

# IN TOUCH

## Italian Catholic Federation

8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621 1-888-423-1924 www.icf.org

## District Deputy Newsletter

October 2016

Andrew Pappani, Deputy Program Chairperson (831) 801-0557 [pappani1@yahoo.com](mailto:pappani1@yahoo.com)  
Vincent Piro, Deputy Program Co-Chairperson (209) 756-4817 [vpairo@icloud.com](mailto:vpairo@icloud.com)

### DEPUTY PROGRAM REVITALIZATION

The I.C.F. is finishing up the second year of the Strategic Plan. During this past year, the Strategic Plan Sub-Committee has given a workshop to Districts around the Federation focusing on the Strategic Plan's Four Core Strategies: Membership, Leadership, Community Connections and Finance.

After evaluating the second year of the Strategic Plan, the Task Force Committee decided to focus year three on: Membership Recruitment/Retention, Expansion of New Branches and the Revitalization of the Deputy Program.

Grand Second Vice President Vince Piro and I will be holding meetings, throughout the year, with the District Deputies by conference call and, at times, using Go To Meeting for gathering input on ways to revitalize and update the Deputy Program. The Deputy Program is a vital part of helping the Branches implement their Strategic Plan goals each year. The Deputies' input and the way they address an issue can mean the difference when a Branch is in trouble. During this year's Workshops, we will focus on Membership Drives, Retention of Members and Communication with your Pastors.

Branches completed worksheets listing their goals and action plans for the year. These will be shared with you shortly. We ask that you assist the Branches in reaching their goals, as listed on the worksheets, and to help them make adjustments as necessary.

You can review our plan online by going to [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org). Then under the Membership Tab at the top click on "Members' Area" and you will find the listing for the Strategic Plan.

I look forward to a very invigorating and successful year for our organization.

**Andrew Pappani**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each Branch should elect Officers in October. Refer to your Branch By-Laws Book, Chapter XI. Here are some reminders regarding Elections:

- Each office is nominated and voted on one at a time. Do not let the Branch vote on a "slate" of officers.
- The Nominating Committee nominates a candidate for each office.
- The President must also ask three times for nominations from the floor for each office.
- Nominations do not require a second.
- Contested offices must be voted on immediately by secret ballot before continuing.
- Candidates must be present to be nominated and elected, or a letter declaring their intention to run is acceptable.
- Candidates must be in good standing with their dues.
- New officers assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank all of the officers of the past year for their hard work and dedication to the Branch and the I.C.F.
- Branches are allowed to combine Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and they may elect one to three Trustees.
- If Branches have trouble electing officers, contact me for advice and ideas.
- The new officers should plan a Calendar of Events for the coming year. A Branch Budget for the upcoming year is also recommended.
- Remind Branches to send a list of their new officers to the I.C.F. office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## I.C.F. CALENDARS

Branches received their allotment of 2017 calendars at the Convention or by mail. This is the time of year that calendars should sell like "Hotcakes." Sell them to friends, business suppliers, family and members of your Church. Be sure to purchase one for your Pastor. They make great Raffle Gifts for your Branch and Stocking Stuffers at Christmas. Remember, the Branch keeps \$5.00 for every Calendar sold.

## WANT TO BE A DEPUTY?

Deputies are needed. Please ask your Branch and District members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience. Contact Vince Piro or myself for more information.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

•Hopefully, Delegates returned to their Branches and reported on the events at the great Convention held in Fresno. Emphasis on the Charitable Programs is important. Our I.C.F. National Charity remains Cooley's Anemia. Thank members for their charitable works and donations during the past year.

•Encourage members to accept an office, especially new or young members, as elections are held.

•Encourage the use of a Nominating Committee to seek out qualified officers.

•New Presidents should be encouraged to try to secure Committee Chairpersons early and begin forming a yearly Calendar of Events.

•Encourage sales of the Calendars.

•Congratulate Branches on their participation in this year's Scholarship Program. Always encourage Branches to also participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year programs as well, even if they can only make partial donations.

•Please urge Branches to actively recruit and retain members. Each member should bring in a new member this year. Please urge members to set a new membership goal each year. Urge Presidents and members to use [icf.org](http://icf.org) for information.

•If a Branch does not already have a Christmas celebration, encourage them to consider holding one. Christmas is an excellent time to introduce families to the Federation.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you need to contact Michelle Feldman, the I.C.F. Bollettino Editor, her e-mail address is [icfeditor@gmail.com](mailto:icfeditor@gmail.com).

If you need to contact Patty Smith for accounting issues her e-mail is [accounting@icf.org](mailto:accounting@icf.org) or if you need to contact Charlene Kramer at the I.C.F. Office her e-mail is [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) or [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org).

## MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/16 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/16
<b>Central Coast</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>+ 8</b>
<b>Santa Clara Valley</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>+42</b>
Fresno	1,010	- 4
Santa Rosa	822	- 7
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>+21</b>
San Mateo	709	- 10
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>+ 7</b>
<b>Stockton</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>+70</b>
Chicago	439	- 8
<b>East Bay</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>+ 4</b>
Blessed Sacrament	364	- 13
San Diego	304	- 1
Santa Barbara/Ventura	278	- 9
San Francisco	239	- 6
Marin	225	- 2
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
Tucson	119	- 8
Orange	115	- 2
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>+67</b>
<b>San Fernando Valley</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>+ 0</b>
<b>Reno</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>+ 0</b>
<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>+ 0</b>

Total membership as of 9/30/16 **9,835**

New members	295
Reinstated	14
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>115</b>
Deceased	42
<b>Dues not paid 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Dues not paid 9 – 12months</b>	<b>433</b>

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Encourage Branches to participate in a Membership Drive. Presidents can arrange with their Pastors for time at the Masses to speak about the Italian Catholic Federation. A two minute Mass script is available that really works. After Mass, a table should be set up at the back of the Church with I.C.F. Brochures, Italian cookies and a few members to answer questions. Take down names and then call them to invite them to the next meeting.

You can call Membership Chairperson Vince Piro at (209) 756-4817.

Wishing you God's blessings as the end of the year approaches.