, B, C, etc.). All attendees receive a voting sheet, bowls, and slices of bread for the taste-testing. They then vote for their top three sauces.

After votes are tabulated, the top winner receives a special certificate stating they are the one with the best sauce. They are then asked to share the story behind their sauce which provides the heritage pro-

gram for the night. The branch also has pasta ready for all to enjoy the remainder of the sauce at dinner – there is always a lot to go around.

This is a fantastic idea to build community, bring in visitors which could become potential members, and promote heritage all in one evening!



**Congratulations to our newly elected Central Council Member Donna Raffanti from Branch 434, Tucson, Arizona.**

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
9/1	Nancy Donato	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
9/2	Donald Leonard		So. San Fran., CA	\$30
9/3	Lynn Hoffman	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
9/4	Madeline Torre	38	San Francisco, CA	\$50
9/5	Bill Billings	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/6	Maria Della Santina	161	San Rafael, CA	\$30
9/7	Nancy Donato	115	San Pedro, CA	\$100
9/8	Fr. Nick Glisson	91	Oakland, CA	\$30
9/9	Barbara Gabriel	213	So. San Fran., CA	\$30
9/10	Good Shepherd Guild		San Francisco, CA	\$30
9/11	Shirley & Jack Robasciotti		Gilroy, CA	\$30
9/12	Dolinda Williams		Martinez, CA	\$30
9/13	Joanne Bortoli	7	So. San Fran., CA	\$50
9/14	Laura Gagliasso	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/15	Patricia Kraemer	163	Brisbane, CA	\$30
9/16	Janice Brown		Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
9/17	Mike Kunz	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
9/18	Michael Mikula		Torrance, CA	\$30
9/19	Carol & Jack Sinwald		San Jose, CA	\$30
9/20	Rick Wyatt		San Antonio, TX	\$30
9/21	Marla Kriech	91	San Ramon, CA	\$30
9/22	Mary Alasia	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
9/23	Josephine Wallace	290	San Francisco, CA	\$50
9/24	Elaine Nola	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/25	George Concialdi	441	Des Plaines, IL	\$30
9/26	Colleen & Andy Perry		Torrance, CA	\$30
9/27	George Kievlan	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
9/28	Mary & David Tomlinson		Hollister, CA	\$30
9/29	Willie Collier		Richmond, CA	\$30
9/30	Jonathan Muglie		San Ramon, CA	\$30

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

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

Laurice Levine,  
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator  
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or email: [LLevine@mail.cho.org](mailto:LLevine@mail.cho.org)

## Grand President

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and sounding board these past 8 years and I thank them so much from the bottom of my heart for being by my side.

Unfortunately my mother, Marian couldn't make the trip here this weekend, but I know that she has been here in spirit the whole time; she is a dedicated charter member of Branch 281 for over 42 years. It was she and my Godfather John Papasergia that set the hook into my wife and me over 25 years ago to become a part of this great organization. Then Dick and Maxine Scatena nudged us along to the next level to become District officers. My branch, number 281 Bakersfield and the Fresno District have also been there for me throughout the years. Thank you for all your support. Finally, I wish to thank Nettie Descalso-Del Nero for her friendship and support during my Central Council years. She kept me on the right track, always encouraging me to look for new ideas all while remembering our great past.

Jim Jones had a vision for the future of our organization, Jane Dianda started to set it in motion and Bob Basuino was the one who kept the fire going in all of us to move forward with our Strategic Plan.

With our Strategic Plan, we have been able to have a global overview of our Federation, looking at what we have done in the past while looking towards the future, seeing our strengths and weaknesses. By knowing our strengths, we can continue to build upon them, and by addressing our weaknesses, we will shore up areas that will make us sound. Our Strategic Plan and the workshops given by the Task Force are giving the branches an insight into future leadership, membership recruiting and retention, finances and the connections that we must have with our churches and

communities. All of these areas need to be healthy to have a successful Federation.

All committees at the Central Council level are a vital part of who we are and what we do to help us achieve our goals as an organization. I will be challenging all committees to explore new ideas and to ask our membership for their input as to how we do things for them; this may be in the form of a survey, a personal phone call or we may ask all of you together at one of your events. Please let us know your ideas. We may not always be able to make all the changes that you wish, but we will listen and consider them with an open mind. I am currently in the process of organizing the Central Council committees. We have been using various forms of communication for our committee meetings this past year, such as conference call and a teleconference, which will make it easier for members-at-large to participate in the discussion.

By using these forms of communication, we can now have committee members from throughout the Federation be involved as if we were all in the same room while saving the travel cost.

As of this time, the following Central Council members have agreed to be a chairperson for the following:

Task Force will be headed up by Vince Piro. Vince has been a vital part of this committee the last several years overseeing the creation of the Strategic Plan and beginning the implementation phase with our training workshops. He will continue his great work with the next year, focusing on membership. To assist Vince, I am asking Andy Pappani to take a key role in the Task Force this year.

The Deputy Program will be headed up by Andy Pappani. Andy has always had a passion for our Deputy program. Through

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

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Don Giudici	Officers/Members of Br. 21
Donald Giudici	Julie and Chuck Boccone
Rita Tachis	Doris and Mary Onetti
Barbara Surprenant	Officers/Members of Br. 191
Eleanora Marchese	Officers/Members of Br. 362
Barbara Surprenant	Ed and Jo Bertaccini
Rita Tachis	Officers/Members of Br. 161
William Gahr	Jim and Dottie Smith
Angelo Anconetane	Louis Basso
Patricia Pizzorno	Ed Pizzorno and Officers/ Members of Br. 111
Rose Ferrante	Bella and Ed Leonard
Vince Ruiz	Bella and Ed Leonard
Rose Frankina	Jim and Janice Jones
Rose Frankina	John and Donna Rossi
Romolo Iavarone	Doris and Mary Onetti
Rose Frankina	Mike and Marcie Rossi
Gary Halder	Anita St. Denis
Mary Falat	Teri Hurlbut
<b>GET WELL WISHES:</b>	
Kathy Acquistapace	Officers/Members of Br. 144
Mrs. Yvonne Borella	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Lisa Crudo	Officers/Members of Central Council
Lisa Crudo	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Lisa Crudo	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Lisa Crudo	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Lisa Crudo	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda
<b>WITH PRAYERS:</b>	
Kathy Acquistapace	Romolo and Lorraine Iavarone
John Padilla, Jr.	Susan Padilla
<b>THINKING OF YOU:</b>	
Joe Donato	Officers/Members of Central Council
<b>IN HONOR OF:</b>	
Dino and Sharon Cunial	Officers/Members of Br. 139
<b>HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:</b>	
Connie and Darrell Terry	Officers/Members of Br. 438
<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY:</b>	
Nancy Luna	Raquel Gerber
<b>IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:</b>	
***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of a raffle held at the Convention for a special I.C.F. necklace JoAnn designed and created.***	
***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund at the Convention by Robert and Theresa Dianda.***	
*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.	

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 09/17/2015		
PETER ARANCIO	Branch 036	ROSE D FRANKINA Branch 391
ROSE A FERRANTE	Branch 036	VIVIENANN M PIANO Branch 391
ROMOLO IAVARONE	Branch 161	PRUDENCE SHAMBLIN Branch 391
RITA D TACHIS	Branch 161	RENA QUAGLIA Branch 408
EUGENE BERTOLUCCI	Branch 236	BETTY BAILEY Branch 432
MARY PASCUZZI	Branch 342	
ELEANORA MARCHESE	Branch 362	

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by September 10, 2015.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane  
Get well wishes for Kathy Acquistapace

Apostolate Charity Update

Thank you to the following Individual that sent in a donation for activities at Oakland Children's Hospital for their Cooley's Anemia Patients. With this additional donation we collected a final total of \$2,250.00 for 2015 and have sent the additional donation to Children's Hospital.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we thank you for contributing once again and taking part in our Apostolate/Charity Program.

Josie Galante - in memory of Tony Galante

Again, we hope that more Districts, Branches and Individuals will be able to participate next year so that the hospital can continue these beneficial activities.

*The Apostolate Charity Committee*

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 09/17/2015

BENNETT BROWN	Branch 025
DIANE V LUZOD	Branch 025
JOANN M SULLIVAN	Branch 025
THOMAS L SULLIVAN	Branch 025
HELEN WILLIAMS	Branch 036
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ALEXANDRA E WOOD	Branch 047
BEN J WOOD	Branch 047
CATHERINE A WOOD	Branch 047
CONOR S WOOD	Branch 047
ISIBEAL M WOOD	Branch 047
PATRICK WOOD	Branch 047
REV MARIO VALENCIA	Branch 075
MALIA L BELLOMO	Branch 102
GEORGE SHIFFLETT	Branch 102
JOYCE ADRAGNA	Branch 111
ROCCO GIOFFRE	Branch 111
ROSE GIOFFRE	Branch 111
NANCY VALDEZ	Branch 111
DIANE DIANI	Branch 154
EVANGELINA G HERNANDEZ	Branch 169
IRMA HERNANDEZ	Branch 169

RAYMOND A HERNANDEZ	Branch 169
ROMAN M HERNANDEZ	Branch 169
VIVA M HERNANDEZ	Branch 169
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MATTHEW R PANOS	Branch 391
NICOLETTE V PANOS	Branch 391
LINDA PIANTA	Branch 423

Gifts of Love Convention Donations

Branch 4	Branch 390
Branch 7	Branch 395
Branch 33	Branch 413
Branch 48	Branch 425
Branch 139	The Antonowicz Family
Branch 169	Mike Cannady
Branch 103	Michael Cerri
Branch 173	Jane Dianda
Branch 229	Allen Watts
Branch 281	The Zasoski Family - In Memory of
Branch 291	Leonard Zasoski
Branch 374	
Branch 380	
Grand Total: \$7,379.00	

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by September 10, 2015

Donations	Pat and Louie Cordich
Branch 32	In honor of the 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Russell and Terry Wolfe
Branch 39	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Branch 127	Get well wishes for Lisa Crudo
Branch 227	Mary Zadra
Branch 290	In honor of the 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Arnaudo
Branch 327	Cathy and Joe De Maria
Branch 428	In memory of Rose Frankina
The Antonowicz Family	Vic and Pat Arnaudo
In memory of Barbara Surprenant	In memory of Romolo Iavarone
Officers/Members of Br. 191	Ed Pizzorno and Officers/Members of Br. 111
In memory of Giacomo La Rosa	In memory of Patricia Pizzorno
Rosalie Campisi	Anthony and Lillian La Pres
In memory of Joe Serio	In memory of Rose Frankina
Rose Vallerga	Officers/Members of Br. 191
In memory of Marjorie Canale	In memory of Louise Simonetto
Officers/Members of Br. 161	Ralph and Margaret De Rango
In memory of Romolo Iavarone	In memory of Romolo Iavarone
Bob and Elaine Osorio	Jack and Kathleen Gallizio
In memory of Rose Frankina	In memory of Anna Gallizio
Bob and Esther Ramonda	Bill Billings
In memory of Louise Simonetto	In memory of Rose Frankina
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda	
Get well wishes for Annette Maggiora	

TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING

PAST GRAND PRESIDENT

**ROBERT BASUINO**

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Cocktails (No-Host Bar) - 5:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

**FIORILLOS RESTAURANT**



638 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

MENU CHOICES:

- \*Marinated Bistro Filet - topped with mushrooms and marsala sauce served with vegetables and roasted red potatoes.
- \*Chicken Italiano - chicken breast with onions, mushrooms and artichoke hearts in a wine marinara sauce served on a bed of bowtie pasta.
- \*Prawns Bordelaise - sautéed with garlic, lemon cream and wine served over fettuccine.

Coffee and Dessert

Price: \$45.00 per person

RSVP By October 28, 2015 - See Attached Form

RESERVATIONS FORM FOR THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR

PAST GRAND PRESIDENT ROBERT BASUINO

Name	Br. #	Filet	Chicken	Prawns

Total # of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00

A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND CHECK NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28, 2015 to:

Italian Catholic Federation

8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110

Oakland, California 94621

Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

*Cooley's Corner*

Submitted By:  
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS  
Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator



Dear Grand President Bob Basuino, Apostolate Chairman Franklyn Lopes, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

It was wonderful seeing you all at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual ICF Convention in Las Vegas! Your kindness and generosity is beyond measure and we are so grateful that you one again nominated the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Program at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland as your national charity. Thank you for your donation of \$71,000! Also, thank you for your donation of \$2,250 for our summer programs.

ICF funds go towards medical research; the provision of quality care to patients who cannot afford it; travel funds for patients who are isolated; community outreach and education; and psychosocial programs and events for patients and families. Without the help of the ICF we would not have a Thalassemia Outreach Program which currently is the only program of its kind in the United States and sets us apart from other specialty centers for thalassemia.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and realize how difficult fundraising is - we sincerely appreciate your endless hard work, your precious time,

and the creativity that you put into all of your fundraisers for Thalassemia.

As you know, community outreach is a priority for us and an integral part of our mission. Therefore, if your branch is interested in learning more about Thalassemia and our program at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, I would be happy to speak at one of your meetings or events (regardless of the size - I will gladly visit 5 members or 500. Please contact Laurice Levine at (360) 860-2023, or, LLevine@mail.choc.org to make arrangements. Also, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-2pm for our annual Christmas Party. We hope you and your loved ones can join us for an evening of festivities.

The strong sense of community and friendship that I experience when I am surrounded by my ICF family give me tremendous strength throughout the year. Thank you again for your love, support, and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Laurice Levine, MA,  
CCLS Senior Thalassemia Outreach  
Coordinator  
Elliott Vichinsky, MD  
Director, Hematology/Oncology

*Cooley's Anemia Convention Donations*

Branch 4	Branch 367
Branch 5	Branch 379
Branch 7	Branch 380
Branch 12	Branch 390
Branch 33	Branch 395
Branch 48	Branch 406
Branch 75	Branch 413
Branch 103	Branch 425
Branch 139	Branch 438
Branch 169	The Dianda Family
Branch 173	Maria Di Paolo - In Memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Branch 184	The Zasoski Family - In Memory of Ed and Shirliann Swertfager
Branch 229	<b>Grand Total: \$9,858.00</b>
Branch 230	
Branch 281	
Branch 291	

Cooley's Anemia Donations	
<b>Donations received by September 10, 2015</b>	East Bay District
Branch 27	LA Archdiocese District BBQ
Branch 32	Frank Spinali
Branch 39	In memory of Mary Alesi
Branch 108	Janice DeCosta
Branch 127	In memory of Claudia Alosi
Branch 227	Ben and Phyllis Benbrook
Branch 285	In memory of Mary Alesi
Branch 290	Richard and Valerie Vote
Branch 327	In memory of Donald J. Giudici
Branch 382	Mr. Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
Branch 408	In memory of Yano Sortino
Branch 428	



**BOOK REVIEW**

Vince Piro  
Branch 39  
CC 2nd Grand President

## Don't Sing at the Table: Life Lessons from My Grandmothers

**Adriana Trigiani**

**Harper Publishers, 2010. 224 pp.**

In *Don't Sing at the Table: Life Lessons from My Grandmothers*, Adriana Trigiani, author of the popular *Big Stone Gap* series, lovingly portrays the inspirations of her popular novels, her two grandmothers, Viola and Lucia. Trigiani's two Italian-American grandmothers were hard working, no nonsense women, who dealt with life's challenges head-on, but they were also kind and caring women, who left their granddaughter with bits of wisdom on life and love.

In the first part of *Don't Sing from the Table*, Trigiani writes several chapters about the lives of her grandmothers. These portraits provide us with details about their lives and illustrate the values that guided them. Trigiani leads the reader away from the stereotypes that many people have of Italian American women (especially grandmothers) and depicts two women who are complex, introspective, and independent.

For instance, of Viola, Trigiani writes, "There was a duality in her approach to life, as she ran the factory [of which she was co-owner] and her home on parallel rails. She was a powerhouse in the mill, a taskmaster boss, unyielding in her quest for perfection . . . But as driven as she was at work, she was just as insistent about being feminine: charming, interesting, socially engaging, and -- the highest dream of all -- elegant." Through Trigiani's writing, Viola emerges as a force, determined, committed, and powerful, but she is also always glamorous and graceful. She is not an Italian-American stereotype.

Trigiani's grandmother Lucia (Lucy) is equally compelling. With a life marked by tragedy, she emerges as a survivor, who is also independent and self-sufficient. After her husband dies at a very young age, Lucia takes over their store-front business and makes a go of it. "Known in her town

for "her can-do common sense and even temperament, Lucy had a place of respect in her community in matters practical and philosophical." Rather than let tragedy break her, Lucia kept her body and soul together, running a successful business while raising a family, "put[ting] all three of her children through college." She earned money "sewing and selling factory-made shoes, including the popular Red Goose brand."

After the initial chapters of the book, *Don't Sing from the Table* focuses on sharing the folk wisdom and advice that Trigiani's grandmothers gave her as she was growing up. Chapters focus on such topics as «Children,» «Security,» «Sex and Marriage,» and «Belief.» Regarding one's reputation, Lucy tells her granddaughter, «You only have one reputation. When your good reputation is gone, it's gone.» Her grandmothers also teach her that «Self respect is the most important respect of all.» These life lessons are illustrated by Viola and Lucia's lives as they «practice what they preach.»

As much as this book is about Trigiani's grandmothers and their wit and wisdom, it is also about the author herself. In her descriptions of her grandmothers we learn much about what the author values. However, she is often also more direct, relating to the reader her ideas on a variety of subjects. Her chapter on belief focuses on her religious values and represent both her traditional Catholic upbringing and a more modern sense of belief. She writes, «The development of faith and a spiritual life that sustains us is not about [organized] religion; it's something far more personal; it's about cultivating the ability to be still. We must nurture our souls with the same diligence with which we care for our bodies . . . » Of course, her grandmothers are never far behind. She writes later in the chapter, «I learned to be still from my grandmothers. Sometimes they were so busy caring for their families and doing their work, they had to steal a moment to be still. But they did it; they insisted! I found roast beads tucked in their pockets, and prayer cards in their wallets . . . »

Trigiani is best known for her *Big Stone Gap* series of novels, which follow a cast of characters who live in *Big Stone Gap*, Virginia. Trigiani was raised in southwest Virginia in a big Italian family. She based her debut novel on her hometown, drawing inspiration from its citizens and her family. *Don't Sing in the Kitchen* gives the reader an insight into this popular author's richest influences, her grandmothers.

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

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

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

## **Monetary Donation Reminder**

**Roselynn Jarrett**

Dear Members,

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

## Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi Grand Treasurer

Convention has come and gone in Las Vegas. It was great to see everyone there. A special THANKS to the Las Vegas Branch for hosting a wonderful Thursday dinner and a great novelty booth. Also, congratulations to the newly elected CC members and CC officers.

During the rounds of hospitality rooms at convention, so many really enjoyed the peach bellini's and wanted the recipe. It is a very simple beverage and tastes wonderful. I was first introduced to this drink at the wedding reception for Al and Frances Tegli. It was a hot day and the bellini had a delightful and smooth flavor. So thank you, Frances, for sharing the recipe with me.

### PEACH BELLINI

1 part peach nectar (found in cans in the fruit drink section of grocery store)

½ part vodka (optional)

½ part peach schnapps

4 parts dry sparkling wine, champagne or asti spumante (BevMo has a peach spumante)

Serve from punch bowl, garnish with frozen peaches

-Can cut with ginger ale

-For the peach nectar I puree peaches

-If I am making for just a few people I mix directly into the champagne flute; a splash of vodka and peach schnapps, double the nectar and top with champagne.

-You can be creative and switch up the fruit, but I think the peach is the best.

ENJOY!!!!

My mom found this recipe many years ago. With this liqueur being costly you hate to put it in a cake. Here is the solution....

### GALLIANO LIQUEUR

40 oz. distilled water

8 cups sugar

1 tsp. glycerin (can be bought at drug stores)

Boil above ingredients for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Let cool to 100 degrees, then add the following:

2 tsp. vanilla extract

2 ½ tsp. banana extract

17 drops yellow food coloring

2 fifths vodka

2 tsp. anise extract

1 tsp. lemon extract

After you have added the vodka the Galliano is ready to use.



### HARVEY WALLBANGER CAKE

1 Pkg. orange cake mix

1 (3 ¼ oz.) instant vanilla pudding

4 eggs

½ cup cooking oil

½ cup orange juice

½ cup Galliano

2 Tbls. vodka

### Glaze:

1 cup sifted powdered sugar

1 Tbls. orange juice

1 Tbls. Galliano

1 tsp. vodka

In large mixer bowl combine cake and pudding mix. Add the eggs, oil, OJ, Galliano and vodka. Beat on low speed for ½ minute, then on medium speed for 5 minutes scraping bowl frequently. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch fluted tube pan (bundt). Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

Glaze: Combine and drizzle on cake.

Join us next month for some good Italian comfort food.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at [drodondi@comcast.net](mailto:drodondi@comcast.net) or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!

## *Welcome Fall*

Fall, leaves, fall; die,  
flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and  
shorten day!  
Every leaf speaks bliss  
to me,  
Fluttering from the  
autumn tree...  
~Emily Brontë

## Bollettino Christmas Ads

It's that time of year to submit your branch, district, or individual Christmas Ad for the Bollettino!

**The deadline is November 10. Thank you.**

These can be sent in already designed and sized, or the text may be faxed or emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
2 1/2" x 5" (vertical or horizontal)	\$35
4" x 5" (horizontal)	\$50
6 1/2" x 5" (horizontal, quarter page)	\$70

To place a message, please send in your ad, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the I.C.F. (noted Christmas ad), to:

Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621  
Attn: Bollettino

Please send e-mails to [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org) and the fax number is (510) 633-9758.

## Grand President

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the Strategic Plan, we have come to realize that we need some restructuring, updating and support for our Deputies and the program. We are already underway with some changes; Andy will move the program to the next level. To be a successful program, I am also asking Vince Piro to assist Andy in these endeavors, along with additional committee members from various regions throughout the Federation.

Public Relations will be headed up by Lauren Kilcullen. Lauren has been a vital part of the committee this past year by overseeing the upgrade to the Bollettino, our newspaper. This committee is continuing to work on improving our website to make it more current and user friendly. The website is a key component to not only potentially attracting new members but helping our current members and officers by having documents readily available for their use.

Ways and Means will be headed up by Lisa Crudo. Lisa has worked very hard this past year to raise funds to support us financially and she is always looking for new and exciting ideas for our events. She will continue to be a great asset for this committee.

The November Bollettino and the ICF Website will have a complete list of the committee chairs for your reference within a few weeks. I want to take my time to make careful and deliberate decisions about these committees.

As members we must learn from the past, live in the present and strive for the future. I have told my sons that part of what you do in life is give back and doing that requires time and effort, but in the end, it feels good to know that you have helped others. It is our duty to see that future generations have the same opportunity to give back to

their church and community, along with knowing that you have made friends that will last a lifetime and that you have an extended family within the Italian Catholic Federation.

I have been praying for months to the Lord at Mass on Sunday to give me strength and guidance to oversee such a great organization. We have all heard the term "that's just a coincidence" if something happens at the same time without planning on it happening. I don't believe in coincidences. I believe that things happen for a reason. Take this weekend at our Convention. Our Pope Saint John XXIII Award Recipient Bradley James who worked with Mother Teresa told us the story of her visiting Las Vegas, and we are in Las Vegas for our convention, coincidence? Then our Mother Teresa Award Recipient Father Dave Heney told us the story of meeting Mother Teresa in Mexico, and he received an award in her name. Coincidence? I don't think so. Mother Teresa was here at our Convention with us through the Holy Spirit to inspire us to do the work of the Lord.

That is what we are called to do as ICF members in our branches, church and community. To do the work of the Lord, we just need to open our hearts and let him in.

May God bless the Italian Catholic Federation; give us the guidance and wisdom to move into the future.

Thank You.

## Save the Date

Late Nite  
Catechism



By Vicki Quade & Marjorie Donovan

Coming October 25, 2015

Holy Names University

Regents theater

2:00 PM Matinee



Late Nite Catechism is an uproariously funny play that takes the audience back to their youth. The irrepressible Sister teaches class to a roomful of "students." Throughout the course of the class the benevolent instructor rewards the "students" for correct answers with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and other nifty prizes. Naughty students may well find themselves on stage sitting in a corner reflecting their actions. However, even the most reluctant "students" will be clamoring to get into this Sister's class. Now in its 20th year, Late Nite Catechism has brought its nostalgic kick to every state in the U.S. as well as to Canada, the U.K., and Australia.

Watch the Bollettino for more details

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## Convention

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Russ and Louise spoke of the importance of heritage, and the need to keep it alive.

Rev. Samuel Falbo, Diocesan Chaplain of the Diocese of Las Vegas gave the closing prayer, and Nina Malone accompanied by Pat Mueller of the East Bay District performed "Noi Vogliam Dio." All delegates were set free to meet the candidates and enjoy the rest of the evening.

# Friday Convention



## Saturday

With an early morning start on Saturday, September 5, the delegates were ready to attend workshops that discussed the Strategic Plan; Successful Branches, Charitable Giving to the ICF; a behind the scenes look at the operations of the ICF; an Open Forum where anything could be discussed; and delve into the soul inspiring world of spirituality.

During the business session of the day, the Credentials' Committee announced that there were 193 delegates with 30 CC members and 223 voting delegates.

The Family of the Year Award was presented to the Zanini Family from Paso Robles. They spoke of working at the pasta dinner with an attendance of 300. "You don't have to be Italian to love and belong to the ICF, I'm Tex-Mex."

Grand President Basuino also presented the Young Adult Leadership award to Melissa Rodriguez. She commutes between Phoenix and Tucson to run the branch meeting. She said, "Thank you for welcoming me into your family."

During the Treasurer's report, Grand Treasurer Roselynn Jarrett discussed new California tax laws for religious non-profit.

The Hospitalization Committee has a new member. Donna Hoffman of Branch 14 was unanimously elected to the committee.

The ICF also paid tribute to George Bacigalupi, who is now a Central Council Life Member Emeritus.

The delegates and members were given a relaxing period to return to their rooms before the Saturday night cocktail party and banquet.

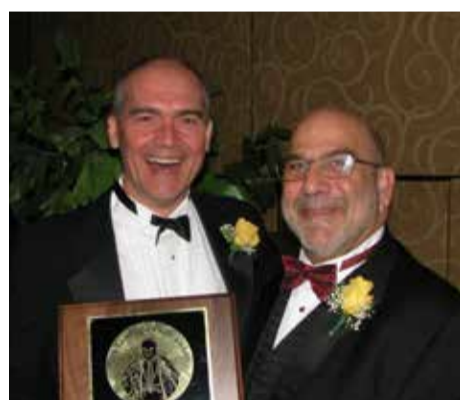
At the Saturday Night banquet Bishop Pepe from Las Vegas and Bishop Blaire from Stockton were in attendance and seated at the head table.

Saint Pope John XXIII Award winner Bradley James spoke and sang one of his songs written for Mother Teresa at the end of his speech.

# Saturday Convention



# Saturday



# Sunday

**A**t the Sunday session the following Central Council Candidates were voted into the Central Council: Anne Interrante, Donna Raffante, Andy Pappani, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Vince Piro, Lauren Kilcullen, Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Denise Antonowicz, Debbie Rodondi, Teresa Helfand, and Lisa Crudo.

Grand President Basuino presented the Mother Teresa Award to Fr. Dave Heney. He told about the time he met Mother Teresa when she was in Tijuana for an ordination. He said, he had one thought in his head – “Don’t mess it up.” When he met her, she spoke to him first and he forgot the few lines he had rehearsed. He said that she made everyone feel completely at ease.

Presentations and awards were later given out from the Apostolate/Charity Committee, Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee, Heritage Committee, and Ways and Means Committee.

Grand President Basuino also made the presentation to Dr. Elliott Vichinsky and Laurice Levine, Thalassaemia Outreach Coordinator from Oakland Children’s Hospital. Grand President Basuino presented a total of \$71,000 to Dr. Vichinsky and Laurice. \$15,000 from the Silva Trust, \$10,000 from the Joe Liotta Trust, \$5,000 from the Placer Community Foundation and \$41,000 from the branches. Dr. Vichinsky once again thanked the ICF for its dedication to the patients and program at Oakland Children’s Hospital. Dr. Vichinsky said that he has a “strong sense of ethical responsibility to use the funds wisely. The funds mean very much to us.”

Laurice said she was excited to meet new delegates, this year. She thanked the ICF for donating 26 units of blood at the blood drive on Friday. Laurice also said that she and her husband Matt are expecting a baby in February via surrogate. Everyone was very happy at that news.

During the remainder of the business session the following proposals were discussed:

Increasing the number of people needed to start a new branch to 35: Passed

Branches should hold 9 meetings per year. Branches can’t skip 2 consecutive meetings: Defeated

Branch delegates are based on Individual memberships: Passed

Change in the rate of fine for not sending delegates: Defeated

Adding a due date to submit request to be excused from convention: Passed

Adding a due date to pay the fine: Passed

During the donations portion of the day the following amounts were donated:

Cooley’s: \$9850

Gifts of Love: \$7447.75 (\$52.75 came from tips at the Fresno District Friday night party.)

Scholarship: \$200

Providenza: \$600 from the raffle of the cross necklace donated by Joanne Maggiora of Oakland and \$100 donation.

After a busy morning, Grand President Basuino concluded the morning busi-



ness session, where the current and newly elected Central Council members then retired to lunch to vote on the officers of the Central Council.

The Concelebrated Mass was very well attended and the Most Reverend Bishop Pepe of Las Vegas - was the main celebrant of the Sunday Mass.



# Monday - Convention Closing

## Monday

After three fun and inspirational days together, it was time for the annual Convention to come to a close.

At the prayer service, conducted by Spiritual Director Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, the new Central Council members and officers were installed. Leonard Zasoski, Jr., took the reins as the new Grand President. The new 2015-2016 face of the Central Council is:

Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand 1st Vice President Andy Pappani

Grand 2nd Vice President Vince Piro

Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen

Grand Treasurer Deborah Rodondi

Grand Trustees Anne Interrante, Denise Antonowicz, and Dante Galeazzi

Parliamentarian David Botta

Sergeant-at-Arms Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

With one last recital of "Noi Vogliam Dio" the Convention came to a close.

Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged until everyone can meet again at the 2016 Convention in Fresno, California.



I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Robyn Piro, Branch 39, who in absense from this year's Convention kindly and graciously took most of the pictures you see within these pages from the Convention. Thank you so very much Robyn!

--Michelle Feldman, Editor

## Guidelines for Toy Donations

Every year the Thalassemia program at Children's Hospital Oakland has a Christmas party for approximately 200 patients and families (and gifts are also distributed in the hospital and clinics for children who cannot attend the party). Please consider helping us for the holidays by making a donation or running a toy drive.

Due to hospital policy, fire hazard, and the prevention of infectious disease, we ask that all donations be brand new and that you please adhere to the following guidelines:

Suggested donation items:

- ☐ Infant Toys: mobiles, musical toys, rattles, teethingers
- ☐ Books for all ages – hard cover preferred
- ☐ 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, Operation, Scrabble
- ☐ Barbies, baby dolls
- ☐ Hand held video games
- ☐ Portable CD and DVD Players
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Gift cards to: Target, I-Tunes, Gap, Old Navy, Forever 21, Barnes and Noble, Movie Theater Passes,

Starbucks, Peet's Coffee, Jamba Juice, See's Candies

- ☐ Make up kits and nail polish
- ☐ Jewelry
- ☐ Art supplies including pens, crayons, coloring books, paper, glitter pens, gel pens
- ☐ Art kits/craft sets
- ☐ PlayDoh and modeling clay
- ☐ Toy cars, match box cars
- ☐ Model airplanes
- ☐ Lego sets
- ☐ Action figures
- ☐ Brio Trains

We are unable to accept the following:

- ☐ Ceramic dolls
- ☐ Clothing of any type
- ☐ Used baby blankets
- ☐ Used toys and games – including board games and puzzles
- ☐ Used books
- ☐ VHS videos

If you would like to make a donation please contact:

Laurice Levine at 510-428-3885 x 5427 or LLevine@mail.cho.org

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Evanne Faith Gutierrez			Scholarship Fund
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Samuel Rieta			Scholarship Fund
Briana Salatino			Scholarship Fund

### **3rd Year Scholarships (\$600.00)**

Rosemary Cook		Br. 432 - Brentwood
Michelle Raven		East Bay District
John Lencioni		Br. 391 - San Jose
Anthony Baciocco		Stockton District
Kathrynn Udell		Br. 425 - Green Valley
Lisa Oakley	Ambrogio and Teresa Solari	Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg
Rebecca Re	June and Ed Rodondi	The June and Ed Rodondi Family Foundation
Luke Anthony	Huerta Martin and Rose Santich	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91, Oakland
Emily Santich	Martin and Rose Santich	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91, Oakland
Matthew Donoghue	Father Howard Rasmussen	Scholarship Fund
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Amanda Shearon	John Savant	Scholarship Fund
Mark Steele	William Descalso	Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth Weatherly	Lawrence Picetti	Scholarship Fund
Natalie Woeppel	Bishop Leo T. Maher	Scholarship Fund

**Italian Studies 3rd Year Scholarship (\$600.00)**

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### 4th Year Scholarships (\$1,000.00)

Ashley Jess		East Bay District
Clare Sorensen		Br. 438 - Roseville
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Kelsey Kriech	Philip and Anne Muglie	James P. Muglie - Br. 91, Oakland
David Greene	June and Ed Rodondi	The June and Ed Rodondi Family Foundation
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# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

## RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Vince Piro – Chairperson

Committee Members: Lauren Kilcullen, Anne Interrante, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Betty Zasoski

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of Las Vegas for their 85th Annual Convention on September 3, 2015 - September 7, 2015 adopt the following Communications and Resolutions:

### Communications:

#### **COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS**

We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pray that he has a safe and successful visit to the United States, and we pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

#### **COMMUNICATION TO MOST REVEREND JOSEPH A. PEPE**

We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for his continued service to the people of the Las Vegas Diocese. We are grateful for his participation in this year's convention, representing the Diocese of Las Vegas.

#### **COMMUNICATION TO MSGR. CARDELLI**

We wish to thank I.C.F. Spiritual Director Msgr. Cardelli for all his years of loyal service to the I.C.F. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the I.C.F. We look forward to many more years of his friendship and guidance.

#### **COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND PRIESTS WHERE THE FEDERATION IS ESTABLISHED**

We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask for their blessings on the works of the Federation, that we follow in the footsteps of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. We are united in a common faith and love for Christ's Body and the Church; and we will continue to be faithful and diligent in our message of our values: faith, family, and heritage. We continue to support the many needs of the Catholic Church, especially our seminarians and clergy.

#### **COMMUNICATION TO DAVID BOTTA**

We wish to congratulate and thank David Botta for his 50 years of continuous service on the Central Council, the longest serving member. He has been a dedicated and committed leader, whose energy and vitality are fueled by his love for the Federation.

### RESOLUTIONS:

#### **TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES**

As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and liberty. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well being and safe return.

#### **TO ALL ELECTED LEADERS OF OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well being of ALL in our United States of America and in the world.

#### **TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM NATIONAL DISASTERS AND VIOLENCE IN 2015**

We offer our prayers and support to the people of the world, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2015. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

#### **TO THE CONVENTION DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE, LOCAL COMMITTEES, AND DIOCESAN CHAPLAINS**

Whereas, the preparation of the annual convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Steve Fuentes and the chairs of various local committees under the guidance of Frank Vatalare - President, Branch #367 - Las Vegas, the success of the convention was assured. We, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

#### **TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our generous gratitude to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith, Dave Rose, and Michelle Feldman, Editor of the Bollettino.

#### **TO GRAND PRESIDENT BOB BASUINO**

For his outstanding leadership these past two years as Grand President, for his time, and untiring efforts, all the officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation congratulate and thank him.

#### **TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS**

We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being. We especially miss the presence of Joe Donato, Central Council Member Emeritus, a long time resident of Las Vegas Branch 367.

#### **TO THE DELEGATES AND NON-DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION**

We thank them for representing their branches and for their dedication in preserving and keeping the Italian Catholic Federation, a strong and vital organization in their communities. We wish them all a safe trip home.

Mister President, I move that these communications and resolutions be adopted. Thank you.

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Josie Karr of Branch 358 celebrated her 90 Birthday with a party on August 29, 2015.

# Chicago

## River Forest

**Name, Br. 358**

The month of October is upon us. Where did the summer go? We are in full swing at the ICF Branch 358 to get our annual bake sale underway. It comes around the middle of October and it is a big sell out at our church. We all look forward to it regardless of all the baking we do, it certainly is a labor of love.

We also get to celebrate Columbus Day on Oct. 12. Columbus discovered America in 1492 but it took a long while for the holiday to catch on but thank goodness it comes with a wonderful day of celebration with a parade, floats, and just a proud feeling especially if your Italian.

We must preserve and keep our heritage going and the ICF is a perfect place to show our love for our heritage not only for the sake



Sister Thomas Marie of Branch 27 is getting ready to cut her 'good-bye' cake.



Sister Thomas Marie (center) and friends from Branch 27 (l-r): Angie Kelzer, Nancy Proseri, Jerry Kelzer and Mary Contreras.

of our families but out of respect for our ancestors to keep the Italian culture alive and thriving.

We are committed at Branch 358 to recruit as many new members as possible as well as keep our current members interested and involved.

Happy Columbus Day to all!

Cathy Neri

Happy Birthday to:

Frank Cairo – 10/29

Kay Comisky – 10/29

Leonora Gillette – 10/13

Pauline Nicoletti-Trombetta – 10/28

# Fresno

## Madera

**Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27**

The August 11th meeting was a potluck and about 40 members enjoyed sampling all the different and delicious dishes. Thanks to committee chairmen Emily and Adolph Mayorga, and the committee members: Rick and Janet Fairnelli, Dorothy Farinelli, Nathan Zonini. Plans are underway for the annual Parish Harvest Festival coming up soon. Unfortunately, we had to say good-bye to our Chaplin, Sister Thomas Marie Heavey, since she was reassigned to Washington, D.C. We did, however, give her a 'going away' party complete with cake and good wishes. We will miss you sister! On a sad note, Past President Ada Cavallero past away in July. Even at 90 years old she was a valuable member to the club and a champion ticket seller. Please continue to pray for Ada's son, Gary, and our other Past President Marge Avellar who recently had heart surgery.

*Ciao,*

Kerin Cavallero



## Fresno

### Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Summer fun is what Br. #32 has had. In June members toiled in five fundraising events for our branch. We played picnic games called Pass the Marshmallow and the M & M Game at our June meeting amid hot dogs, beans, chips, and salad. July brought on Italian picnic eats. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.

August had us again working. Our Salad Bar Luncheon, chaired by Corinne Abate, combined fun and work. With a fresh approach this event took on a new look and feel.

We teamed up with the Knights of our parish and supported their fundraising event. That fundraiser proceeds went to help the DeGrange Family and son, Charlie. Charlie was diagnosed with a very rare type of brain cancer. He was a student at OLV School before the diagnosis. Since then the DeGrange Family has relocated to Vacaville, CA, to be closer to family and medical attention in San Francisco. We pray for Charlie and his family.

Pray for peace in the world and good health for our members.

We are looking forward to the ICF Convention in Fresno, CA, in 2016. See you all there.

Branch 32 members helping to set up the Salad Bar Luncheon Fundraiser.

## Bakersfield

### San Luigi, Br. 33

The September 2015 San Luigi Branch meeting opened with a prayer led by Monsignor Craig Harrison, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Bakersfield.

A chicken Cacciatore dinner preceded the regular program.

New Grand President Elect Leonard Zasoski, visited and was also our scheduled speaker. Grand President Zasoski was welcomed and congratulated on his election.

President Zasoski, who is a member of the American Cancer Society, "Heroes of Hope" spoke on Prostrate Cancer. Leonard's story began with his father who was a Prostrate Cancer victim and succumbed to the disease at age 57. Leonard shared that he, too, was diagnosed with this disease but thanks to improved modern cancer treatment is now considered a survivor. He emphasized the importance of early diagnosis and made the point that modern cancer treatments and treatment strategies offer great hope for survival. An important factor in successful treatment, in addition to early diagnosis, is a positive outlook.

Convention representative, Michael Cerri, reported on the Convention. He expressed our district's pleasure that the New Grand President is from Bakersfield.

September birthdays were noted. A special tribute was accorded to Mary Marchetti who turned 99 years. Mary regaled the membership by signing the Italian hymn, Noi Vogliam Dio with some branch members providing back-up singing.

The meeting closed with a humorous story led, as always, by Bob Lencioni.

*Roberta Cerri Teglia*

## Merced

### St. Cecelia, Br. 39

We are proud of our two Fresno District members, Leonard Zasoski and Vince Piro, also a Branch 39 member, for getting elected to the Central Council and on being named Grand President and 2nd Grand Vice-President. We also want to congratulate Andy Pappani, who has helped our branch with several Polenta dinners, for being named 1st Grand Vice-President.

We had a wonderful and hearty dinner at our September meeting. Thank you Mary Ellen and Loretta for all their hard work. At this meeting, Sarah Lim, the curator of the Merced Historical Society Courthouse Museum, was our guest speaker to get us excited about the upcoming Italians in Merced County exhibit scheduled for Spring 2017. Her presentation received an enthusiastic response. We are excited to be a part of this important future exhibit. Our delegates also reported on the convention. Carol Salmeri has calendars for sale. Our next meeting is on October 14 at 6 PM at the Italo-American Lodge.

## Bakersfield

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

The September meeting was a lovely evening of delicious food and Convention re-capping at the house of Cynthia and Dana Munn. Thanks so much to our hosts!

Also, thanks to the delegates and all who attended the Las Vegas Convention. It was a great weekend, and especially delightful for our branch, since long-time member Leonard Zasoski was elected as Grand President of our nation-wide organization. Congratulations Lenny!

Fall is always a wonderful season for our branch, filled with fun activities and events building up to the Christmas season.

The October meeting is Wednesday, October 7th, taking place in our parish hall. It will be a potluck, and our membership never fail to impress with their variety of dishes and desserts!

Our Annual Nite at the Races is October 10th. This is one of our parish's most enjoyable events, uniting all ICF members and non-members alike, and demonstrating another level of the value our organization brings to OLP Church. Come on out and have some fun with us!

The November meeting is especially important for several reasons: not only is it our exciting Turkey Bingo event, but Laurice Levine from Children's Hospital Oakland will be there to discuss our national charity and raise awareness for Cooley's Anemia. Additionally, Kristen Watts and Joey Zasoski will also be rallying the troops to help make our Christmas party a success once again. Be sure to mark your calendars for November 12!

*Baci e abbracci,*

*Kristen Watts*

# Los Angeles

## Los Angeles

### Archdiocese District Council

What a fun Convention this year. The Workshops on Strategic Planning (membership and community), Building Successful Branches and Spirituality of Parishioners in a Changing Church were very informative

## LA District

### Upcoming Calendar

- October 10, 2015 – Columbus Day Dinner Dance "Spirit of Hawaii" at St Anthony of Padua, Gardena. (Br. 237). 6:30 – 7:00 pm No Host Cocktails. 7:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner by Lomeli's. 8:00 – 11:00 pm Entertainment and Dancing. \$40 per person. RSVP Rose (310) 516-0480.

- October 12, 2015 – Columbus Day at the Los Angeles Mall.

- November 6, 2015 – New Branch 443 Installation at St Rose of Lima Church, Simi Valley. Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Installation and Dinner.

- November 7, 2015 – LAADC Board Meeting at St Denis, Diamond Bar (Host Br. 317).

- November 8, 2015 – Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Host: Burbank Knights of Columbus.

- November 8, 2015 – ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

- November 15, 2015 - District Bishop Day Mass, Program and Luncheon from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Casa Italiana located at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles. Host: Branch 67.

- November 21, 2015-LAADC Gen Mtg/ Elections at St Francis Xavier, Burbank (Host: LAADC).

- December 6, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Mass (12:30pm) and Pilgrimage at Chapel followed by Luncheon in the Parish Hall. Host: Mother Cabrini Committee/ Branch 102.

- January 9, 2016 - District La Befana Celebration. Host: Branch 362 St Raymond, Downey.

- January 17, 2016 - ICF LAADC Mass, Program and Officer Installation from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Casa Italiana located at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles. (Host Branch 67).

Note: Groups may schedule visit to Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library by contacting Carmelo Sabatella at 626 372-7812.

and well done. Thank you to Grand President Bob Basuino for your leadership and guidance these past two years. Congratulations to the newly elected and returning Central Council Members and our new Grand President Leonard Zasoski. The next two years will be challenging and rewarding as the Strategic Plan continues to bring in new ideas and new energy in reinventing the ICF for the present and future generations.

We at the District have been busy working to represent the ICF at various Cultural Events throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Developing awareness of our organization while networking with other Italian American Organizations at Church and Community events and helping to get the word out on our organization; that the ICF is based on Faith, Family and Friendship.

As part of the overall ICF Strategic Planning Initiative, the District is working to expand the number of Branches in each of its four Regions by opening new and expanding existing Branches. On November 6th the newest LAADC Branch No. 443 in the Santa Barbara/Ventura Region will be installed at St. Rose of Lima Church in Simi Valley bringing the total number of Branches in the District to 19 Branches.

One existing Branch was recently discovered to be culturally significant not only to Italians and Americans of Italian Ancestry



Members of Branch 108 enjoyed the Convention in Las Vegas.



but also to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To this end, several District Board Members have joined the Branch 67 Board to help reorganize and maintain Branch 67 at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Los Angeles. St Peter's is ranked as an Italian National Church and the District is making a major effort to support this significant historical and cultural facility. The Italian American Museum in Los Angeles is set to open in the near future and recognizes past contributions of Italians and Italian Americans in Southern California and the USA. Saint Peter's Church and Casa Italiana give us the opportunity to recognize and develop the present and future generations of Italians and Italian Americans in the former Little Italy Section of Los Angeles. ICF Branches and/or Members are welcome to help in this effort by joining Branch 67 as a sign of solidarity and respect for traditions of the Italian Culture for all generations to enjoy. Please join Branch 67 now and help us develop this Branch together.

Also as part of our faith and heritage commitment, the District maintains the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank. Support from ICF Members, Affiliated Mother

Cabrini Groups and Friends of Mother Cabrini, is growing. A Monthly Madness Raffle is underway and continues to bring in necessary funds for the repair and replacement of the existing doors and frames of the Chapel and Library. A \$1.00 donation per member has also been recommended as a way to bring necessary funds for the rehabilitation of the Chapel and Library. Please bring this recommendation to your Branch and encourage your members to help the Mother Cabrini Project by collecting \$1.00 per member at your next branch meeting. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

If I could ask anything of all ICF Members it would be to help support the above efforts by keeping the Los Angeles Archdiocese District in your prayers as we continue this journey to reorganize ICF for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for being a leader in ICF,

*Carmelo A. Sabatella AIA*

*President ICF/LAADC*

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## Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Needs Your Help!

The ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee is asking ICF members for help to support the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA. If every member donates \$1.00, we could make a tremendous impact on the Chapel and Library Restoration Program.

Please send your \$1.00 donation to:

ICF MOTHER CABRINI CHAPEL COMMITTEE

1810 BUSHNELL AVENUE,

SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

Want to get involved with the Chapel and Library? Contact Carmelo Sabatella at: (626) 372-7812.



Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of Saint John Joseph of the Cross, patron saint of the island of Ischia, Italy with Mass, procession and Dinner-Dance on August 22, 2015.



Members of San Pedro Branch 115 are ready to bring the statue of Saint John Joseph of the Cross to Mary Star of the Sea Church for Mass and procession on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Standing (L-R) Tony Di Bernardo, Sal Mattera, Frank Colonna and Neal Di Leva. Kneeling (L-R) Isidoro Amalfitano and Rosario Lauro.

### Los Angeles

#### St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 is eagerly working with Saint Peter's Church and is reaching out to all Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. In this effort we are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles.

*Your help is greatly appreciated.*

*Carmelo Sabatella AIA*

*President Branch 67*

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ning Process (Membership and Community Connections), presented how they developed Successful Branches and the Spirituality of the Parishioner in a Changing Church.

ICF Members visiting the Los Angeles Area are invited to join Branch 108 in a game of Bocce and to come enjoy lunch and visit with members at the General Meeting. All Branch meetings are on the first Sunday of each month. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

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

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

*Carmelo Sabatella, Past President*

*ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com*

### South Pasadena

#### Holy Family, Br. 108

Thank you Members for making the Annual ICF Convention in Las Vegas a fun and memorable event. Congratulations to Diana Plescia (1st Place Team) and Theresa Shaw (2nd Place Team) winners on the

Annual Bocce Tournament in the Westgate Hotel in Las Vegas.

The Workshops were informative and reported on the status of the Strategic Plan-

### San Pedro

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

On August 22 our branch celebrated the feast day of our Patron St. John Joseph of the Cross. The Main celebrant for the 9am mass was Father Harrigan and the Predicator was Father Patalano. The Lauro family had the honor of the carrying the statue while branch members walked behind accompanied by the always beautiful voice of Cantor Augie Castagnola. After mass we processed to our Lady's Grotto where traditional hymns were



sung. We then retreated to auditorium for refreshment and fellowship.

Later that evening over 200 people continued the celebration with a savory prime rib dinner feast and dancing. Many thanks to all the members who volunteered their time to make this such a success. This is a lovely tradition and beautiful way to honor and remember this saint who was born in Ischia where many of our members immigrated from.

At our August meeting we welcomed our new Chaplain Father Cassian DiRocco. We are blessed to have him lead us spiritually as he is San Pedro born and raised and has insight into our close knit community.

Our delegates Neal and Anna DiLeva, Frank Colonna and Nancy Donato are back from the Las Vegas Convention. They reported that they had a wonderful time and that the ICF is moving forward with innovative plans for the future.

Our September Potluck meeting was well attended. Thank you to all who helped and organized this event. The food was delicious and no one went hungry.

At this meeting we learned that we are being asked to contribute \$4,000.00 towards protecting the stain glass window that the branch originally provided the church. In lite of recent vandalism we should take care of this precious window. Let's preserve this window for future generations. With proceeds made from the August dinner dance fundraiser we were able to donate \$1000.00 and have requested that these funds be put

Feast Saint John Joseph of the Cross on August 22, 2015 with members from Branch 115. Standing (L-R) Isidoro Amalfitano, Frank Colonna, Frank Amalfitano, Sal Mattera and Ciro Lauro. Kneeling (L-R) Rosario Lauro and branch president Neal Di Leva.

(Left) Procession with the statue of Saint John Joseph of the Cross at Mary Star of the Sea Church-San Pedro.

towards protecting the stain glass window.

We are grateful to member Joseph Scotti. Thanks to his generous donation of \$50,000.00 a beautiful mosaic picture of Madonna Dell Arco is being fabricated in Italy. When finished the artwork will be placed in the St. John Joseph of the Cross altar.

Please support our upcoming fundraisers

Las Vegas Trip Nov 8 – 10th. 2 nites 3 days Treasure Island hotel \$150.00/person double occupancy \$205.00 single occupancy members will receive \$5.00 discount Call Pauline Iacono for reservations 310 832 0563

California Coastal 7 Day Cruise on the Crown Princess April 23 -30 Leaving from San Pedro Please call Maria Letizia Chaparro for information 310 8320140

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers

Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer

**Gardena**

**St. Anthony, Br. 237**

Last month we had the opportunity to celebrate the 95th birthday of our dear member “Babe” Aune She has been a member of the ICF for 50 years. Her roots are in St, Peter’s Italian Church, LA. Baker extraordinaire, Gloria Castaneda provided a cake that was beautiful and delicious, Babe was so happy that her “Italian church” friends gave her a party. It was a great time. Pictured are members of 237 with Babe.

Rose,Nina and Connie attended the convention in Las Vegas. The will give their report at our October Meeting. Sounds like it was a



Members of Branch 237, celebrating “Babe’s” 95th birthday.

great time.

Please remember out big event October 10th. The 46th annual dinner dance. This is the branch’s main fund raiser. Monies are for scholarships and Thanksgiving Baskets.

Our district is growing, welcome Semi Valley!

“God keeps on giving to us and we keep receiving from Him our peace, our faith, our hope our love. He doesn’t just give. He comes with his gift! Sister Ida, SDSH

Daughter of the Church, Foundress, Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart. 1922- 2000

Respectfully,

Micheal Bohannon Roa

**La Canada Flintridge**

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

On a very hot evening in August, branch members participated in our annual Home Mass, celebrated by Father Antonio. The inspiring mass was moved indoors due to the excessive heat and was followed by a barbeque enjoyed by all. Attending mass together is one of the highlights of our branch and fulfills one of our spiritual goals. A big thank you goes to Sandra Richardson and her family for their warm hospitality.

Delegates to the annual convention in Las Vegas, Al Restivo and Mark Mannarelli, re-

turned revitalized after attending a variety of informative workshops, electing Central Council members, and voting on by-law changes. They also enjoyed the experience of networking with other ICF members at social gatherings. Fr. Antonio also attended all of the weekend events; we are very appreciative of his support to our branch and the Los Angeles Archdiocese District.

At our September meeting, Al gave a power point presentation to our members on the highlights of the convention. We also heard from our guest, LA County Attorney, Debra Archuleta, who spoke about crime in Los Angeles.

We hope you all had a restful and refreshing summer and are ready to participate actively in our branch activities. See you at the next meeting.

Diane Restivo

**San Gabriel Valley Region**

**Arcadia**

**Holy Angels, Br. 218**

We are fast approaching our fall agenda and the holidays will soon be upon us. October 11 is our general meeting with election of officers. Jeanne’s newsletter will have the detail. At our last board meeting we discussed our donations and where the money will go. Several ideas were bandied about. Also, up-



Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti celebrates the Eucharist at Home Mass held at the home of Sandra Richardson, charter member of Branch 374. Pictured with Monsignor Antonio is Master of Ceremonies and Liturgical Assistant, Immediate Past President Al Restivo. Monsignor Cacciapuoti is the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Director of ICF. Photo by Penny Baisley



#### MASS TOGETHER AT BRANCH 374

Members of Branch 374 gather together in the Music Room of the Flintridge home of Sandra Richardson for the branches annual Home Mass. It was celebrated by Los Angeles Archdiocese Director and Branch Chaplain Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, assisted by Master of Ceremonies Al Restivo. The Mass was followed by a BBQ on the estate. ICF Photo by Penny Baisely

coming: November 8 – General Meeting, November 15 – District Bishop's Day at St. Peters Church in Los Angeles, November 21 – Christmas Boutique. Hope to see everyone at our meetings.

Lolly M

#### Diamond Bar

##### St. Denis, Br. 317

10/09- The Octoberfest Meeting will be hosted by Toni Werley and Terry Calcagno. It will be the traditional Sausage, sauerkraut, potato dinner with rye bread, desserts, coffee wine and soft drinks. More details in the Newsletter.

10/19 Board meeting at 10:00 AM at the church. The hostess will be announced at the meeting.

The convention in Las Vegas was a huge success and well organized.

Future Events:

Details of Breakfast with Santa will also be announced at the meeting.

We shall hold the nominations for the Board Positions at the October meeting. Join in and be a part of the planning for 2016. Our 40th year Anniversary at St Denis Church and Branch 317.

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry

President



Former St. Paschal Baylon Pastor Dave Henney won the Mother Teresa Award. He is seen here with Branch 380's Central Council Members Pat Mages and Anne Interrante.



#### Temple City

##### St. Luke, Br. 326

Our next General Meeting will be held on October 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Pat Buccola, Herminia Saez, Josie Basile, Pete Costa, Mary Girillo, Annette Tombrello, John Perfetto, and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy October Birthday to: Pat Buccola, Eleanor Cuneo, Mary Jacobs, Jim Law, and Fred Peritore.

"The little things that mean so much...a note...a special touch can make the day and warm the heart of one whose life is set apart.... But grateful still for special friends whose caring never...never ends!" (Anna M. Matthews)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

## Santa Barbara/ Ventura Region

#### Thousand Oaks

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

It was an exciting time at this year's annual convention. Former St. Paschal Baylon Pastor, Father Dave Henney was awarded the Mother Teresa Award. Our own branch member Anne Interrante was voted in as Central Council Trustee. Cathy and Dave Law-

rence were new delegates for our branch this year.

Our next branch meeting will be on October 9th. We will be having officer elections. Please consider participating in the branch activities by volunteering on the board this year.

St. Paschal Baylon will be having the annual parish festival on October 23- 25. Volunteers are needed to staff our ICF food booth. Please sign-up for a shift and come and enjoy the fun!!

Bishop's Day will be held on November 15th at St. Peter's Church in Los Angeles this year. This will be a really fun event so plan to buy your tickets early to attend.

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

# Monterey

#### Santa Cruz

##### Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

American author Hal Borland said: "Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man, and requires the least of him." So come and relax at these up-coming Branch 21 events. On Friday, October 23rd, we have our Polenta Feed; on Saturday, October 24th, our Branch will be part of the Holy Cross Cultural Diversity Event; on Sunday, November 1st, we celebrate the Memorial Mass at Holy Cross with a breakfast to follow; and on Friday, December 4th, we have our Christmas Dinner. So mark these dates on your calendar and look for flyers and/or e-mails to remind you of each affair.

In retrospect, we want to thank all those who worked so hard to make the August 16th, Summer Picnic such a fun time. The air-conditioned Holy Cross Hall made for a perfect place to have a picnic (senza formiche) and to celebrate our older members. Altogether, our branch has 21 members who are 90+ years old and that's including newly added 90 year olds Tony Franceschini, Linda Rossi, Dorothy Sunzeri and Charles Boccone. Congratulations!

Our 2015 ICF Convention Branch delegates, Richard Puccinelli, Gene Ghio and Rosa Radicchi, have returned from Las Vegas to report on the progressive energy of the Convention. Come to our next General Meeting to hear about the positive contributions that you as members have helped make to the Catholic Community and the world.

In closing, we urge those members who cannot attend our meetings/functions due to the lack of transportation to call Patty Morelli or Norma Wilson and we will do our best to get you there....because: "Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much." -- Helen Keller

God bless us one and all.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

#### Salinas

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

Our membership has grown recently with the addition of Diane Luzod, Emilia Quaglia, Thomas and Joanne Sullivan, and Bennett Brown. We wish you welcome and invite you to take part, not only in our social affairs, but our charitable activities as well.

Our branch was asked to support the Sacred Heart Festival September 20, 2014. Although too early to be included in this issue, I feel confident that we "manned" our posts with dedication and enthusiasm; especially so as we were assigned to the pizza booth, which

was located next to the Knights of Columbus beer booth. Can't ask for a better setup.

The polenta luncheon remains scheduled for November 4th. Preparation of the food and the hall will be done on November 3rd. Come and have lunch with us and bring your family and friends; November is the perfect time for polenta. This is our major fundraiser that supports our charitable donations.

The deadline for this issue occurred before our delegate, President Julie Richards, returned from Las Vegas. Convention issues of interest will be included in next month's publication.

As indicated last month, our Annual Picnic was a success and enjoyed by all. Bishop Garcia has accepted an invitation to attend our next Annual Picnic on July 31, 2016. Not too early to mark your calendars.

The next District meeting will be held at Arroyo Grande on November 4th.

The Annual Christmas Party will be at the J&M Ranch in December; date to be determined.

Ciao

Roy Frontani

#### Monterey

##### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

A huge thank you to Br. 25 and especially to Julie and Joe for hosting Central Coast District Bishop's Day and Central Coast Annual District Picnic at their JM RANCH, always great fun, always a lot to do, and the two of them are wonderful hosts.

Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Garcia celebrated Mass, he was gracious, funny, and what a pleasure it was to have him with us.

Thank you to all of our members who bought their raffle tickets, I really appreciate it.

Our delegates are at the convention as I write this, we had an alternate, Bella Leonard, attended in place of our President Liz Grammatico.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Rose Ferrante and Peter Arancio who passed away. Rose volunteered for years at our Branch #36 and any other place that needed her, Peter came to everything we had and supported St. Joseph's Day in donations and flowers and Santa Rosalia Festival with flowers for family members who are no longer with us. When you miss someone

who has passed away, think of it as a blessing that you had this kind of bond.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 1 - All Soul's Day

November 5 - Monthly Dinner-Meeting

December 5 - Adult Christmas Dinner Dance

December 13 - Children Christmas Party

Life is here today, gone tomorrow, so sow the right seeds,

you will be eating from your own garden.

Barbara Pippins

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

#### Castroville

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

Happy Autumn to everyone!

The District Picnic/Bishop's Day was a beautiful day at the JM Ranch. It was truly a picturesque setting and Julie and Joe were the perfect hosts. (Thumbs up Julie!)

Well I attended my first I.C.F. Convention (Las Vegas is very Hot). I want to thank Las Vegas Branch 367 and convention chairman

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Branch 291 recently held a very successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for their Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. Pictured here L-R are our friendly servers: Norma Castellino, Sandy Quintiliani, Christine Munoz, Elizabeth Giannini, Joanna Van Blaricom and Sylvia Nasholm.

Steven Fuentes for all their hard work in putting together a very successful convention. Great Job!!!

The workshops were informative and I have some fresh ideas to bring to my Branch. I wasn't sure what to expect at the convention. I sat at a table with delegates from Arroyo Grande, Pacific Grove and Hollister. They helped me understand what was happening, as it can be confusing for a first time delegate. All in all it was an experience. I would like to congratulate Paso Robles Branch 354 President David Zanini and his family on receiving the "Family of the Year" award.

Happy September Birthdays- James (Randall) Amerison, Diane Ausonio, Wilma Cursi, Toni Hibbs, Michele Pecci, Emilio Rossi, Sal Seeno, Susan Seeno, Greg Stefani and Hugo Tottino---October Birthdays- Kevin Cortopassi, Paul Cortopassi and Linda Grier.

It is with a heavy heart that we send condolences to I.C.F. member Eva Mae and Vic Sigala on the passing of their nephew Joe (JoJo) Micheli Jr. Our prayers go out to Joe's mother Angie Micheli and sister Jill. Lord please keep them safe during this very difficult time.

Remember each day is a gift.

*Ciao,*

*Leonora Barlow*

### **Pacific Grove**

#### **St. Angela Merici, Br. 206**

Because of a conflict with our annual Parish golf tournament and dinner/auction, we did not have a meeting in September. Our next meeting will be October 9, and we hope the members will be able to attend. Several members have been ill and they are all in our prayers.

Sarah Jane Amoroso attended the Conven-

tion in Las Vegas on September 3, and she will be giving her report. It is always very interesting.

Hope everyone was able to see the whales in all their glory in Monterey Bay. It has been pretty spectacular! Another of God's many blessings.

*Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary*

### **Capitola**

#### **St. Joseph, Br. 227**

Grazie tante to Gary Podesto and his crew for preparing BBQ pork tenderloin with apricot/jalapeno sauce at our September meeting. We can always count on Gary to cook something sumptuous.

A belated welcome aboard to Rita Law. Rita is a long-time member of St. Joseph's parish who joined our branch in June. At the September meeting we welcomed new members Janos and Ann Radjani.

Get well wishes go to Cecilia Sellers, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay, to Mary Montanye and Jim Musler, who both had knee replacement procedures, and to Patrick Smith.

There will be an opening on the Board next year. If you are approached by the Nominating Committee, please consider serving as a Trustee.

Ellen Pauly would like to take a break from serving as Coordinator of our annual Fish Fry dinners. We're looking for someone to step up to the plate for this important event.

Many congratulations this month: Our Past President, Franklyn Lopes was elected as Sergeant of Arms at the Las Vegas convention. Carl and Barbara Schaarschmidt celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, and Marie Mungai was a July calendar winner and is \$30 richer.

In honor of his visit to the U.S., we'd like to pass along these words from Pope Francis:

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

### **Arroyo Grande**

#### **St. Patrick, Br. 291**

Our first Registration Assistance Fundraiser Dinner was a huge success! Even though it was a very hot August afternoon and evening, we served nearly 250 spaghetti dinners to patrons from our parish, St. Patrick School and local community. We are so thankful for the tremendous support from our members who worked (and sweated) so hard that day to make this first dinner so profitable! Our next fundraising dinner will be held on Oct. 17th, and we plan to change the menu up a bit and serve a tri tip dinner. All net proceeds from our three fundraising dinners each fall go towards our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program.

At our September General Meeting we enjoyed a full convention recap from our delegates. As we reminded them, when it comes to the ICF Convention, "What happens in Vegas does not stay in Vegas!"

Br. 291 is excited to be co-hosting the Central Coast District Meeting on October 4th here in Arroyo Grande, along with Br. 354 from Paso Robles. Our Branch is busy preparing for the festivities and plans to serve a delicious lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, beans, coleslaw and dessert! We look forward to seeing many members from the Central Coast district at the October meeting here at St. Patrick's Church!

Please keep the following ICF members from Br. 291 in your thoughts and prayers: Barbara Badasci, Sr. Carol Carter, Dianne Clees, Homer Clees, Jack and Kathleen Gallizio, Stevie Hall, Gayle Quain, Sharon Reed, Lorraine Spargo, Helen Summerfield, Joanna Van Blaricom, Sonia Wagner and Jens Wagner.

*Ciao!*

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*

## **Oakland**

### **East Bay**

#### **District Council**

Between our last meeting and today we have been busy with the convention and getting ready for district and Federation activities. Well the convention is over and here's hoping that we are all re-energized with renewed

ideas to carry out the Strategic Plan. This will be something for those running for office to think about. Elections are upon us.

Congratulations to Lisa Crudo on her reelection to Central Council in spite of her surgery and complications that prevented her from attending the convention. Way to go Lisa!

The quarterly district Communion will be celebrated at the district picnic this year. A big Grazie to Al and Deanna DeNurra for again hosting the affair.

Time to buy those tickets for Late Night Catechism to be held at Holy Names University Regents' Theatre on Oct. 25th @ 2 P.M. Contact either brown paper tickets @ 1-800-838-3006 ex 1, or on line at <http://italiancatholicfederationinc.brownpapertickets.com>. Sister is waiting for you.

Plans are being finalized for the district Christmas party Dec. 5th, save the date.

Remember to mark your calendars, for the 3rd Sunday in January, that is installation day.

Suggestions are welcome on where to have Bishop's day.

Guess that will keep us busy for awhile.

Happy All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

### **Alameda**

#### **Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10**

Our annual and very popular Ravioli Dinner is scheduled for Saturday night, October 24, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall at High and Van Buren Streets in Alameda. Prices are \$8.00 for children under 12 and \$20.00 for other young people and adults. For reservations contact JoAnn Dorn, (510) 710-6959. The 6 o'clock social hour starts the festivities and will be followed by dinner at 7. Chef Ben Ratto will again cook the meal and will be assisted by Rich Caula.

We have presented a retirement gift to a very important friend of the branch, Mary Ann Bachman. Mary Ann has served as the secretary of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish for the last 15 years. We could always count on Mary Ann to publicize Branch 10 events in the weekly parish bulletin.

Branch 10 first vice-president Gina Foster and her husband Josh Foster have welcomed their first child. Frederick Anthony Foster was born on August 23 in Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. Gina's family has been active in Branch 10 activities for several decades. Gina's own baby picture appeared in the Bollettino a few editions ago.

As the August-September Bollettino reported, past District Council president Fran La Torre of Branch 343 has been appointed deputy to Branch 10. Fran attended our August 6 meeting and gave a preview of upcoming

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District events. Fran also serves as president of her own branch

Also at our August 6 meeting , second vice-president Peggy Lubeck reported that 25 “high rollers” attended our first-ever Bunco dice party on Sunday, June 28. Many attendees brought baby gifts for Birthright of San Lorenzo, a Branch 10 charity.

You might have noticed in the convention issue of the Bollettino that four members, a couple (John and Pat Kennedy) associated with the branch and the branch itself combined for six calendar prizes in July and August. Another winner was the Rising Star School of Alameda, a Montessori school located two blocks from Saint Philip Neri Church. We appreciate member Sheila Doan for her continued and successful efforts in selling ICF calendars.

As this article is being written we await the convention report of our three delegates (president Pat Pasquinelli, second vice-president Peggy Lubeck and her husband Bob Lubeck) and member Karen Harrington. They noticed a great similarity between Las Vegas temperatures and the early September Bay Area heat wave to which they returned.

John Zugnoni  
Publicity

**Fremont**

**St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215**

President Fran returned from the 2015 ICF Convention recharged and eager to share the knowledge she gained from workshops, general business session and just talking with her fellow convention delegates. She is hopeful that Br. 215 will use the Gifts of Love Program to introduce the ICF to all four of the Catholic parishes in Fremont.

Once again Carolyn Navarra chaired a successful Bingo/Salad Luncheon on 9/17/2015. Thanks to Carolyn and all the members who worked so hard by donating money even though you weren’t able to come, preparing salads, donating bingo prizes, creating raffle baskets, selling raffle tickets, helping in the kitchen, calling the bingo, etc. The profit we made from this fund raiser and our April Bingo/Salad Luncheon continues to help Br. 215 donate a first year college scholarship as well as money to Cooley’s Anemia, to the East Bay District Seminary Burse, to Corpus Christi Church’s parish festival, to all four of the St. Vincent DePaul Societies in Fremont and to Abode Services for the Homeless. Thank you also to Br. 91 and Br. 285 for lending your support to our fundraiser.

On 9/19/2015 Br. 215 joined the St. John Paul II Council of the Knights of Columbus in the dedication of a new memorial located at Corpus Christi Parish in Fremont which states Corpus Christi Parish clearly supports Respect for Life. President Fran read a prayer at the dedication ceremony. A procession from Corpus Christi Church to the memorial site took place after a 5:00 p.m. Mass. Several parish ministries and ICF Branch 215 took place in this procession. President Fran hopes to invite the Knights of Columbus to join Br. 215 in an ICF function during 2016.

Please remember that nominations and elections of branch officers will take place at our October meeting, 10/13/2015. Should you not be able to attend that meeting, but wish to accept a nomination for a branch office, please submit a written notice to President Fran no later than 10/12/2015. You can do this by email or regular mail. President Fran is hoping to recruit new candidates for the offices of branch trustees.

Don’t forget that the Central Council’s Ways and Means Committee is sponsoring a performance of Late Night Catechism at Holy Names University Regents’ Theater on

10/25/2015. Please let President Fran know no later than 10/10/2015 if you want tickets for this fundraiser. Mezzanine tickets cost \$50.00 and orchestra/box seats cost \$60.00. For anyone who attended parochial grammar school, this is a real trip down memory lane.

Also, the Museo Italo-Americano at Fort Mason in San Francisco will be showing an exhibit entitled Italian American Cinema: From Capra to the Coppolas. This exhibit begins 9/15/2015 and ends 3/6/2016. It would be fun to go over on a Sunday afternoon, have a nice lunch and view this wonderful exhibit. More information will be available at our October branch meeting.

Last but not least, Happy October Birthday to John DeLucchi. Vilma Romo and Chiara Cross. Belated Happy Birthday to the following members with birthdays in September: Yvonne Brum, Sharon DeSousa, Fran LaTorre, Joan Lampe and Mary Vanek. Please also keep in your prayers Bob and Dorothy Benya, Vicky Marlar and Bill Faulkner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fran LaTorre

**Livermore  
Name, Br. 285**

Dear ICF members,  
School has begun, the ICF Convention is past, and Fall is just around the corner!

Our September meeting was very nice and well attended. Carl and Bobbie Farrington hosted the “Salad Dinner,” and Father Leonard Marrujo spoke about giving from our abundance and gifts of time and talent to help the poor. “Thank You” to everyone who helped make it a wonderful evening!

Carolyn Cardinalli chaired the ICF cookie booth at the CCOP Annual Picnic, September 27th. Proceeds from all booths go to charity. “Thank You” to Carolyn and all who baked those yummy Italian goodies and helped man the booth!

The meeting and dinner on October 16, 6:00 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Pleasanton, will have an Oktoberfest theme and will be hosted by Phyl and Joe Buonsante. Juanita Focha, a retired teacher from Las Positas College, will speak on how our Christian Faith can motivate our lives. Our election of branch officers will also take place. Joe Buonsante, head of the nominating committee, has been contacting members for nominees. Please consider serving in a board position next year.

November’s Mass of Remembrance will be held November 20, 6:00 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pleasanton, with Father Leonard officiating the Mass in the Chapel. The service will be followed by a catered Chicken/Polenta dinner with spinach salad, hosted by Carolyn and John Cardinalli. Cost will be \$10.00 per person, and members will bring side dishes and desserts.

Our branch will not be having a Fall fundraiser. However, 2016, promises to be busy and fun, since we will be having the Bingo Bash in February and the annual Primavera Dinner/Dance on Saturday, May 2nd. We will also help host (along with Castro Valley Branch 343) the East Bay District Installation and Dinner at St. Augustine’s Church, Pleasanton, on January 17th.

Until next month, May God bless you all!

Ciao,  
Mary Merucci

**Castro Valley  
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343**

As hot as it was at our first post convention



Members from Branch 14 Crockett Having fun at a tailgate party at a A's Ball game.

meeting it was difficult to believe that we were not still in Las Vegas. Thankfully, our delicious Chicken Marsala dinner was prepared by Mike Miraglia, so no one had to spend too much time in the kitchen.

There was a nice turnout of branch members at the convention and Pres. Karen and delegate Al were able to share many of the highlights with those not able to attend. Also our member Lisa Crudo was re-elected to Central Council in spite of her surgery, with complications, that prevented her from attending the convention. Congratulations!

It’s not too early to purchase those tickets for Late Night Catechism to be held on Oct. 25th @ 2 P.M. at Holy Names Regents’ Theatre, Oakland. For group seating and tickets, contact Pres. Karen. Or phone brown paper tickets @ 1-800-838-3006 ex1, or on line at <http://italiancatholicfederationinc.brownpapertickets.com>. Sister is waiting to quiz you!

Election of officers will be held at our next meeting, come with nominees in mind and/or a willingness to serve.

Looking forward to our October dinner of Polenta, chicken and sausage. Bring some friends and join us for some good food and fun.

Please remember our departed members in your prayers, All Souls Day is Nov.2nd, and honor All Saints, Nov. 1st.

Pat Grasso,  
Branch Secretary

**Contra Costa  
District Council**

Contra Costa District delegates have now returned home from the convention in “The Meadows” the English translation of “Las Vegas” which was named in 1829 by a Mexican trade caravan who were establishing a route to Los Angeles. It was the best point to re-supply before going on to California. Today, we Californians caravanned toward the Las Vegas valley that was developed as a resort in the 1940s to re-supply our commitment to the ICF; and, while doing so, we renewed friendships, we discussed, we voted, we worshipped, we ate, (we gambled!), we braved the heat, and we thanked our Nevada hosts. We also shared our warm wishes to all the ICF delegates from far and near and offered our congratulations to the newly elected council members and scholarship recipients. God has blessed us all.

Now that the convention is complete and summer comes to an end, the Contra Costa District and branches are gearing up for fall and winter events. At our next District meeting on October 22, nominations and elections of our 2016 officers will be held. President Flores challenges us to step up and share our talents as a district officer. New people and

new ideas are welcomed.  
Join us at the testimonial dinner of our Past Grand President Bob Basuino on November 7 and the Contra Costa District Communion Breakfast on November 15 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg. Plans are also already underway for the Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 23 hosted by the Brentwood branch. So, mark your calendars now and look for more details from your branch presidents on these events. Until next time,  
Mary Cook

**Martinez  
St. Catherine, Br. 13**

Tickets are now on sale for Branch #13’s Annual Family Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2015, 6 PM No Host Cocktails, 7 PM dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) \$20 per person, \$8 for children 6 to 12 years old, and FREE for children under 6 years old accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets available by calling 925-229-2665. Raffle prizes and donations requested and accepted at any time. St. Catherine has a 4:30 PM Saturday Mass, so, you can attend Mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there. Until then, stay cool.

Ciao for now,  
Mary Cook

**Crockett  
San Carlo, Br. 14**

At our September meeting we welcomed back our convention representatives Dee Carone, Vonda Egan, Carol Lawson and Helen Petersen. Although the convention was held in Las Vegas, their informational reports indicated they worked the entire time and that “Glorify the Lord by your Life” was a spiritual experience. Also attending were President Donna Hoffman and David Botta. David was elected Grand Parliamentarian, and is the longest serving council member, having served for 50 years. Dedication extraordinaire! Oh, and congratulations to us! Our Branch won \$500. David wrote Branch #14 on six tickets, and one was a winner!

Our favorite Cooley’s Anemia Outreach Coordinator, Laurice Levine, visited our September meeting. Her cheerful optimism is contagious, and we are always happy to see her.

Wishes for improved health to members Fred Clerici, Marcy Morales and Lois Ramos.

October 8th is our District’s Night of Recollection. Hosted by the Pleasant Hill Branch, it will be held at La Tapatia in Martinez.



Branch 14 Crockett at the Convention in Las Vegas.



Branch 14 Crockett at Louise De Tomas's house enjoying a great BBQ together.

Contact Donna, 799-2336, for additional information.

Halloween costumes are encouraged at our October 13th meeting. Costumes allow us to be anyone we want for one night, so lets have some fun with it. As Fr. Leo will be away, there will be no mass prior to the 6:30 dinner. After an "Italian Comfort Food" dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, we will elect new officers. If you can spare a dime, please bring canned goods for the Food Drive, for those less fortunate.

Hope to see you at our Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner on October 24th. The festive camaraderie is a good way to begin the quickly approaching holiday season.

With October comes the crispness of autumn (and hopefully the cooling rains), but may your heart and home remain warm, joyful and loving.

Ciao,  
Diane Bottini Thomas

**Pittsburg**

**San Domenico, Br .72**

We just returned from the convention which was held in Las Vegas. A big thanks to Steve and his committee for planning a wonderful convention. We also thank the Las Vegas branch. They were our host. Helen was our delegate representing us. She will give a delegate report at our next meeting. Roselynnne was also there as a Central Council member. Patty was there representing the Pleasant Hill branch. Jane attended as a guest. A great time was had by all.

On Sept. 13 th everyone enjoyed our bus trip to Monterey for the Santa Rosalia festival. We had a full bus. We enjoyed the festival and then had fun on the bus back to Pittsburg. We thank chairperson Joann for her hard work. We made a profit of 605.00 This would not have happened without Joann's efforts.

On Oct. 11 th the bus trip to Reno will take place to enjoy the Italian Festival. Joann also chaired that event. Thanks Joann!

Upcoming:

Thursday October 8 -- District Night of Recollection--6:30 PM no host social in bar. 7:PM dinner followed by district Chaplin Father Larry's inspirational message. Please RSVP to Patty at 925-228-0810 by Oct. 2.

Sunday October 11 -- Reno overnight Bus trip.

Sunday October 18 -- Branch meeting and 2016 officers elections. 2:PM at 17 Marks Bl. Pittsburg

Thursday October 22 -- District meeting at St. Isidores conference room in Danville.

Save the date for Sunday November 15. Our branch will host the district Mass/ communion at 12 noon Mass at Good Shepherd church. We will then go out to lunch together. Details will be in next months report.

Sempre Avanti,  
Patty

**Concord**

**Todos Santos, Br. 214**

Including St. Agnes, St. Bonaventure, Queen of All Saints & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes.

President Roberta Healy and members Ed & Allison McGuirk went to Convention. It was Ed & Allison's first time in attendance; they quoted, "Attending the ICF Conference for the first time and seeing the commitment that ICF has to both its continued growth & to gifts of charity, has truly energized and inspired us!" It was truly a wonderful experience. They shared much of their experience & learned information with members, we look forward to incorporating some of these ideas into our branch.

Happy Anniversary to John & Lillian Whalen, celebrating their 70th wedding Anniver-

sary in August.  
Prayers for Our sick & elderly; also our condolences to our Chaplain, Fr. Johnson in the passing of his mom.  
Ciao for now,  
Christina - correspondence secty.

**Danville**

**St. Isidore, Br. 352**

Our August dinner meeting of Danville Branch 352 found Chef Angelo back in the kitchen! We all definitely enjoyed the very tasty pasta & meatballs he prepared for us. And a big "Thank You," also, to member Dominique Yancy, who treated us to her home-made Tiramisu dessert – a new recipe. We definitely eat well at this ICF Branch – no one leaves hungry! The membership also learned of the numerous thank you wishes we received from our recent end-of-year charitable donations – all of the organizations were most appreciative.

On a sad note, please remember our longtime branch member, Larry Thompson, who recently passed away. He and his family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark your calendar!! Our Fabulous Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 24th at the Monsignor Cardelli Center Gymnasium. You will not want to miss our Annual Chicken and Polenta Dinner, complete with raffle and silent auction. Join us for Cocktails at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm. Entertainment follows, featuring world-class musicians, Wallin & Barretta's "Tribute to Italian Singers," performed in the spirit and style of a Las Vegas headliner show of the '50's. They have been one of the most requested acts paying tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Perry Como, Louis Prima and many others. If you haven't seen them perform, you're in for a real treat! They're bringing their entire group for us! Be ready to laugh, sing along – and dance! A great night out for all! Please make your reservations Early, as seating is limited – and this event will sell out (this band has a following). Through Oct. 16th, Adult individual tickets are \$40 each, and tables of eight may be reserved for \$300. On Oct. 17th, the ticket price increases to \$45 each – and will be \$50 at the door on the night of the event. So, ICF members, as this event is open to the public, please reserve ASAP to save your place! For additional information, please contact Marianne at marbo2000@yahoo.com or 925.202.5508. Let's pack the gym, raise lots of funds for our charities, and – rock the night away!

Ciao,  
Marianne Bordogna  
Recording Secretary

**Brentwood**

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

Ciao all,

Are you ready for a down home country breakfast? Well if you are, October is ICF's month to host the Parish pancake breakfast. The date, October 4th. Deacon John is heading up the effort, once again, he can use all the help he can get. Now in its second year the breakfast is showing signs of declining interest. To keep this event going we need to support it. Remember it's free, enjoy breakfast with your fellow Parishioners.

October is the month for some serious thought about the slate of officers for 2016. Up to now we have just skated around the issue: Now it's time to take it on. We've talked in the past of Branches closing because of a lack of willing participants to fill these positions. Our President, after many years



At Branch 423's Annual Bocce Tournament the team of Joann Jordan and Randy Profeta were crowned champions.

of serving in that capacity has steadfastly maintained, "2015 is my last year." This Branch and other Branches, as well, need to take a fresh approach to the President's job. This writer believes, and has said so in the past, the President's position should include several assistants whom he can parcel out ongoing and short term responsibilities to, thereby reducing his workload and increasing his effectiveness. His assistants, in effect, would be chairpersons, making them more efficient as they would know their responsibilities from the onset. This is a model that has worked very well in businesses.

And, in October coming to Church near you, the IHM Parish Festival!!!!!!

What you know is who you are, try to learn something new every day.

la vita è buona

**Orange**  
**Irvine**

**St. Thomas More, Br. 423**

We enjoyed our annual branch picnic in July which saw everyone bring side dishes and desserts to add to our usual hot dogs and hamburgers. The annual bocce tournament saw teams vying for the coveted championship cup. The finals were highly competitive and in the end the team of Joann Jordan and Randy Profeta were crowned champions. Thanks to Donna Stahl and all the volunteers who helped make the picnic another great success. No meeting in August, we'll see you in September!

Miranda Gibson

**Sacramento**

**Sacramento**

**St. Mary, Br. 45**

Greetings and Happy October!

St. Mary's Branch 45 of the ICF invites you to join them in Giovanni Hall for their last dinner of 2015. Chicken and Polenta will again be on the menu for Sunday, November 8. If you are not a fan of polenta, you can substitute pasta; let us know when you make your reservation. Cost is \$14.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members and guests. Times for the event are branch meeting at 4:30pm (election of officers) and dinner at 6pm. Make your reservation by November 3; call Janine at 508-1199. All members are welcome at the meeting; we appreciate your input and suggestions.

Our branch will host its annual Christmas Party at the Espanol on December 13. Mark your calendar and plan on coming!



(Above) New members being initiated to Branch 438.



(Left) Joe Fisher of Branch 438 presenting the scholarship to Nick Libby.

Our branch held a membership drive in July. A big thank you to Nina Malone for organizing and her helpers Frank Decato, Judy Del Grande and various members for making this a successful event. Do to this in August we initiated over 30 new members. A big welcome to all of you. Also at our meeting we presented the first year college scholarship to Nick Libby.

Please pray for our sick members.

*Yvonne Perry*

## San Diego

### District Council

On Sunday, August 2, 2015, the San Diego District of the Italian Catholic Federation, held its annual picnic and bocce tournament at the Allied Gardens Park. Events commenced with a 9:00 A.M. open air mass celebrated by Father Bill Stevenson who was aided by Sacristan, Juan Orozco and Alter server, Josie Oliver. The mass was a beautiful event and opened and closed with songs led by C.C. Life Member Emeritus, Jody Balestrieri. Father Bill's homely was outstanding. Mass was followed by our bocce tournament. The bocce tournament concluded after an interruption for lunch held under the trees on the South side of the park. Following the tournament, 1st place trophies were presented to the branch 416 (Santa Sophia) team of Sam Caeti and Dennis Bauer. Second place trophies also went to a Santa Sophia team, Filippo Tarantino and Lorenzo Pecoraro. Third place trophies went to Jim Cardinale-Hill and Pietro Vela of Branch 230 (Our Lady of the Rosary). Anthony Scipione and Mario Ambriz of St. Rose of Lima took 4th place. Following the bocce tournament and the awards presentation, a raffle was held in which prizes were awarded. The raffle was handled by Maria Tollefson our district secretary. The picnic was co-chaired by Forrest Price, CC emeritus and District Deputy, and Richard Barker, District President. Many district members remained to socialize after the events and to enjoy the cool breeze wafting through the park.

### Chula Vista

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

We thank our first time delegate to the Convention, Anthony Scipione, for representing Branch 229. We look forward to hearing his report at the October General Meeting.

Fr. Alex De Paulis is Branch 229's new chaplain! Welcome, Fr. Alex!!

The next General Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. A free lunch of pasta with red sauce and salad will be served. See you there!!

The Board is busy planning for the Branch Christmas party. Details to follow.



San Diego District Bocce tournament winners: (l-r) Jim Carinale-Hill, Dennis Bauer, San Caeti, Fillipo Tarantino, Lorenzo Pecoraro, Richard Barker and kneeling Pieta Velo.

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, for the unemployed, for the military personnel, and for those in need.

When you see a man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military! God bless America! God bless the ICF!!

*Ciao!*

*Karen Judson*

*Recording & Corresponding Secretary*

### San Diego

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

Again, hats off to the Las Vegas District for the excellent and informative 2015 Convention. Congratulations to the Central Council members elected to positions of leadership. Thank you Bob Basuino for your tenure as Central Council Grand President.

The San Diego District was honored to have the newly elected Grand President Leonard Zasoski and his wife BG and CC member Anne Interrante attending the September 27th Bishop's Day hosed by Branch 416, Santa Sophia. Christine Murphy and her committee out did themselves in organizing the luncheon that followed the 11:00 Mass celebrated by Fr. Devdas Masillamony, Pastor of Santa Sophia.

Upcoming events for Branch 230 include working with other parish ministries on the OLR Festa to be held on Sunday, October 4, at Amici Park. The general ICF meeting for October is scheduled for Friday, October 16. The upcoming very popular OLR Annual Spaghetti Dinner is planned for Saturday, November 7, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

*God bless,*

*Maria Tollefson*

## San Francisco

### District Council

The San Francisco District Council will meet on October 8, 2015. Taraval Police Station 6 P.M. Election of officers.

Host branch – St. Cecilia's 365. No meetings in November and December.

*Ann Basuino, Secty*

### San Francisco

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

Dear Members: Please note the following upcoming events.

Oct. 25 Branch Mass I. C. C. 10:30 am

Nov. 4 Spuntino and Raffle 6:30 pm Cost \$15:00 Chairperson: Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369 Please bring a raffle prize.

Prayers and get-well wishes to Jeanne Macchello recuperating from back surgery.

Congratulations to Pres. Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat on their recent 50th Wedding Anniversary !

*Stay Healthy !*

*Ciao!*

*Toni Morsello*

### San Francisco

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

Our August meeting was a mixture of fun and sadness. Our Hawaiian luncheon was a success. Cosmo cooked the ham and yams at home, Dora cooked the green beans at her house, and Mara prepared and brought the Pineapple/Pistachio jell-o-mold. I'm afraid our PC does not have a stove and now the refrigerator is out of order, too! HELP! We couldn't refrigerate anything so we had hot pineapple juice, hot everything! Dora Veracchi brought her Hawaiian music and Maria Gloria gave us each a large beautiful paper Lei, a cup full of Aloha Macadamia Nuts like Kisses, and 2 Hawaiian Host Candy Bars... Yum! Thank you dear members for all your help and thoughtfulness!

By August 15, we sent our convention raffle tickets stubs/money to the Central Office and hopefully someone from our branch will win! We're sorry none of our members from Br. 38 could attend the ICF Convention in Las Vegas this year. We pray, we will be excused from attending. The members attending our meetings, after the deaths of Ines Massetani and Mary Lavin (and Mary's caregiver Ellen no longer comes) are down to 9 active members! Of these 9, 5 members are in their 90's! While our members are still full of pep and energy, age has slowed us all down a little bit, and staring at our 3 vacant empty chairs of our recently deceased members, is depressing! Sadly, our Br.#38 membership is dwindling down! However, we hope all the branch delegates who did attend the Convention enjoyed the experience and had a wonderful & memorable time.

Another sad announcement at our meeting,

Bishop's day has been moved from October to November 8; time and place to be announced.

Buon Compleanno to our members May Perri, Faye Petrocchi, Kimberly Ebert, Phela Vesci, Giuseppe Scimeni, and Evelyn Talini who are celebrating October birthdays; blessings on your special day.

*Ciao,*

*Mary Jo*

### Roseville

#### San Vito, Br. 73

Branch 73 lost its oldest and longtime member when Theresa Simone died at ninety-four in July; she had joined the branch in 1969. During the early years of this century, when she was in her eighties, Theresa prepared the sauce for the branch's dinners, and she remained an officer to the end. Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eam. Requiescat in pace.

Two other members reach their ninetyfourth birthdays this year, Rosina Genessi in September, Aldo Frediani in October, Rosina is an officer and assists with every dinner, and Aldo attends each of them. A cento anni, Rosina and Aldo.

At the August meeting, members broke bread with the St. Rose graduates bound for Christian Brothers and St. Frances High Schools who received the \$500.00 scholarships donated by Branch 73. We thank all who contributed to the success of the evening.

Branch 73's autumn polenta/chicken dinner will take place St. Rose Hall Saturday evening 14 November. Tickets at \$20 for adults, \$10 for youngsters six to twelve, and at no cost for those under six are available from Guiseppina Novi (783-3819), Rosemarie Presti (791-1726), and Arlene Roe (782-3073).

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti soci della Sezione 73 nati nei mesi di settembre ( in ritardo per questi) ed ottobre.

*Robert Delpippo*

### Roseville

#### St. Clare, Br. 438

Our dear members Darrel and Connie Terry renewed their vows on their fiftieth wedding anniversary at St. Clare of Assisi Church. Following was a fabulous dinner given by their family. Served by our members Frank and Angela DiGrande and alot of kitchen help. This is what makes this branch so successful everybody helping each other.



Br. 258 members pictured with Fr. Charito Suan, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Church and Br. 258 Chaplain, at a parish reception celebrating his 30th Anniversary as a Priest on June 21, 2015

we reported the death of our dear

Fr. Austin Conterno, who had been our branch Chaplain at one time. He died on July 11 just 18 days shy of his 100th Birthday. The parish and parishioners had already planned a big celebration for his birthday. Instead of his birthday, it turned out to be his funeral! Most of our active members were present. Maria Gloria, our Heritage chairlady, told us about Fr. Conterno's life history: his assignments, where he lived. We'll remember you dear Fr. Conterno with an exquisite glass of Barolo wine (his very favorite) from Alba, a region in northern Italy where Father was born. Maria also told us about Romano Della Santina, an ICF Br. #161 member and Bay Area Italian American who died recently. She told us he arrived as a teenager from Lucca to join his uncle in the restaurant business. A familiar voyage many Italians took to come to our wonderful "Land of Opportunity." Grazie Maria for the news, and at the same time, reminding us of our Italian Heritage.

Fr. Al Mengon... You have been wonderful! Between your Saturday wedding commitments and our interruptions you never complain. Don't give up on us! You are a very patient Chaplain and a friend to all! I promise, we'll get our meeting organized very soon!

REMINDER: Our October 17 meeting will take place on the third Saturday of the month (due to the Columbus celebration at SSPP Church). Our luncheon theme is "TRICK or TREAT" but, don't ask what we're having for lunch, 'cause we won't tell!

Ciao,

*Ci Vediamo il 17 di Ottobre at 11:30 AM!*

Mara Amato

### San Francisco

#### St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our trip to Mission San Juan Baptista was very nice. Our guide was very informative. It took nine years to build the Mission. Done all by hand; there were no fancy tools when it was built, June 24, 1797. We also saw the Plaza Hotel, built in 1814. The saloon was opened by an Italian, Angelo Zenetta, who leased the building. Nice trip. Lunch at the Crows Nest restaurant was delicious.

Our 44th Anniversary luncheon on September 11th was another success.

It is always nice to visit with wonderful friends. Thanks to those who attended.

October 23rd we have a trip planned to go to Cache Creek Casino. It has been some time since we went to this Casino.

The Beach Blanket Babylon show was fantastic!! The costumes were out of this world. Some headpieces were so large and heavy, you wonder how they can wear them.

Birthdays: Josephine Di Monica, Nov 2nd; Florence Mangion, Nov. 16th; Happy Birthday and many more years of much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Michelle, thank you very much for putting our Pot Luck lunch pictures in the Bollettino. It is very much appreciated.

Remember these dates:

Meeting: October 26th

Mass: October 25th

Ciao,

Eva Perata. President

### San Francisco

#### Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Cari Amici,

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October 15th meeting, which will follow the pizza lunch at 12:00 noon. Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939 and let her know if you will be attending.

As we look ahead to the November 19th meeting, please remember that a Mass for our deceased members will be celebrated in the Hall at 12:00 noon, before lunch and our meeting.

Kindly keep in your prayers members who are not feeling well.

Happy Columbus Day and Happy Halloween to all!

Ciao,

Jeannette

### San Francisco

#### St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Thanks to Mary Fe' for doing a super job on our Convention raffle tickets. Mary has been very kind in accepting the responsibility for a number of years.

We just returned from the Convention in Las Vegas. Joe and I have attended our Federation Conventions for many years, at which one of us has usually been a delegate. I am always in awe of the recipients of the ICF awards. They are all so giving of themselves in every way. Hearing about their many accomplishments and good deeds fills me with admiration. May God continue to bless them.

Our treasurer, Florence O'Malley, informed us that some members have not yet paid their dues. The problem with paying so late in the year is that many of you become confused as to where you stand. All dues should be paid within the first quarter, March 31st, except those that joined mid-year. Speaking of joining, Branch 365 needs more members. Give it a try and ask a friend or relative to join our branch.

Please keep Lois Maher in your prayers as she is not well. Also, prayers and get well wishes for Constance Mertes.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 10th at 12 Noon, in the Serra Room. Nomination and election of officers, followed by a pizza, green salad, soda & beer party. Please plan to attend.

*Con un forte abbraccio a tutti.*

Ann Basuino

## San Mateo

### District Council

Salutations! A warm welcome back to our delegates from the Las Vegas Convention. Hope they enjoyed the convention and have brought back many new and enlightening ideas to share with us.

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, September 19, San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary celebration. Mass 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, 1721 Hillside Blvd., Burlingame. Our dear friend Bishop William Justice will be the principal celebrant. Dinner to follow at St. Dunstan's Hall, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae. Hope to see you all there for a great celebration.

Sunday, October 18, Branch 163, St. Matthew's 53rd Anniversary polenta chicken and sausage dinner celebration at San Mateo Elk's Club, 2:00 p.m. Come and join the fun.

Saturday, October 24, Branch 7, All Souls, So. San Francisco, 90th Anniversary celebration with Western BBQ Night. This is a major milestone so come celebrate.

Monday, October 26, Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma 87th Anniversary, Ravioli dinner, 7:00 p.m.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers: Father Frank Murray, Marc and Kelly Teglia on the loss of her Father and to the Family of Lucia Basso.

Anne O'Brien

### South San Francisco

#### Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Our August meeting was cancelled and our September meeting was on the 2nd. We would like to thank Lola Migliore and all her helpers for the wonderful chicken dinner. We were again fortunate to have students from SSFHS to serve the dinner and do the clean-up. We also thank our members for their generosity by always providing "Tips" to the students for their school club projects.

Our President, Kelly Teglia, her husband Marc, and Lola Migliore, were our delegates to the ICF 85th Annual Convention. A report was given at our October meeting on all the information they received.

The October business/dinner meeting will be on the 14th. Election of our new officers for the year will be on the agenda, so please plan to attend.

October 24th is our Western BBQ Dinner Dance, so dust off your cowboy hats and your boots and join us for a mighty good time and help us celebrate the 90th anniversary of our ICF Branch 7. Reservations are required so contact Lola for more information at 650-589-8269.

We will be having a Pedro Tournament on November 7th. If you are interested, please call Donna Smith at 650-796-9466.

The business meeting for November will be on the 4th and, of course; we will serve a Turkey dinner. Just to round out the year, our Holiday Dinner will be on December 2nd. Please plan to attend these fun events!

So, until next time...another thought to ponder. As time goes by, and friends and family go to be with our Heavenly Father, I found a poem that I thought was lovely and very true. The author is unknown. "Grief never ends... but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not weakness, nor a lack of faith...it is the price of LOVE!"

*Sempre Avanti,*

Laurie Masetti

*Valente Marini Perata*  
*& Company* FD-100

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Colma

San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Welcome back everyone from your vacations and holidays! Hoping everyone had a great and fun filled time. You have come back to some really warm weather here in Colma.

We are glad to welcome back our representatives back from ICF National Convention in Las Vegas. Looking forward to their reports and information they obtained from it.

Don't forget to bring any "treasures" you may have to the annual Spring Garage Sale. One person's unwanted item(s) may be another one's treasure.

Branch Schedule:

September 26: Champagne Bingo – opens at 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Lunch – with bingo following. Chicken, pasta, champagne and 1 bingo card. Reservations call Deborah Rodondi (650) 583-0805. Chairperson: Kathy Trevizo

September 28: 7:00 p.m. - Monday, Meeting/ Social hosted by Annette Novi

October 12: 7:00 p.m. - Monday, meeting/ social/favors. Hosted by Cheryl Simon

Election of Officers – your vote is important.

October 26: 6:00 p.m. Cocktails and Appetizers. 7:00 p.m. 87th Anniversary of Branch #19 Dinner, Antipasto, salad, Ravioli, Desert and Coffee, wine, soda, tea. - Only \$15.00. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, 10/22/15. Contact Cheryl Simon (60) 755-0878

October 23-24-5: 5th Annual Garage Sale. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 225 Wildwood Drive, South San Francisco. Deborah Rodondi (650) 583-0805, Kathy and Al Heckman (650) 993-8335

N. Thurman

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Welcome back from the Convention our delegates Harold and Virginia Fuentes. Hope they enjoyed the Convention and have a lot of new ideas to enhance our Branch.

At this writing our September Pesto Dinner has not occurred, nonetheless many thanks to Lena Venturelli and Aurora Bini who will be cooking this and it will be good.

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, September 19 – San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary celebration. 2 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame. Dinner following at St. Dunstan's church, Millbrae. Try to attend; it will be a great celebration with Bishop Justice celebrating.

Thursday, October 8 – Our Enchilada Caserole Dinner meeting with great chefs Jim and Michele Loman cooking. Come and enjoy.

Sunday, October 18 – Our Branch's 53rd Anniversary luncheon at the San Mateo Elks Club at 2 p.m. Frank Venturelli will regale us with his magic accordion. Raffle will follow the luncheon. Please join us and bring your friends. Price \$36.00. Send checks to Lena Venturelli, 33 13th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94402. Cut off date is October 13th.

Remember in our thoughts and Prayers: Father Frank Murray, Barbara Firpo, Anna Nanna and the family of Lucia Basso, a Branch Charter Member.

Happy Halloween! God Bless!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

As an attendee at the Convention it was spiritually inspiring for me. We will hear more about the seminars, and new president etc. from our delegates Dorene Campanile and Mary Ann Camacho at our September meeting. Next year's Convention will be held in Fresno.

Special thanks to Dorene Campanile, Bea Tomasello and Mary Ann Camacho for helping OLA Ministries after the early Sunday Masses on 8-23-15 and have recruited two new members to join us.

It is hard to believe summer is over with our hot weather but we have a long list of events for fall. Starting with the following:

September 19th San Mateo District 50th Anniversary chaired by Dorene Campanile with her earth angels assisting. Details listed previously in our newsletter.

October 17th - Pedro Tournament to raise money for Scholarships and other Charities. Lunch: Noon O.L.A. 1:30 PM tournament begins \$35.00 call Dorene Campanile 650-344-7870 before October 11, 2015.

November 21, 2015 Anniversary Dinner Plans are currently being made and more details to be announced.

Keep Jackie Sontag and any other members who are in need of our prayers.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our September 8 meeting was hosted by Glorinda, Jackie, and Roberta, who provided sandwiches, salads, and dessert. It was a perfect meal for the hot weather we were having. Our delegate, President Barbara Gabriel, gave a report on the Las Vegas convention. This was Barbara's first convention and she did a great job, picked up lots of new information and met many new people. It was one of the nicest conventions that I've attended.

The 50th Anniversary of the San Mateo District held on September 19 was a very nice affair. Chairlady Dorene Campanile did a wonderful job putting everything together with the help of the committees. Great job, Dorene!

We are all looking forward to our Graton Casino Bus Trip on October 21, hosted by Jackie Smith. Hope you all have made your reservations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Our member, Mary Rose Favuzzi, celebrated her 90th birthday on August 29th, with a Mass at St. Peter's Church in Pacifica, followed by cake and goodies. Congratulations, Mary Rose!

Sunshine: We were saddened to hear of the death of the daughter (Florie) of our members John and Fran Cannon. We send our heartfelt condolences to the Cannons and their family.

Our October 13 meeting will be hosted by Donna DeVoe and Barbara Gabriel. Hope to see you all there!

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Our August meeting was a big success even though our annual BBQ dinner could not be served due to illness. Last minute the Colonel came through and we had boxed dinners from KFC which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The ICF convention in Las Vegas was a memorable event. The workshops were interesting and informative as reported by President Tom at our September meeting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20 and the dinner will have a World Series theme. Mark you calendars.

Upcoming events in our San Mateo District:

Oct. 18 - Branch 163, St. Matthews, San Mateo, 53rd Anniversary - Chicken polenta dinner

Oct. 24 - Branch 7, All Souls, SSF, 90th Anniversary - Western BBQ night

Oct. 26 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma, 87th Anniversary - Ravioli dinner

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

The 50th Anniversary of our ICF San Mateo District was a wonderful event, starting with Mass at Our Lady of Angels at 2:00PM, followed by dinner at St. Dunstan Parish Center. Thank you to all committee members for organizing such a celebration.

Our monthly October meeting started with a pasta dinner prepared by our past president Carla Del Carlo. It was delicious!

Our popular Polenta Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 25th, in the Parish Center, with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include salad, antipasto, polenta with chicken and sausage, bread, wine and dessert for \$25 per person. Get your group together and make plans to attend this fundraiser. For reservations send check payable to ICF #403, to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose, Millbrae, CA 94030. Reservations due by October 19th.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Our President Marlene Farber and Margaret DeRango attended the Convention in Las Vegas. They will give a report at our next meeting.

Marlene Farber has thirty-five 2016 calendars. They make great hospitality, birthday or Christmas gifts. The theme this year is "Famous Italian Americans and their Contributions to this Great Country". Daily raffle winners range from \$30 to \$100, quite a bargain for \$25 and the branch gets to keep \$5 for each calendar. Call Marlene if you would like to buy one.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Rita Tachis, Romano DellaSantina who recently passed away. Also to the family of our dear friend and long- time member Romolo Iavarone who recently passed away. Romolo never, ever missed a meeting and was always supporting us. His cheerful smile will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

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

Our next meeting will be October 20th. See you then.

Happy Halloween!

See you next month,

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

Sunday September 13th, marked a GALA ITALIAN PICNIC for the 80+members of Branch 332.

At creek side in Novato at Miwok Park colorful red checkered tablecloths were a prelude to what was to follow.

Festivities included a picnic lunch of cheeseburgers, sausages, salad, beans, watermelon, all preceded by an array of shared antipasti and followed by home- baked desserts. All prepared by members.

On this sunny Sunday these Italians (and would-be Italians) enjoyed God's gift of the outdoors, community, and friendship.

More Highlights:

Accordion music provided by Dave Garbarino. Bocce ball on two finely manicured courts compliments of Tom Brawley. An exciting fun game of "Tombola" under the direction of Karen Raccanello.

Joe Bondanza

Greg Erigero

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Meeting for the last time prior to convention, Denise Antonowicz took care of remaining business items. One hot topic was the recent District BBQ and some problems that came up – specifically "Running out of food". After some discussion, Denise said she would discuss the problem with the district board and develop ways to avoid future occurrences. Larry Marsalli underscored the importance of the Mass held prior to the BBQ.

This is Bob Basuino's final month as Grand President serving two grand terms. Now our job is to get Andy Pappani and Denise elected.

Eileen Fritsch probed the members with questions about the Organ Donor Awareness program. Joan Delfino gave the following Gifts of Love report. Of 22 applications, 16 were awarded gifts totaling some \$26,000. Steve Shimshock (Ric's son) received a wheelchair.

Russ Vento reminded all branch presidents about the protocol to follow for Bishop's Day. Making a Bishop's Burse donation, submitting a Spiritual Bouquet and sponsoring a Seminarian. As an aside he also told us to wear yellow shirts and white pants for the convention mass.

o Day at the Races – Friday, 10/ 16.

o Bishop's Day Br 391 – 11:30 am Mass – 10/18

o Next Meeting: St. Clares, Monday, 9/14th.

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

ICF Br. 5 Delegate to the ICF Convention, Robert McLean, reported to members at the September meeting. Thanks to Bob for representing our Branch. It was much appreciated.

Upcoming events:

-Santa Clara Valley District -Day at the Races-October 16th

-Bishop's Day -October 18, 2015 - St. Martin of Tours Church in San Jose -11:30AM Mass. Lunch to follow at Three Flames on Meridian Avenue. Contact branch treasurer

for info.

In the coming months, all members will receive a letter, for renewal of membership dues for 2016. Please renew and return forms to Financial Secretary as soon as possible.

Remember to invite prospective members to the Dinner/Meeting. We need new members as well as keeping current members.

The Layette is coming in December. Please donate baby items (newborns to 2 years old). Monetary donations are also welcome.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Congratulations to our Andy Pappani for being reelected to the Central Council as First Vice President. We are very proud of you.

Well deserving Andy.

Upcoming:

October 10 Taste of Italy dinner. All you can eat shrimp and ravioli. This is one of our main fundraisers. Please do all you can to attend and bring family and friends.

October 19 regular dinner meeting 6PM Cullen Hall

November 1 Scholarship breakfast 7 AM ti 11:30 AM Cullen Hall

November 8 St. Francis Cabrini pilgrimage Here at at St. Mary. This is a district event. Look for flyers in the church bulletin. We will attend Mass and then process around the statue of the blessed Mother in the school yard and go into the gym for refreshments. Please attend.

Keep our sick and homebound in your prayers. And pray for rain. Just as long as it is not too much rain.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

Whoa! Whoa! Slow down! The time is going too fast! Seems like yesterday we had elections and here it is October 2015, time for elections again. We have our election committee and now we need candidates. Being an officer of a club is very rewarding and lots of fun. If you feel like it is something you would like to do but have doubts about your capabilities, talk to your President or your election committee. They will train you.

Put on your Calendar Saturday 17th, the Stagecoach Jamboree in Essig Hall. This is our Fall Dinner Dance with a Western Theme. A great BBQ chicken dinner with corn on the cob, BBQ beans, cornbread, salad, fruit cobbler and coffee. Wine tasting hosted by Guglieimo Winery, with DJ, Ken Cardona playing the music you want to dance to. Call Debi Piro for information.

(408) 306-9244.

Don't forget the annual Frank Guidace Memorial Bocce Tournament Saturday, September 12th at Saint Frances Cabrini Church Bocce Courts located near Camden Avenue. Starts at 8:30am with lunch and prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning teams. For information, call Betty Antuzzi (408) 559-4268.

Here's hoping that you are having a wonderful summer.

James Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

We extend our thanks to Lorraine and Mike Nunziata, to their buddy Judy, to all those who came early to help set up for our meeting on September 9, and to all those who stayed late to help clean up. We enjoyed the lunch-type fare of salads, homemade or bought sandwiches, chips, appetizers, and wonderful desserts, which all together provided an easy menu during a heat wave.

"The bus is full," John Janini has often announced. In appreciation to John and Judy for their years of service organizing trips to various casinos, Ron Sanchez presented them with a plaque of a bus. Thank you, John and Judy!

Also, Ed Wendler does a beautiful job of giving us a spiritual reflection every meeting. Last night's story left us with a bit of wisdom: "The only attitude is gratitude." Please accept our gratitude, Ed.

We have two new members to celebrate: David Pinto and Rudolph DeZordo. Welcome, welcome!

Joyce Robba, Mike Nunciata, Noreen Gilio, and Father George Aranha gave excellent reports on their Convention experiences. Among other things, such as the fun they had, they spoke of the mentoring program for new members, ideas from the Strategic Plan Committee, charitable donations from the ICF, ways the Church can use technology, and the considerable cost of producing a convention.

Our president Noreen, in Connie and Tony Clancy's name, presented Father Aranha with a check for \$5,000 for the new parish hall. The money is from our fund-raisers.

Blessings,

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Congratulations to Russ and Louise Vento-Branch #391's President and Secretary- for receiving the Grand President's Award at the 89th ICF Convention! For many many years Russ and Louise have shown a strong commitment and passion for the ICF, and we are excited for their recognition!

Branch #391 made \$370 from the SJ Giants game. Thank you to all who came; it was a fun evening.

At the September meeting, Mike Rossi presented several proposals to amend ICF rules and regulations, which were going to be voted upon by our delegates at the Convention. At the October meeting, our delegates will report on the outcomes of the proposals. Also at the September meeting, Louise presented a cute and funny heritage report about growing older.

Next year, Russ Vento will be stepping down as branch President. Please contact Russ if you are interested in the position.

The November meeting will have a special guest speaker, Laurice Levine. Laurice has thalassemia and thanks to medical advancements, she has far exceeded the life expectancy the doctors gave her as a child. Thalassemia is common in people from Mediterranean descent, and as such, the ICF has set-up a yearly fund to support the Thalassemia charity, whose work is conducted at the Oakland Children's hospital.

Ciao for now,

Bianca Vallorz

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Calling all candidates for Branch 408 Offi-

cers ! Elections are nearly upon us and we will need fill our slate for the October Elections. Please consider serving the Branch as an officer in the coming year.

Our Fall ICF Blood Drive was held on September 13th was successful. We hosted over 46 donors. Thanks to all who have prayed for the success of these Blood drives – and a special thanks once again to CC Member Jane Dianda who supplied ICF Tote bags to all Donors- courtesy of CC.

A Pancake Breakfast was held Sunday 27th September in the Farana Center in conjunction with support of Tuition assistance of the Parish School.

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers – especiallyfor Mary-Jo DiMuccio, Anne Lopez, Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, Al's wife Syd, and Carolyn O'Connor

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D' Alessandria, Br. 435

The month of July was a busy one for our branch. We were happy to host the District ICF meeting at St Catherine's. We had a wonderful turnout from all our branches and a yummy assortment of desserts. Many interesting topics were discussed and we were informed about the other branches activities.

Another wonderful day was spent at the annual District picnic held at St. Clare's. It began with a special Mass outdoors said by Father Paulo. It was such a great ambience, shade by the trees, and the weather could not have been any better. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch and we especially loved the "quarter" game that not only the children enjoyed, but the adults did also.

There was an awesome basket raffle which Fran Scalzo was so kind to make for our branch. It was beautifully made, she put a lot of time and thought into it. It was the Cadillac of baskets.

Please keep Joe Morbito, Joe Tacci , and Marilyn Tobias, our former secretary for our branch in your prayers.

Peace and God bless.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Healdsburg

St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52

Br. 52 had a wonderful potluck / meeting on Sept 15. Over 40 members enjoyed tasting the delectable creations from their fellow branch members. Our Convention delegates gave their reports. All 4 delegates enjoyed the Convention and found it to be a spiritual and fun event and our branch won an award for the most family memberships!

We also participated in Back-to-School Night on Sept. 16. Alicia, Karla and Teri distributed information about the ICF to parents, students and teachers.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 6: Regular Meeting. 7pm in the rectory.

Oct. 11: Bishop's Day at St. Sebastian's, Sebastopol. Price: \$20.00. Mass: 10 AM. Bishop Vasa will celebrate Mass. Reception and dinner to follow in the Church Hall. For tickets, call Carmen or Lauren at 577-7304.

Nov. 7: Polenta Dinner. For tickets, call Mary Del Monte: 433-4372 or Mary Madden 431-0438. Scot Cavallo will be doing the cooking. This is our first polenta dinner of the season!

Dec. 4: Christmas Party. More details next month.



Santa Rosa, Br. 18, Marie Canale with the branch's scholarship winner Victoria Dobbins. The other two winners where Grace Forsell & Emily Seeley.

We will start the raffle ticket sales for the Nativity set at the November Polenta Dinner. The raffle will be held at the Christmas Eve Mass.

Happy Halloween!

Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Branch 103 is back at Father Roberts' Hall for its meetings and dinners after a wonderful summer. Chef Klauber prepared an outstanding barbecue for the occasion and the wine flowed freely.

The branch looks forward to to Bishop's Day on October 11 and our election of officers on October 13.

Chef Klauber is again expected to deliver a delicious meal for the October 11 meeting. For this month only, reservations will be taken by President Kosta at (707) 938-2016.

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our Mezzo Agosto picnic was much fun. The food was great especially the delicious pork roast prepared by Betty and Gene Senestraro. Thank you both, and thank you to all who provided salads and desserts. The rest of the day was spent visiting with each other and playing bocce.

During our September 8th meeting we discussed the fund raiser at Applebees Restaurant to be held on September 28th from 5 p.m. to closing time. We will hand out coupons to customers that will provide a 15% return of their total bill to our lodge. Joe will distribute these coupons to us before the event. There will also be an informational table available to let customers learn about who we are and also provide the opportunity to give them a coupon to present with there bill. We will report the results at our next meeting.

Jerry Colivas gave his heritage report about the life and travels of Marco Polo that actually lasted 24 years and a total of 6500 miles. Thank you Jerry!

Our scholarship spaghetti dinner will be on October11th from five to seven. Prices are ten dollars for adults, five dollars for children twelve and under, or twenty-five for a family ticket, We will need a lot of help. We will set up at 9 a.m. Please consider helping.

Our next meeting will be on October 13 and will be a potluck dinner.

Please pray for all of our members and their



Branch 103 President Kosta preparing for the September meeting.

(Below) Branch 103 Chef Klauber and Assistant Klauber preparing dinner.



families especially Anita Pera, Kathy Acquistapace, and my little grandson Tristan.

*Many blessings to all,*

*Nancy Paoli*

## Santa Rosa

### St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The start of Fall means the end of another I.C.F. year. Branch

198 is finishing our 50th year and we will celebrate with a Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral on Saturday, January 9, 2016. We will then go to the Villa Restaurant for cocktails and dinner. Branch 198 members will pay \$10.00 dollars and guests will pay \$20.00 for this special event.

President Bob Acquistapace has asked Lorraine Castelli to handle all dinner reservations and she will get the information to you by Nov. 1st.

Please pray for Kathy Acquistapace, Frank Castelli, Vic Torchio Sr. Carrie Vittalini, Ezio & Julie Mangiantini and any others members that you know are in need.

Our next meeting will be in the Brinker Room. Randy will prepare

spaghetti an meatballs for dinner at 6:00 p.m. with a meeting to

follow on Monday, November 2nd. The cost is \$ 7:00 per person

and you are reminded to bring canned goods for St Vincent de Paul.

*Fraternally,*

*Lorraine Castelli*

## Sebastopol

### St. Michael, Br. 209

This month (September) we enjoyed many tasty dishes provided by our members for our "End of Summer" Potluck. Our members are the best cooks!! For dessert, we had a delicious decorated chocolate birthday cake in honor of our longtime member Mercy Medrano's 95th birthday. We love you, Mercy, and are so happy to have had you with us for this occasion. Mercy now lives in Yuma, AZ and was here visiting with her family.



The Stockton District held its annual Picnic on August 16. They had steak for the adults and hot dogs for the children and lots of fun and fellowship!

Our meeting was conducted by Past President, Barbara Bidia, in the absence of our President Mike Falvey. Mike and his wife, Debbie, were enjoying some vacation time.

Our member, Dante Corsetti, who is also Santa Rosa District's President, gave a glowing report of the recent ICF Convention in Las Vegas. One of the awards received was for Heritage. Tia Polley is in charge of Heritage and has been complimented on her thorough and outstanding work for this cause. Don Becchetti and Lorraine Vannetti were "First Place" winners in the Bocce Tournament. Gene Vannetti was "Third Place" winner. Dante further reported that all of the workshops were attended and that the convention was "terrific."

Upcoming:

October 11: Bishop's Day – Bishop Vasa will celebrate the 10 am Mass at St. Sebastian's.

October 24: Chicken & Polenta Dinner. For ticket Information-Call Lona Bertoli-707-527-1021

*Ciao,*

*Lona Bertoli*

# Stockton

## Stockton

### District Council

The 85th Annual Convention in Las Vegas was a huge success. The festivities began with dinner at Our Lady of Las Vegas. Friday's opening included the Grand President's Award presentation to Russ and Louise Vento and introduction of the Central Council candidates. Saturday offered a variety of workshops, Memorial Mass for deceased members, general session, and evening banquet. Bishop Blaire concelebrated Sunday's mass and the session concluded on Monday with installation of officers. We all look forward to next year's convention in Fresno.

The next District Meeting will be at Tony and Ida's Kitchen on Sunday, October 4, at 1:30 p.m. Menu: Polenta, chicken cacciato-

re, and all the trimmings for \$8. Attendance is important as we will be electing a new slate of officers for 2016. Presidents: Make your reservations with Ida Queirolo by Sept. 27 at (209) 982-5710 and bring a raffle prize.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own Cecelia McGhee, Br. 48, Modesto, who will be honored on October 17th at the 14th Annual Bishop's Awards for her Lifetime Service to the Church.

Sunday, October 25, Late Nite Catechism, Holy Names University Regents Theatre, Oakland, 2 p.m., \$50, Call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 or online at <http://italiancatholicfederation.brownpapertickets.com> This Central Council fundraiser is a raucous, rollicking international hit comedy about an irrepressible Sister who teaches an adult catechism class to a roomful of students (the audience).

Saturday, November 7, Testimonial Dinner Honoring Past Grand President Bob Basuino, Fiorillo's Restaurant, Santa Clara, 5 p.m., \$45/person.

SAVE THE DATE: Installation of Officers: Sunday, January 3, 2016 at the Old St. Stanislaus Church, 7TH and J Streets, Modesto. More next month.

*Karen Rosson*

## Modesto

### St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

At the Ministry's Fair we had a couple sigh up that will be joining us in October. They were unable to come to the meeting in September due to other commitments.

We had forty seven family and friends from Branch 48 join us for the Stockton District Picnic. It was a very nice day and we enjoyed the company, the good food and the games.

As we finish the Fall Festival we will be getting ready for the Bake Sale. It takes a lot of work from our members to have a successful bake sale and their hard work is very much appreciated. They make the best biscotti, cakes, breads, cookies and pies.

Several of us will be attending the district meeting in Manteca at Tony's Kitchen. That is always the greatest place to have a meeting.

We will be holding our annual mass and breakfast October 25, 2015. We will be attending the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church with breakfast to follow.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, October 14, 2015 and November 8, 2015 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Our bank night winner was Linda Isola. The refreshments for the October 14, 2015 meeting will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee

Coming up:

Oct 3-4 Bake sale after all the masses

Oct 14 7:00 pm – Meeting – St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

Oct 25 8:00 am mass – Annual Mass & Breakfast

*Cecelia McGhee*

## Stockton

### Church of the Presentation, Br. 395

Happy Fall to All! Even though Branch 395 has had a break in July and August, we have still had a very busy summer. On June 30 many of our branch members along with the other 4 branches attended "Baseball Night at the Ports" at Banner Island Ballpark in Stockton. A great time was had by all and we hope to make this an annual event. Several of our members attended the Strategic plan workshop on July 18 at the home of District President Annette Elissagary and her husband Roger. It was very informative in a wonderful environment. On August 16 the Stockton District picnic was held at Escalon Community Park in Escalon. It was well attended by all branches and members enjoyed a wonderful barbecued steak dinner with all the trimmings. The children in attendance enjoyed games where they competed for prizes. Karen Rosson and Mary Ann Piana Chapman were our delegates to the Annual Convention and will be reporting to our branch at our September 10 meeting.

But I heard it was a wonderful convention. Branch 395 will have a booth at the Church of the Presentation annual Fall Fest to be held September 18-20. We will be selling Pizza and Italian sodas and promoting the ICF! We also plan to have an information booth at the Olive Oil Festival to be held at St. Mary's High School on September 27. It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of our dear member Pat Sorini on September 3. Pat was our Orator for the last several years and always had a unique and meaningful prayer to share. She was a long time member of the Church of the Presentation and served in a number of ministries. She will be missed. Upcoming events:

October 4 - Stockton District Meeting

October 15 Branch Meeting

November 12 - Branch Meeting

December 5 - Christmas Luncheon

*Josephine Weber, President, Branch 395*

## Tucson

**Tucson**

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

Our Sonoran Deserts searing heat has yielded to the Monsoon season. Outdoor life is doable once again. Our migratory ICF members are returning...some to make ready for the Convention...others to resume their active retirement lifestyle. Our Branch will be fully activated with our October meeting as we plan...to solicit additional members...enhance our fundraising efforts...and explore ways to be of service to our Green Valley community. Above all...we are family.

*Barbara Barton reporting*

## Bollettino Christmas Ads

It's that time of year to submit your branch, district, or individual Christmas Ad for the Bollettino!

**The deadline is November 10.**  
**Thank you.**

These can be sent in already designed and sized, or the text may be faxed or emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
2 1/2" x 5" (vertical or horizontal)	\$35
4" x 5" (horizontal)	\$50
6 1/2" x 5" (horizontal, quarter page)	\$70

To place a message, please send in your ad, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the I.C.F. (noted Christmas ad), to:

Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621  
Attn: Bollettino



Stockton District Members at the 2015 Convention (seated) Bishop Stephen Blaire, Cecelia McGhee, (kids on floor) Joseph, Russell, Sebastian Pachinger, (left to right) Joe Bacchetti, MaryAnn Piana-Chapman, Anita Ridolfi, Steve Ridolfi, Karen Rosson, Frank Re, Nancy Souza, Dante Galeazzi, Lucy Orsi, Serena Martocchio, Annette Pachinger, Danielle Pachinger, Robert Pachinger.

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