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The Annual Convention: Keeping Up With a Competitive Market

Roselynne Jarrett Convention Director

We have three upcoming conventions on the books: 2017 Sacramento, 2018 San Diego and 2019 Tucson. Sites for 2020 are now being considered.

The hotel industry is doing quite well, thanks to heavy business travel during the weekdays and many leisure guests on the weekend. Hotels are quite competitive with rates because demand is high. I see this myself as I work in the hotel industry and each day I have to defend our high room rates to guests. This affects the ICF convention because the days of receiving rates in the low \$100s are becoming a memory. The rates established through our 2019 convention are confirmed, but remember...those conventions were booked during a time that hotels were coming out of a recession. Lower rates and food & beverage minimums were easier to negotiate. Fast forward a few years and the hotels have the advantage. The reality is that beginning in 2020, we should expect to pay rates that are a bit higher.

Now that we understand why we should expect to see higher rates in a few years, I'd like to explain another part of the convention booking process: meeting and event space. Hotels have no problem selling their room inventory, therefore our selling point is that the ICF can offer the hotel additional revenue from utilizing their meeting and event space. We utilize a lot of space...too much space according to the hotels. This amount of space we are seeking is actually causing hotels to turn us down because we are not paying per



meeting room. Instead, we are promising that we will spend several thousand dollars on food & beverage. This year, in Sacramento, we will receive our meeting space at "no charge" if we spend \$30,000 on our Saturday and Sunday banquets combined. We made this promise five years ago. Therefore, I encourage your branches to support our Saturday and Sunday banquets to help us meet our food minimum.

Looking ahead, many hotels are offering us space at "no charge" if we meet a \$40,000 - \$60,000 food & beverage tab. How do we get around this? One way is to reduce our meeting space. To do so, we would eliminate a few activities and restructure our convention. My hope is by reducing the agenda, we would become more desirable to hotels and receive more bids as we won't come across as asking for too much space. Additionally, this could help reduce the high food & beverage minimums.

The question on most members' minds is "Can we end the convention on Sunday?"

I have been studying this option and my research leads to the simple and direct answer of "no." In order to meet our food minimum we must have the Sunday dinner. If we conclude on Sunday, many people will leave the hotel and not stay for dinner. Also, Sunday is the one night of the week in which hotels have the lowest occupancy. To tell a hotel that we will be filling their rooms on a Sunday night is music to their ears and helps with our negotiations.

While a branch would save one night of lodging expenses if we ended the convention a day earlier, the branch instead would have a much higher delegate registration fee to contribute to the cost of meeting space since we would not meet our food minimum.

My hope is that this rationale will offer some answers to questions raised at last year's convention workshop. Please know that every effort is being made to keep expenses low for branches.

I look forward to welcoming everyone to Sacramento in six months for another successful convention. Please check the Bolletino, Facebook page and the ICF website for details.

Grand President's Monthly Message by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

As winter begins to subside, we look to springtime as a new beginning of life around us begins to bloom not only in nature but also in our local branches, parish and communities.

I have had the opportunity during the recent installations of officers to be with our

members from some of the largest districts in the Federation to single branch installations and all have made my wife and I feel like we are a part of their family.



The heart of our organization from

the start is our Catholic Faith, this has to always be front and center in all that we do in life. We have various activities within our branches that keep us active and enable us to help others in our community and beyond, but without keeping our members close to their faith we are missing a vital part of who we are as ICF members.

We are called to become closer to our faith. Many of us have various ways that we strive to achieve this during the 40 days of Lent. During the Easter Vigil we light the Easter Candle to remind us of the Light of Christ and that He is the Light of the world. We, as Catholics, also have the Light of Christ in us. We were given that Light through the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit. We need to make that Light of Christ shine not only during the Easter season but all year long.

As membership is a vital part of the survival of our organization, new members are a must, but retention of existing members is even more important. New members must be natured and guided to become an active member, inviting them to participate in our events, functions and making them feel that they are wanted and needed. Existing members can slip between the cracks and eventually lose that feeling of want and need that we give to the new members. We must continue to have the same passion towards our existing members as we do for the new ones that join us.

Please continue to be the Light of Christ for all your members. Let your branch be a beacon for all to see in your parish and community. For you see this is who we are, we are The Italian Catholic Federation a family of many different ethnic backgrounds coming together as one.

May you and your family have a Blessed Lenten Season.

Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Installations Around the ICF



Grand President Leonard Zasoski, District President Spence Burton, District President Award winners Dante Corsetti, Jackie Corsetti and Nancy Seppi.

Santa Rosa District Installation

The Santa Rosa District held its Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 14 at St. James, Petaluma. Br. 127, Petaluma hosted the installation. The day started with 11:00 AM Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael Culligan, followed by the Installation conducted by Grand President Leonard Zasoski. A delicious lunch followed in the church hall. At the lunch, Master of Ceremonies presented the 2016 District President's Award to Dante and Jackie Corsetti from Br. 209, Sebastopol and Nancy Seppi of Br. 52, Healdsburg. Dante, Jackie and Nancy are deserving recipients for this honor based on their years of commitment and work for their branches. They were honored to receive the award. Central Council members in attendance included: Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen, Life Member Dante Galeazzi, Life Members Emeritus and Past Grand Presidents Bob Acquistapace, Carmen Kilcullen and her husband, Larry. Santa Rosa District Deputy Kathy Acquistapace and First Lady BG Zasoski were also in attendance.

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Upcoming:

2017 Bishops' Days:

- Mar. 12 Stockton
- Apr. 23 San Francisco (San Francisco,
- San Mateo & Marin)
- Apr. 30 Chicago
- Sept. 17 Oakland
- Sept. 24 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 17 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 22 Fresno

Congratulations Nettie!



Welcome to the ICF Emilia Chris born on August 31, 2016 to Daniel Julia Descalso, grandchild of George MaryLou Descalso and great-grand da ter of Nettie Descalso.

All of them ICF members and Emilia i youngest member of Br. 39. Emilia and parents live in Danville but they soon n to Arizona where Daniel will play for Arizona Diamondbacks.

Lent Your Way

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli ICF Spiritual Director ICFspiritDir@aol.com

Children often surprise us. I asked Helena, a second grade girl, who has not yet made her First Holy Communion, "What is Lent?" She said, "Lent is giving up something you really, really love." Then I asked, "What is the meaning of Lent?" She explained, "The meaning of Lent is Jesus going out into the desert with no food or water." Pretty good answer for a six-year-old. She understood that Lent had something to do with penance. She also understood that Lent had something to do with the sufferings of Jesus. For a second grader to go without food is severe suffering. Well, when we think of it, being in the desert with no food and no water is, indeed, terrible suffering for anyone.

"What is the meaning of Lent?" We can approach Lent in different ways, depending on how each of us views our personal relationship to Jesus.

We can pray at daily Mass and journey with Jesus from Galilee to Calvary. We can pray the Stations of the Cross, meditating specifically on the sufferings of Jesus. We can help the poor, the homeless, the hungry personally or by supporting charities with a monetary gift or a gift of service. As Helena says, we can give something up that we really, really like, such as ice cream, pizza, alcohol, you know what you really like.

Father Kevin Gaffey, a classmate of mine of happy memory, shared with me, "One of the little girls in my parish, one that I was especially close to, stopped talking to me during Lent. I was really concerned about it. One day I asked her, 'Why have you stopped talking to me?' She said, 'I gave you up for Lent.



I shared with Helena that every year I gave up something but I was never successful. She asked, "What was that?" I said, "I gave up being nice." Helena chuckled. The point is, we do penance especially in Lent to unite ourselves to the sufferings of Jesus and to make us stronger against temptation.

Jesus suffered and died for us so that we can have life everlasting. We try our best to "glorify God by our life."

How would you answer that question,

Ideas for Recruiting New Members

Vince Piro Grand 2nd Vice President Membership Chairperson

CF branches are constantly looking for ways to recruit new members. Branches can do many things in order to attract new members. The ClubRunner website (http://site.clubrunner.ca/Page/100-waysto-recruit-new-members) offers 100 tips for recruiting new members. Here are some of my favorite ideas, but I encourage you to visit the site for more ideas.

Bring a guest to meetings 1.

Letters or personal contact with local businesses

3. Place customized bookmarks in library

books

Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals 4. etc.

5. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, [or the parish office and church vestibule], etc.

Give the membership chair one minute 6. at every meeting

- Put together guest information packets 7.
- Invite family members to join 8.

9 Send letters to people in the news [or parish] with an invitation to visit [a meeting or event]

10. Print branch business cards with branch meeting location and time

11. Distribute extra copies of [The

Bolletino] in waiting rooms, [parish offices and church vestibules], etc

- 12. Don't take age into consideration
- 13. Build a [branch] web site
- 14. Put posters in public areas

15. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize memberships

16. Have a reward program for those who bring in new members

17. Invite the media to cover well known speakers at meetings

18. Use word of mouth

19. Have members give talks at other organizations

20. Hold joint [events] with other groups

Results for Prizes as of February 10, 2017

Top Selling Branches in each of 3 categories receive Five (5) 2017 Calendars

Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive One (1) 2017 Calendar

Top Selling Individual receives five (5) 2017 Calendars

1	Category 1:1-	<u>– 99 Members</u>		<u>Individuals:</u>	
	1 st Place:	Branch 33, Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars	1 st Place:	Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced Sold 87 calendars
-	2 nd Place:	Branch 163, San Mateo	Sold 43 calendars Sold 40 calendars	- 1 - 1	
	3 rd Place:	Branch 91, Oakland		2 nd Place:	B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield Sold 80 calendars
	<u>Category 2: 100 – 199 Members</u>			3 rd Place:	Michael Cerri – Br. 33 – Bakersfield Sold 45 calendars
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	2 nd Place:	Branch 14, Crockett	Sold 41 calendars		
	3 rd Place:	Branch 391, San Jose	Sold 35 calendars		

Individuals placing 2nd and 3rd receive one (1) 2017 Calendar

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS Italian Catholic Federation Trivia #1 --**Little Known Facts**

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

Many people seem to be into trivia games, so we thought it would be a good time to do some ICF trivia. There just is a wealth of information accumulated during the 92+ years of the ICF.

The first organizational meeting of the ICF was held in 1924 at the Immaculate Conception Church in the Bernal Heights District of San Francisco. There were twelve founding members.

Co-founder of the ICF, Luigi Providenza, started working when he immigrated to the United States as a solicitor for an Italian newspaper, L'Unione.

Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco gave his approval to the structure and statutes for the organization in October 1924.

The Central Council was incorporated on November 29, 1924.

Branch #1 in San Francisco was started on December 7, 1924 with 300 members, many of them children. It is still in existence today.

John Musso, owner of the QFI stores, was the first Grand President. He served for about six months.

The first issue of the Bollettino appeared in 1925. It was book-size and written in both Italian and English. The price was 50 cents a year.

Co-Founder of the ICF, Father Albert Bandini, authored the Bollettino for 25 years.

Father Bandini translated Dante's The Divine Comedy. It was published in 1928 and was well received. He also wrote a beautiful story of St. Junipero Serra in poetic form.

Both Luigi Providenza and Father Bandini served as Grand President a number of times.

There have been 37 Grand Presidents 4 of them women

In 1926, the membership of the Federation totaled 1,000 members.

In February 1931, a Finance Committee was formed to oversee the finances of the Federation.

At the 1935 Annual Convention, an assessment of a "per capita" by branches to the Central Council was approved.

During the 30's, 40's and 50's, the Federation employed a number of missionaries who helped open many branches. These priests would also conduct missions in Italian throughout the Federation. These events were always attended by large numbers of people. Both of us remember attending many of these.

Drill team competitions, grand balls, queen and princess contests, talent shows, parades, and other events were part of early ICF celebrations.

Irish Tenor John McCormack and actor Leo Carillo performed at the 1937 Los Angeles Convention.

To be continued. . . D. Botta/C. Kilcullen

St. Patrick was Italian

Denise Antonowicz Heritage Chairperson

The following is an excerpt from an article in L'Italo-Americano written by Tomie de Paola:

A "St. Patrick was Italian" remark, tossed into your March conversations, can ignite boring talk into boiling talk if you have some conversational fodder handy, to buttress your claim:

Patrick's parents were Romans. The Romans ruled England at the time. Calpurnius, Patrick's father, was a high Roman diplomat living in England, but a Roman citizen.

The upper classes, both the natives and those descended from the Roman settlers, as Patrick's family was, valued the Roman educational system and made sure their children were taught Latin and an appreciation of Roman law and literature.

Patrick was born in England around the year 385 A.D. Roman cities in England had shops and beautiful houses. Across the sea in Ireland (Eire), things were not so good. Tribal kings took thousands of prisoners, including Patrick, for slaves. Soon the rich little Roman kid was forced to herd pigs and sheep, just a poor little slave boy far from home.

Patrick was taken to Northern Ireland and sold to another tribal king. Meliucc and his family were kind to Patrick, and their children were good company. Still Patrick (Maewyn) was alone in a strange land, only 14 years old. He did not know the language; he didn't know if his family was still alive. At 21 years old, after six years as a slave, he ran away. Walking many miles to the sea, he found a ship that took him back to England

Patrick sailed across the channel and wandered through Europe, and then on to Rome, and found that by the year 410 A.D., the center of all Roman power had been

conquered as well. While in prayer, he felt certain God was calling him back to Ireland, to bring all those tribes together and make Ireland a Christian land. But first, Patrick went to France and studied religion there for ten years.

In the year 432 A.D., Pope Celestine made Patrick a Bishop and named him "Patricius". Now, Bishop Patricius sailed for Ireland. The Irish people were not interested in Christianity and tried to stone him to death.

The Bishop and his men fled and found shelter for the night in a barn near the shore. The barn belonged to a tribal king named Dichu. He thought the Bishop and his men were robbers and wanted to kill them. Patrick held out his hand and smiled, and a golden aura shone on his face. Dichu put down his weapon, his fierce dog stopped growling (according to legend), and Dichu became the first Christian in Ireland, and the barn, the first church.

Patrick travelled all over Ireland. He always had a drummer with him. When he arrived at a village, the drummer would drum, and the people would come from their houses to listen to him (as in drumming up business). Patrick showed them a shamrock, like a three-leafed clover. Patrick explained the idea of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Patrick preached all over Ireland, using a shamrock to explain the Trinity and converting thousands with his quiet, unassuming manner and gentle way of speaking. As a man of God, Patrick was known for his humility and disinterest in material wealth. He wouldn't accept gifts from admirers, and often retreated in quiet prayer. By the time he died in 461. Patrick had converted virtually all of Ireland to Christianity, and he is a reminder that God speaks to us through his servants. His feast is March 17.

Italian Earthquake Relief Fund Contributions

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The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.'s Italian Earthquake Relief Fund as of January 12, 2017. The campaign began with a starting donation of \$2,500.00 from the Central Council funds. Thank you for your support and generosity. A check for \$9,525.00 has been forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

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Individuals:	127
Vic and Pat Arnaudo	135
Carol Espinola	144
Santeen Jenkins	161
Joseph and Elena Malta	163
Salvatore Occhipinti	191
Frances Paesano	209
Louis and Esther Pierotti	214
Tony Rainaldi	217
Ines Terry	285
	332
District:	343
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Chicago	368
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2017 1st Year Scholarship Program

Materials on the 1st Year Scholarship Program were sent to high schools after Thanksgiving and have now been sent to the Districts and Branches in the January mailing.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is March 15, 2017. Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage vour children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:

A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA ($3\frac{1}{2}$ years) of at least <u>3.2</u> and meets all

of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established. or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation" - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Please visit or call your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the I.C.F. office tollfree at 1-888-423-1924.

Branches:

Donations to Cooley's Anemia Reaching \$2 million!

Laurice Levine MA, CCLS

Cooley's Anemia, also called thalassemia, has been the ICF's national charity since 1983 and recently donations reached \$2,010,754. Please give yourselves a humungous round of applause!

From 1983-1992 funds were given to Dr. Carol Hyman at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles. Upon Dr. Hyman's retirement, funds were directed to Dr. Elliott Vichinsky at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO), California. Funds given to CHO were used in the following ways:

Medical research.

The purchase and upkeep of advanced medical equipment.

The provision of medical care to patients who cannot afford it.

Community outreach and education.

Psychosocial programs and events for patients and families such as Christmas Parties

In 2016, funds were transferred to Dr. Thomas Coates who is at the helm of the leading thalassemia specialty center at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). With the help of Laurice Levine funds are put towards the following projects:

Training primary care physicians and general hematologists on standards of care for thalassemia. Adult patients require extensive care for their complex medical needs and currently these needs are unmet. We are developing adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists.

Developing a cutting-edge transition program. This program bridges pediatric and adult health care.

Community Outreach and education.

Psychosocial programs and events for patients. Currently planning a patientfamily conference scheduled for May 2017 and a Christmas party for December 2017.

Thank you to the Members of the ICF for their hard work, time, and continued support to thalassemia. We are deeply grateful to all of you for improving the quality of life for thousands of people with thalassemia.

For Questions or more information: Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

Independent Medical Consultant 360-860-2023

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Thank you to the following branches for their interest in Thalassemia and for hosting Laurice Levine for a branch visit:

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Convention By-law Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, O.L.J. Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and/or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2017. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from the Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified or changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be in italics and the deletions either in strike out text or

underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present the proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point the Bylaws Committee will "certify" the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention. The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote at the Annual Convention the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

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A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of I.C. F. jewelry sales made by the store.

*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

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Live to Give: **Everything You Need to Know**

Laurice Levine MA, CCLS **Committee Member**

Blood or "whole blood?" This is the most common type of donation, during which approximately a pint of 'whole blood' is given. The blood is separated into transfusable components - red cells, plasma, platelets and/or cryoprecipitated AHF. This type of blood donation usually takes about an hour, though the actual donation takes about 8-10 minutes.

Three patients can benefit from one whole blood donation.

Red Blood Cells are often used for patients who require surgery, have kidney disease, or have a hemoglobinopathy such as Thalassemia or Sickle Cell Disease.

Platelets are used to control bleeding in patients whose bone marrow produces too few platelets - patients such as those with leukemia or are undergoing bone marrow transplants.

Plasma and its derivatives are used for the treatment of hemophilia or shock or to treat disease such as hepatitis.

Future issues will highlight platelet and plasma donations.

You are eligible to donate whole blood every 56 days. Contact your local blood bank or 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Source: http://www.redcrossblood.org/ donating-blood/types-donations#whole_ blood

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by February 10, 2017

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year Emily Corral In memory of William E. Wilkinson

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MARTY CAMPBELL	Branch 103	CARMELA CAPRIATI	Branch 439
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KATHLEEN YUSS	Branch 169	JOYCE HETTIGER	Branch 445

BOOK REVIEW Vince Piro Grand 2nd Vice President Branch 20 Marcad

Italian and Italian-American Bookstores

Family Recipes By Deborah Rodondi Grand Treasurer

Books to Learn Italian

Recently, a foreign language professor at my college asked me if I speak Italian. Embarrassed, I looked down and meekly told her no. She said that was too bad because Italian was such a beautiful language, full of color and unique expressions. She ended up sending me some beginner book recommendations that you might find useful if you want to begin to learn Italian or brush up on it. Some of the titles are for travelers, others for families, others for children, and one is a classic on Italian gestures.

Most of these titles can be found at your local independent bookstore, Amazon, Barnes and Noble or one of my favorite online bookstores I AM Books at <u>http://www.iambooksboston.com/</u>.

<u>15-minute Italian (Eyewitness Travel</u> <u>15-Minute Language Packs)</u>

The perfect language pack for learning Italian fast – talk with confidence in just 12 weeks. "Parla italiano?" In just 15 minutes

a day you can speak and understand Italian with confidence with "15-Minute Italian", easy-to-follow, practical course teaching you all the essentials. The unique visual approach makes learning quick, easy and fun. No writing or homework - just use the specially designed "cover and test" flaps to hide the answers and test yourself as you learn. This updated edition includes the best-selling guide full of real-life examples designed to cover every holiday and business situation and two accompanying 60-minute CDs to help vou perfect your pronunciation. Whether starting from scratch or just in need of a refresher, there's no easier way to learn Italian than with "15-Minute Italian".

52 Weeks of Family Italian: Bite Sized Weekly Lessons Designed to Get You and Your Family Speaking Italian Today!

Start speaking Italian today! 52 Weeks of Family Italian contains small, weekly lessons that will get you and your family speaking and understanding Italian right away. No flashcards or grammar practice required! Here is the perfect book to help you finally learn to speak Italian and teach your children as you learn. All weekly activities are integrated into modern family life. Games and fun activities are included to help you on your language learning journey. Also inside 52 Weeks of Family Italian: Ideas! Pressed for time? The Ideas! section presents ways to integrate language learning into a busy day. Pronunciation Guide: An easy to follow pronunciation guide will help you as you learn to navigate foreign sounds. Cultural Notes: Each unit highlights a Italian cultural topic. Give your child one little fact a week to ignite their interest in worldwide cultures. Learning Resources: An entire section of the book is devoted to free or easily accessible resources to help make learning Italian more exciting for your child. Learn to speak Italian the fun, natural way...and bring your kids along for the ride!

<u>21st Century Italian-English English-</u> <u>Italian Dictionary</u>

The 21st Century Italian-English/ English-Italian Dictionary is an invaluable reference source for today's students, business people and travelers, providing essential information in an easy-touse format. The dual format of these dictionaries eliminates the need to use two dictionaries. Students can use The 21st Century Italian-English/English-Italian Dictionary to find the English translation of an unfamiliar Italian word--and to discover the correct way to express a certain English phrase in Italian. Because each entry is listed in both Italian and English, this dictionary is useful for every

situation, for business people checking the terms of a contract on an international deal, to foreign exchange students getting settled into an Italian dormitory, and to tourists trying to understand the items on a menu.

<u>Color & Learn Easy Italian Phrases for</u> <u>Kids (Dover Little Activity Books)</u>

These playful illustrations and their accompanying Italian words and phrases offer plenty of memorable fun for kids. More than 60 pages feature English translations of everyday Italian terms and pronunciations including the words for family members, favorite foods, numbers, and colors. Practical phrases include "Excuse me," "How much does it cost?" and many others.

Speak Italian: The Fine Art of Gesture

They say that a gesture is worth a thousand words, and when it comes to speaking with your hands, the Italians speak volumes. This quirky handbook of Italian gestures, first published in 1958 by renowned Milanese artist and graphic designer Bruno Munari, will help the phalangephobic decipher the unspoken language of gestures, a language not found in any dictionary. Charming black-and-white photos and wry captions evoke an Italy of days gone by. Speak Italian gives a little hand to anyone who has ever been at a loss for words.

with your hands, until well blended.

3) Add water and stir to form a sticky dough.

4) Divide dough into two balls, so it is easy to work with.

5) Knead each dough ball on a well floured surface, about 2 minutes, adding flour until the dough is no longer sticky.

6) With a rolling pin, roll dough to between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness.

7) Cut with K-9 biscuit cutter and place on lightly greased baking sheet (or parchment paper).

8) Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

9) Cool on a rack and store, at room temperature, in a container with a loose-fitting lid.

Thank you Laurice for sharing with your ICF friends. A belated Happy Birthday to Laurice and Matt's son Benjamin, who celebrated his first birthday in February.

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 <u>drodondi@</u> <u>comcast.net</u> 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!

from Laurice and with her permission I am sharing it with you.

This month I am going to share a recipe

for your four-legged best friend. Our dear

friend Laurice Levine sent me these treats for my buddy "Zeus". He loved them.

What is really cute is he will not eat it

right away but waits until bedtime, then he

will run grab it and dash to the bedroom

to eat this treat. So I had to get the recipe

Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Treats

 $2\ {\rm cups}$ whole wheat flour

- ¹/₂ cup quick cook oats
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbls. peanut butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup canned pumpkin
- 2-3 Tbls. milk
- 2 eggs

1 cup flax meal (Laurice adds this to the original recipe and says it is not only good for our dogs but makes the biscuits crispier)

1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2) Combine eggs, pumpkin, flour, peanut butter, oats, flax and salt in medium bowl. Add milk one Tbls. at a time until dough is workable but not sticky. Roll dough into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness. Cut out with cookie cutters.

3) Lay treats on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or sprayed with non stick cooking spray.

4) Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes. If cooked less the treats will be softer for those dogs that don't like hard treats.

5) Allow to cool completely and store in airtight container for up to a month. They have stored nicely for me for 4 months (away from heat and light).

Laurice added a note that the pumpkin she used was grown in her and Matt's garden. Another favorite treat of Laurice, Matt and Benjamin's 4 legged friend "Jozz" is:

Bowser's Ranch-Style Beef Bones

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup quick cooking rolled oats

1 cup water

1) In a blender or food processor, combine beef and beaten eggs until well blended. Set aside.

2) In a large mixing bowl, combine flour and rolled oats. Gradually mix in beef mixture

ICF Mourns Passing of Fr. Efrem Trettel

Margaret De Rango

Fr. Efrem Trettel, OFM, a Franciscan Friar, died Friday January 20th at Mercy Care Center in Oakland. He was 96 years old. Fr. Efrem was born in Predazzo, Italy. Our beloved Fr. Efrem came to San Francisco as a young Franciscan missionary working in China and being forced out, in the nineteen fifties. He was attached to Immaculate Conception parish and soon became Chaplain of branch 1. (He married us there in 1958). later also branch 19, I think.

Fr. Worked tirelessly for the ICF members and Central Council writing in the Bollettino often to encourage and inspire us.

For many years he produced and filmed the Mass each week in Italian and english for the sick and homebound. There were many deadlines and we assisted him often on Fridays for the recording as did many other members for his Italian mass.

Father's artistic talents are almost too numerous to count. He wrote Music and about his life in China and the life of St. Francis and many other books of prose and poetry. He loved to paint and take photographs. He enjoyed playing the piano, violin and accordion and always entertained us at every luncheon. Many members supported him financially to keep his programs on the air and we were all richly rewarded.

Personally, he was our friend and confident over sixty years, as we had no family to rely on raising five sons and daughter and helped me in many circumstances.

He will be in my memory always.





Eureka!

Italian Catholic Federation 2017 Convention Hotel and Travel Highlights

"Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage" September 1 - 4, 2017

Hosted by The Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts

DoubleTree by Hilton – Sacramento

2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California 95815 Direct phone: (916) 929-8855 **Hotel Accommodations**

- · Book online @ www.doubletreesacramento.com • Call: (800) 686-3775
- Group Code: ICF •Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
- Room Rate: \$115 plus 15% tax (tax rate subject to change)
- •Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 15

Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights. Reservations are available until sold out or until August 14, whichever occurs first. After August 14, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Reservations can be made for Wednesday, August 30 – Tuesday, September 5. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- Complimentary self-parking
- Sacramento International Airport– 12 miles
- •Amtrak 5 miles ICF Code: X26E-966 For travel between 08/29 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) $872\mathchar`-7245$

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure we have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention.

For assistance, contact the ICF Office at (888) 423-1924. Please refer to the Bollettino, ICF website and Facebook page for additional convention details.



La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Submitted by Roselynne Jarrett

St. Joseph's Day Altar

3D Color and Cut Virtual St. Joseph Altar Instructions

To construct Altar:

- •vou will need 3 small boxes or box lids in **3 different sizes**
- decorating your boxes: paint, color, wrap in colored paper, or drape with fabric & be creative!
- stack your boxes to create the three levels of the Altar as shown here
- tape or glue in place

Altar items:

- color items and cut out
- fold base tabs under altar items and glue in place on the Altar
- items without tabs are simply glued flat to the altar

Printing Altar items on card stock is recommended and will result in a sturdier Altar





St. Joseph's Table cutouts are on the ICF website

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1/1 Trisha Nelson	31	Los Banos	\$100
1/2 Celeste Radanovich	191	Los Gatos	\$30
1/3 Fr. Paolo Gobbo	191	San Jose	\$30
1/4 Matt & Dana Schulte	5	West Sacramento	\$30
1/5 Barbara Tongate	281	Bakersfield	\$30
1/6 Kay Ghio	21	Santa Cruz	\$50
1/7 Lisa Stockman		Auburn	\$30
1/8 Peggy Hagerthy	72	Martinez	\$30
1/9 Anita Martin	198	Livermore	\$30
1/10Lynn Cook	191	San Jose	\$30
1/11Leo Gilardi	31	Los Banos	\$30
1/12Fr. Al Mengon	154	San Francisco	\$30
1/13Josi Fragnito-Lira	39	Merced	\$30
1/14Sandy Mihal	281	Nipomo	\$30
1/15Paul H. Behrens	210	Hemet	\$30
1/16Mike Geraci	379	Huntington Beach	\$40
1/17Mickey Eagleton	342	Citrus Heights	\$30
1/18Barnie Veneziano	442	Erie, PA	\$30
1/19Fr. Jerry Amerando	32	Fresno	\$30
1/20Peggy Barbato	32	Fresno	\$30
1/21Nick & Lil Villarreal	362	Lynwood	\$30
1/22Rose Moisant	258	San Francisco	\$30
1/23Fran Noday	444	Rolling Hills Estates	\$30
1/24Mary Jo Collom	28	Gilroy	\$30
1/25Katherine Goddi	395	Stockton	\$30
1/26Norm Manotbo	39	Merced	\$30
1/27Donna Pfaff	445	San Jose	\$50
1/28Betty Smith	442	Walnut Creek	\$30
1/29Winifred Ghiglione	10	Alameda	\$30
1/30Nancy Donato	115	San Pedro	\$30
1/31Porter Post	31	Petaluma	\$30

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The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2018 "Daily Raffle" theme:

"Our Stories, Our Recipes"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

- Share a special story or anecdote about your family heritage and history.
- Share a family recipe that holds a fond memory you think others might enjoy.
- Sell! Sell! Sell! The "Daily Raffle" is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your branch!

List special family occasions such as family birthdays, anniversaries, graduations...branch and district events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

\$10 – one name/event; \$15 – 2 names/events; \$20 – 4 names/events

(Additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above)

Example: **\$30 – 5 names/events** @ \$20 +\$10 or **\$40 – 8 names/events** @ \$20 + \$20 Deadline for names and payment is: May 1,

2017

Mail information and checks

payable to: Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

The Committee thanks you for your continued support! Chairperson: Lisa Crudo Members: Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Leonard Rossi,

Denise Antonowicz, Patricia Mages, and Nina Malone

For further questions, call the I.C.F. office at (510) 633-9058 or Lisa Crudo (510) 861-9835

IRS And State of California Franchise Tax Board

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches. It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID

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Branches or Districts with <u>Gross Receipts</u> of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

Branches or Districts with <u>Gross Receipts</u> of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2016 is the following:

Branches or Districts in California with <u>Gross Receipts</u> of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

Branches or Districts in California with <u>Gross Receipts</u> of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2017. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2016. Remember that the <u>Gross Receipts</u> are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

LOOK FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON BOTH OF THESE EVENTS!!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

A NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS

WINE TASTING

MID JUNE OR JULY



Join us in the Gold Country! 2017 CONVENTION September 1 - 4 DoubleTree by Hilton - Sacramento Theme:

"Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage"



Chicago Calumet City St. Victor, Br. 195

We have been busy collecting dues and planning Branch activities. By the time this report appears in the Bollettino, we will have sent our dues to Oakland. We also will have attended the play, "Nunense A-Men" at the Towle Theater in Hammond, IN. All of us had a most enjoyable time when we went there last year, so we have been looking forward to going again. Members, encouraged to bring friends, have been expecting a rollicking comedy featuring the all-male cast. The Branch will have pizza – at no cost to members – at our April meeting. A baseball game at the Railcats' Field in Gary, IN, is on the agenda for the summer. The group voted to start monthly meetings a half hour earlier at 7:00 p.m. instead of the customary 7:30 p.m. Suggestions were made for fundraising but more ideas are needed. Pravers were said for those who could not attend meetings and events. We look forward to seeing them again, hopefully hale, energetic and ready to be active participants.

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Here in Chicago we have been enjoying a fairly mild winter with little snow or sunshine but some very cold weather. Please join us in prayer for our ICF members, their families and neighbors on the West coast who have endured a horrendous and damaging winter. After our long Christmas break, we are back and raring to go. We returned in February for our first ICF meeting of 2017. We welcomed the new year with our new president, Judith Schweichert, and we send a fond farewell and and many thanks to our outgoing president, Dr. James Izzo March brings us two great celebrations with St. Patrick's Day and our beloved St. Joseph's Day. We at Branch 358 are busy planning and preparing our St. Joseph's Day Table for all members of our St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, families and friends. The main courses are being created and catered by our own ICF member, Linda Calabrese of A-Theme Catering. Our fabulous dessert table will be laden with homemade goodies baked and donated by our own ICF members, families and friends of the parish. We thank all who volunteer, contribute, and who work so hard to make this beautiful celebration in honor of St. Joseph another great success. We ask you to join us with your prayers for our sick, ailing and deceased families and friends. May our Heavenly Father bless all of you for your good works and friendship. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Ciao,

Barbara B. Capozzoli

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Our branch mourns the passing of Pietro DiNatale, a proud, loyal and devoted member, who loved the I.C.F. and our branch. Our condolences to his wife, Laverne and his entire family. He will be truly missed.

The date for the dedication of our new church of St. Peter the Apostle, will take



Member Rick Farinelli shares information about ICF during Madera's Interfaith/ Intercultural Festival on January 26.

place on Sunday, June 25th. Our branch is proud to be involved in the festivities, so please Save this Date. More information to follow shortly.

Welcome to new members: Salvina (Sylvia) Partipilo and Mario Giannetta. We are pleased to have you as members and hope you will enjoy being members of our branch.

Please save the date also for the Bishop Day Dinner Dance on April 30th, 2017, at the Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. Flyers will be mailed out shortly, and we are looking forward to have a record turnout for this event.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day to all from our branch officers and members.

Ciao, Rita

Fresno Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The meal for the January 10th dinner meeting was pulled-pork sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad, and dessert. It was just the thing to warm the tummy on the cold and rainy night. Thanks to the January committee, chairmen: Jim and Kerin Cavallero and the committee: Marilyn Rowe, Mary Contreras, Kenny Rosales, and Art Berryman. On January 26th member Rick Farinelli and President Jim Cavallero manned a booth at Madera's Interfaith/Intercultural Festival. They talked to many people and had ICF information and applications available. Thanks to Elsie Bottorff for making dozens of homemade Biscotti. I'm sure that was the real reason people were stopping by the booth! Members are getting ready for the orange sale later in February. Officers are preparing to travel to Bakersfield for the

Installation on February 26th. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Los Banos Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Our branch continues to grow and prosper under the guidance of our devoted officers. The Christmas party was held at the home of Rick and Terri Post and was filled with good fellowship and a delicious dinner. We raffled gift items off and raised funds for our local Angel Tree Program in Los Banos.

We were saddened by the death of Irene



Branch 39 in February: We Love Our Members!

Paradiso Miano, past president of our branch and devoted to the ICF for many years. Irene was endeared to all who met her. May she rest in peace.

Our sympathy to Christine Brandi on the death of her mother and brother. Kathy Gargano on the death of her mother, also past member Rosemary Pricolo passed away this month. Our prayers are with them and with all our deceased members.

Prayers for Scot Post, who is recuperating from a stroke, he is the son of member MaryAnn Post.

Polenta dinner committees were set up at our January meeting. The date for this fundraiser is set for February 25. All members will participate.

Breakfast at Country Waffles on January 29th was well attended and reports from committees were given.

We thank God for the much needed rain and ask him to save some for next year.

Ciao,

Germaine Orlando

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

We celebrated our 86th anniversary at the February meeting of Branch 32. Longtime member Richard Romagnoli served a wonderful dinner consisting of antipasto, green salad, Ravioli, Sausage, string beans, and nectarine cobbler for desert. Thank You, Richard, for a job well done.

On Feb.4 and 5th the members had a membership drive and Father Jesus allowed us to hold hospitality, too. We visited with many interested in joining. One person sign up and paid her dues. These prospective members will be invited to our meeting on the 28th. Thank you, members, who helped with our membership drive.

On Feb. 14, a group of members visited the Veteran's Hospital and distributed Valentine cards made by members at the January meeting. Thank You to all that participated.

Get well wishes go out to Eleanor Andreotti, Dan Husak, and Yvonne Saldubehere. Our prayers have been answered for Dorie Sabbatini. She is back after surgery, even helping at the Membership Drive.

Condolences go out to Cle Estra Lett and her family in the passing of her husband. *Ciao*.

Patricia Vivenzi

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39 Practically a standing-room-only crowd at our February meeting, as many of our long-time members were honored as our guests for dinner, presented a certificate, recognized in front of the attending members and posed for a photo for the Bollettino. For the second year with a "We Love Our Members" theme, we showcased those who have been members for 20 plus years (54 of them). Last year we gave out certificates for those members who were upwards of 40-60+ year members (52), like Katherine Cesario, who now has been a member for 76 years!

The evening rocked, beginning with a 5 PM social hour, a beautiful prayer from Sr. Rachel, and an exquisite dinner of Nettie Descalso's homemade meatballs, Maryellen and Loretta's pasta sauce over polenta, salad, wine and dessert. We presented our 2017 budget and calendar. Lillian Dal Porto updated us on the March 16 Italian Museum Exhibit; Stephanie Lucich announced that Lillian is the 2016 recipient of the museum's prestigious Letus Wallace award; Jo Giampaoli spoke on the Opening Reception; and Sandy Del Real gave the details for the Sunday, March 19 Luncheon. Josie Fragnito did not win the Ducky Draw, and the bounty is over \$400!

The Fresno District Installation of new branch officers will be Sunday, February 26, 10:00 am, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Fresno, with lunch to follow. For reservations phone Robyn Piro at 209-658-3715.

Monday, February 27, is our Black Oak Casino trip. Buses leave promptly at 10:00 am, return at 5:00 pm. \$30.00 per person. Get back \$10 to play, \$5 table play, 10% off dining, free raffle and bingo on the bus with goodie bag, snack and water. For reservations phone Nettie at 383-4819.

Wednesday, March 8, is our next dinner meeting at the Italo-American Lodge beginning with a prayer service at 5:30 pm, followed with a corned beef and cabbage dinner at 6:00 pm.

Remember our shut in and sick members with cards, visits and prayers: Maria Giampaoli, Adrienne Lopes, Edie Nahas, Rose Mussotto, Del and Maureen Kolda, and pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Borelli, our branch deputy from Gustine. Buon giorno di San Patrizio.

Cari Salute, Stephanie Lucich

Sanger

Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

Greetings from Branch 70!

Our members had a wonderful time at our last Christmas party at the home of Ralph



Branch 250, Clovis, CA thanked its Past President, Jessie Budd, with a plaque for her three years of service.

and Rosemary Wymenga. Ralph dressed in a red suit and played the role of Santa with gusto and we all got a lot of laughs. We all had a great time and thank Ralph and Rosemary for their wonderful hospitality.

On January 31 we celebrated an early Valentines Day with a nice polenta dinner. It was a great success. President Kay went over our next fund raiser which will be on February 11 and consist of a Spaghetti Dinner-to-go.

Branch 70 always participates in St. Mary's St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser with a Spaghetti and BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser, which is a huge affair and always well attended by the community.

We wish Elaine Lincioni and Sue Merlo a happy birthday!

Congratulations to the Casella and Magnone families on the birth of our great- grandchildren Hayden Marie Henry and Ty Austin Pendergrass.

That's all for now!

God Bless

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

We hope and pray that everyone has been able to stay dry in the midst of the recurrent storms. The San Joaquin Valley has been getting saturated by the welcome rain.

Happy March Birthdays to Mark Budd (3/3), Kathy Christensen (3/15), Anita Dupras (3/26), Alice Reyes (3/13), and Nicole Lang (3/14).

Our just completed pasta & meatball takeout dinner was very successful. Thanks to our hard-working members!

Jennie Campopiano's mom, Barbara Eaton, celebrated her 90th birthday January 2. Some 55 guests attended to help celebrate at Jennie and Barbara's new home in Fresno.

We hear that Doug Duke is recovering well from his recent lung cancer surgery. Please pray for his continuing recovery and his return soon

In March, our Branch will be deciding on their annual donations to non-profit groups. Last year we were able to donate to 17 groups, thanks to all of our dedicated members! Our Branch is truly blessed to have a great group of people willing to roll up their sleeves to make life better for others.

At our January meeting Jessie Budd was recognized for her tenure as Branch President, in which she performed her duties in an exemplary fashion. Jeanette



2017 LAADC Board Members installed at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada on February 12th.

Shriver was elected to fill the position, which she had held previously for nine years.

"Those who know that enough is enough will always have enough. May we learn to be grateful for whatever we have so that it will be enough". (Lao Tzu)

Louie Bellapasta

Ciao!!

Bakersfield Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

The beginning of March brought us the beginning of the Lenten season; this is the perfect time for members to reflect on both bettering ourselves for God and bettering our branch for our community. We will begin making sacrifices in honor of Jesus, seeking to prepare and improve our souls for His arrival. Perhaps we can also improve our branch. Could you bring a friend or two to the next meeting? What other ideas or efforts can you contribute to our branch to enhance the ICF's mission and services?

The end of February was an especially busy and exciting time for our branch! February 25th was our annual Nite at the Races event-held in conjunction with Bakersfield Branch 33 in their church's beautiful youth center. As always, this occasion was a huge hit! The racing was good, the food was great, and the company was top notch. Thanks to all who came, and we look forward to hosting this event with Branch 33 next year!

The next day, February 26th, was the Annual Parish Mardi Gras event, and once again the ICF ran the games of chance booths. Thanks so much to George Carson for organizing and leading this event, as well as to all our volunteers-it's always fun to run the games (almost as fun as it is to play)! And of course, Deborah Leary is deserving of our gratitude for chairing the wonderful event and representing our branch within the parish community.

The Fresno District Installation was also held on February 26 in Fresno at Holy Spirit Church-it was a wonderful event hosted by Branch 417. A special thanks to our branch members who attended and showed their enthusiasm and devotion to our organization.

Our March meeting, on the 9th, will be the 44th Anniversary of Branch 281 serving Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A special dinner will be served at this distinctive meeting.

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Watts



Los Angeles **Archdiocese District District Council**

The annual Los Angeles Archdiocese District Installation of Officers was held on February 12, at St. Bede the Venerable, in La Canada Flintridge. The day began with 11 am Mass celebrated by District Chaplain and Pastor of St. Bede, Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti. Following the Mass and Installation of Branch and District Officers, we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon with Monsignor's special pasta sauce and pasta. Thanks to all the branches who attended the event. Congratulations to all the officers for accepting these positions. Your leadership and dedication is important to the success of the Federation. Also, a very special thank you to Grand President Leonard and BG Zasoski, and Grand 2nd Vice President Vince and Robyn Piro, for making the trip down to our event.

Saturday, February 25, we held our quarterly District General Meeting at the San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. It was refreshing and fun to have the meeting at the Winery. The Winery is in the area of what used to be Little Italy. Thank you, Carmelo Sabatella for making the arrangements.

The month of March will be a time of preparation for the glory of Easter. While we are observing the Lenten Season, many of our branches will take time to celebrate St. Joseph and the traditional St. Joseph Table. This year we have much to celebrate and to thank St. Joseph for the abundant rains.

Pat Mages

District President

Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67



Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter's Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St. Peter Parishioners for Brunch at Casa Italiana on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call 626 372-7812 to RSVP.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella AIA President Branch 67

Italian Catholic Federation

T. 626 372-7812

E. cas1810@aol.com

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Congratulations to the 2017 Board installed at St Bede's the Venerable Church in La Canada on February 12th.

Congratulations also to Branch staff who helped make the January Continental Breakfast in Holy Family Church Hall a successful event.

SAVE THE DATE

March 5, 2017 - Branch 108 General Meeting at San Antonio Winery in the Fermentation Room.

April 10, 2017 - Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ in Monrovia from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All Branches welcome.

May 6, 2017 - Annual Branch Wine Tasting Event in Holy Family Church Parish Hall from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. More

March 2017

San Pedro St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Thank you to all who attended our potluck meeting on Feb 16th. Our branch is so fortunate to have so many great cooks! Thank you Carmela Gioiello for organizing this event.

On March 4th we celebrated the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross with our annual Fish Dinner. Thanks to the many volunteers we all enjoyed a delicious BBQ swordfish dinner. The evening was spent dancing, singing and many guest walked away as raffle winners. Special thanks to our kitchen crew and serving crew. It takes a lot of hard work to create a fruitful dinner and our branch is so grateful to all that were able to help.

There has been a change regarding the poor man's Lenten meal. Please read Church bulletin for upcoming changes.

Our next branch meeting will be on March 16^{th} at 7:30pm. If dues have not been paid please bring check to meeting and or mail check to Pauline. We will be discussing our Laughlin trip which will be on April 16^{th} to 18^{th} . The 2 night stay at Aquarius hotel will run \$140.00 per double occupancy \$185.00 for single. Please call Pauline for reservations 310 832-0563.

We will also be discussing Mass for Madonna Del Arco which will be held on April 22 at 5:15pm. Neal will carry the banner. Members are asked to join the procession and bring flowers to present to the Blessed Mother.

Scholarship applications are available and can be downloaded from the ICF.org website. Applications can also be obtained from High School counselors.

Our next turnaround trip will be to Harrah's casino on March 23rd. \$20.00 per member \$23.00 for non members Bus leaves from Boys and Girls Club at 8:45am Please call Pauline for information and reservations 310 832-0563

SAVE THE DATE Emerald Princess 12 day Alaskan Cruise April 27, 2018

Branch member Maria Letizia Chapiro informed our branch of a 12 day cruise





Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Branch 108!



Thank you to the Branch 108 volunteers who helped to make the January Continental Breakfast in Holy Family Church Hall a successful event.

information to come. Don't miss this one!

July 23, 2017 - Branch 108 and District Cooley's Anemia Fundraiser in South Pasadena from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

All Branches welcome.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former ICF Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

LAADC and ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our March General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Tony De Lorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, and Tanina Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

This year we will be commemorating our 20th annual Feast of St. Joseph at St. Benedict Church Parish Hall located at 1022 W. Cleveland Avenue, in the City of Montebello, on Saturday, March 18th, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a Free pasta meal on both days to everyone attending the special event ! The Feast will start on Saturday, March 18th at 12:00 PM, with the Holy Family, depicted by the Montebello youth and wearing garments common to those biblical times, seeking asylum and upon entering the Parish Hall they will take their place at the shrine and table, at which time the shrine, table and its contents will be blessed by St. Benedict's Pastor, Rev. Francisco Sandoval, O.A.R. Open house will follow the noon ceremony and everyone attending will receive a free plate of pasta, with a salad and rolls. Traditional Italian foods, Italian sausage sandwiches, cannoli, and other desserts will also be available for purchase. Also



Branch 115 participated in the Officer's Installation Los Angeles Archdiocese District at St. Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada Flintridge. Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoto celebrated the mass. A delicious luncheon was served.







Members of Branch 111 at its January meeting.



Celebrating January birthdays at Br. 111.

available for purchase at great prices will be homemade breads, cookies, bottles of wine, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, fresh flowers, and various blooming 1-gallon and 5-gallon nursery plants.

We need everyone's support to make this a successful event. The monies we will raise at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict School graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians, scholarships to graduating high school students, Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities. Thank you for all you do for the ICF. May St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote on life: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away".

God Bless!

Frank Salomone



The newly installed officers of Branch 362. Front Row: Laura Boehme, Adele Schilling, Christine Ragusa, Ireve Vallini, Steve Drobeck. Second Row: Chuck Gugliuzza, President Perry Shurko

leaving from San Pedro. This is a fundraiser for our branch. If interested in learning more please call Maria at 310 832 0140

Please pray for all ICF members who need God's healing blessings.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer

Downey

St. Raymond, Br. 362

St. Raymond is excited, our next great event is on March 19th, St Joseph's Day. We will be having a mass at 9 a.m. With a procession to follow into the hall for the table blessing. Chef Perry our branch president will be cooking up pasta, meatballs and garlic bread. Our bakers, Christine, Cookie, Florence and Jerry will be setting the table with all the goodies. Come join us for friendship and fellowship and cannoli too, from 8 a.m.till 3 p.m. Later in March on the 31st in conjunction with our Religious Ed School we will be having a kids friendly bingo. Door prizes instead of cash will be rewarded. Tickets include a great fried chicken dinner.

San Gabriel Valley Region Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

It's that time of year again – our St Joseph's Table! Setup will be on Friday, March 17, and early Saturday the 18th. The Table will be on display from the afternoon of the 18th with pasta being served that evening and all day Sunday until 3:00. Matt and Audrey Luchetta and Frank and Karen Berardi are co-chairing. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and it takes a lot of help and coordination to make it the successful event that it has always been. We will need baked goods and are asking for more entrees this year. (Please, no meat or mayonnaise). If possible, bring wrapped and labeled, but do not price. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting if you wish to help.

Our 50th anniversary of the branch will be celebrated on April 22. Matt Luchetta will be chairing and this promises to be an elegant affair. There will be more later.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting, March 12.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar St. Denis, Br. 317

March 1: Ash Wednesday

March 10: Soup/Dinner Meeting

March 19: Quarterly Mass Fundraiser-Holy Cannolis Presale Begins

Thank you to Pamela and Julia for their outstanding achievement with the Applebees Breakfast on Feb. 11th Also Patti Lasko for her dedication and wonderful generosity of time and efforts . We are very fortunate to have all three of them on our I.C.F. team here at St. Denis. We will need everyones help for the Holy Cannoli Presales, Distribution and Preparation. So rest up and be Ready. Thank you all for your love of I.C.f. and dedication.

Until next time God Bless.

Happy St. Patrick's Day Roxanne Perry, President

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Congradulations to all the newly Installed members of the LAAD. The installation at St. Bede, Br. 374 on Feb 12, 2017 was perfect. Mass with Fr. Antonio in their beautiful church followed by a great Italian meal. Thanks to Br. 374.

March, the month of two famous saints, St Patrick on March 17 and St. Joseph on March 19. On Sunday March 19, we will have our annual St Joseph table. Again this year start of the day with fresh made sfinges and coffee, followed by homemade pizzelles. After these delights make a purchase from all the international food on St Joseph Table. Also we will have some lovely baskets to raffle off. Last don't forget to take home freshly made cannolis for dessert after Sunday dinner. We don't want to forget St Patrick, if our Irish/Italian dancer Bridget Murphy is up to it, we will be honored by some Irish dancing.

Future events include more "fun"-raisers at local restaurnts, Church Fiesta in May, sausage sandwich fundraiser and membership picnic.

Let's all pray for a healthy year for all.

Andrea Linn

Corr. Sec. Br. 319

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all of our members!

A big thank you to Ann Baziak for organizing the successful Bunco Party in February. Also, thank you to all of our bakers for providing the delicious desserts.

Our next General Meeting will be held on March 25, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. Please note changes in our meeting location: Room 404. The next meeting will be held on April 29th in the room next to the church (the old school library).

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Mary Lou Lemoine, Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Pat Buccola, Herminia Saez, and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy March Birthday: Salma Bishara and John Perfetto.

Happy Anniversary to: Frances and Frank Scorsone (46 years).

"I choose to walk friendship's path with those who know me best, for we share life's precious moments, and everyone is blessed. We celebrate the happy days and dry each other's tears, as the road keeps winding upward throughout the passing years. Every life is a stepping stone for those who come behind, for when we need that special hug, it's never hard to find. (Clay Harrison) *God Bless.*

Jo Anne Disney



Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Dolly Parton once said: "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." I'd say that by now we've earned a sky filled with rainbows! But despite the wet and the wind, our Branch 21 members just keep turning up.

We started off this year with a successful Calamari Feed in January that brought lots of folks out, and our General Meetings have also been well attended. Future events include two Soup Suppers: the first on Thursday evening, March 9th, and the second on Wednesday evening, April 5th. Stop in at Holy Cross Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 to enjoy two different soups, salad, and garlic bread for \$8.00.

Branch 380 in Thousand Oaks invites you to join us for our **31st Annual St. Joseph's Day!**

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On March 19th there will be St. Joseph's Day Pancake Breakfast, and on April 28th the Spring Fling Dinner Dance. You will be getting flyers or e-mails with more information on these fun events. Also, information on the Annual No Bake Sale will come to you in the mail. This is always an easy way to make a donation without having to bake or eat a single calorie.

Finally, we would like to remind parents and grandparents that this is the time of year to have your student(s) apply for a \$400.00 ICF College Scholarship. Applications can be accessed by going on line to ICF.org; any questions should go to Branch 21's Roseann Costabile. Also, there is an article about the program in February's Bolletino. The cut-off date for accepting applications is March 15th, 2017.

In closing, we hope to see you at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, March 7th. Times have been changed with the social hour starting at 4:30; the meeting itself starting at 5:30; and then dinner starting at 6:30. So far, this has worked out really well. So come to Holy Cross Hall on Tuesday evenings and bring your bib!

Patty Morelli

Secretary-Branch 21

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Calendar - Lenten dinners have began, please bring dessert each Friday for six (6) weeks. Dates: March 3-10-17-24-31-April 7.

March 19 - St. Joseph's Dinner-Dance - held at the Elks Club. Mass will be at San Carlos Cathedral at 2:00 P.M. followed by a Dinner-Dance at the Elks Lodge with the Anthony Lane Band. Adults: \$35.00, Children 6-10 \$12.00.

Prepaid tickets only by March 12, NO tickets will be sold after March 12, make checks payable to St. JosephS Society.

For information call Mary Manuguerra, (831)375-2009 or Beatrice Bonanno, (831)649-3216.

Deepest sympathy to Helen Miller on the death of her husband Deacon Harold Miller.

Deacon Miller was at San Carlos Cathedral many years before he retired, he was a wonderful man who lived his faith, he and Helen were members of Br. 36, along with their daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Phillip Giammanco. Sympathy also goes out to Mary Ann Riso on the death of her grandson, Anthony, and to Annie Ferrante on the death of her brother, Thomas Ciaramitaro. God bless each one of them



Most of the Officers from Br. 291 recently attended the Central Coast District Officer Installation in Capitola, CA. Pictured L-R: President Pete Gallagher, Financial Secretary Abby Gallagher, Trustee Joanna Van Blaricom, Treasurer Joe Franco, Trustee Rose Haupt and Secretary Keely Sanchez. Not pictured, but also in attendance, were 1st and 2nd VP's Jerry & Sandy Quintiliani.

and may they rest in peace.

March 16 - Have a blessed Easter

March 17 - Happy St Patrick's Day.

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?" Jay Leno

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I would like to thank God for the much needed rain and hopefully this will end the drought.

Thank you to our members who were able to attend the Officer's installation in Capitola, Cindy Stefani, Marie Tonus, Linda Grier, Nancy Ausonio and Amber Souza who was our stand in proxy (and me). It was a beautiful ceremony, thank you Capitola Branch #227.

On February 6th our branch had a general meeting to discuss upcoming events. March 21st is the date for our Potluck and General Meeting, a flyer will be mailed with more information. The tentative date for our



annual fundraiser is April 23rd. More information will be given at the March potluck. President Paul would like to have a second fundraiser later this year, input from members is needed. Please try to attend the potluck so we can plan some fun events.

To one of our long distance members, Thelma Sbarra who lives in Iowa, we miss you and hope all is well with you. (Thelma, we did finally get rain).

Please keep in your prayers Wilma Cursi, Alice Soliven, Delores Tottino and Pat Stefani's son Ron and all who need God's healing blessings.

On a special note one of our longest members, Eva Barcellos who passed away, is celebrating her 101 birthday with God. Knowing Eva that must have been one lively party. (I think that was the night we had the thunder and lightning—she had the angels rocking and rolling. She always enjoyed partying).

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Fish Fry dinners begin March 3 and they will continue each Friday through Lent. Cost of dinner is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10; children under 5 eat free. Family price is \$30. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and takeouts are available at 4:30 p.m. Come and join us for good food and a good time.

Our membership drive kicked off with a special mass on Saturday, February 18, by our pastor, Father Wayne Dawson. Mass was followed by a welcoming reception in the hall with appetizers and wine.

While on the subject of membership, 2017 dues are payable. See Treasurer Jim Smith.

Thanks also to Jane and Rick Kotila Linda Calciano, Monica Crowley, and Ellen Pauly for their work on the funeral reception for our former member, Frank Millang, Jr.

Condolences go to member Luisa Oderman, whose husband, Don, passed away.

Another unsung hero in our branch is

Sharleen Hedgpeth. Sharleen is always there to help, whether it is cooking for meetings or working in the kitchen at Fish Frys. Up until recently, she headed the Funeral Committee, coordinating receptions for families and friends of members who passed away. Many thanks to you, Sharleen.

In these seemingly endless February rainstorms, I'd like to pass on a recent letter to the editor in our local paper that read: "To all of those who prayed for rain: You can stop now."

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our January General Meeting was canceled due to a strong storm that hit our area on Sunday, Jan. 22nd. With very strong winds, lots of rain, downed trees, power outages and very wet roads, we felt it was unsafe for our members to travel to the meeting.

Most of our Branch Officers attended the Central Coast District Installation in Capitola on January 14th. They enjoyed the installation festivities, a delicious lasagna luncheon and visiting with other Branch, District and Central Council Officers. The weather was "dry" that weekend, which made for safe driving conditions!

Our Lenten Fish Frys are quickly approaching, and we encourage members to sign up to help at one or all of the fish frys. The fish frys are held on March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7 from 4pm-7pm in our parish hall. Prices range from \$7 for a one piece fish dinner up to \$13 for a 4 piece dinner. Dinners include large pieces of fish, fries and our homemade cole slaw. We also take cash donations at our dessert table, where you'll find a large selection of delicious homemade cakes, and we have beverages available for purchase that include beer, wine, soda and bottled water. Please try to attend if you're in our "neck of the woods" this spring!

Branch 291 is sad to report that we recently lost two very dear ladies who were members of our Branch—Pat Osuch and Annette Grimaud. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families during their time of grieving.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Keely Sanchez Recording Secretary



District Council

Well we made it through installation and are now operating with a full, ready to go slate of officers. Thank you to those who helped to pull it all together and a bigger thank you to those who stepped up to fill the offices. Our running shoes are on and we are off and into the new year.

It takes a village to put on a great Crab Feed and the village came through. The worker bees got access to the hall at noon and by 3 PM we were ready to roll. Once again the cooks did an outstanding job with the crab and everyone left well satisfied. A big thank you to the branches for the outstanding hors

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d'oeuvres, it's a wonder we had room for the crab, and for the the super raffle baskets. And as ever the "card raffle" was a sell out. Thanks to all for your help and support.

Next on the district list of "save the date" is the presentation of the Deputy program by Andy Pappani and Vince Piro. This will happen at the March district meeting. We are encouraging as many branch members as possible to attend that district meeting. Please come with any questions or concerns about membership and/or the deputy program. Hope to see a large turn out.

And now to all who are not Irish but still celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Top of the Morning to You.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All.

Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Our annual Saint Patrick's Irish Social is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 11 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. Some seating might still be available. For lastminute reservations and other information, you can contact John Zugnoni at john@ zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005.

The program Includes social hour at 6:00 p.m., corned beef and cabbage dinner at 7:00, dessert, young Irish dancers, raffle and Irish music. Prices are \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for youngsters 12 and under.

We will be hosting our Saint Joseph's Day Table on Sunday, March 19. A special Mass will be said at 5:00 in Saint Philip Neri Church, which is located next to Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Members attending are asked to bring a dessert to be shared with other guests. Prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youths 14 and under. For information and reservations, please contact Michael Marcheschi, (510) 523-4720.

Our Lenten Fish Fry dinners, which follow Stations of the Cross in Saint Philip Neri Church, began on Friday, March 3 and will continue through Friday, April 7, the last Friday prior to Palm Sunday. The Stations start at 5:30 p.m., and the doors of Monsignor O'Brien Hall will be opened upon conclusion of the Stations. Prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under.

The East Bay District Crab Feed was held in Monsignor O'Brien Hall on Friday night, February 10. The crowd of 180 represented a substantial increase from last



year's attendance. Member Ben Ratto and his assistant, Ricky Caula, prepared the delicious dinner, which also included pasta with pesto, salad and dessert. The attendance of Several Branch 10 members assisted the District workers in ensuring that the evening went smoothly.

John Zugnoni, Publicity Home: (510) 523-8005 Cell: (510) 326-3474

E-mail: john@zugnoni.net

Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

Still time to make our Bingo Bash on March 10th at St. Augustine's Parish Hall, Pleasanton. Ten dollars for ten games. Great prizes - pizza, snacks, and drinks available. E' un buon affare - it's a good deal! If you haven't made your reservations yet, give Bobbie a call at 925-361-7088 and we can fit you in. Our pravers are with our new branch President, Carolyn Cardinalli, who is recovering from surgery. God speed your recovery Carolyn, we miss you. Our February branch meeting featured Jim Schmidt, Livermore Valley Opera, who discussed his association's 25 years of providing opera in the Tri-Valley Area. The reviews of their opera presentations are always great and much appreciated by Valley residents. Upcoming, and not to be missed, is Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" which will be presented on March 11, 12, & 18, 19 at the Bankhead Theatre, downtown Livermore. Plans are moving forward on our first Polenta Dinner fund raiser. Mark your calendars or your electronic day planner - it will be held at St. Augustine's Parish Hall on June 3rd. One final thought. I have found that members of our ICF family are a great resource for tips on visiting Italy. It seems like no matter where you plan to visit, northern or southern Italy, someone has lived there or visited there and is delighted to share some background and tips on places to eat and visit that even Rick Steves doesn't know. So next time you or someone in your family is thinking about a trip to Italy, check with your branch members for "insider information." *Ci vediamo presto?*

Chuck Meier

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Branch 14, Crockett members at the installation of 2017 Officers. Congrats to all.



The polenta makers from Branch 14, Crockett. Great Job guys!!!

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Neither snow, sleet, hail nor RAIN will interfere with our Polenta dinner. Congratulations to all the brave souls who ventured out for dinner that dark and rainy Thursday. Hope you all enjoyed it and that some of you were lucky with our prize drawings.

A big Grazie Tante to all the bakers and buyers who helped to make our Super Bowl bake sale a success. More money in our coffers to help support our scholarship donations. Next month, March, our proceeds from our St. Joseph's table will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration church. Another chance for those special desserts to come out as donations to the table.

This brings me to related subject, the ICF calendar for 2018. Lisa will be looking for recipes and stories to print on this one. Any family or friends with tales from the past or even a recent, special one? She is waiting!

A gentle reminder that there will be a workshop at the March 27th District meeting on the role of the deputy and increasing membership. The meeting is at OLG @ 7 P.M. and ALL are welcome.

Hope to many of you at our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 9th. In the meantime, a Happy St. Paddy's Day to all!

Contra Costa District Council

The Contra Costa District held their meeting on January 26 at St. Isodore's in Danville.

At the request of the Bishop we will celebrate Bishops day this year on Sept. 17 in Richmond. Please save the date for this special event. More details will be given later this year.

The District will have our annual family night out at the Oakland A's game in Aug. This will be held when the A's host their Italian night. Roselynne will be chairperson of this event. More details later.Our District is in need of two deputies. Please contact David or Roselynne if you are interested. Mentioning David, please keep him in your prayers for a healthy recovery.

District President Patty has made this years district theme "Whose Your One" Each member of the district is asked to try and bring in one new member to ICF.

Our next district meeting will be held at the conference room at Isadore's in Danville at 7:30 on March 2nd.

May St. Patrick and St. Joseph continue to bless us, and if possible plan to attend the Branches St. Joseph's Table. It is a great celebration

Peace to all--Joann

San Carlo, Br. 14

Is anyone else thinking this year is flying by? March, already!

Our February Polenta Dinner was a wonderful success. It definitely takes many hands, working together, to make this endeavor successful. It always appears to happen effortlessly, but much planning and work is involved, so sincere thanks from our Madam President, Donna, to the many who helped. You know who you are; there's not enough space to name everyone!

As is our 40-year-tradition, in March we hold our famed Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This year, the date is Saturday, March 11th. Dinner is served at 6:30, but do come earlier to enjoy an adult beverage, a visit with friends, and to view the amazing prizes we always have. And something new...we will have a door prize this time! Tickets are \$20. and \$7.00 for children under 12. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, many will be wearing at least a touch of green.

Our St. Joseph's Table will be celebrated on our regular meeting night, Tuesday, March 14th. There is no mass, but there is a Blessing of Tables at 6:00 (note time change), followed by a meatless pasta dinner. Please bring a meatless dish to share, i.e., a torte, vegetable, salad, fruit, stuffed eggs, dessert, etc. St. Joseph's Table is always a different, interesting night out.

Some are already asking about the annual St. Rose Fish Fry. It will be held Friday, April 7th. This is the parish's most important fundraiser, and your support is very much appreciated.

Interested in an overnight Reno Bus Trip on April 3rd & 4th? Contact Nancy at 787-2912 or Donna 799-2336 for additional information. A very fun trip is planned, of course.

March is National Irish American Heritage Month, so to all of our Irish members, and to all who wear green on March 17th, we say "Happy St. Patrick's Day!"

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

Our Feb. 19 Valentines party and sweets potluck was enjoyed by all due to your homemade treats. Our branch meeting followed and we ended with Bingo. Congrats to all those who won prizes at our free bingo for members. We thank Jim Jarrett for calling Bingo and Josie Leontini for decorating. Our deputy Peggy Aiello Hagerthy thanked us for the gift of the ICF Calendar and said if she wins the daily raffle she plans to donate the funds to our branch.

It is now time for our annual St. Joseph and St. Patrick's day celebration. Half of the meeting room will be decorated in yellow and white for St. Joseph and the other half will be decorated in green for St. Patrick. We will do a novena to both of these saints and we will have a soup and salad luncheon. Mark your calendar for this event which will be held on Sunday March 26 at 3:30 PM at 17 Marks Blvd in Pittsburg. Bring a friend.

On March 2 we will attend the District

meeting in Danville at the St. Isadore main conference room at 7:30 PM. At the last district meeting the heritage report was given by Roselynne Jarrett about the city of Pittsburg. It was interesting to learn the history of Pittsburg. David Botta was a past deputy for our branch many years ago. He shared that at one point the Pittsburg branch had over four hundred members and was the biggest branch in the federation.

Please let us know of any sick members. Our sunshine chairperson Jane Russo will be happy to send a card on behalf of our branch.

Please remember to work on membership. Tell your family and friends about ICF and about the family membership plan. Who will you bring into the ICF this year? It is up to us to promote ICF.

See you at the meetings and events.

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti,

Patty

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

The meeting was opened by president, Alicia Treviño. We celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the Rooster, with a delicious Chinese dinner with all the trimmings.

Officers were installed on January 28th, 2017 at the Galileo Club in Richmond, followed by a Roast Beef lunch with Salad and Pasta. Thank you to Father Larry Young for Mass before installation.

Our Spring fundraiser is fast approaching. Save the date: April 29th 2017. We will need help setting up tables, cleaning up, and we could use someone to handle publicity. If you can't help with any of these tasks, consider donating a raffle prize. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

Dee Rosier has resigned as Secretary, an office she has held for numerous years. Thank you, Dee for your service to the ICF and the St. Raymond Branch. We look forward to your return to the meetings. Thank you, May Barbano for acting as substitute Secretary.

We thank Debbie Kendall for stepping into the role of Secretary. We appreciate your willingness to hold an office and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Bishop's Day is scheduled for September 17, 2017 at the Galileo Club in Richmond. Mass will be at St. Cornelius Church at 3:30pm. Please update your branch calendars.

Happy 97th Birthday to Joe Meneghelli! Joe is still very active in our branch, coordinating our trips to Cache Creek. Thank you, Joe for all you do for St. Raymond.

Next Meeting is March 13th, Mass followed by Corned Beef and Cabbage. Everyone raves about Walter Costa and Toni Reeder's Corned Beef dinners. It is not to be missed. Call Walter at 510-385-9953 by March 8th.

April meeting is on the 10th, celebrating branch anniversary and honoring past presidents. We will be serving Risotto and Salad. Reserve your spot by April 03rd with Terri Ventin @ 524-6093.



Members of Branch 352 enjoyed their own, private, pasta and crab feed.

We offer our condolences to Virginia Davis and family on the passing of Mervyn. He will be missed.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

Three new members were elected to the Board and a few stepped down; we Thank each for their dedication (both present & past) in keeping our branch strong. We had 7 attend and enjoy the Installation & lunch at the Galileo Club.

David Botta installed 12 new members to our branch, most exciting to see our growth of fellowship & friendship.

We celebrate our 50th Anniversary this year - we are having a dinner at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hil. \$50 per person; please come help us celebrate, for tickets contact Roberta Healy, Pres. (925) 689-1879.

other upcoming events:

April 8th - our Annual TEA

Jun 3rd - Our Wine Tasting at Viano

you may contact Chris Artale for more infor: (925) 827-3713

Prayers for our sick & elderly; Military and David Botta.

Ciao,

Christina Artale,

corres. secty

Danville

San Isidore, Br. 352

The members of Danville Branch 352 enjoyed a very special treat at their January meeting – their own private Pasta & Crab feed! A big thank you to Russ Belleci for catering the dinner – fantastico! From the antipasto to the marinated crab, penne pasta & dessert, absolutely no one left hungry! And the mystery of "Sugo-gate" was solved ... with a special presentation of Italian tomatoes made, to atone for the 'stolen' sauce. In February, Chef Angelo was back at the helm, whipping up a wonderful polenta & beef stew menu for our dinner meeting. How lucky are we?

On March 11, we will be hosting a Pizza & Movie night. Featured is the awardwinning documentary, "Prisoners Among Us ... Italian-American Identity & WWII." A separate presentation & discussion of local history during WWII will follow. Doors open at 5pm, movie at 6pm. Cost is \$5.00, with beverages available for purchase. All branches are invited to join us for what should be a very interesting evening. Seating is limited by the room size (St. Isidore Rm). Please RSVP by March 6th to marbo2000@yahoo.com.

A celebration of St. Patrick's Day will round out the month of March for us. The menu for our Monday, March 20th dinner meeting includes corned beef, of course! Dinner at 6pm. Members please RSVP to the eVite you will receive, so we can plan accordingly.

Save the date for our Annual Spring Fundraiser, Festa Primavera – Saturday, April 22nd! More to come! *Ciao*!

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all!

After two months of hanging out, most of us anyhow, the officers were busy, we had our first Branch meeting of 2017. And, it couldn't have been a better way to start; sitting down to a delicious handmade lasagna dinner. Our Recording Secretary, Anita Camera, prepared a rolled lasagna dinner with all of the trimmings. Adding the wine, it was a great way to start the year.

St. Joseph's Table is celebrated all over the world in a variety of ways. In America we do very little but in Italy, especially Sicily, this is one of the great holidays: Rivaled only by St. Patrick's Day in Ireland.

Everyone loves St. Joseph's Day in Sicily. The rich prepare a great feast; traditional dishes are served, all of them good. And, who are the guests, the lucky ones? They are the same ones that St Joseph would invite: The poor, the unfortunate, the lame and the blind. It is a day when all come together as one family.

That is exactly what we will be doing at IHM. The whole Parish will come together as one family on St Joseph's Day, every member will be invited. The Ministries will prepare the food. The hall will be decorated in the traditional way, complete with a table in the shape of a Cross. The celebration will start with a Mass and then on to the hall to feast on the many dishes. It will be a traditional celebration of St. Joseph's Day.

la vita è buona





Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

We had the pleasure of hosting the installation of the Contra Costa District and Branch officers on January 28th. Thank you to all who made this a most memorable and rewarding event. A special thank you to branch members Matt and Judi Dallara for overseeing the arrangements with the wonderful staff of the Galileo Club. Diana Mackinson for preparing the liturgy and program for the mass and leading us in song. Joanna Mackinson's viola solos were wonderful. Pam DeBernardi for the table arrangements. Also, Patty Jarrett and Roselynne Jarrett for their help and participation. Congratulations to all the officers and best wishes for a wonderful 2017.

Our February meeting was Super Bowl Sunday. As usual the culinary skills of our members were evident in the extensive selection of minestras and chilis prepared for our "Souper Bowl" themed pot luck. A wonderful meal to keep us nice and warm on a cold and rainy day. Everyone still had time to go home and cheer for their favorite team. This month's lucky raffle winner was Helen Politakes.

Nancy Santos, heritage chair, is heading the Where Are We From? project. She is collecting the family name, country and city/province of origin of our branch members. Be sure to give Nancy your information so we can include you in our heritage maps.

Our March meeting is scheduled for Sunday the 12th. We will have our Saint Joseph's Table so we can celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph with all the trimmings. Be sure to join us for this traditional event.

Plans are under way for our popular Lady's Tea. The event is scheduled for June 3rd and co-chaired by Diana Mackinson and Joan Cummings. More details to come so be on

(Top) Branch 432's opening night dinner, enjoyed by all.

(Left) Branch 432's wine bar: they are ready to pour!

the look-out. Ci vediamo pronto! Ann Consul and Eileen McGauran

Orange Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

At the January meeting held on January 20, we went over the coming year's projected activities and budget. Each committee had an opportunity to give updates, reports, and ask for feedback from the members.

Lynn Goldstrom and Rose Gianantonio hosted the dinner of BBQ beef sandwiches, potato gratin, salads, and desserts. It was like having an indoor picnic in winter.

Treasurer Tom Farrell encouraged everyone to pay the yearly dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$40 per member and are good for one year.

We will be serving dinner to the guests at the Ronald McDonald House in Orange after the ICF meeting on Friday, May 26.

Bishop's Banquet Luncheon was held on Saturday, February 18 at St. Thomas More Parish in Irvine. Members assisted with the luncheon.

St. Joseph's Table will be held during the weekend of March 18 and 19. Members are encouraged to donate delectable edibles for the table. In addition, we will need as many members to help with the table set-up and clean up that weekend.

Miranda Gibson

Sacramento

Sacramento St. Mary, Br. 45

Saluti,

Save the Date!! Sunday, March 12th, will be the first Chicken and Polenta Dinner for 2017! Join us for a delicious meal of Chicken, Polenta, Homemade Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread and Dessert!! Branch meeting at 4:30p.m. Dinner starts at 6p.m. in Giovanni Hall. Call Janine Orsi for reservations at 916-508-1199. Prices will be changing this year! Members' dinner



Santa came for a visit and treated the children of Branch 438.

price will be \$15.00. Non-members' price is now \$20.00.

We would like to welcome our newest members to Branch 45. Sue and Ted Olson are previous members of ICF Branch 419. We look forward to seeing you both at events and meetings!

On Sunday, April 9th, our Branch will be cohosting the Second Sunday Social Pancake Breakfast after each mass in Giovanni Hall. Parishioner Marco Romo and crew will be creating a special breakfast. So come out and support this Palm Sunday event with the ICF and Romo crews!!

Ciao!

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Congratulations to our Officers for 2017. Michael Fuentes did a fantastic job taking over the leadership as acting President for our branch. We all thank you for taking on that responsibility. We have various tasks to do for the months of March and April. Saturday March 18th, and Sunday March 19th. we will be displaying our St.Joseph table at the church annex. We will be working all masses. Look for the sign-up genus. On April 7th we will be having our Fish Fry for St.Clare's parishioners. Michael and Sandra Fuentes are taking the chairmanship for this event. This is going to be a fun year. Please make sure you read your bollettino for the upcoming events. Please pray for all our sick members that they will get well and be able to come back to our meetings. A special prayer to our C.C. member and District Deputy Nina Malone who recently went through a procedure. Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry



San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

February is a very busy month for Branch 230 as preparations will be in full swing for the annual Fish Fry to be held on Friday, March 3, 2017. This popular event will be held from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Prices are \$15.00 adults and \$6.00 for children 12 years of age and under.

The February general meeting was held on Friday, February 17. The dinner of Texas barbecue ribs was delicious. A highlight of the meeting was the formal installation of new members that have joined the branch in the last year.

Other important dates are Sunday, March 12, Corporate Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and the hosting of the San Diego District ICF Meeting on Monday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m.

As Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, may we enter into the season of preparation, self-reflection, and repentance by realigning our lives so as to become more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

God bless,

Maria Tollefson



Members of Branch 260 working together to help their parish.

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

There are a number of memorable projects that the St Therese Parish ICF has undertaken that we still remember today ... Some have been enjoyed since there completion... #1 the Social Center Sewer redo.. This was probably the most ambitious project undertaken by our retired members who possessed the required skills to manage the project... Our Chair people were most displeased with having to resort to using a plumber's snake to clear a clogged sewer during a Social gathering ... It did not take long for form a committee to investigate what can be done... We developed a plan that would entail using the expertise of our entire parish community...

The response to our plea was quickly answered... The obvious problem with the Social Center affected many of our parish groups. They too wished that the problem would be solved...

The project started with surprise approval of the city for our "cutout" street plan submission... The city responded within days – most unusual... Out came the jack hammers – the backhoe – the new piping – etc... Our prayers for someone to donate the piping were answered... Not only was the material supplied but it came with the assistance of a licensed plumber... The cement was also provided by a parishioner... The donor called us and asked "How much?" and "When do you want it delivered?"

No project of this degree is free of problems... Our backhoe operator accidently ran into an old tree. Luckily we had a member who had an expertise on trees... He informed us that the tree would outlive us all... It would cure itself...

A few ICF'ers that contributed to this effort have passed... We remember them at our monthly Masses... And we thank all the

(415) 333-0161

ICF members and St Therese parishioners who assisted us in this parish endeavor.... *Vic Tallarida*



Dear Members :

Please note these upcoming events:

April 5 -- Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm. Host is Paul Biagi

April 23 -- Archbishops Day. Details TBA.

Please send your ICF Dues payment to President Victor Arnaudo: 1 Fairway Drive, Daly City, Ca. 94015.

Keep well!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Here we are its February 2017, and we haven't had a meeting yet! Actually,

Branch #38, will have our 1st meeting on February 11, which is the day after this article is due. As you may remember, Branch #38 decided to make January our "Ski Month," but actually it was because a few of our active members were sick! We hope Dora Veracchi and Rose Mangini are doing a whole lot better...get well, rest, don't forget to take all your medicines and eat your veggies...get strong! We miss you at our meetings.

In January Cosmo, our treasurer, sent out our 2017 dues notices. The response was so-so. There are a few members who haven't sent in their dues yet. The dues need to be paid by March 15. I would like our members, who cannot attend our meetings, to know: Every member in our branch is important to us, and you are always included in our prayers. Please don't think or feel you have ever been forgotten. A special note to the members with the Hospitalization Plan, you must pay your dues by March 15 or you will lose the plan. Cosmo also sent all our members our "Branch #38 Monthly Meeting Calendar." If you have not received one, phone Cosmo at 415-392-3560.

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At our February meeting we'll have some catching up to do! Especially, on the subject of our Scholarship donation which is due by March 15. If any of our members has a child or grandchild or knows of a high school graduate who needs financial help for

1st year college tuition, please, ask me for an entry form.

Fr. Al, we know "you are a very busy Priest." Hopefully, you'll be able to stay a "bit" longer for our Valentine meeting. Come to think about it, lots of couples marry on Valentine's Day...OH NO... so much for seeing Fr. Al at our February meeting!

Ciao,

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

On February 1st., our branch was happy to be reunited for their first meeting of the year !

After the death of our President, George Bacigalupi, The Central Council approached us and offered to help us go forward. And so our meeting was called to order by First Vice President, Andy Pappani. He introduced our guest, Central Council President, Dante Galeazzi. In attendance also was District President, Debbie Major. Minutes were read by Dale Major, and the financial report was given by Annette Farrell.

It was announced that all the toiletries collected at Christmas and all donated turkeys were delivered to St. Anthony by Mimi Ysturiz Dougherty. Our past President Liana Figone acknowledged our wonderful Scholarships provided to the Students of St. Vincent de Paul School, and encouraged us to also find a way to think of our elderly and remember them in some way, especially all our seniors in the I.C.F.

Under new business, the following new officers were announced:

President: Marcella Ramos

First Vice President: Joe Figone

Second Vice President: Giuliano Tuccori

Financial Secretary: Beverly Desmond

Corresponding Secretary: Elisabetta Favero

Recording Secretary: Lois Baldocchi Treasurer: Annette Farrell

Sentinel: Ray Piva

Trustees: Anstell Ricossa; Gloria De Vincenzi; Dorothy Saibene Orator: Father Ken Westray

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CASA FUGAZI 678 Green Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 • (415) 362-6423 Debbie Major reminded us that Bishop's Day is coming up, and urged us all to attend. It will be on April 23rd, and will be held at Our Lady of Mercy in Burlingame.

Before our meeting ended, our Pastor Father Ken Westray lead us in prayer in memory our Past President, George Bacigalupi.

After the meeting was adjourned, we all enjoyed a wonderful dinner of Beet Salad, Green Salad, Bean Soup, Lasagne, Ice Cream and Valentine candies.

Ciao,

Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our sincere sympathy to Fr. Efrem's family. Fr. passed away on Friday. January 20, 2017. We will always remember Fr.'s visits to the I. C. F. affairs and sometimes he would bring his accordion. We will miss you Fr. and may the Blessed Mother keep you in her care.

On March 20 we have a trip planned to the Thunder Valley Casino. Some of our people had some luck on our trip on January 23.

To all our members having Birthdays in March, we wish you much Happiness and Good Health in the coming year.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers.

Pleaser remember these dates:

Officers meeting: March 6

Mass: March 26

Meeting: March 27

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

First of all, a hearty welcome to our new members, Ann Casarotto and Shari and Peter Fazio. They have transferred from Branch 290, which closed last year. We are glad to have them with us.

Secondly, we thank Florence O'Malley, who has been our dedicated Treasurer and Financial Secretary for the past 8 years. Thank you, Florence, for such a great job. Thanks also for all your work on our Christmas celebrations. We truly appreciate all you have done for Branch 365.

To those of you who have not paid your dues for 2017, please send your check for \$40.00 to Joe, our new treasurer, 2627-14th Ave, S.F. 94127.

Our branch sold ten calendars. A calendar was purchased for the branch by Joe, George and Liliana. Thanks and good luck to those of you who bought one.

We wish John Fiore a speedy recovery after spending time in the hospital with a heart problem. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our next meeting will be on March 8th, at 6:30. We will be celebrating St. Joseph's day with our usual potluck meal. We also hope to have a raffle. Please let Ann or Liliana know what you will be bringing for the potluck. Ann 415-564-7254, Liliana 415-661-3067.

God Bless,

Ann Basuino



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ICF Branch 173 at Installation.

San Mateo District Council

Greetings! Many thanks to Branch 327, St. Charles, San Carlos for hosting the wonderful installation!!

The District's Holiday party also in January was a great event. Thanks to Branch 213, St. Augustines, S. San Francisco for coordinating the evening at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. A nice way to start the New Year!

Mark your Calendars:

Saturday, March 4, 2017, St. Charles, San Carlos, 40th Anniversary, Corned Beef with potatoes and carrots dinner. \$35 per person. No host cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Paid reservations only by February 25 to Barbara Borra, 908 Bauer Drive, San Carlos 94070.

Sunday, March 26, 2017 Semi-Annual District Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Hosted by Branch 173. Reception following in lower hall. Call Dorene 650-344-7870 by March 20 with headcount.

Sunday, April 23, 2017 San Francisco Bishop's Day at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Mass at 10:00 a.m.with lunch to follow in hall. More information later

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 with Easter following on April 16. Time just flies by!! I look forward to Spring on April 20 and the warmth it brings.

Many thanks for all the thoughts and prayers for me and my son John.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Peach and Love.

Anne O'Brien

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello everyone,

Hoping everyone is in good health despite all the cold and wet weather. We are getting in step with our activities as you can see listed below. Please join us and say hello. Coming Activities:

Sunday, March 5: First Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 13[:] Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner hosted by Donna Barnes and dessert hosted by Joann Sangiacomo. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by 9th (650) 755-0878 leave message or email cas94015@yahoo.com with reservation.

Saturday, March 25 ⁻ Pedro Tournament, Chair Donna Barnes 650-991-0178. \$30.00; 9 a.m. coffee and donuts and at 10 a.m. the tournament starts.

Monday, April 10 - Annual Lenten Soup Night, bring your bowls and spoons and enjoy the delicious homemade soups. Chair Cheryl Simon (650)755-0878 or email cas94015@yahoo.com

March is dedicated to St. Joseph and St. Patrick; in their name pray for comfort and protection.

N. Thurman

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! We heard that the District Installation was enjoyable and well attended by all the Branches. We did not attend this year because we are in the process of finalizing our decision on the future of our Branch. We may close our Branch. This decision will be make at our Branch meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's church, 1 Notre Dame Ave., San Mateo, CA. We will go over the issues and vote on what we will do. Grand First Vice-President and Central Council member Andy Pappani will be present at this meeting to guide us through the process. We invite and encourage all members and anyone who wishes to attend to come and hear the information and voice their opinions.

Many thanks to our dearest Deputy Debbie Redondi for all the help and encouragement she always given us.

Mark your calendar:

Sunday, March 26, 2017 – Semi-Annual District Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame and hosted by Branch 173. Reception to following. Call Dorene at 650 344-7870 by March 20th for the head count.

Sunday, April 23, 2017 – S.F. Bishops Day, 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Lunch to follow.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Peace and Love. Anne O'Brien

Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We had a great turnout for our February dinner/meeting which we purchased from Leonardo's on Broadway in Millbrae. Many compliments were given to our chair person Mara Millis.

We welcome: Frank and Francis Benvenuto, Stella and Alberto Canino, Shirley Crosetti, Linda Mustachia and Bill Tognetti as our new members to our branch. Also, it was great to see some members we haven't seen for awhile join us.

Our March 9, 2017 dinner will be a potluck in honor of St. Joseph's feast day. A signup sheet was available at our February meeting but for those who were not in attendance, please give Dorene a call to see what else will be needed for the celebration.

April 13, 2017:Dinner/meeting Lucy and Jim Witherspoon will be in charge of our dinner:Subway sandwiches along with an assortment of fruit.

April 23, 2017: we will be celebrating Bishop's Day at the 10 o'clock Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church with a reception to follow.

There has been a change in our calendar for May as our brunch with Millbrae Branch 403 is being rescheduled for June 11, 2017. The Terrace Cafe in Millbrae will be the setting. (Previous date was May 7)

May 11, 2017 - Branch dinner/meeting will be chaired by Brenda Wemiz in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers: Lois Fragameni, Elena Malta and Dave

Mayer. Great to see Anita Cecena back on the recovery list.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

January meeting was cancelled due to rain but members Jackie Smith and Roberta Franchini provided us with a wonderful Chinese meal in celebration of the New Year and Valentine's Day. thank you for this enjoyable meal. We were sad to hear of the unexpected loss of our member, Bob Eserini. Our prayers go out to Linda Marcelli and Bob's family on his passing. We all enjoyed his participation at our meetings and will deeply miss him. Our members are busy making the final arrangements for our 50th Year Anniversary Celebration. Invitation and reservation forms have been mailed to all the branches. Mark your calendar and make your reservation to attend this special celebration that will be held on May 7th at the El Rancho Inn in Millbrae. For more information contact Jackie Smith, 650-992-3505 Congratulations to our new officers who were installed at the District Installation Luncheon in January. We wish you all a successful 2017 year and thank you for taking on your position as an officer for this year. Happy Birthday wishes to this months birthday members and a special prayer to those who are ill. We wish you a speedy recovery. Ciao,

Joyce



Branch 327 – New President Carmel Dufault, out-going President Tom Malaspina

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

As always a big thank you to the ladies who prepared our January pizza dinner:

Celeste Lennemann, Alma Brennan and Carmel Dufault. Everything was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated. And President Carmel did an excellent job holding her first official meeting.

Our San Mateo District Installation was held on Saturday, January 21. There were 105 participants, including Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. Mass was officiated by Father Dave Ghiorso in the Elks meeting room and once Mass was completed, all officers were installed.

From there the group moved to the dining room for refreshments and lunch. Thank you to all who helped make this a very special event.

On Saturday, March 4 our branch will be hosting our annual Corned Beef dinner. This is also a celebration of our branches' 40^{TH} ANNIVERSARY. The cost for the meal is \$35.00 per person and includes entertainment.

Also, don't forget: March 26, 11:30am Mass, Our Lady of Angels, first of our semi-annual masses.

Our condolences are being sent to Dick Roza's family. Dick passed away in early February. He had been a member of our branch for 16 years. He will be missed.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

At our first meeting of this year we were served a delicious homemade soup prepared by our past president Carla Del Carlo, with dessert by Tina Pessagno. We graciously thank these ladies for their dinner preparations.

We recently celebrated our 27th Anniversary, with dinner in the Parish Center. We wish to



Dr. Louis Livoti and Beth Livoti gave a presentation on Novato Village at a recent Branch 332 meeting.

thank the several Branches and those from the San Mateo District that joined us in our celebration. We appreciate your support. We are looking forward to our annual St. Joseph Table pot luck dinner on March 21.

Joseph Table pot luck dinner on March 21. The Table will be decorated with a statue of St. Joseph surrounded by an array of fresh flowers. Each member is asked to bring a meatless dish to serve 10-12 persons. According to legend, the St. Joseph Table originated in Sicily many years ago during a drought and famine. The people turned to St. Joseph, asking his help and intercession and their prayers were answered by life giving rain. The people distributed the food they harvested to the less fortunate. This custom continues to this day. All our leftover food, which is always in abundance, will be shared with the San Bruno Catholic Workers Hospitality House for the homeless and less fortunate.

On March 26, Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels will host the semi-annual District Mass at 11:30. Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Corresponding Secretary,

Rose Marie Morando

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Buon Giorno, tutti,

We wish you a happy St. Joseph's feast day. As the new co-presidents of Branch 161, we are honored and excited to represent our members! We are blessed with dedicated members and excited to welcome our new members for 2017!

Please feel free to contact us regarding any ICF matters. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming fun events. Our next meeting is on March 21, where we will celebrate our St. Joseph's table.

Con affetto, Jeanne and Lucia

We congratulate our new officers for Branch 161:

Co-Presidents – Jeanne Asdourian, Lucia DellaSantina

1st Vice President – Darcy Fitzsimmons

2nd Vice President – Phyllis Rybensky Recording & Corresponding Secretary –

Anna Biggio

Financial Secretary – Marlene Farber Treasurer – Anthony Pignati Orator – Margaret DeRango

Community Outreach – Theresa Rosser

Trustees – Guy Francoz, Naima Chiappellone, JoAnne Callaghan Sentinel – Diane Hollister

Please continue your get-well prayers for

everyone who isn't feeling well. Wishing everyone a happy St. Joseph's day

and a happy St. Patrick's day.

See you at our March 21^{st} meeting at 7:00 pm.

Anna Biggio

Novato Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

We were honored to have a presentation on Novato Village by Dr. Louis Livoti and Beth Livoti. We are pleased to provide all of you with an overview of the work and outreach done by Novato Village and its national affiliates. The 78 million members of the age 60+ generation are expected to live longer than previous generations. The quality of their lives, and where they live as they age, are critical questions for our society. Marin Village was formed in response to a 2007 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report on Aging, which noted that many older adults are finding it especially difficult to remain in their own homes. Marin Village seeks to address the service and emotional gaps that many older adults face. It is a non-profit, volunteersupported, membership organization that strives to help older adults age in place safely, confidently and independently, while staying connected to one another through social activities. Novato Village (which is part of Marin Village) launched in 2015, and now has over 50 members and 90 volunteers. The fulfillment rate for service requests (transportation, minor home repairs, etc.) is approaching 90%. Novato Village offers a variety of activities tailored to members' interests, enabling them to know one another and stay engaged, while participating in life-enriching events. There are Villages throughout Marin, California, and the Nation. We encourage you to learn more about the Village phenomenon. You can find the information you need by going online and searching for Village to Village Network.

Cordiali Saluti



The District Meeting was called to order in Santa Teresa's new Avila Hall. President Bausino thanked Host Branch 368 and commenced with the agenda. During the approval of the budget two items came under intense scrutiny. The first being whether the district should continue the annual \$75 donation to "Christmas in the Park". It was voted to continue the support. The second was about donation of \$100 to "Parents Helping Parents". This was also approved. The budget was then approved.



On January 5, 2017 Branch 5 hosted a delicious prime rib and salmon dinner with all the trimmings. The entertainment that night was the well-known singing trio "The Swinging Blue Stars". Diners enjoyed songs from the 40s on up. A good time was had by all. Job well done, Branch 5!

We welcomed a new president for Branch 47– Craig Noah and he reported that they have 114 members and all but four have paid their dues. Marie Greco said they are using a Bicameral presidency for Branch 4 and that construction has started on the new church. One Hundred Percent of money collect at Antonowicz's Christmas party was donated to Scholarships. Emily Corral briefly reminded everyone about scholarship deadlines.

President Bausino said that the Day of Recollection was being affirmed for April 1 at Transfiguration Church. There might be a change to move to a date during Lent. Fr. George reminded us that Epiphany, recently celebrated was associated with the fable of "La Belfana".

April District Meeting – Monday April 10 @ Branch 391 St. Martins *Mike Nunziata*

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San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

As you know, the Officers for the new year are the same, with one exception. We will have Maria Greco and Chuck Gullo share the Presidency, with each taking 6 months.

Please mark your calendar for March. Since Ash Wednesday is the 1st, the meeting has been moved to Wednesday, March 8th.

March 8th- Dinner meeting Pulled Pork sandwiches, salad and dessert.

Please try to make the meetings!

April 5th- Dinner meeting Pasta Aglio e olio

Dues are now due. Please send them to Bob or bring them to the March meeting.

Please do your best to help by attending the meetings.

Keep our sick members in your prayers. *God Bless*

Gou Dress

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Please remember to put all ICF Br. 5 Dinner/Meetings on your calendar. The more informed you are, the more active in our branch events you can help at and enjoy.

Upcoming Events:



Branch 28, Judy Bozzo putting the finishing touch on her fabulous homemade bread pudding served at our January 2017 dinner meeting.



The Branch 28 Board presented Chris Andrade with a certificate of appreciation for her continued support and representing our branch in providing for the needs of others in our community at our January 2017 dinner meeting.

-March 23, 2017 – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner/Meeting

-April 1, 2017 – Day of Recollection by Valley District ICF

-April 27, 2017 – Chicken Scaloppini Dinner/Meeting

-May 12, 13, 14, 2017 – St. Clare Parish BBQ/Festival – ICF Br. 5

Is responsible for Italian Sausage Boothhelp is needed all 3 days.

Please volunteer to help in any way.

More Events to come in 2017.

Remember the souls of Armando and Adilia Perez who passed away and were long time members of our branch. May they rest in peace. Please remember them in your prayers as well as the Perez family. *Ciao*,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Greetings from Gilroy Branch 28..

Our Board Members attended the ICF's District Installation event held on January 28, 2017 hosted by Morgan Hill Branch 435. A luncheon followed with raffles for donated gifts. A wonderful way for board members to meet other branch board members and their family members.

Our annual Scholarship Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for March 12, 2017 which includes a bake sale. Homemade baked good donations are appreciated, so start



Eva Stern of Br. 47 eats dessert at the Santa Teresa parish crab feed (Br. 368)

looking at your favorite recipes. Breakfast and those wonderful baked goods will be available during and after each morning Mass.

At our January 2017 meeting we received an update from Chris Andrade about the family that Branch 28 provided assistance with food and other needed items during the holiday season. The family was in dire need and Chris reminded branch members that the need is there all year and not just during the holidays. Please contact Chris Andrade if there is assistance you are willing to offer. We appreciate Chris' devotion and dedication in continuing to help those in need with the help of our members.

Our January dinner meeting was highlighted by a delicious "Ham and Yams" meal prepared by Sam and Judy Bozzo and crew. Judy made homemade bread pudding for all – delicious!

Also, remember that we do have a beverage bar available at each dinner meeting providing water, soft drinks and wine staffed by Frank Angelino. "Thank you, Frank". Members always have the option to enjoy something served by our own ICF member bartender. Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for February 27th and the planned menu is a lasagna dinner.

Peace and God bless,

Kim M. Filice

Mountain View San Giorgio, Br. 47

Belated Happy New Year everyone! We've undergone a leadership change and it's taken a month to get into a new routine.

We owe Todd MacDonald our gratitide for stepping up 3 ½ years ago to take the role of Branch President when Joe Teresi was unable to finish his term. Todd guided us through some difficult transitionary years as the Branch lost Joe, Elsa Del Frate and Aldo Ausano, three of our most valuable and cherisehd members. Todd served the Branch with distinction and represented us well to at the District. Todd was inducted as a Branch Trustee in January. Thanks Todd, for your continuing service.

We also want to thank Donna Pfaff for her guidance and support as our Branch Deputy for the past few years, too. Her broad knowledge and friendly help were welcome as a number of us came into new positions



Norma Buonaccorsi and hidden but still there Maria Greco, our Grand Deputy. Front Row: Michelle Antonowicz, Julie Klem-Brusco, Denise and Marie Antonowicz and Rose Arnaudo.

as well. We'll miss her at our meetings, but at the same time we are excited to welcome Bob Osorio as our new Branch Deputy.

We are looking forward to a well attended Crab Dinner February 25th with the California fishery healthy and full of big juicy crabs!. This year we'll miss two of our longtime members at the dinner, Jean Carpenetti and Bruna Quillici who will be staying home. Henry & Bruna and Jim & Jean have given their service and generous donations to the Branch and St. Joseph communnity for decades. Thanks for all you've done over the years!

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

The 2017 Installation of Officers for the Santa Clara District was held on January 28 at St. Catherine's Church in Morgan Hill, with Mass before the Ceremony. A luncheon followed at Mama Mia's Restaurant, around the corner from the Church. New District President Bob Basuino presented our President Denise Antonowicz with a donation in her name for Gifts of Love, in recognition of her tireless work performed and as outgoing District President.

Our Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore dinner dance is set for Saturday, March 25. The theme is "Cherry Blossom Time", so appropriate for a lovely evening in Spring! We will have Raffle Baskets to win and live music by Reno Di Bono for your dancing enjoyment. Call Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 or Denise Antonowicz at 408 356 2543 with questions. We hope to see you there!

Other events are planned for the coming months. We hope our members and friends will take the time to attend and participate in these activities.

May St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19) watch over and bless our members and their families.

Ciao, Lucy Amico

Some officers of Br. 184 getting ready for Installation: Marie Antonowicz, Lucy Amico, Victoria Nguyen, and Rose Arnaudo

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

First we have a hefty "Thank you!" to Jerry and JoAnn Opp, our branch and parish members, for their generous contributions to the parish. They have helped us complete the new parish hall, where we now hold our meetings, and have donated funds to improve part of the parking lot and the yard behind the parish offices. You are



Branch 191 welcomed its newest members Mary Ann Roa, Kathryn Oliver and Pamela Oliver Ellis at the January meeting. Jim Jones and Bob Basuino did the honors of swearing them in.

appreciated, Jerry and JoAnn!

Father George Aranha has gratefully accepted a check for \$3,600 from our branch to be applied to the roof of the church. These funds are our portion of the proceeds from Monte Carlo night.

On January 11 we enjoyed a meal inspired by the Chinese New Year and hosted by the Tony Clancys, the Mike Curullas, the Dick Hanleys, and Ledda Morales. Thank you for the delicious meal!

We are very pleased to have nstalled as new members Laura and Alfonso Carrillo, members of the parish for twenty years. They have supported our activities many, many, times, and we are all delighted to have them with us.

Our District Deputy Jerry Delfino tells us that it is time to encourage high school seniors who are Catholic and have at least a 3.2 grade average to apply for a scholarship from ICF.

Congratulations to Mike Nunziata, our president, who was awarded Branch Deputy of the Year of our Santa Clara Valley District. Not a surprise to any of our members!

Blessings during Lent.

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

During our February meeting, we all enjoyed Pizza, Pasta and Salad prepared by our friends Al and Diana Vallorz. We appreciate all that you, our servers and hospitality team do to make our dinners successful.

We welcomed our new Deputy, Donna Pfaff, to our meeting.

Steve Lencioni presented his detailed financial report of our 2017 Budget, which was approved. Our budget and 2017 calendar of events were distributed.

Marcie is working toward increasing our membership in 2017. Please join her in this important effort.

Louise Vento referenced "Journey of the Italians in America" in her informative heritage report. The book reflects how Italian American culture can be found in all forms of American life. The work cites how our Italian immigrants were influential when looking for a better way of life and of work.

Tina Rossi reminded us that March 15, 2017 is the deadline for membership dues. Sal Lipari mentioned that scholarship

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IICF Branch 391 officers for 2017.

applications are due March 15, 2017. Forms can be downloaded at www.icf.org/ scholarships.

We thank our members who worked on the successful 30th Valentine's Dinner Dance last month. Your assistance in preparing food, decorating and setting up the gym, selling tickets, and donating raffle prizes helped us create a wonderful event.

Our next meeting is on March 7, 2017 at 6:30. Come and join us when we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Our Quarterly Communion will be on March 12 at the 8:30 am mass.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Our 2017 SCVD Installation was held on Saturday 28 January at St. Cahterine's in Morgan Hill. We had a lovely Mass Presided over by Fr. George Arahna and Msgr Milani.

Mark your Calendars - We will need at least 10 soups to serve the Parish Attendees of the first Lenten Soup Supper which will be held on Friday 3 March 2017, since our Branch will host the first Parish Lenten Soup Supper in Farana Center. Please let Patricia know which meatless soup you can bring to share. Bright and early the next morning, ICF Br. 408 hosts the first Blood Drive of year on 4 March from 8 AM to 1 PM in the Farana Center.

Please let Patricia know how you can help out at our Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to be heldp on Sat March 11. We start serving at 6 PM after the Saturday Vigil Mass. We look forward to a successful Event with our goal to raise funds for the 5th Grade Students.

On Monday March 13th we will be hosting the Santa Clara District Meeting in the Farana Center – please plan to help host this event.

Please pray for our sick members – especially for Anne Lopez, Betty Deville, Susan Colon, Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, and Carolyn O'Connor.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

St. Catherine's branch 435 had the honor of hosting the District Installation of the 2017 Officers.

Father George Aranha and Monsisnor Joseph Milani presided over the Mass. The Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. and the other officers were installed.

There was a great attendance.

Our quarterly Mass and Hospitality will be on March 5th at the 10:30 Mass and following Mass we will serve coffee and doughnuts.

On March 16th we are hosting a Corn Beef meal with all the trimmings.

On April the 22nd we are having a Spaghetti Feed and Raffle. This will be our annual Fund Raiser. Hope to see many of you there to support our Branch.

On April the 24th, together with St. Catherine's Middle School and parents will be hosting the St. Joseph Table. Some of our members will be making many varieties of homemade soups. Last year was a big success and hopefully it will be this year also.

Fran Scalzo's son in law Jim Curry Jr. passed away after a long illness. Please keep the family in your prayers. *Peace and God bless*,

Donna Basilin

San Jose

Transfiguration, Br. 445

At our January 26 meeting, Bob Basuino, along with Denise Antonowicz and Jerry Delfino, inducted 12 new members (some of whom had been unable to attend the original Induction ceremony): Janis Stumhoffer, Jean Avram, Sam Morocco, Loretta Miller, Chic Cannon, Diane Devine, Linda and Joe

Cefalu, Larry and Gina Farro, Bll and and Barbara Howell. At this same meeting, Joan Delfino made an excellent presentation on the Gifts of Love program.

Our branch had it first quarterly Mass on Saturday evening, January 21, followed by an optional "faith & fellowship" dinner. It was well attended and enjoyable.

Our "adopted seminarian," Michael Scott, was able to attend the District's Installation Mass on Saturday, January 28, at St. Catherine's in Morgan Hill.

It was the first time our officers had a chance to meet Michael. Our branch hosted the Central Council meeting on February 11.

Our guest speaker for our pot-luck meeting on February 23 was Laurice Levine. She informed our members about Cooley's Anemia. Her excellent talk was open to the entire parish.

Onward & Upward,

Richard Pfaff, Secretary

Branch 445



(Top) Some of the new members of Branch 52 pictured with Fr. Sean after being initiated at the January Polenta Dinner. Welcome!

(Below) Branch 52's youngest members participated in the Crazy Hat Contest.



Santa Rosa Healdsburg

San Francesco di Sales, Br. 52

Congratulations to our new members! At our January Polenta Dinner, we initiated our new members. Welcome to Branch 52!

Our 3rd Annual Fish Fry is on March 3. Photos will be in the April Bollettino.

Upcoming Events:

March 7: Branch Meeting, 7 PM at the Rectory. All members are invited to attend the branch meetings.

We will be hosting one of the weekly Parish Soup Suppers. Look in the Parish Bulletin for the date.

Congratulations to Gianna Passalacqua who agreed to be our Recording Secretary!

Please remember Julie Tomasin, who recently underwent surgery, in your prayers.

In honor of Dad, Mary and Monica - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L'Annunciata, Br. 75

We started our New Year with a bang as we added over 15 new members during our membership drive! New people bring energy and new ideas. We've added a few teens and children who will help keep our branch young!

In the new idea department, we had a very lovely and successful wine and food pairing....a first for our branch! Presented by Speed Creek Winery and our President MJ Dellaquila, it featured 4 delicious wines with food pairings for each. It was limited to 50 and our 10 dollar tickets sold out immediately. Our members were servers and participants who dressed smartly in black and white with crisp black ICF bib aprons. The wine commentary was interesting and the servings were wonderful. Everyone had a good time......simple, yet classy!

That was January and February is even crazier! This week we host The District Meeting and next week we have our Annual Citrus Fair, Chicken and Spaghetti Dinner! Theresa Derosier and Kris Caturegli are chairing this event that brings around 300 people to St. Peter's Reali Hall. It takes all



The Casciarros enjoying family time at Speed Creek Wine and Food Pairing.



Joe and MJ Dellaquila hosting Speed Creek Wine and Food Pairing at Branch 75 St Peter's Reali Hall.

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Kris Caturegli, Francesca Giacalone, and Kathy Arreguin serving and participating in Branch 75's Speed Creek Wine and Food Pairing.

of us pulling together to make it happen. We hope to see many of you there.

Our March Meeting which is always the Third Thursday of the month will be a fabulous St. Patrick's Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner hosted by our own Bob Aquistapace, branch deputy. Come and partake! Questions call Patsy at 707-894-5396.

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

For their February Valentine dinner, the members enjoyed an Italian theme dinner. The meeting was conducted on a positive note to continue attracting more members to the dinner and meeting.

Members were reminded that Ash Wednesday is March 1 and were urged to practice charity and compassion.

Saluti a tutti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127 Greetings from Petaluma!

It certainly has been a few months of terrible weather. I know we need the rain, but the havoc it is creating is something. We must put forth our prayers for all the people who have lost their homes and everything in it. Pray that these families put in these horrible situations may find food and shelter for their families. Be thankful for what we have and for our families that we love.

Now, on to my report. We will have had our second meeting of the year on February 13th. Our meetings from now on will start at 6:30 p.m. with dessert and coffee and our meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. This will give members a chance to socialize before the meeting. So plan to attend our meetings and participate with our officers and members. We have a great group of members.

The crab feed and St. Joseph's Table have been cancelled this year. We will be having a Chicken/Cacciatore Dinner on Saturday, May 20th.at St. James Church Hall. O'erderves will be served 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the chicken/cacciatore dinner following. We will have dessert, wine and coffee. Cost: Adults \$20 Children, 6 to 12 \$10. Children under 6, no charge. More information at a later date. We will be trying something new at this dinner and will be having a silent auction.

We are planning to have a membership drive at St. James Church, tentatively March 11th and 12th after the Masses. Please try to bring in a new member this year. March 13th - Reg. Meeting 6:30 p.m.

March 18th - Quarterly Communion/Mass for living and deceased members. 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church with dinner to follow after Mass. Plans are being made to have our dinner at the Palm Grill Restaurant. You will receive further information in an email or by the phone tree.

April/May - Bakeless Bake Sale. Margaret Cordrey is Chairperson.

May 10th - Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m Social and 7:00 p.m. Meeting

Get well wishes to Judi Fomasi and Janet Leone and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to all celebrating this month.

Prayers and best wishes for our service members, for our Country leaders and may God Bless America.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144

Br. 144 Arcata sadly announces the passing of Lena DalPorto on Jan. 31. Lena was one of our founding members who joined in May 1959. At 96 yrs. old, she still graced us with her beautiful smile.

Pres. Judy opened our Feb. meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Lena.

Paula Proctor, Heritage Chairman, gave a report on Valentine's Day in Italy –"La Festa Degli Innamorati" is when young sweethearts profess their love for each other by attaching a padlock or "lucchetti" to a bridge railing, then throwing away the key!

Deputy Joe encouraged everyone to read the January Bulletino which presented detailed information on the workings and happening of the ICF organization. Great Info. He also announced that the Elks Club will have a "Big Four" dinner on April 8th for \$25. The "Big Four" was an Italian Restaurant located in Arcata that served marvelous food.

March 1 is Ash Wednesday. Our meeting will begin after the 6:30 pm Mass. On Sunday March 19th bring baked goods for the St. Joseph table. Proceeds go to St. Vincent DePaul. Save March 19th - corned beef/cabbage dinner for members/ family.

February Birthdays - Joan DePeel and Loretta Speziale.



Br. 144 and Br. 145 joined together for Installation on Jan. 28 at the Samoa Smokehouse in Arcata

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209

Unfortunately, I was unable to submit an article for December January. Once again, my computer chose not to cooperate! However, I am now pleased to update you on our fabulous St. Michael's Branch #209 50th Anniversary celebration. We hosted a catered dinner for over 100 guests, including members from various branches and, also, we were pleased to have our Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. and his lovely wife, B.G., gracing our head table.Other dignitaries included our Charter Members, Gene & Lorraine Vannetti and Past Grand President, Bob Acquistapace and his wife, Kathy. We were pleased to have Bob as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Illness prevented other Charter Members from attending. They are Lawrence "Red" Lapera and his wife, Cecelia, and Barbara "Sue" Fomasi. Our St. Michael's President, Barbara Bidia and Recording Secretary, Lona Bertoli, are 48year members.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas Party with Santa making an appearance for the children in attendance. There were also some "big kids" who sat on Santa's lap!! Our yearly drawing had the following winners: Pete Peters - \$100; Jackie Corsetti – paid dues for one year; and Gene Vannetti won a 2017 ICF Calendar! Members enjoyed appetizers furnished by members in attendance and, of course, Tom & Jerrys prepared by Lorraine Vannetti. Gene was our bartender for the evening.

Our January meeting was cancelled due to the severe weather we were experiencing. Better to stay home than to be on the wet roads and avoid the flooding that Sonoma County was experiencing. February featured a "Happy Valentine's Dinner; February 25th was our Polenta Dinner which, no doubt will draw the usual "sell out" croud

Happy New Year to everyone!!

Lona Bertoli, Recording Secretary



District Council

It's March, that must mean Spring Training! Well, yes, but actually the Bishop's Burse is also celebrated in March. For members new to the Italian Catholic Federation, Bishop's Day or the Bishop's Burse is an opportunity for the members of the ICF to show their appreciation and support for our bishop. Monies collected from the various branches are donated to help support the seminarians with their continuing education. A Spiritual Bouquet which consists of prayers, communions and Masses pledged from each branch is also presented to the Bishop.

This year, the Church of the Presentation will host the Stockton District's annual affair on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Mass will be celebrated by the most reverend Bishop Stephen Blaire at 10:30 AM with a luncheon (\$25) and program immediately following. The Bishop's Burse is a wonderful way to honor our Bishop and always an enjoyable affair to attend. Hope to see many of you there.

Anna Mello

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We are encouraging our members to invite their family and friend to the Bishop's Burse Dinner. It is important that we have a good turnout.

Our St. Joseph's Table Celebration will be March 19, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the Hall at 7th and K Streets Modesto. It is potluck so bring your favorite dish your family and friends. The food is always the greatest. We will have our fun raffle of which proceeds go to St. Vincent De Paul.

I hope you have save the date of July 8, 2017 on your calendars as Branch #48 will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. As I get the details in order they will be in the Bollettino. This week we will be talking to the caterer. It will be an Italian meal all the way.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, February 12, 2017and March 5, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Bank night winner was Tom Silvaggio and the refreshment for the March 8, 2017 will be furnished by Marie Bertolotti.

Happy St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick' Day!!

Coming up:

Mar 8 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall at 7 & K Streets

Mar 12 - 10:30 am Mass - Bishop's Burse - Presentation Church Stockton

Mar 19 - 2:00 pm St. Joseph's Table Potluck - Hall at 7 & K Streets.

Apr 12 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall at 7 & K Streets Modesto

May 6 -7 Bake Sale after all the masses *Cecelia McGhee*

Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Newly-elected Branch President Dr.Elizabeth Demichelis conducted her first meerting on January 24, with her new corps of officers present.

Chair Anna Mello reported that our holiday biscotti sales were another major income provider for our Branch scholarship program.

Our parish has a tradition of serving free soup suppers each Monday during the Lenten season. Our branch will provide the soup for the first Monday, March 6, with Chef Tony Queirolo making his famous minestrone for the occasion.

Plans for our annual "All You Can Eat" Shrimp Dinner are now under way, with Chair Ida Queirolo announcing the date of Saturday, April 22 for the event. ICF members from all over the local area make it a regular time for a trip to Manteca.

May you and your families have a meaningful Lent and a joyous Easter season.

Ciao, Mariano

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Prayer is requested for Thelma Welsbacher, wife of our District Chaplain, Deacon Karl Welsbacher, who is recovering from a stroke.

Karen Rosson



Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

We are busy! Our major fundraiser is February 11...450 Lasagna dinners...200 dine in...250 take out. All tickets were sold! The following week is our Bishop's Day dinner with installation of officers is that evening. Branch 434, Saints Peter & Paul in Tucson are hosting Our Lady and Branch 433, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton for the event.

Our St. Joseph's Table meatless meal is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th. all donations go to the Community Food Bank. We were pleasantly surprised at the increase in last year's participation... might have something to do with the quality and quantity of the offerings. Signups are underway for cookie makers for our Easter cookie sale. We have scheduled a Corporate Communion and group breakfast after Easter.

We are an active faith community.... we take pride in our modest accomplishments...we help each other when needs occur...we are friends...we are family.

Barbara Barton, reporting

Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

Our annual pasta dinner was held on Saturday Jan. 21 in the church hall. Over three hundred attended and enjoyed penne pasta with homemade meatballs and sauce. It was a huge success raising \$5,000 for the Eight Grade class of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. Donna and Mike Raffanti would like to thank all the workers in the kitchen who worked all day. A special thank you to all the cousins who come from California to help. It truly is a family affair. Thank you to everyone who attended and all the donations received. See you next year

Kaye Camenisch

Thank you to everyone who helped make Branch 434's annual pasta dinner a success!



Branch 390 January Chicken Cacciatore Polenta Volunteers ready to server Dinner/Meeting Tracv Bill Enos, who passed away recently. They will be missed and we offer our prayers for St. Bernard, Br. 390 their souls and all the souls of the faithful

Mike, opening the wine

Scholarship application deadline is fast approaching so all Branch 390 families are encouraged to fill out the application that can be obtained from any board member or online. We look forward to helping anyone who qualifies with furthering their education.

Bob, Stirring the Polenta

If you are enjoying the photo collages of our branch and want to see more, just go to www.ridolfisphotograhics.com/ICF. Steve Ridolfi has uploaded the many photos he has taken in the past and is generous with his time for us - thanks Steve!

We hosted the Stockton District meeting on Sunday, February 12 at St. Bernard's Church. It was the first quarterly meeting for some of the new officers who were just installed and proved to be very productive. Food was prepared by Branch 390 board members and included Italian baked chicken, pasta, vegetables, salad, bread and butter and an assortment of desserts

We all look forward to our next monthly dinner meeting in March which will feature a menu of roasted chicken and potatoes with all the trimmings. It will be held on Thursday, March 23 and all are welcome.

IMPORTANT: Next month's meeting is planned for April 27th at 6:00 and we celebrate "Heritage Month." It will be another exciting event - our 2nd Annual Sugo Contest! Last year's was wellattended and the contestants presented very tasty sugo! Apply for your spot early and space is limited - the first five to apply will be competing this year!

We are providing welcome packets for our many new members which will contain a welcome letter thanking them for joining our great federation, a by-laws booklet, an ICF member pin, our brochure with all board members names, as well as our monthly meeting dates and themes and all other events during the year.

Our sincere condolences to the families of both charter member Bill Baier and also departed.

Ciao for now, Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

The Annual Polenta Chicken/Cacciatore Dinner last month was a huge success. Don Garibaldi serenaded nearly 500 guests as they arrived for a fantastic meal prepared by Jason Kimball. Doug Wilhoit was MC and Msgr. Silva gave a "soft heart" invocation and blessing of the food. Did you know that Msgr. Silva was a member of Branch 44 back in the 50's? The students from St. Mary's High School and Presentation School did a fabulous job in serving and cleaning up. Thank you to all of the members that worked the event, from set up to clean up.

March 5 is Quarterly Communion 8:45 a.m. mass. Gather after mass in Guadalupe Hall for the Knights of Columbus World Famous Pancake Breakfast for \$4.00.

March 12 is the Bishop's Burse Mass/ Dinner at Presentation Church, Bishop Blaire will preside at the 10:30 a.m. mass with dinner and program following in



The Cotta's and their guests

Scott and Lori bringing a Dessert

Guadalupe Hall. Dinner is \$25.

March 15 is the deadline for first year scholarship applications. Is your child or grandchild graduating from high school this year? Have them contact their school for an application or access it at www.icf.org.

April 7 our Branch will be hosting the Stations of the Cross and soup Supper. Everyone looks forward to our great variety of meatless Italian soups served in Guadalupe Hall.



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Thank you to everyone who helped make Branch 434's annual pasta dinner a success!

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