



BOLLETTINO



Monsignor Cardelli, Spiritual Director of ICF, Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

The Italian Catholic Federation wishes to congratulate Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, Spiritual Director of the Federation, on the 60th Anniversary, Diamond Jubilee, of his ordination to the priesthood. Monsignor Cardelli has served as the Spiritual Director of the Federation since 2007 and has been involved with the ICF since the early 1970's, having served as a Diocesan Chaplain. His parents and family were members of the ICF. Sharing his experiences with the ICF, Monsignor remembers that "The Italian Catholic Federation was and is a part of my life, first as a child of emigrants, as an Italian-American, and as a priest. The people of the ICF have always impressed me because they not only support this organization but also actively participate with a generosity

of spirit in ministries of their respective parishes. They love and support their priests who work in the vineyard of the Lord."

Monsignor Cardelli served for 27 years as the pastor of Danville's St. Isidore Parish before his retirement in 2005. As leader of his parish, he championed a major expansion of the school and church, which today stand as a testament to his leadership and still serve the parish community. Besides his great leadership and vision, his parishioners came to know Monsignor as an excellent chef, most famous for his pasta sauce, which he learned to make from his mother. He has been known to make enough sauce to serve 400 people.

As Spiritual Director of the ICF, Monsignor Cardelli is admired for his vision and insight. As Grand President Zasoski has stated, "Monsignor always reminds us why we are members of the ICF. He feels that the Federation has a lot to offer our parishes, and he consistently challenges us to share and promote our organization within our communities. He reminds us that it through the ICF that we serve our Lord and share our love with others." Of course, Monsignor is well known for his monthly columns in The Bollettino where he inspires his readers to follow the ways of Christ by loving one another and promoting the ideals of the Federation.

All the members of the Federation realize that we are richer because of Monsignor Cardelli's presence in our organization and our lives. We wish to congratulate him on his 60 years of service to the Lord and his flock.

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

Summer is finally upon us. Here in Bakersfield, we had a very good winter that left our mountains with a very large amount of snow. In turn, our normally dry river is now filled from bank to bank, and all of the canals which supply water to the farmland are running at capacity. We have been praying for several years for the rain and snow to return, and this past winter our prayers were answered.



Many of us say prayers for various reasons - a return to better health for ourselves or others; peace in our community and throughout the world, etc. Does God listen to our prayers? If so, how do we know? Just as we have faith in His son, Jesus, and His resurrection to save us from our sins, we have to believe that God is listening to our prayers. Even if there is a different outcome than what we were praying for, God is listening and will not abandon us. I have come to believe that just because there is a different outcome from our prayer intentions, there is a greater good, which we are unaware of, that is being put into place by God.

Keeping the faith is what we need to continue to do as ICF members. We need to continue to promote our branches and all the good that we have done over the years, and we need to help those in need become part of our extended family and remain close to their faith.

As July 4th approaches, we need to take some time and reflect on this great nation of ours. Some of us have come here as immigrants, and others of us have parents or grandparents who immigrated from another country. We need to keep the heritage of where we have come from alive in our hearts, and at the same time we know that our new home is great because we have all come together as one for this great nation. I am proud to say that I am an American with German and Polish ancestry, and that I am a proud member of the Italian Catholic Federation.

May God Bless the USA on her July 4th Birthday and keep her strong for generations to come. Accepting all those who come here to make America their new home because we are a country of immigrants, that is what makes us strong.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand President

Congratulations to the Convention Award Winners

At the recent Central Council meeting the following award winners were announced:

Young Adult Leadership Award:
Antonio Costa, Branch 154, Richmond

Family of the Year Award:
The Pachinger Family, Branch 413, Angels Camp

Saint Pope John XXIII Award:
Sally Morgan Welch, Founder, Friends of the Formerly Friendless

Grand President's Award:
Christine Prudenciado, Branch 19, Colma

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award:
Reverend Christopher Bennett



Time is Ticking to Run For Central Council

Application Process

1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office by August 1st in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a branch delegate to the convention.

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book, the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by July 1st.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1st. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food and beverage items may not be distributed during "Meet the Candidates."
3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

Thank you for your interest in being a Central Council Member!

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

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Membership and the ICF Strategic Plan

Vince Piro
2nd Vice President
Membership Committee Chair

At its June meeting, the Central Council reviewed an update to its Strategic Plan. This update will guide the Federation for the next three years, and membership is a key topic throughout the plan. First, one of the Core Strategies, one of the primary means and methods guiding the Federation into the future, is “Membership Growth and Retention (including marketing).” This strategy states that “we will grow and maintain our membership base through recruitment and retention efforts and marketing.” With this, the Federation plans to move from members leaving within 5 years of initiation to a 96% retention rate of new members and from an inability to attract new members to a 10% growth in membership per year. We also want to open at least three new branches per year. What does this mean in a practical sense? First, each branch must implement an Amici de Coure program (buddy system) that creates hospitality and welcoming branches that actively work at retaining new members. This program has been written about in previous membership columns and will be the focus of a workshop at this year’s annual convention in Sacramento. It also means creating a marketing plan to attract new members and providing more support locally for our Expansion program. Other ideas about membership fill the revised Strategic Plan, including (1) getting support

of your pastor and parish by seeking out and helping with their needs, (2) building a branding initiative that creates a consistent and modern image of the Federation used in promotional videos, parish bulletin blurbs, newspaper ads, etc., and (3) creating a membership perks program, such as a membership discount card, trips, etc. The 2018-2020 Strategic Plan contains many good ideas and plans about membership. It will soon be published on the Federation website and will be the focus of one of the convention workshops. I encourage you to read through it and begin planning for the years to come.

Strategic Plan Update

At its June meeting, the Central Council of the ICF revised and updated its Strategic Plan. This revised plan runs from 2018 through 2020 and will guide the Federation

into the future with a clear vision and a set of broadly defined goals and objectives. The first vision of the plan guided the Federation from 2014-2017. The new plan represents an update and revision to the original plan with ideas and conclusions gathered from discussion, data, and evaluations of the first version of the the plan. The revised plan maintains the original focus points of the original plan (Core Strategies): (1) Membership Growth and Retention (including marketing), (2) Leadership, (3) Community Connections, and (4) Finances. The revised plan will be published on the Federation website before the annual convention in September and it will be the focus of one of the convention workshops. Please, read it and work within your local branches to find ways of implementing the ideas found with in the plan and help the Federation reach its goals.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia -- It’s the Craze

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

This is our last trivia column. Hope you have enjoyed them. What to do with this information?

Have a trivia contest at your branch or district, somewhat like the cruise ships do. Give the information to new members so they can have an idea of what has happened in the last 93 years.

We’re sure you can come up with other ideas.

To continue from last time -----

- 1996 - The ICF moves from its San Francisco office to Oakland.
- 1997 - A group of about 80 enjoy a cruise on the Costa Romantica in the Caribbean.
- 1997 –The Mortuary fund was liquidated.
- 1997 - The first family camp was held at Mission Springs, CA. It continued for a few years.
- 1998 – Calendar raffle was started. (Nettie Descalso’s idea)
- 1999 – First branch is opened in Arizona at Our Lady of the Valley in Green Valley.
- 1999 – The 75th ICF yearbook is written and published.
- 2001 – First annual golf tournament is held in Alameda.
- 2004 – A commemorative ornament, honoring the 80th anniversary of the ICF is sold at the yearly Convention. Other ornaments were sold at a few more conventions.
- 2005 – Past Grand President Al Teglia wins the SF Bay Area Jefferson Award.
- 2007 – Monsignor Daniel Cardelli is named the Spiritual Director of the ICF.
- 2010 - First Night for the Seminarians is held in San Jose.

• 2011 – Celebration of the 50th Bishop’s Day in the San Francisco Archdiocese with Bishop William Justice presiding.

• 2011 – Father Efrem Trettel, a Franciscan priest who served the Italian community, celebrated his 90th birthday. Sadly, Fr. Efrem died last year. He was also a columnist for the *Bollettino*, often writing in both English and Italian.

• 2011 – Daniel Descalso, member of Branch 39 in Merced, is a player on the World Series champions, St. Louis Cardinals. He receives a World Series ring.

• 2012 – The Live to Give Program is started. It continues up to now.

• 2012 – A Million Dollars has been contributed to Cooley’s Anemia since the start of this program.

• 2014 – ICF Strategic Plan is approved.

• 2015 – ICF opens five new branches.

• 2017 - An updated Strategic Plan is presented.

In addition to many of these highlights and accomplishments, it is to be noted, that over the years, the Italian Catholic Federation has contributed to helping those suffering from earthquake, hurricane, tsunami and flood disasters. The organization has provided funds for fire relief also. The ICF, through its districts and branches, supports a multitude of local charities, its parishes, schools, aid for the homeless and disabled and food pantries. The list goes on and on. Be proud that you are a member of such a worthwhile organization!!!

In the upcoming Convention issue, we will highlight some of the fun events of past conventions.

Thank you for your kind comments that we have received.

JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
6/1	Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes		San Bernardino, CA	\$30
6/2	Richard Ceccarelli	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/3	Danny & Terry Urias	446	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	\$30
6/4	Mark Yonke		Richmond, CA	\$30
6/5	Julie Graham	343	Concord, CA	\$30
6/6	Lisa Chapman		San Bruno, CA	\$30
6/7	Chris & Grace Grisafe		Mentone, CA	\$30
6/8	Brenda Della Maggiore	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
6/9	Catherine Cervelli	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
6/10	Weston Hurlbut		Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
6/11	Jackie Barnes	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
6/12	Paul H. Behrens	210	Hemet, CA	\$30
6/13	Roberta Dangaran		San Jose, CA	\$30
6/14	Bob & Ruby Zaroni	395	Stockton, CA	\$50
6/15	Fr. Guglielmo Lauriola	1	San Francisco, CA	\$50
6/16	Al Bronzini	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
6/17	Pat Duncan	417	Clovis, CA	\$30
6/18	Gregory Jensen		Granite Bay, CA	\$50
6/19	Jim Acitelli	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
6/20	Lauren Bilich		San Ramon, CA	\$30
6/21	George Matranga	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/22	Juan Cuevas-Villa		Burlingame, CA	\$30
6/23	Amy Patel		Fairfield, CA	\$30
6/24	Corey Simon		Daly City, CA	\$30
6/25	Shelley & Bob Kovacs		Gilroy, CA	\$30
6/26	Mitch Sapp	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
6/27	Bill Billings	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/28	Anne Marie Grader	40	Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
6/29	Dolores Aleccia	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
6/30	Rosemary Costa		Pleasanton, CA	\$30

Heritage Reports Deadline Extended

Plus, Why Not Travel to Italy this Summer?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

Oops did you forget? Heritage Reports from Branch Heritage Chairs were due June 1. Good news! The deadline has been extended to August 1, 2017. Please send your report and photos, if available, to the ICF Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Awards will be presented at our Annual Convention.

This article is from a blog I love called "Italy Explained."

Why should you go to Italy in July?

Going to Italy in July means you'll be in the sun a lot, which is ideal if you've got beaches on your itinerary. It also means you'll be dealing with big crowds (which isn't necessarily a bad thing if you're prepared for it) and higher prices (that's usually not welcome news).

You'll have a harder time finding quiet spaces away from crowds in July, but if you do things like book museum entry tickets well in advance then at least you won't wait in the hours-long lines that form outside the Vatican Museums or Uffizi Gallery. You'll find higher prices on things like airfare and hotel rooms, but – again – planning ahead

can save you from being stuck with only the costlier rooms.

Generally speaking, if you're on a really tight budget, summer in Italy is a tough nut to crack. You can sometimes save money by avoiding the bigger tourist cities, but even that's difficult in the peak of summer.

The bottom line is that if your travel budget isn't your primary limiting factor, if you aren't unsettled by crowds, and if you like warm climates, then July in Italy could be a great option for you. Again, plan and book as much as you can in advance to avoid waiting in lines, stay hydrated and protected from the sun, and give yourself breaks to recuperate throughout the day. Taking it slowly helps a great deal, and can make a July trip to Italy a real summer to remember.

UPCOMING:

2017 Bishops' Days:

- Aug. 6 Monterey
- Sept. 17 Oakland
- Sept. 24 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 21 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 22 Fresno
- Oct. 25 San Bernardino
- Nov. 4 Los Angeles
- Dec. 3 Reno

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DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

COURSE:

**Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940**

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

Breakfast 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

BANQUET

2:00 –

**Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails**

3:00 –

Sumptuous Barbecue Tri-Tip Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 21st, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2017

If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!

SIGN UP:

Name _____ Handicap _____

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Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 21st deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 21st.

The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!



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IN CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Bob Basuino
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of San Mateo District
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Leonard and Karen Rossi
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Mike and Marcie Rossi

HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

I.C.F. Br. #14	Officers/Members of Central Council
I.C.F. Br. #14	Officers/Members of Contra Costa District

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

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 06/08/2017

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Wedding anniversary of Sid and Andy Pappani	Bob and Elaine Osorio
Birthday of Jerry Delfino	Bob and Elaine Osorio
80 th birthday of Jerry Delfino	Bob Basuino
Birthday of Joan Della Maggiore	John and Toni Sorci
1 st Branch Anniversary of Br. 445	Mike and Marcie Rossi

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Branch 368

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 06/08/2017

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Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi Grand Treasurer

Happy 4th of July and Happy BBQing and Picnicking!!! A great compliment to a BBQ or picnic (or any cocktail party) is cheese and crackers with a twist. Here is what I came up with. For many years my dear friend Kathy would buy interesting pepper jellies to put on cream cheese with crackers. Suddenly one day a light bulb click, I am always making jam from the fruits that I harvest in my yard and I thought why not let's create pepper jams. So, I went online and research recipes, went to the grocery store and shopped for peppers. My first mistake was not knowing what a habanero pepper looked like. The bins at the store were mismarked, so what I actually bought was a mild green pepper. Needless to say, although it was tasty, my first batch of pepper jam was pretty mild. Went back to the store and found these small cute orange peppers (the real habanero), which pack a bunch of heat and there was no turning back. Of course, as I usually do, I tested this on my family and got enthusiastic thumbs up from all! One of my nieces actually wanted me to make an apricot pie mixing the pepper jam with the fresh apricots.

This is everyone's favorite...apricot pepper jam. I have 4 trees and usually every other year they have a good crop, on alternate years I have to hunt the apricots down at the farms in Brentwood or Hollister.

3 Pepper Apricot Jam

4 cups apricots, crushed

1 ¼ cup chopped red bell pepper (1 pepper),
2 jalapenos, 1 habanero *(remove seeds)

NOTE: in handling these peppers I wear latex gloves, I accidently cut into the latex and the habanero gave a nice burning sensation to my fingertip for hours.

¼ cup lemon juice

7 cups sugar

1 box pectin (sure-jell)

I follow the pectin instructions for apricot jam.

In pot cook apricots, peppers, lemon juice and pectin.

Bring to a rolling boil (a boil that does not stop when stirred).

Add sugar.

Bring to rolling boil and continue boiling for 1 minute.

Take off stove and ladle into jars kept warm in 225 degree oven. Make sure rim of jar is free of any jam, wipe with damp cloth. Seal with lid that was softening up in boiling water and seal with screw cap.

Makes 3 ½ to 4 pints (8 ½ pint jars)

I place filled jars on a towel and cover with another towel to keep warm while waiting for jars to seal. Soon you will be hearing the popping sound of lids sealing.

NOTE: *The above gave a mild to medium heat, 3 jalapeno and 2 habanero medium plus heat. Adjust the amount of pepper according to your personal taste buds. My nephew Tony would be doubling the peppers, but I like just enough heat to feel it but not destroy my taste buds.

Great on cream cheese for an appetizer; on top of brie before you wrap in dough and bake; glaze for chicken, pork, etc.

NOTE: I like the red peppers in the apricots for flecks of color.

TRY: I also have an abundance of blackberry bushes in the yard and a sumoto plum (which is a beautiful dark burgundy firm meaty plum, also yummy using strawberries. Since you would not be putting red bell peppers in these, increase the fruit by 1 cup. Follow pectin instructions.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net 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!

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

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Branch 39, Merced



Italy Out of Hand: A Capricious Tour

Barbara Hodgson

Chronicle Books, 2005. 208 pp.

Little Known Facts about Well Known Places: Italy

David Hoffman

Metro Books, 2008. 109 pp.

This month I reviewed two books that visitors to Italy will find both useful and fun. Italy is a country with a complex and, at times, confusing history that can leave the tourist baffled and bewildered. Two books, *Italy Out of Hand* and *Little Known Facts about Well Known Places: Italy* attempt to straighten out the facts and give the reader insights into this wonderful country where the unknown history is often more interesting than the official history.

In *Italy Out of Hand: A Capricious Tour*, Barbara Hodgson writes a book that is not your traditional guidebook. It does not offer tourist information, such as tips for travel, information on tourist attractions, or recommendations for hotels and restaurants. However, it is a fascinating guide to a fantastical country. In the introduction, Hodgson describes her book this way: "This is not a guidebook; it has no hotels, and few restaurants, and all the maps are at least 80 years old. Italy Out of Hand concentrates, instead, on oddities: long-lost facts, strange personalities, and unorthodox behaviors that erupted over the course of its nearly 3000-year history . . ."

Hodgson arranges the book according to various regions and cities throughout Italy: Genova, Milano, Padova, Pisa, Roma, Napoli, Sicilia and more. Each chapter gives the reader very brief essays on famous Italians, art, history, and culture, focusing not on the official history of Italy but on little known and unusual facts that make the country so interesting.

When "touring" Florence, Hodgson tells the terrifying tale of San Lorenzo. In 1791, the Grand Duke of Tuscany had 49 corpses of the Medici family interred in a subterranean vault of the Medici Chapel. In 1871, almost one hundred years later, the keepers of the church decided to open the vault in order to move the corpses into the chapel proper. What they found was horrifying. Someone, possibly thieves, had beaten them there and they discovered "Rats scuttling in and out of shattered coffins. The bones of those not embalmed had been flung about. Those who had been preserved gazed upon their discoverers with dark and maniacal expressions on their wizened faces. Rings had been torn off fingers, and bracelets and necklaces off wrists and necks . . ." Giovanni delle Bande Nere's corpse was trapped in his rusted armor and had to be extracted from his "metal sarcophagus."

When "touring" Milano, Hodgson gives the reader the history of the Ambrosiana Library. Founded by Cardinal Federico Borromeo in 1609, the library is assumed to be named after St. Ambrose, but "the distinctive and

not unpleasant odor permeating the building suggests an alternative origin." Even Dante commented on the fragrant aroma when he described the library, "With such an odour as ambrosia has." Several famous visitors have been given permission to roam freely among the library's many treasures, but by the time Mary Shelley, the famous writer of *Frankenstein*, visited, patrons were closely observed by the staff for fear of theft. In fact, a visitor had attempted to steal Petrarch's annotated manuscript of Virgil.

In a brief side-bar, Hodgson also tells the reader about Leon Battista Alberti who wrote art appreciation books and how-to guides on subjects such as sculpture and architecture. "His Della Pittura," on painting, included tips on making dead people look dead."

Italy Out of Hand is a beautifully designed book, full of pictures, interesting side-bars, maps, and drawings, intended to capture and please the reader's eye. Compact and sturdy enough for a carry-on bag, it would make a fine companion for any traveler to Italy, but it is also attractive enough for a coffee table. However, what the reader will enjoy most is Hodgson's "idiosyncratic tour of a country that is too overwhelming and extravagant for many of us to comprehend without a little assistance."

Little-Known Facts about Well Known Places: Italy by David Hoffman is a follow-up volume to the author's popular *Little-Known Facts about Well Known Stuff*. The author "goes beyond the obvious to reveal tidbits that we have yet to discover. Covering every aspect – from food, film, and fashion to people, history, and art – these collections of offbeat facts and figures are guaranteed to delight a first-time visitor or jaded local." *Little Known Facts* is full of interesting facts and stories that the traveler to Italy would find interesting.

For instance, Hoffman explains that "Turin may produce more chocolate annually than France and Germany combined, but it is not the only chocolate center in Italy. A relatively undiscovered area of Tuscany, about 40 miles west of Florence, has recently been dubbed the Chocolate Valley because of the high concentration of high-end chocolatiers – including Amedei, Paul de Bondt, Roberto Catinari, and Luca Mannori – based there."

Hoffman also explains that in Italy the average person eats 61 pounds of pasta per year. However, in Sicily that number goes up to 92 pounds per year! Did you know that there are 600 shapes of pasta and that it takes 6.5 billion gallons of water to boil all the pasta consumed in Italy each year?

Adults interested in Italy will appreciate Hoffman's volume is a light, fun, fact-filled book. It is part of a series of books on different places, including Disneyland, New York, and Paris. Both *Italy Out of Hand: A Capricious Tour* and *Little Known Facts about Well Known Places: Italy* are offbeat but valuable traveling companions. You might not want to throw away your Michelin or DK Eyewitness travel guides, but you'll want to pack these books along as well.

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 - Book online @ www.doubletreesacramento.com
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 - Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
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- 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.

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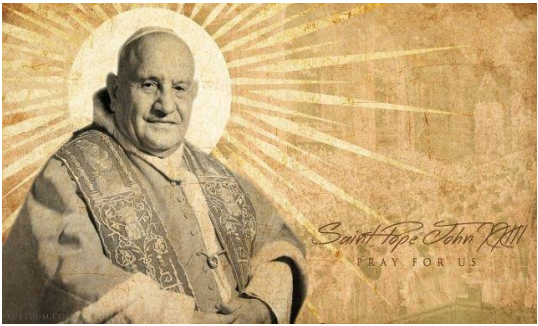
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To ensure we have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention.

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

See you in “The Gold Country.”



*Delegates, Members and Guests
are invited to the annual
Saturday Night Convention Banquet
to recognize the recipient of the
Italian Catholic Federation’s
Saint Pope John XXIII Award.*

*Saturday, September 2, 2017
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins
DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento
Semiformal Attire Suggested*

*Dinner menu to be announced.
Children’s pricing available.
Please place a star next to the names
of children attending the banquet.
Each seat requires a paid attendee.*

*Reservation deadline is August 15.
Respectfully, refunds will not be
extended by the hotel once the
headcount has been submitted.*

**Saturday
Night
Convention
Banquet**

Non-delegate Reservations

Branch # _____

City: _____

*Convention Delegates ~ Admission
is included with convention
registration. A reply is not required.*

Non-delegate Reservations:

_____ X \$65 per adult = \$ _____

_____ X \$25 per child = \$ _____
(Ages 12 and younger)

Check # _____ = \$ _____

*Please mail your check
to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110,
Oakland, CA 94621*

*Seating arrangements will be
distributed to your Branch President,
or their representative, during
convention registration.*

Names of Non-delegate attendees:

**“Take Me Out to the
Convention Ballgame”
Italian Heritage Night**

The San Francisco Giants Triple-A affiliate, the Sacramento River Cats, will be hosting the Las Vegas 51’s (New York Mets) at Raley Field. The team has made this game their annual Italian Heritage Night to welcome the ICF convention attendees to Sacramento. This event is an ICF convention first!

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Thursday, August 31, 2017 | • ICF will throw out the first pitch |
| • 4pm Carpools depart hotel | • ICF will sing “God Bless America” |
| • 5pm Group Wine Tasting | • ICF will present our annual |
| • 6pm Gates Open | Cooley’s Anemia donation on the |
| • 7:05pm First Pitch | field before the game. |
| • Admission includes an | • Enjoy Italian performances |
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\$29 Admission - First Deck Seats

To sit with your branch, district or specific group, please purchase your tickets on one reservation form. Tickets are first come, first honored. Carpools of 4 or more will receive a free parking coupon.



**Convention Ballgame
Reservations**

_____ Tickets @ \$29 each = \$ _____ enclosed

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8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
Reservations accepted until we sell out of our 150 tickets.
Note: Respectfully, all ticket sales are final.

Contact Name (To mail tickets to): _____

Branch # or District: _____ Contact’s Cell: _____

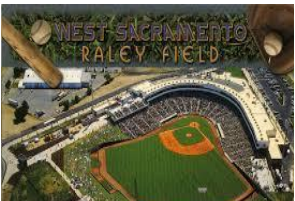
Contact Address: _____

Carpools: If anyone in your group can lead a carpool to/from the game, please complete below:

Driver’s Name:	Driver’s Cell:	Besides yourself and your party, how many extra seatbelts do you have available?

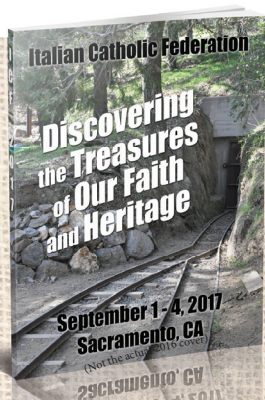
If you need a ride, please complete below:

Passenger’s Name:	Passenger’s Cell:



Carpool rosters and parking coupons for carpools of 4 or more will be included with the tickets. Hats will be distributed to attendees on game night.

This event is coordinated by the Central Council Convention Directors’ Committee.



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To do that it needs **your** participation!
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CONVENTION BINGO

DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento
Friday, September 1, 2017 3pm - 5pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack: \$25 Advance Reservations
\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each
game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Prizes: First five games \$100 per pot
Final game - Blackout - \$250 pot

Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch # _____

Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____
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Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____

Please make your check payable to ICF and write Bingo in the memo.
Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15,
the price per Bingo pack is \$30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the
door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

Total Bingo Packs: _____
X \$25 each
or \$30 each
Check Enclosed = \$ _____



Friday, September 1 DoubleTree Hotel Registration 10am

Take part in the 2017 convention bocce
tournament. Teams will be created
randomly, and announced at
registration. Timed games will be
played in the meeting space on carpet.
Medals will be awarded to
the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

\$5 Registration Fee

Advanced signups are required. Bocce
is limited to 48 players of all skill levels.
Please submit this form and a check to
the ICF office before August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

BOCCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Branch # _____
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of players _____ x \$5 = \$ _____ enclosed

KEEP IN MIND THE CONVENTION DEADLINES

JUNE 30

-Delegate Registration
\$250
(after June 30, \$275)

JULY 1

-Souvenir Book Ads
(prices vary by size
and color)
-Memory page listing
(\$5 per name of loved
one)
-Sponsor name listing
\$1
-Blood Drive
(40 donors needed by
this date)

AUGUST 1

-Application deadline

Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life

6th Annual

Convention **Blood Drive**

Friday, September 1st, 2017, 10am-3pm

at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

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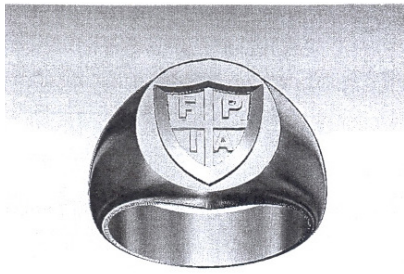
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Tournament — Beginners and Pros are invited to compete in the annual convention Pedro tournament on Friday, September 1 from 3pm-6pm. The entry fee is \$10 per player.

Prizes: 1st - \$50 2nd - \$30
3rd - \$20 4th - \$10 5th - \$5

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: _____

City: _____

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:

Walk-ins welcome!

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: _____

X Entry Fee Per Player: \$10

Total: _____

Check Number: _____

Please make your check payable to ICF and write “Pedro” in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the I.C.F.

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Sacramento/Stockton Convention



ICF 2017 Convention

Italian Market Place

Professional vendors will be onsite with items for purchase, such as:

Italian Leather Handbags * Jewelry * Ceramics * Handmade Rosaries * Italian Novelties * Balsamic Vinegars & Oils * More!



Hours of Operation

Thursday, Aug. 31st Peek-a-Boo Sale
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 1st through Sunday, Sept. 3rd
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Located in Maxi's Room
@ DoubleTree by Hilton



ICF Convention Tour

Sacramento City Treasures Friday, September 1, 2017

10:15 am – Bus Loading 10:30 am – Departure from Hotel 4:00 pm – Return to Hotel

Cost: \$45 per person
(Includes Box Lunch)

➤ Golden 1 Center Tour

- 90 minute behind-the-scenes tour of this new arena, which pushes the boundaries of modern architecture, implements the most progressive sustainability practices available and offers cutting-edge technology.

➤ Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

- Considered both a religious and civic landmark, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the largest cathedrals west of the Mississippi River. Seat of Bishop Jaime Soto, it is the mother church of the diocese, which stretches from the southern edge of Sacramento County north to the Oregon border and serves approximately 1 million Catholics. The diocese encompasses 102 churches in a 42,000 square mile region.

➤ Our Lady of Guadalupe Museum

- Behind Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and National Shrine in Sacramento is a museum found in only two other cities in the world: Rome and Jerusalem. Sacramento is home to a replica of the Shroud of Turin displayed at the Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center in Jerusalem; including 22 panels of scientific and historical information and a replica of the Shroud of Turin given by Cardinal Severino Poletto of Turin in northern Italy, a holographic display and a life-sized sculpture of Jesus Christ.

For more information, call Mary Ann Piana Chapman (209) 938-8942

Space is Limited!

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ICF Convention Tour



"Old Sac" – A Blast from the Past

Go back in time to the Gold Rush era as you visit historic Old Sacramento!

Friday, September 1, 2017

10:00 am – Bus Loading 10:15 am – Departure
2:45 pm – Return to Hotel

Cost: \$30 per person

Your trip includes admission and a one-hour guided tour of the world-famous **Sacramento Railroad Museum**; home to 225,000 sq. ft. of exhibits, beautifully restored railroad cars and locomotives which illustrate railroad history in California and the West. Once your tour is complete, step outside and stroll the 28 acres of Old Sacramento's historic waterfront; home of California's first thriving business district, fueled by gold, agriculture and the river. There will be plenty of time to enjoy a relaxing lunch at one of the many fine restaurants, such as *The Pilothouse on the Delta King Riverboat* or *Joe's Crab Shack along the Sacramento River*. Be sure to stop by *Munchies Salt Water Taffy* or *Danny's Mini Donuts* for a special treat, and no visit would be complete without dropping by the *Old Wells Fargo Bank Museum* to view hundreds of unique pieces of Sacramento history.

For more information, call Mary Ann Piana Chapman (209) 938-8942



OLD SACRAMENTO TOUR - RESERVATION FORM

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TOTAL # _____ @ \$30 = _____

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Backyard BBQ Buffet Dinner Dance Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017



DoubleTree by Hilton - Sacramento
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\$60 Adults - \$30 Children 12 & Under

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SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER - RESERVATION FORM

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TOTAL # ADULTS _____ @ \$60 = _____ #CHILDREN _____ @ \$30 = _____

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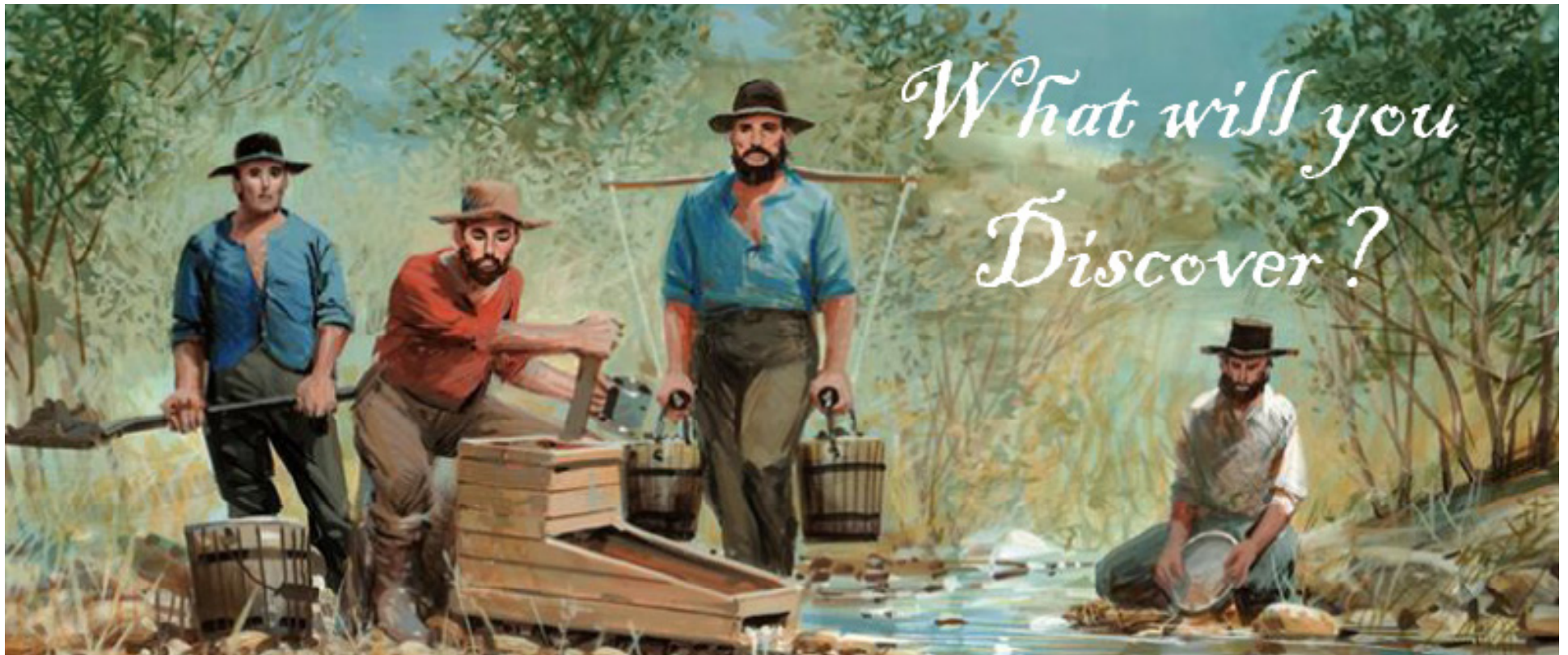
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Anna Stava			Br. 103
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Cameron C. Ray	Steven Cresci		Br. 127
Eric Riley	Louis Vicino		Br. 127
Alejandro Javier Heredia	Bruno Lombardi		Br. 127
Eliot Evans			Br. 144
Haley Antonini	Victor Torchia, Sr.		Br. 198
Cole Gossner	Margaret, Louis and Christine Scinto		Br. 198
Camille Leoni	Rico and Irene Acquistapace		Br. 198
Adam Greco	Romie and Helen Barbieri		Br. 198
Sean Manni	Aldo Desideri		Br. 198
Gianna Gathman	Peter and Juliette Barbieri		Br. 198
Natalie Bates	Norman and Rose Anne Sikes		Br. 198
Eliana Heath	Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini		Br. 198
<u>Stockton District</u>			
Olivia Grim			Stockton District
Carly Cunial			Br. 139
Jackson Lieberg			Br. 390
Gina Daveggio			Br. 395
Grace Lin-Cereghino			Br. 395
Garrett Paulus			Scholarship Fund
<u>Individuals</u>			
Daniel Curry			The Antonowicz Family - Br. 184/Br. 191/ Br. 445
Stephen Coleman Curry			The Antonowicz Family - Br. 184/Br. 191/Br. 445
Alyssa Morelli	Alice Providenza Bottino		Chris and Virginia Bottino - Br. 432
Lindsey Morrison	Albert and Rina Brocchini		The Albert and Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
Joshua Iversen	Donald DeTomasi		Louise DeTomasi - Br. 14
Santino Mattia	Robert Grassilli		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Megan Norris	Marie Grassilli		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Jamie Paterno Ostmann	Anna Oliva		Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Margo Faith Courtney	Leo and Ila Kilcullen		Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52
Christine DeMartini	Luigi and Rosa Mangini		Rose Mangini - Br. 38
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Alexander Garcia	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Kevin Johnson	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Alison Lacey	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Rosamaria Marchione	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Michael Schnuckel	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Christian Scognamillo	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Nicholas Zabatta	Dan Pulone		The Pulone Family
Eric Ficken	John Regalia		Mary Regalia - Br. 14
Oreste Turchetti	June and Ed Rodondi		Deborah Rodondi - Br. 19
Mason Tuttle	Nello and Dorothy Rossi		Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Brooke Waller	Martin and Rose Santich		Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Nicole Montoya	Lola and Sam J. Parrinello		Jean and Bob Segale
Grace Sellai Kaniewski	Mary and Bill Segale		The Segale Family
Emma Fontana	Mary and Bill Segale		The Segale Family
Maria-Therese Aglialoro	James Tollefson		Maria Tollefson - Br. 229/Br. 230

2017 First Year Scholarship Winners

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Branch/District/Individual
Katherine La Costa	James Tollefson		Maria Tollefson - Br. 229/Br. 230
Antonio Balagot	Louise Trevizo		The Trevizo Family - Br. 19

*We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the I.C.F. Scholarship Fund possible:

Central Coast District: Rosalie Campisi (Br. 21/Br. 26) - In Memory of Mary Cetani; Contra Costa District: Br. 72; East Bay District: Officers/Members of Central Council - In Memory of Phil Mages, Bob and Theresa Dianda (Br. 91) - In Memory of Leroy Dolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane - In Memory of Gertrude Hankins and Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane - In Memory of Phil Mages; Fresno District: Antoinette and Angelo Pecora (Br. 308) - In Memory of Berton B. Belton, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora - In Memory of Mary Cantelmi Marchetti, Gloria Rodenborn-Garcia (Br. 191) - In Memory of Brinton Moore and Gloria Rodenborn-Garcia - In Memory of Sandy Resendiz; Las Vegas: Br. 367 (Closing Donation); Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Br. 118; San Diego District: Br. 416; San Fernando Valley Region: Robert Furfaro - In Memory of Frank Furfaro; San Francisco District: Cosmo and Mara Amato (Br. 38) - In Memory of Anna M. Barberi, San Gabriel Valley Region: Br. 218; San Mateo District: Joe and Yvonne Soracco - In Memory of Anna Barberi; Santa Clara Valley District: Officers/Members of Br. 191 - In Memory of Connie Cannino, The Antonowicz Family (Br. 184/Br. 191/Br. 445), Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Memory of Dr. Robert Ramonda, Ed and Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Memory of Eloise Girotti, Emily Corral (Br. 191) - In Memory of William E. Wilkinson, Tom and Elaine Davis (Br. 191) - In Memory of Robert Ramonda, Liz Donaldson (Br. 191) - In Memory of Bob Ramonda, Brenda Fortino - In Memory of Anna Barberi, Karen Fortino - In Memory of Anna Barberi, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Memory of Anna Barberi, Anthony Geraci - In Memory of Joseph Trovato, Aldine Grisenti (Br. 191) - Get Well Wishes for Betty Antuzzi, Aldine Grisenti - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Albert Lavezzo, Donna and Richard Pfaff (Br. 184/Br. 445) - In Memory of Anthony Taormino, Bruce and Lonnie Swarringim (Br. 191) - In Memory of Connie Cannino, Bruce and Lonnie Swarringim - In Memory of Robert Ramonda and Evelyn Taravella (Br. 368) - In Memory of Steve Taravella; Santa Rosa District: Br. 75, Br. 145, Br. 209 and Howard and Angela (Amato) Stockwell and Family - In Memory of Anna Barberi; Stockton District: Br. 48 and Br. 413.



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St. Victor, Br. 195

Time marches on and so do the members of Br. 195. We enjoyed pizza and fellowship at our April Meeting. In May, members decided to attend the Railcats baseball in Gary Indiana, during the month of July. Those who attended the game last year recalled the fun they had and wanted to go again! Thanks and gratitude to Michele Kiernicki, Secretary, for making the arrangements. Ticket price is \$10 per person, which includes park admission and a standard ball game meal of a hot dog, chips and soda. There is good news for those who have difficulty walking!

We will be sitting near the concessions and bathrooms. We need to bring cushions for the seats. July 14 is the date to bring family and friends.

Continued interest was expressed in having a live performance of “NUNS” conducting “class”, - ala Nunsense - at St. Victor's church Hall. The Hall has been remodeled and we are excited to bring events there. Tentative plans were discussed for a pot-luck meal in October's meeting. We pray for all ill members and for those others who have been unable to attend meetings.

We pray especially for Carmen Gambino and Len Delisi, who are undergoing Physical Therapy in Dyer Indiana. Please keep in mind that there will NO MEETING in JULY.

Michele Kiernicki
Br. 195 secretary

River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358
“Our country tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty”.

July brings us one of our favorite holidays, July 4th, Independence Day. Fireworks, concerts, picnics and parades are all part of our celebration of this day. Above all, the American flag flies proudly at all of our gatherings, the symbol of the “Land of the free and the home of the brave”.

We salute our ICF members who are veterans, John Corcoran, Gene Gillette, Rich Neri, Paul Calabrese and Sam Occhipinti as well as all the other men and women who have served our country in war and in peace.

We welcomed our returning member and new vice-president, Mario Data, at our May meeting, along with 4 other new members. They are Sylvia Corcoran, Elaine Date, Mary Jane Oliver, and Paul Calabrese.

Branch 358 gifted a \$500.00 scholarship to a current 7th grade student entering eighth grade at St. Vincent Ferrer School in the Fall of 2017. This scholarship was given in loving memory of Theresa Cairo, who served as president of our branch 358, for many years.

Our St. Joseph Day Table contributions allowed us to give \$880.00 to our parish for the poor.

Our parish picnic on June 4th was a success. The ICF members donated the proceeds from their sweet table to the parish. We provided many different sweets and coffee free of charge to everyone. All contributions went to the parish. We thank our members for their “sweet” baked contributions.

Happy birthday to Victoria, DeGrazia and Judith Schweickert who shared a June 8th birthday. Birthday greetings also go to Janet Trammelli on July 18th and to Rich Neri on July 26th.

God bless America!
Submitted by
Barbara Capozzoli



Branch 418 proudly marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Itasca, honoring our Veterans. Thanks to members who participated. Members, their family and even pets participating and enjoying Itasca's Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to all attendees.

Itasca
St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Summer events for our branch are in full swing: Saturday, July 8th, pilgrimage to the St. Therese museum and shrine in Darien. Sunday, July 16th, our branch picnic at Madison-Meadow Park in Lombard. Sunday, July 23rd. Chicago District golf outing at Salt Creek golf club in Itasca. Contact any officer for additional information. Details for our annual Dinner Dance and additional events will be forthcoming in next Bollettino.

Continue to pray for our sick members and their caregivers.

May God Bless,
Rita

Fresno
Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Our June 3 Yard Sale was successful thanks to Evelyn Nieto, Maria Guglielmino, and Bryant Nieto who arrived at 5 a.m. for set up. Also helping were Debbie and Ashley Rocha and Richard Romagnoli. Gratefully, clean up was conducted by Bryant.

Much appreciate Maria G's hospitality and creative ideas.

Branch 32 was well represented at a mass for the living and deceased members of



the ICF. Making extra effort to attend mass together were Martha Acuna, Maria Guglielmino, Evelyn Nieto, Evelyn Lopez, Nancy Rodriguez, Elaine Lencioni, and Cle'Estria Lett. God Bless you.

Welcome back to Eddie and Patricia Vivenzi who just sailed in from their Alaskan Cruise. Many stories to tell. Paulette Volpa and her family were off to Universal Studios.

Continued prayers are requested for Br. 32, Dan and Annette Husak, Cle'Estria Lett, Eleanor Andreotti, Doris Papi, Nancy Hinds, Mary Romagnoli (John), Heather Thomason, and Martin Vivenzi. May God have mercy on their souls and strength and healing of their bodies and minds.

Peace.

Merced
St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Our Lake Yosemite Wiener Roast was a fun gathering of members and friends for a relaxing and enjoyable evening. BBQ hot dogs, beans, home-grown tomatoes and peppers, corn-on-the-cob, and “Make Your Own Sundae” made up our delicious outdoor meal. Bob Tyler, chair of the event, did his usual fantastic job. With a cake walk and white elephant raffle too, we thank Bob and crew who helped make our evening a success.

Stefani Clare Camper, daughter of members Scott and Mary Stefani Camper, was awarded our scholarship.

A big welcome to Josephine Bellardita



Branch 39 member Stefani Clare Camper receiving a first year scholarship from member Michael Bandoni from Branch 39, Merced.

who recently rejoined our branch and to Matthew and Luke Saling, the grandchildren of Patti and Frank Simas. We hope to see you all at our meetings and events.

Members recently honored at the Merced County Old Timers Association were: Marvin Noya, Gino Pedretti, Sr., Mary-Jo Stavros, Josephine Trindade and Evelyn Way. Congrats for reaching this milestone Ol' Timers!

Take a walk down memory lane while listening and dancing to the tunes of the '50s at our July 21 Sock Hop and dinner at the Italo Lodge. The \$25 tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Terrie Rhodes 209-658-9204. So, grab a partner and "Shake It Up!"

Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 5 PM Social Hour, 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Meeting. Join us, as we learn about and vote on this year's convention proposals.

Our dear member Rollie Noya recently passed away. Lingering are memories of him in the Lodge kitchen cooking up his famous Portuguese beans. Rest in Peace dear Rollie.

Passa una buona estate!

Stephanie Lucich

Sanger

St. Mary, Br. 70

At our last meeting on May 9th. Josie Lopez deserves special thanks for making the beautiful decorations on the May 9th meeting and presenting a Mother's Day speech which included a prayer for our mothers.

We discussed many issues including plans for sending President Kay Lopez as our delegate to the convention and our fund raiser dinner which was May 21.

The dinner turned out really well and all money raised was for the scholarship we offer graduating students. We would like to thank President Kay Lopez, Elaine Lincioni, and Josie Lopez for cooking the chicken and Rosemary Wymenga for making the salads. Tencia Rubio, Ralph Wymenga and Bob Merlo helped out tremendously.

We plan to celebrate Father's Day and

honor our scholarship recipients at our next meeting June 13. Until next time, Sanger Branch 70 wishes you all a wonderful 4th of July.

Ciao,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Our Branch had a winning team at the District Bocce ball Tournament. The Cornhuskers (team members Angelo Lavagnino; his grandson, T.J. Hamel; and two ladies who filled in) won second place out of about 20 teams.

Father Robert had a wonderful time scuba diving in Cozumel, Mexico. He saw turtles, eagle rays, sting rays, sharks, tropical fish and beautiful coral structures. This was his ninth international trip for diving since being certified ten years ago.

Vincent Rodriguez won 3rd place in the Fresno County Library's poetry contest in April for his poem, My Cat.

Vincent's sister, Nicole, is enjoying her time studying abroad in London this spring and plans to travel to Italy during her stay in Europe.

Jennie Campopiano's grandson, Jake Powe, was confirmed on May 20. Grandma Jennie was his sponsor. Jake's younger brother, Marcus, graduated from 8th grade on June 9. Jake & Marcus' mom, Joan, won a special award from St. Philip School's Parent Teacher Organization.

Mary Zanarini traveled to Salt Lake City to enjoy her granddaughter's spring ballet

performance, her 14th birthday and her confirmation.

Flora DePasquale's granddaughter, Alexa DePasquale Gilmore sang God Bless America in the 7th inning at the Giants baseball game April 9 in San Diego.

Doug Duke attended his youngest grandson's participation in the Academic Decathlon State finals for the high schools. He medaled as 5th in the State in one category.

Many happy returns to: Fr. Robert (7/18); Madeline Conatser (7/22); Rachel Schultz (7/27); and Michael Weatherly (7/1).

Have a safe 4th!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Los Angeles

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](tel:6263727812) 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 on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call Carmelo at [626 372-7812](tel:6263727812) or visit website at www.icf.org for more information.

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

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South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On June 9 Branch President John Maggiora presented the ICF Branch 108 Frank Bratta Scholarship to Holy Family School 8th Student Amelia Loewel during graduation ceremonies in Holy Family Church. Amelia will be going to Mayfield Senior School in the fall.

On Sunday, June 25th, Annual Branch 108 Picnic on the Holy Family School Children's Field will feature Bean Bag Bocce, Bean Bag Toss and BBQ. RSVP to [626 403-6102](tel:6264036102) if you would like to join members. Games start at 1:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

July 16, 2017 - Branch 108 and District Cooley's Anemia Fundraiser in South Pasadena from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All Branches welcome. Call [626 403-6102](tel:6264036102) to RSVP and for more information.

Mother Cabrini Chapel

Recently, my wife Linda and I visited Chicago with our son Nick. While Nick was attending a two day business conference in downtown Chicago, Linda and I drove to the Mother Cabrini Shrine at Park West. This facility was opened October 1, 2012 after a ten year planning effort between the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the City of Chicago and a Developer who successfully demolished the old Columbus Hospital and the construction of both a residential tower and dedicated building for the shrine and chapel honoring Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

We were fortunate to have met Sister Bernadette Zanin MSC (the Sister in Charge) who took time to take us through a tour of the facility giving us specific details of the design elements throughout the interior of the Chapel.

After the tour I picked up 3rd class relics, mass cards and a number of other Mother Cabrini momentos that we will make available at the Mother Cabrini Chapel



Gift Shop in Burbank the day of the annual Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon on December 3, 2017.

This year is special at the Chapel in Burbank. We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Mother Cabrini's death in solidarity with the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Chicago. I would love to see as many ICF Branches attending the Pilgrimage this year with their banners as possible.

A special donation from ICF Branches throughout the ICF Organization this year would be welcome funding that is sorely needed for the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Facility maintenance, building restoration and display upgrades. Please forward donations to ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee, 3801 Scott Road,

Burbank, CA 91504.

For more information on the December 3rd celebration, please call [626 372-7812](tel:6263727812) or email Carmelo Sabatella at cas1810@aol.com.

I would love to see as many ICF Branches attending the Pilgrimage and supporting the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Carmelo Sabatella President

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

ICF/LA Archdiocese District Council

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Branch 108's Holy Family scholarship recipient.

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. Best Wishes for a great summer to all of you. As you may know, we will not have a general meeting during the month of July. Our branch annual potluck Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Juan Matias Sanchez Adobe, 946 n. Adobe Avenue, (North of La Merced Avenue), in Montebello. A picnic flyer with details will be mailed out. Invite your family and friends. Our August General Meeting will be on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays in the months of July & August: Carmelo Palmeri, Rachel Lujan, Rose Mary Brougher, Paul Adragna, Mario Castello, Giuseppe Veneziano, and Ruben Valdez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!! Congratulations to Angela Shasha from St. Paul High School, Santa Fe Springs. She won Branch 111's \$400.00 First Year



Branch 111's lunch at Vittoria Restaurant.

College Scholarship.

On June 16, 2017, Branch President, Frank Salomone, attended the St. Benedict School Graduation Ceremony, and based on our essay contest, presented two Scholarships, each in the amount of \$400.00 to the essay contest winners.

The Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser will be held on July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at Villa Sabatella in South Pasadena. This is a great BBQ with unlimited drinks and great raffle prizes. A great event for an even greater cause. Cost for Branch 111 members is \$12:50, non-branch 111 members is \$25.00. If you would like to attend this important fundraiser, send a check to Frank Salomone, 957 N. Scott Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640 by July 17th. Any questions please call Frank at (323) 888-2074.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following Achievement quote: "Good things come to people who wait, but better things come to those who go out and get them" Thank you for all you for the ICF and for our community.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Wow here comes Summer again! We wish safe travel to our branch members who are on vacation this month.

At our June meeting our branch voted on our Convention delegates. Congratulations to Neal and Ana DiLeva, and Diana Picone. Thank you for representing our branch.

Our parish fiesta is fast approaching. The fiesta will start on July 21st to the 23rd. We will be hosting the pizza and meatball/sausage sandwich booth. Help will be needed to make meatballs on Thursday 20th and also needed to man the booth all 3 days of the fiesta. Please call Pauline (310) 832 0563 and or Neal (310) 433 1044 if able to volunteer a few hours. It is such a worthy cause and lots of fun!!! All help is appreciated.

Due to meatball making for fiesta our monthly July meeting will be held on Thursday July 13th at 7:30 pm. This is the second Thursday of the month. Please plan on attending. At this meeting, we will discuss our annual triduum for St. John Joseph of the Cross. Triduum will be celebrated at the 5:15pm mass on August



Branch 115, San Pedro and Branch 362, Downey awarded first year scholarships to Mary Star of the Sea High School students at the Award Ceremony on May 18, 2017.

Pictured from (L-R) Branch 362 President Perry Shurko, Branch 115 President Neal DiLeva, Branch 115 recipient Angela Pisano and Isidoro Amalfitano. Branch 362 recipient Robert Enciso.

17th and 18th with coroncina to follow. On Saturday August 19th mass will start at 9am. Please join us after mass for lite refreshment in the auditorium. The evening dinner dance festivities will start at 6:30pm Menu consist of Prime rib with all the fixings. Tickets are \$35.00/person. Please support this fundraiser. The monies raised will help our branch support our parish, offer scholarships, and support our seminarians. Call Neal for tickets. (310) 433 1044

We recently learned that our branch Chaplain Father Cassian Di Rocco has been reassigned to another parish. We thank him for his support of our branch. Please keep him in your prayers.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Gardena

Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Dear Members,

June was an exciting month! We hosted our annual trip to Laughlin, NV many happy and smiley faces returned from a great trip.

We also presented five scholarships to future college and high school students.

Our college scholarship winner was Nicolas Simone from Bishop Montgomery High

School. He will be attending UCLA in the fall.

From our home parish of St. Anthony of Padua we presented scholarships to three outstanding young ladies. Kacey Alejadre and Crystal Mozqueda who will be attending Bishop Montgomery High School and Erika Pineda who will be attending with honors St. Joseph High School.

From our neighboring parish St. Catherine of Laboure, Jacob Miller was selected. He will be attending Bishop Montgomery High School.

Congratulations to all the scholarship winners. We wish them good fortune and success in the future.

This is what all our hard work on our fundraisers can do!!! Thanks to all our members and patrons for all your support. We could not do it without you.

And speaking of graduations, we had two daughters/members of our branch graduate from college last month. Angela Moreno from Cal State Dominguez Hills and Victoria Moore from the University of Portland. Congrats also to mom Theresa Moreno and parents John and Rose Moore.

Remember the date: October 7th our



Branch 237 Graduates and Scholarship winners.



LA Branch 444 Father's Day Luau

LA Branch 444 Patty Hansen and Anna-marie Ellington



Recently, a representative from The Italian American Museum of Los Angeles spoke to our group about the newly renovated museum. A branch field trip is planned to see The Sicilian Cart : History in Movement exhibit.

Our annual summer event and Mass is being planned for August at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. An invitation will be sent to members with the details. Last year's event was a huge success. We hope that every member will attend this year.

Our president, Jack DeZell will be our delegate at the Annual ICF Convention, which will be held in Sacramento this Labor Day weekend. Jack will be joined by his wife Laura and his 2-year-old son, ICF member Macabe.

Please plan to join other members to help out at the Christmas Party ICF is sponsoring for the children at Children's Hospital in late November. This will be another way for us to support the children who are victims of this horrid disease. All research for this disease has been shifted to Los Angeles now from where it has previously been done in Oakland. This now means we can support this program "hands on" locally besides the money we contribute. The entire LA ICF Archdiocese district is getting behind this effort. More will follow, as plans are firmed up.

We will be initiating an Inter Branch program shortly where some members will visit other branches, beginning in the fall. The purpose is to get to know other members of ICF in the district and to share ideas. If you are interested, please contact Jack.

We awarded another college scholarship this year to Miss Clair Schlueter, a graduate of Cresenta Valley High School.

Have a safe and relaxing summer. Dio benedica te e le tue famiglie

Al Restivo

First Vice President and Orator

Rancho Palos Verdes

St. John Fisher, Br. 444

St. John Fisher, Chapter 444 had an eventful few months. In May, we commemorated Mother's Day by sharing stories of our mothers who loved, cherished, and took



Newly installed members of Branch 319. Photo by William Mussatto.

care of our every need. One member shared how his mother's immigration status during WWII impacted their family and how they were treated by members of their community.

On June 8th we had a wonderful Luau celebration for father's day. Pulled pork, Hawaiian rice, and orange chicken were some of the favorites on the menu. Thank you to Patty Hansen for a wonderful meal! Monsignor Sork introduced our special visitor, Bishop Joe Sartoris, who shared his pride in his Italian heritage. Bishop Sartoris was baptized at St. Peters in Los Angeles and grew up in Glendale. He is a member of ICF and told us a few of his experiences in meeting Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert Bandini.

July's meeting will be on the 13th. We will be having a movie night. Please join us.

In recognition of high scholastic achievement, qualities of character, and talents of leadership, Hunter Bjazeovich was awarded the ICF First Year Scholarship.

June birthdays: Jean Leo, Paul Leo, Fran Noday, and Betty Vieri.

July's birthdays: Cristian Baldemor, Pauletta Bryson, Victor Cavatalo, Hany Francis, Julie Seago, Joseph Trani, Don Wyanne, Dick Anthony, Donna Carleo, Anthony D'Ambra, Jr., Mark Ellington, Dena Maloney, Stephanie McKenny, Monsignor David Sork, Joseph Travato, and Bruno Vieri.

San Gabriel Valley Region Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our June meeting was the last until September. President Jerry mentioned the recipients of our scholarship money to Holy Angels' students Nathan Po and Matthew Ariannes. Congratulations to both of them. We also presented Fr. Michael with a parting gift of a lifetime honorary membership in the ICF. Our sausage and meatball sandwich sales netted a profit of \$953 and was voted on to round it off to \$1000 which will be donated to a specific charity.

Jerry will again be our delegate at the convention this year in Sacramento. This is always over Labor Day weekend. We wish him a good trip, along with wife, Carol. Jerry has also taken over the September 23rd 50th anniversary party for the branch.

He will need some help on this and will be meeting several times over the summer to pull it together.

Everyone have a safe and cool summer and will see you in September.

Lolly M.

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy summer to all of our members!

Remember to check Eleanor's monthly newsletter for our next meeting.

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

Happy July Birthday to: Frances Bonura, Peter Costa, and Mae Rosenkranz.

Happy Anniversary to: Josie and Anthony Basile (63 Years) and Cal and Val Magro (40 Years). Congratulations!

"The source of every blessing is God, who reigns above; A God of love and mercy and never failing love. ...He is there when health is failing and burdens seem too hard to bear; He reaches out with arms of love, with compassion and infinite care. ...To all who seek for mercy, He is just a prayer away."

(Frances Culp Wolfe)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Dear Members,

Our branch has had a busy last few months. In June we enjoyed a wonderful day at our annual Father Joe Scerbo Bocce Ball tournament. A good time was had by all winners and non-winners alike! We enjoyed a great catered BBQ lunch and wonderful southern California weather!

In May some of our members went participated on a wine tour of the Santa Ynez Valley. Members visited several wineries and were able to enjoy wine tasting and lovely lunch. This was a really fun event organized by Nick Iezza. Thanks you Nick

annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance

Happy the man who meditates on wisdom and reflects on knowledge.

Sirach 14:20

Happy Birthday America!

Respectfully,

Micheal Bohannon Roa.

La Canada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The board met to determine our donations for the balance of 2017. We added a new donation for the Fund for Retired Priests and for the parish branch of Skidettes. We also voted to continue our ongoing support for Cooley's anemia research, St. John Seminary, and student scholarships.

The board is considering changing the monthly meeting day to Friday evening or Sunday afternoon. If you have a preference or wish to continue to attend on Tuesday, please let Jack know. We need your input.

Our Italian classes got underway on June 10th at the La Canada Flintridge Community Center under the direction of Franco Giangulano from Long Beach who is our Italian-born instructor for the six-week beginners course in Conversational Italian. Due to improved promotional help by the local papers, we achieved our goal of 20 students, many from outside the parish, including Ann Fusano from the LA District Board, who joined in the fun. This was another successful fundraiser for our branch to add to our growing charity fund. Thoughts are to continue with a more advanced course in the fall of 2017.



Branch 380 Bocce Ball Tournament.



for putting this great day together!
We are busy getting ready for officer elections in the fall and the ICF convention in September. Please participate in our branch board! We are grateful for all of the wonderful members of our branch we have as friends! We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Ciao,
Jean Fontana Bridges
Corresponding Secretary.

Monterey

Santa Cruz
Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Happy 4th of July! It's the time of year to rejoice in God and Country...we are so blessed to have the freedom to celebrate both. We hope your 4th was fun and safe.

There is much to report this month. First,

we'd like to thank all who donated to the No Bake Sale; your generosity allowed Branch 21 to donate over \$1800.00 to your favorite charity! Also, we'd like to report that we have chosen this year's two deserving students to receive the ICF First Year Scholarship Award. They are: Alexis Palma of Scotts Valley High School and Emma Teel of San Lorenzo Valley High School. We were able to give two ICF scholarships this year because of the generosity of Virginia Orlando who gave in the name of her husband, John Orlando. Congratulations to these hardworking students!

Other good news is that during the May 3rd general meeting, we initiated our newest members, Mari Segura and Carmen Locatelli. Those other new members that were unable to attend are Danny Slebir, Elizabeth Rafietari, Michael Aluffi, Vincent and Joy Lieggi, Adele Tuiolosega, Michael Luffman, Danny Slebir and Dorothy Escobar. Welcome one and all! And speaking of ICF membership, we are proud to announce that Anna Maria Locatelli has been an ICF member for 50 years and rarely misses a Branch 21 meeting or event.



Branch 21 ICF Initiation - Left to Right: Br. 21 Pres. Richard Vote, CC Franklyn Lopes, Carmen Locatelli, CC Jim Jones, Mari Segura, CC Jerry Delfino, and Rosa Radicchi.



On June 1st, several members from Br. 291 participated in a memorial walk for Lorraine Spargo, who would have turned 78 that day. Members walked along the boardwalk in Grover Beach, then stopped at a lookout for prayers and to share memories of Lorraine.

Congratulations, Anna Maria!
There is a change in our event line-up for the rest of the year. We will not be having the Family Night Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner in September. However, we will be serving spaghetti and meatballs at the 90's Birthday Celebration on August 13th so come and get your pasta fix at that event!
Sadly, we must report the passing of Tony Franceschini, a very dear, longtime supporter of ICF and the Italian community at large. Tony was recently honored as one of the "Stars" at our ICF 90+ Birthday Celebration. We send heartfelt condolences to his wife, Della, and family.

In closing, Dante once wrote: Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici – (We cannot have a perfect life without friends.) So come join your friends at our next ICF Meeting which will be held at Holy Cross Hall on August 1st, beginning at 4:30pm. (No meeting in July). In the meantime, be safe, be happy, and don't forget to count God's Blessings.

Patty Morelli
Secretary-Branch 21

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Convention delegates this year are, Co-President Elizabeth Grammatico, 2nd Vice President Robert Huffer, Sentinel Antonia Ihnot, Trustee June Serrano, Great group, they will not miss a thing.

At our meeting on June 1st our branch had another fabulous dinner, just when you think Chef Peter John and his fantastic kitchen crew cannot top the last dinner, they do!

Our deepest sympathy to Robert and AnnaMarie DellaSala Stanton on the death of Robert's beautiful mother, Barbara "Jeanne" and to Sally Fama whose husband Thomas passed away. Tom was a past president of Br. 36, and also Co-President of Festa Italia Santa Rosalia. Tom and Carmelo Tringali took over a dying Santa Rosalia

Festival and made it great again. God has already welcomed Barbara and Thomas home.

Calendar:
July 4th - Independence Day
July 13 - Annual 85 and older birthday

party to honor our older members, all paid up members who are 85 and older are our guests, others pay as follows: members pay \$14.00, guests pay \$17.00, children 5 yrs. to 10 yrs pay \$7.00.

August 3 - Monthly dinner meeting.
September 1-2-3 - I.C.F. Convention
September 8-9-10 - Santa Rosalia Festival
September 16 - Central Coast District Meeting - Parish Hall
May We Never Forget

America's flag does not fly because of the wind that blows it,
Our flag flies because each soldier's last breath blows by it.

E-Mail
Peace be with you,
Bettye

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

It's summer, so that means it's time for our annual barbecue. It will be at Friendship Garden Park at Harvey West Park in Santa Cruz on Saturday, July 15. Ken Olsen is our coordinator this year and has come up with some new ideas. The menu will be chicken, beans, salad, corn, garlic bread, Italian sausage, watermelon and cookies. Prices are \$9.00 for members, \$12.00 for guests, and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Call Mary Harrison at 464-7278 before July 10 for reservations. Remember to bring your dinnerware.

Welcome to new members.
At our June meeting, the Perlino and Robinson Scholarships were given to the following students:.

We were sorry to learn that Ron Castle had to resign from the Board due to continuing health problems. Our prayers and thanks go to Ron for his service as Trustee.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

At our June General Meeting/Dinner, Br. 291 celebrated Membership Appreciation Month. All members dined for free on a delicious pork loin dinner with all the trimmings and we recognized our longest



Joanna Van Blaricom presented Lucy Marsalek, Br. 291's first 8th Grade Scholarship recipient, with her Certificate during an awards assembly at St. Patrick School in Arroyo Grande. Lucy will be attending Mission College Prep High School in San Luis Obispo.

ICF members. (Photos to come in the Aug. Bollettino!) There were 2 wonderful gift baskets that were raffled off, including one for children! We appreciate our members very much and all the hard work they do to keep our Branch thriving!

Our Branch is looking forward to the Central Coast District Picnic and Bishop's Day in Chualar this August. We plan to send several members to the event for a day of fun, sun, good food and fellowship.

On June 1, a group of our members attended a memorial walk for our friend and member, Lorraine Spargo, who recently passed away from cancer. Lorraine would have celebrated her 78th birthday on June 1st. One of her favorite places was the boardwalk that travels from Grover Beach to Pismo Beach, so our members gathered at the boardwalk and took a short stroll to a scenic lookout, where they prayed and shared memories of Lorraine. After the walk, several gathered for dinner at one of Lorraine's favorite restaurants in Arroyo Grande. It was such a special event that we would like to continue the tradition each year to remember other friends and family members who have gone before us.

Please continue to pray for our members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Homer and Dianne Clees, Stevie Hall, Giovanna Schaefer, Kathleen Sullivan, Joanna Van Blaricom and Jens Wagner.

Happy Independence Day and have a blessed summer!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

The East Bay quarterly Communion was reported to be a success thanks to the hard work of Mary Ann Francis, glad you were able to hang in there. Hopefully some of the parishioners who joined the group after Mass will be interested in becoming ICF members.

Since there were no reports of early retirement following the Day at the Races

we expect to see everyone at the next District meeting. Fran had another sell out with this one and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The next District meeting will be at OLG but in the Augustine Center instead of Stack Center which is being renovated. This will be our meeting place throughout the summer.

In the meantime, District Pres. Leonard would like to see a few more golfers at the tournament, July 28. Even if you do not golf, word has it that the dinner is great and the area a nice place to visit, so-o-o come on down!

Night for the Seminarians is set to go; Lisa tells us a wine tasting will be held on August 5th at St. Isidore's hall at 5:30 P.M., cost is \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door, this includes your wine glass. There will be hors d'oeuvres, raffles and 5% of the money goes to the seminarians. So, save the date and invite your friends.

In the meantime, the branches should be getting organized for the ICF Convention, you need delegates but a few non delegates are a great addition. There is plenty happening, so everyone can find something to keep them busy and it's a super way to meet new people.

A Happy 4th of July to all. God Bless America and keep everyone safe and sane.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We lost a long-time member, Whitney Gaunt, who died in late May. Whitney had belonged to Branch 10 for 38 years. We welcomed 58 guests to our 91st Anniversary Dinner on May 20. The evening was accompanied by the Italian music of Andrew and Patrick Nguyen, who also play at the 11:30 Mass at Saint Philip Neri Church. Ben Ratto, our ever-reliable chef, prepared the meal of ravioli and roast beef. James McGee, one of dozens of the foster children of our president Dave Rose, served as master of ceremonies. At the time of the submission of this article we were planning our June 24 Mass, barbecue and initiation. We had not conducted an initiation in this decade and hoped that many members who have been paying dues for several years would at last receive their formal welcome into Branch 10. At our meeting of June 1 president Dave Rose, secretary Jeanette Zugnoni and publicist John Zugnoni were elected as our delegates to the Sacramento convention. Peggy and Bob Lubeck will serve as alternates. We have awarded \$500.00 high school scholarships to Mary Hillenbrand and Ben Ratto, Jr. Mary and Ben both graduated from Saint Philip Neri School and will be entering Catholic High School in August. In recent months representatives of Branch 10 have attended anniversary events for Branches 215, 343 and 285 and the East Bay District Communion hosted by Branch 40 at Sacred Heart Church in Oakland. John Zugnoni

Publicity

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy 4th of July to Everyone. ICF Convention Raffle tickets have been mailed. Please mail the stubs, and your check made



Graduation Ceremony at St. Lawrence O'Toole's, including Gabriela Snachez



Patrick Madej and Dylan at Branch 91 The Crab Feed.

out to ICF Branch 40; to Claire Ramierz, 510 Athena #3, Hercules CA 94547. If you need more raffle tickets please contact Claire at 510-724-9790.

Our Distret Mass and Communion on June the 4th was a wonderful event. Officers and members from other Branches in our District were in attendance as well Sacred Heart Parishiners. Our Branch was represented by a few officers. For those in our branch who could not make it, you missed a really fun event. Early August our Branch is putting on a Saturday Luncheon Bingo Fundraising Event for our Church and one of the ICF Charities. The final details are being ironed out. Official announcement will be made shortly.

Information regarding the Bishops Day and Seminary Bourse will be mailed to each branch member. Please respond.

July Birthday wishes Lawrence Francis, Traci Franco, Diane Greene, Vito Muscardin, Ben Navarra and Betty Young. God Bless you All. Please remember in prayers the sick and convalescing members of our branch.

Thought: "Wisdom is the wealth of the wise; Anger is the Stone thrown at a wasp's Nest"

Ciao,

M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Oakland

St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

We have been rather busy with our branch activities during the first half of this year.

Since January, our branch has participated in many dinners, including The East Bay District's Annual Crab Feed in Alameda through the Anniversary Dinner in Castro Valley in April.



Betty Tully and Maria Raphael of Branch #91 at our January dinner meeting.



Monthly dinner meeting-Lady Theresa Dianda, Annette Maggiora, and Sir Robert Dianda. Dinner of pasta with pesto, salad, garlic bread prepared by Mike & Donna Santich. Pesto sauce by Sir Robert Dianda

We had an officer attend The Annual Champagne Bingo at St. Elizabeth's Parish in San Francisco, Branch # 258 to take notes for a possible future event at Branch #91.

May has been a huge month of celebrations for Branch #91 at St. Lawrence O'Tool Parish.

Our branch presented a scholarship to the last graduating class member, Gabriela Sanchez, for her to use at Holy Names High School.

Both myself, Roberta Bianco Madej, Andrea Bianco Vasquez, Cathy Bianco & the principal, Connie Hubbard, are alumni of both SLOT as well as Holy Names.

The next day was a special mass for the alumni and our president & Central Council member, Jane Dianda, was invited to give a speech, along with other alumni during the ceremony.

It was also a special celebration for Father Nick Glisson, who will be going to another parish in July. Members are attending his farewell dinner and we say Grazie a millie for all his support!

The new pastor will be Father Brandon and we are putting together a welcome basket filled with trattamenti Italiani.

During the year, our branch has been holding regular meetings, some at church and others at Sir Robert Dianda's home.

In July we hope to have our other scholarship winner, Juliana Riva, from Carondolet High School, attend our dinner meeting. She is a First Year Scholarship and will receive a special award certificate that evening.

Later in the year, our branch celebrates it's 65TH Anniversary at SLOT with a fabulous meal & bar, great raffle prizes and we are letting you know now to save the date.

We have the same crew lined up and a

dinner menu that is Molto Speciale!

Our annual dinner is booked for Oct.22nd and we hope that more of you can attend this year!!!

Last year's was 65 people and we want more to come.

This event will include members from Central Council, The East Bay District and other branch members from all around the area.

Lastly, we are looking forward to the Convention in Sacramento and have two members representing our branch for the workshops, Annette Maggiora and myself.

We are hoping that our president, Jane Dianda, will also be able to attend. This depends on her other obligations and as time allows.

*Respectfully submitted by Jo-Ann Maggiora
Donivan Vice-President #1 of Branch #91*

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Polenta Dinner Fundraiser Sold Out! Our June 3rd Polenta Dinner was a huge success. Sold our maximum seating of 120 persons. The baskets for charity were outstanding and helped raise money for our scholarship fund. Thanks and gratitude to Co-Chairs Judy Wellbeloved and Carolyn Cardinalli. And a great big thanks to all those "invisible" people who contributed to our success. Big events take lots of help and so many pitched in. At our June meeting, we did something quite unique. Members brought herb pots and we planted herbs. The next time an Italian dinner is prepared (maybe even an American dish), the herbs will be from the garden like the most exclusive restaurants. For those who travel to Italy, check out Puglia, Basilicata, & Calabria. Quite a different part of Italy and most interesting. And the prices are about half of many of the northern cities. Mention that you are a member of the ICF and you may be surprised at who knows our organization. That's all for this short epistle. Come join us for our events or meetings - together we are the Italian Catholic Federation family.

Ci vediamo presto?

Chuck Meier

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well the happy wanderers have begun their meetings away from home base (Stack Center @ OLG) and we did okay with our get together @ Round Table Pizza. Thanks to Co-Pres. Melody for setting it up. Our next meeting will be at the Crudo residence on July 13th. Keep an eye out for details on the next flyer.

Remember to keep selling those Raffle books, a little work and easy income for the branch. We still have 10 books looking for sellers/buyers.

The winner of our 1st year scholarship is Charlotte Miranda of Livermore. Since there was no awards ceremony at her school, Co-Pres. Karen mailed her the award. If anyone wishes to award a 2nd year scholarship individually there is information on the website.

Lots of information and sign ups for convention activities both in the Bollettino



ICF Contra Costa District celebrates its annual Communion Breakfast at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez. Members of six branches were in attendance.



Rosemary Cook of Branch 13 presents St. Catherine of Siena eighth grade graduate, Patrick George, with the branch's Marina Ellis Eighth Grade \$200 Scholarship and certificate.

and at the meeting. "Time's awastin!", so make your plans early. Some new things include a night out at a minor league baseball game that will be Italian Heritage Night. Not to be confused with our night at the A's game in August.

Congratulations, wedding bells rang for Bill Nelson and Sylvia Smith on Memorial Day weekend. We wish them much happiness in the future.

With the 4th of July here, may God Bless America and keep us safe.

Contra Costa District Council

The District would like to thank Walter Costa for being the chair person for our recent Communion Breakfast. We attended Mass at St. Catherine's in Martinez and breakfast followed in the parish hall. We wish to thank Joseph Flores for treating all of us to the breakfast

Please remember that this is the last chance to get tickets to the A's game Italian Night on Aug 25th. in Oakland. Cost is \$30.00 per person and your check should be made out to ICF Contra Costa District. Contact Rose Jarrett at Angels8199@aol.com to book. You will not want to miss this event. We will enjoy Italian entertainment and dinner before the game We will also receive a A's beanie hat. We always get over 100 in attendance. We will sell out soon, so hurry.

Our next event will be our annual Bishops Day This will take place on September 17 in Richmond. It will be hosted by the



ICF Branch 13 President Tom Cook receives the Central Council acknowledgment from Past Grand President David Botta commemorating the branch's 90th anniversary in the Federation. Congratulations Branch 13!

Brentwood Branch. Each branch should hand in their donation, and spiritual bouquet as discussed at our last meeting.

Our District made a donation to the ICF golf tournament that will be held in July. in Monterey. If you would like to play golf, or attend the luncheon contact the ICF office.

Our last meeting was held on June 22nd, and details from that meeting will be given in next write up Remember the Convention will be held over the Labor Day weekend in Sacramento Check it out

May God bless each one of you, and grant you a Happy and safe Summer months.

Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Members of Branch 13 wish to thank David Botta and the Contra Costa District for recognizing the branch's 90th Anniversary in the Federation at the recent District Mass. Branch #13 President, Tom Cook, was presented with a commemorative certificate and donation to the Providenza Fund in the Branch name. There were representatives of six branches of the District in attendance at the annual Communion Breakfast held at St. Catherine of Sienachurch in Martinez which began with the 10:30

AM Mass followed by a pancake breakfast in the parish hall.

Branch 13 Scholarship Chairperson, Rosemary Cook, presented St. Catherine of Siena student, Patrick George, with the Marina Ellis Eighth Grade \$200 Scholarship at his graduation on Friday, June 2. He and his family along with our ICF First Year scholarship recipient from College Park High School, Olivia Hunter-McElroy, are invited to visit with branch members at our August meeting and share their plans for high school and college respectively.

Congratulations to our Convention delegates Tom Cook and Maria Catanese Helberg. We look forward to their reports on the 2017 Convention events.

Play ball. Rozalyn DeVincenzi and Anne Crisp look forward to the Italian Heritage Night at the Oakland A's vs Rangers game on August 25. They are A's fans and excited to meet other ICF members at the game.

Stay tuned for details for our annual Polenta, Chicken and Sausage dinner fundraiser coming in October.

We wish all of you a sunny, safe and fun filled summer.

Ciao from Martinez!

Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

A sincere welcome to Steve and Julie Buscaglia, who joined our branch in May. Catherine (Cookie,) Aime and Oberron Maricich are happy to have additional relatives as members, and we're sure Norma Buscaglia would have been elated!

Please pray for improved health for Pat Contestable. Sure miss you and Julie at the meetings, Pat.

Heartfelt condolences to John Neihouse on the sad passing of his son, Mark; to Jenny Sebastian, whose mother recently passed; to Jerry and Bob Carone and their families on the passing of their sister, Patty, and to the Bonovich family on the death of Irene Bonovich, Marsha Molinaro and Susan Cianciarulo's sweet mother.

July brings thoughts of warm summer days, barbecues and family gatherings. Isn't



Member from Branch 14 enjoying themselves at the Knight of Columbus breakfast in Martinez after an ICF District Mass.



Happy Red Nose Day from some Bocce members from Branch 14, Crockett.

it appropriate, then, that our branch is planning a July 30th Anniversary celebration and an August 13th picnic? Of course it is! See the May to September notice for details about these fun events, as well as the separate anniversary notice. We hope to see you there!

On the 4th of July, and always, God Bless America...land that we love!

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

On June 4 we had our membership appreciation barbecue and meeting. The theme was patriotic Red, white and blue. We thank Josie Leontini for providing and making each of us a banana split. We also thank her for the decorations. We thank Helen Politakes for shopping for the barbecue and donating the Hot dogs and all the fixings. We look forward to many events this summer and fall. The swim party and picnic at Joann's, the trip to the Pittsburg museum and lunch, The District Oakland A's Italian night baseball game, the convention baseball game, the convention, Bishops day, night of recollection and so much more. The convention will be held over the Labor day weekend. It will be held in Sacramento. Check out the many Masses and festivities. Go to Sacramento for the day or over night. You can get the ICF rate for the hotel. But book early. You can donate blood at the ICF blood drive. Sign up's for that will be needed in advance. Our annual Bus trip to The Santa Rosalia festival in Monterey will take place on Sat. Sept. 9. You should have received the contact information and details by now. So hurry and call Joann Thilgen. Sorry that I can not list her phone no. here. I am away on vacation as I write this and do not have her phone no. with me. Call the no. on the flyer or call me Patty at [925-228-0810](tel:925-228-0810).

On Sunday Sept. 17 we will have our annual Bishop day. This year our district will host and the Brentwood branch will

take care of the details. However, this event will be held in Richmond. You will get a flyer in the mail with the details. We do not have a meeting in July. Watch in the mail for your August meeting invitation. That is all for now.

See you soon.

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti.

Patty

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

Our June meeting was a celebration of our scholarship recipients and their families. We hosted a Ravioli and Salad dinner including dessert and drinks.

The recipients are:

Julian A. Acuña, St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley

Nikolaus Calarco, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond

Gabriel Friet, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond

Heartfelt congratulations to all of our recipients!

Our next bus trip to Cache Creek is July 31, 2017. Get your reservations in early to Joe Meneghelli, 510-234-2208. Any profit we make on our trips benefits Cooley's anemia,

Don't forget to turn in your Convention Raffle tickets to Dee Yonke at the August Meeting. Reminder, No Meeting in July.

Up coming events:

August 14, next meeting. Hamburgers and Salad, Reserve with Walter, 510-385-9953.

September 17, Bishop's Day, to be hosted by the Brentwood branch. Mass at St. Cornelius Church in Richmond, Dinner to follow at The Galileo Club. More details to follow.

And of course, The Convention. All are invited to attend, it's in Sacramento over the Labor Day weekend. Let Toni Reeder



Branch 214 President Roberta Healy and Joshua Fernandez, our winner of the essay contest at St. Agnes school.

know if you are interested in attending as a non delegate.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

Includes St. Agnes, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure's & Queen of All Saints parishes

It has been a very eventful few months, we had an Essay contest on 'Heritage', for 8th grade students of St. Agnes school to participate in. We had 2 winners both received \$100. We thank Ed & Allison McGuirk (both are members, & teachers; Ed is now retired) for reading & judging. Our TEA was a fun success as was our Wine Tasting at Viano Winery in Martinez. Membership continues to increase, we will have an Installation in September. We now look forward to our Annual BBQ held at President Roberta Healy's home in August, which is always well attended by our members. Prayers for our sick, elderly & members having surgery may they have speedy & healthy recoveries, always asking Our Lord to Bless our Military.

Ciao,

Christina Artale, correspondence secty

Danville

St. Isadore, Br. 352

Our April "Festa Primavera" Dinner Dance & Fundraiser was a very lively, festive event, enjoyed by members, family & friends. It was great to see some of our long-time members, Anita Gatti & Tony Rosellini, kicking up their heels on the dance floor! (they put the 'youngsters' to shame!). The raffle & auction proceeds definitely helped with this year's charity contributions, so thank you one and all. Also, many thanks to Chef Angelo and the event committee members who contributed their time & talent in making our dinner such a success!

Our June 19th dinner meeting kicked off with a Summer BBQ – complete with finger-lickin' good ribs, hot dogs, burgers & all the trimmings! Many thanks to Chef Angelo, Ron Gatti, Marilyn Creighton, Suzi Reynolds & our kitchen/dinner volunteers for such a fun menu! Our ICF student scholarship recipients and their families were also able to join us. Parishioners Sabrina Dunbar and Christine DeMartini were recognized with 1st year scholarships by Scholarship Chairman, Dick Reynolds. To top off the evening, we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of our favorite Mgrs. Daniel Cardelli!! While it may seem like

yesterday, that he was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, it was actually June 15, 1957. Congratulations, Monsignor, on reaching this outstanding milestone! We are lucky to have you as an ICF advocate & active participant in our Branch!

Since we do not meet in July, stay tuned for news on summer picnic events – with some bocce ball, too! Details to follow, via email. Our next monthly dinner meeting will be Monday, August 21 at 6pm. Happy Summer!

Ciao,

Branch 352

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all!

June is a busy month, many activities are scheduled: Starting off with the Monkey Wrench/Enterprise Car Show and barbeque, that will be held on June 17th. Also going on in June will be the Parish Festival on June 25th. The Festival features a talent show as well as a variety of food from many different cultures.

Ending the month on June 26th will be the annual ICF/Knights of Columbus Scholarship Awards Dinner. This Year for the awards there is a new wrinkle; past Branch President, Frank Stignetto has donated \$1,000 to our scholarship fund. President Gene Simonetti has requested that the branch add another \$1,000 to Frank and Rosalie's generous donation, this will allow three scholarships to be awarded. The recipients will be announced at the awards dinner.

The highlight of each Branch meeting is the Heritage presentation. Ted Arcado, Heritage Chairman, organizes the many members and their "Coming to America" adventures and subsequent lives in America. It is interesting to note how some lives intertwine in the new world just by the fact of being Italian immigrants and in many cases, from the same areas in Italy. Their stories are moving, humorous, sad but all have the same common denominator, family. Some stories are tragic, even though, they persevere in the new world to begin their new life.

Heritage is a worthwhile effort, keep up the fine work, Ted.

As a reminder, coming in September is Branch 432's own car show and pasta dinner, the Festa d' Italia. The date is September 25th. Tickets go on sale September 9th. Be sure to get your tickets early, this is a very popular event. Mark Your Calendar!!

Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

We had a very busy and fun filled month. We ran our famous Salami Toss booth at the Christ the King Annual Parish Festival the weekend of May 19th. Always a crowd favorite. Don't know who enjoyed it more, the players strategizing how best to hit the salamis or us watching their successful aims! Thank you to Ann Consul for

chairing the event and to everyone else who volunteered their time to set up and man the booth throughout the weekend. We had a lot of fun and were very successful in our fund-raising efforts for our parish school.

Our other activity was the annual Ladies Tea on June 3rd. The event was a sell out and we spent a lovely afternoon dining on delicious traditional tea fare prepared by our chef, Carol Delucchi Padlo and her hardworking “staff”. Each table was beautifully decorated with lovely tea sets, linens and the most original center pieces. Breathtaking all. We had such creative hostesses! During our social hour, we were serenaded by Joanna Mackinson on her viola which added a lovely touch to our tea parlor setting. Adding to the fun was the chance to win one of our great raffle prizes organized by Juliette Cote. Many thanks to our chairpersons, Diana Mackinson and Joan Cummings. And of course, our wonderful and efficient gentlemen servers. Already looking forward to next year’s tea!

Be on the lookout for upcoming activities.

Buona Estate a tutti!

Ann Consul and Eileen McGauran

Orange

Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May meeting with homemade tamales made by Lupe Montejano, Sylvia Garcia, and Hermi Gonzalez. In addition, we had flan, ensaladas, frijoles, and arroz. It was muy delicioso!

Interested in getting involved within our ICF group? You may want to consider chairing the monthly Food Drive. It requires manning the Food Drive table for the scheduled weekend of the month. It is a great way to meet other parishioners and to promote the works of ICF. For more information, contact Peggy Farrell.

Our June meeting was our annual ice cream social. Members brought favorite ice cream toppings to share. A short state of affairs meeting took place before we indulged in dessert.

We need someone or two to chair the dinner for the November meeting. If you are interested, please contact Cris Gianantonio.

Marci Dodson reported about the summer festivals held in the small towns of Italy for the Heritage Report. She had the pleasure of attending a festival during her Italian language program abroad. Marci described the various festivals and the activities during these festivals.

A Ministry Faire was held during the weekend of June 10 and 11 at St. Thomas More Parish. We did a membership drive and handed out ICF pamphlets.

Annual Picnic will be at St. Thomas More Parish on Friday, July 21 from 4 to 9. Bocce ball tournament will be played on the lawn. Members to bring their own “picnic dinner.”

Miranda Gibson



Kaitlyn Renwick, central council scholarship recipient, granddaughter of Bob and Suzanne Capurro, with Charlyne Pacini, President of Branch 135.

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

At our meeting on May 21st we honored our Central Council scholarship recipient, Kaitlyn Renwick, granddaughter of members Bob and Suzanne Capurro. At the meeting we voted to pay for each member to be listed in the Convention Book, we also voted to place a “Half-page” black and white ad in the Convention Book.

President, Charlyne Pacini and Vonnice Ramos are the two members who will be attending as delegates to this year’s convention, August 31-September 4 in Sacramento.

President, Charlyne Pacini attended St. Albert the Great Catholic Elementary School’s graduation to present scholarships to two graduates. The money for these scholarships was received from relatives and friends in memory of Louise Frugoli, when she passed away about 1½ years ago. Louise was a long-time and founding member of Branch 135 and secretary for many years. The two students receiving the scholarships were Floriana Eustaquio and Josh Banes, who will be continuing their education at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

Our annual fund-raiser will be a polenta with chicken & Bolognese sauce dinner and all the trimmings to be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Reno on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Our next Branch get-together will be our annual picnic at Idlewild Park on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at noon. Branch will furnish the meat and drinks. Everyone else attending should bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Hope everyone is having a good summer.

Ciao

Charlyne Pacini



Branch 342, Auburn’s Dinner of Appreciation - Sunday, June 4; Scholarship and Membership Award recipients, Initiation of New Member w/Branch President Mary Ann Mikles.

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Ciao,

Thank you to all that attended our Bingo and Pasta Dinner on May 21st in Giovanni Hall!

Save the Date!! Our next Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 9th. ICF member meeting will be at 4:30, followed by Dinner at 6 p.m.! Details to be announced soon!

We want to welcome our newest members! Paula Buchignani, Ralph Isola, Angela Isola, Mariann Isola, Joseph Courey, Gina Courey, and Josette Courey!

Congratulations to Rebecca Ielati! She has been awarded the \$500 Leda Pasquini 8th Grade Scholarship! Rebecca will be attending St. Francis High School in the Fall!

The \$400 First Year College Scholarship has been awarded to Dominic Michael Hinton of Elk Grove! He graduated from Christian Brothers High School!

ICF Convention coming up in September. Our branch will be staffing the District booth in the Marketplace.

Happy Birthday to our members! In June, Lisa Banacarri celebrated her special day. For July, Happy Birthday to Antonette Bananno, Sheryl Cecchetti, Melissa Keller, Marie Leonard, Albert Lovotti, Diana Yaretz and Mariann Isola!

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

As it has every year this century, except for an hiatus in 2007-2009, Branch 73 donated a \$500.00 scholarship to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will be attending a Catholic high school. The school chooses the recipients. Those chosen to receive them this year are Sophia

Bailey and Michael Galette. Sophia will attend St. Francis High School, Michael Jesuit High School. We extend best wishes for much success in all aspects of their high school experience.

To turn from a beginning to an ending, we extend condolences to the family of Robert Mahan, a member of the branch for many years who frequently attended our dinners. Requiem aeternam dona ei Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eum. Requiescat in pace.

For the St. Rose Parish picnic on 4 June, Tony Barsotti prepared a very good pasta salad as the Branch’s contribution.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di luglio. Buon compleanno duecentoquarantunesimo agli Stati Uniti il 4 luglio.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you goes out to all those who attended and helped with our June Appreciation dinner. The potluck items were delicious and members really had a great time visiting with each other, eating, and winning great raffle prizes (thank you for the donations). We were able to present scholarships to 8th grade recipients Freddy Naggiar and Colton Wuelfing. Our High school recipients were Emma Piziali and Brittany Powell-Aleccia. Our Board was absolutely honored to present this year’s member service award to Rico Pucchioni. In 1979, Rico’s mother presented the idea of a polenta dinner to the branch and it has been an extremely successful event for our branch for the past 38 years. Rico, along with his sons, now prepares the dinner in his mother’s honor and for that, our branch is extremely grateful. We were also able to initiate new member, Sandy Halladay. Welcome to our branch Sandy!

Due to a scheduling mix-up, our annual



Branch 342, Auburn's Scholarship and Membership Award recipients.



Maiorana won the title by a vote from the membership. Everyone was encouraged to bring a crock pot of pasta with their special recipe sauce. We had fun sampling the various dishes and then voted for our favorite. Joe won a gift card to Spaggi's, a local Italian restaurant. Our branch is also planning a Casino Night in June along with the Knights of Columbus as well as an Ice Cream Social in July.

San Diego

San Diego

St. Theresa, Br. 261

The May '17 Meatball/Sausage Sale was a satisfying success...The ICF bank account was increased by \$960. These monies will be used for our charity programs and school grants... We are most grateful to all the volunteers who make this effort possible... Working Saturday and Sunday does take over the weekend.

Our meeting on June 4th celebrated our Mothers' & Fathers... The ladies were given a beautiful flower... The meal was catered by Cupid's... GloryAnn always provides variety of food to meet our needs... The cost was \$12/per.

Let's play Bocce!!! We suggest that our bocce players practice with more purpose... Last year – for the first time – we were shut out at the District Tournament... Yes, it was not our best play.

We are truly grateful that our San Diego Diocese has theft insurance... Our ICF locker and the Social Center were victims of theft... The Center will have a new PA system installed and the ICF received a check to cover our losses.

Many will be going on vacation this summer.. We pray that God will keep you safe.

Vic Tallarida

San Diego CA



Branch 261's scholarship recipient with Prudence Price.

San Francisco

San Francisco

S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note the following events:

July 23 -- Branch Mass, ICC, 10:30am.

Aug. -- No Meeting.

Convention tickets have been distributed. Please return stubs by July 25, per instructions given.

Stay Healthy!

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Again we had to cancel a meeting because of low attendance! Three of our dear and faithful members had other commitments on our May 13 date: therefore it was useless to have a meeting. However, good, bad, or other wise we will definitely have our June 10 meeting!! We have so few members that are able to attend...when 3 are missing it serves no purpose to meet. Sorry, we missed having the world famous Tony's Pizza Napoletana and Cosmo's (world popular) Bean Dish at our May meeting...but, we'll try again soon!

Since we don't have much to report this month, it is a great opportunity to thank George Pagni, our Branch Deputy and President of Branch #365 for attending our meetings, and giving us good ideas. We truly appreciate your comments and help. We want to thank our friend Joe Basuino also a member of Br. #365 for attending our meetings and giving us new ideas and suggestions. Father Al you are truly "our" wonderful Chaplin never giving up on us... even though sometimes it's hard not too. Grazie for being our Chaplin!

As I indicated last month, our "No Bake Sale" fundraiser did not do as well as we hoped. But, thank you to our members who always come through! This Br. #38 fundraiser was very important to help us meet our annual expenses...especially to support our recipient.

This year our Branch #38 Scholarship Recipient is Daniel Barajas. He is a graduate of Stuart Hall High School in San Francisco and will be attending the University of San Francisco. Daniel phoned me and was happy and excited to have received the scholarship and is looking forward to meeting our members. I had a really nice conversation with Daniel and his mother, and their family will join us at our August meeting. He sounded so appreciative for the ICF scholarship...we can't wait to meet Daniel, Mom, & family!

Cosmo recently mailed each of our br.#38 members the Convention Raffle Tickets. All the stubs/money are due to be returned by the deadline Aug. 15. Members, you still have time to either buy/sell your book & return. Remember...our Branch #38 gets to keep 50% to all the tickets sold... and, you could become the big \$2,500.00 winner! YEAH!

*Wishing all ICF members & their families a "Happy and Safe 4th of July"!

*IMPORTANT REMINDER ...NO

MEETING IN JULY...BR. #38 is on Vacation!

Ci Vediamo il 12 di AGOSTO...at 12:00 noon...in the PC!

Ciao! Mara Amato

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

On August 7th, we have a trip planned to the Sonoma County Fair.. We will see fully formed Fantasy Gardens. It takes the designers four (4) months to transform the hall into a wonderland. We will go to RedHawk Casino on August 21st. Maybe we will have more luck at a different casino. To all our members with Birthdays in August, Happy Birthday and many more years of much Happiness and Good Health. Hope all our Fathers had a nice Father's Day. Happy Fourth of July to everyone. If traveling, drive safely. July 14th is our Pot Luck lunch. If you bring your favorite dish, there is no cost. If you do not bring food, the cost is \$12.00 dollars we have the honor to present Michaela Ferroggiaro with her Scholarship Award. Congratulations Michaela. Michaela is Anita Ferraggiaro's Granddaughter. Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers. Please mark your calendars:

Mass: July 23rd

Meet: July 24th

Ciao

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

I am writing this after the first day of our garage sale. Many thanks to Prez George and his wife, Nancy, for once again allowing us to hold the sale in their garage. Thanks to those of you who generously donated items for the sale.

We priced and labeled the articles on Friday....the "we" being Liliana, George, Ann and Joe. This morning we opened up to several people, anxious to see our collection. It was quite varied. We were joined by Mary Fe', who spent most of her time untangling necklaces and generally making sure that items were visible to the prospective buyers. Thanks, Mary, we appreciate your help. We also thank Father Landi for his help with the signs.

A very Happy Birthday to Adelina Campini, who is joining our elite group of nonagenarians.

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Upland

St. Joseph, Br. 446

Fun times are happening in Branch 446 at St. Joseph in Upland. During a recent potluck dinner and General Meeting we crowned our first Pasta Sauce King. Joe

Please keep Italo Zarich in your prayers. He has not been well.

There will be no meeting in July. We will next meet on August 9th, at 6:30.

God Bless and stay well,

Ann Basuino, Secty

San Mateo

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

June is one of our busiest months of the year with graduations, grandchildren getting out of school and many important dates to honor. First of these dates being Father’s Day. We celebrated Mothers and Fathers Day on June 2nd with a dinner dance at the at the Italian American Social Club. Also on June 6 we attended a service for the deceased and sick of our Branch. Father Donal inspired us with his stories and warmth. Thanks to our

President Dorene for making the arrangements.

On June 8 we held our regular meeting with sandwiches from Sub-Way, fruit and green salads and more desserts than we could eat. Thanks to Lucy and Jim Witherspoon who chaired the dinner and who are always helping our V.P. Jean Watterson along with Bob Bacich set the tables for our dinners and help clean up. Many kudos to all!

On June 11 we are having a Mass and brunch with Millbrae Branch 403. Mass will be at O.L.A. at 11:30 AM and Brunch to follow at The Terrace Cafe in Millbrae. \$25

Our last event for the month will be our Ravioli Dinner on June 24, 2017. The event will be held in the O.L.A. GYM. No-host cocktails 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM Adults \$25; Children: \$15.00. After June 19 cost will be \$30.00. R.S.V.P. Dorene [650-344-7870](tel:650-344-7870).

Please keep praying for our branch sick members:Larry Cavagnaro, Linda Mustachia, Lorraine Rollandi and Bea Tomasello. Also keep Pat Mayer in your prayers as she recently lost her husband Dave Mayer. Dave was such a kind gentleman and we will all miss him.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our June meeting was hosted by Dorene and John Campanile. Thank you for provided this wonderful meal for us. Reminder that the monthly meal donation will be increased to \$15.00. The increase will help our Branch with much needed funds for future events. Happy Birthday Wishes to all June and July Birthday members. Many Happy Returns of the Day. Hope you had or have a wonderful day! Please keep in your thoughts and prayers for Fran and Chuck Baumann and John and Fran Cannon. Give them a call or send them a card and let them know that you are thinking of them and that they are missed. You are forever in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. We welcomed Ryan Chapman and his family at our June 13 meeting , honoring him as recipient of our Branch scholarship. This scholarship was given in memory of Steve Crisafi, a long time member. Ryan will be attending UCLA and we wish him well in his studies. Congratulation

Ryan, keep up your good work. Barbara Gabriel, our President reminded us that we should support functions of other branches and that our Branch #213 will be hosting Chaplain’s Night and the Semi-Annual Mass and Communion. We all should be involved. Remember, No meeting in July

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

As always, I begin with a big thank you to President Carmel Dufault and her committee for the lasagna dinner prepared for our May meeting. I think we can all agree that the dinner meetings provide the camaraderie that is one of the reasons we all belong to the ICF.

The various branches have projects that they work on and could use some of your daily discards: lids from cottage cheese, sour cream, Cool Whip containers; regular light bulbs; wine corks; cancelled stamps; tabs from soda cans; clean nylons, pantyhose, knee highs (with runs okay). Also needed: small shampoos, lotions, tooth paste and tooth brushes to be used in kits for domestic violence victims. You can bring these to the meetings and give them to Virginia Malaspina.

Save the date: Saturday, July 29 - Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City will be hosting a tri-tip BBQ.

Please remember to turn in your Convention raffle ticket money and stubs to Marie DeRosa, 856 Bauer Drive, San Carlos 94070 by July 20, 2017.

And remember, there will NO meeting of our ICF in July. Hope to see you all in August when we will resume our meetings.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We recently had our annual fundraiser Spaghetti and Meatball dinner which was successful thanks to a group of men from the Millbrae Lions Club who volunteered to cook for this event. Also, we wish to acknowledge several members who are always willing to give a helping hand at our dinners, namely, Eunice Danli, Carla Del Carlo, Gloria Barruso, Dorothy Semke, Tina Pessagno, Helen Habeeb and of course our refreshment chairman, Ray Bianchi. Special thanks to Branch #173 and the other branches that attended and continue to support our branch. At our June monthly meeting we were served a Mexican Dinner, which was a delayed Cinco de Mayo, due to the passing of our dear member and 1st. Vice President, Dan Capodanno. On June 11, we joined our neighbor Branch #173, Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame, for a Mass and Brunch, which has become an annual event and enjoyed by all. Please continue your get well wishes and prayers to Ann Gardner and Asia Peironi. We have no meeting in July and wish all a safe and enjoyable summer. Sent from my iPad Rose Marie Morando

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Salve Amici e Soci Della Federazione,

On Sunday, June 11 our branch celebrated brunch after the 11:30 am Mass at St. Patrick’s Church in Larkspur which was celebrated for our ICF members present and past. All are remembered fondly at Mass and are in our prayers. We hope to do this again next year.

On July 4th, our ICF branch participated in the Corte Madera-Larkspur annual Independence Day Parade. How wonderful to show our pride in our heritage and faith while celebrating our pride in being Americans. We hope to do this again next year.

Safe travels to all during the summer month.

Con affetto, Jeanne Asdourian and Lucia DellaSantina.

Please continue your get-well prayers for everyone who isn’t feeling well.

Have a wonderful 4th of July and enjoy your summer.

Anna Biggio

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

President Bob Bausino called the meeting to order, thanked Branch 435’s President Guilia Gallego for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments. He then introduced Orator Jo Bertaccini who led us in a decade of the Rosary and a procession to place a wreath (provided by Anna Gonalez) on Mary’s statue.

During the branch reports, some branches listed their convention delegates. Also mentioned were Branch 4 closing after 92 years. They plan one last baby-back rib dinner on June 7.

Branch 28 had a successful “Taste of Italy” fundraiser and scholarships of \$1,000 and two special awards of \$500 each in memory of Anna Barbieri. Louie Cordich doing much better.

Fran Scalzo gave an interesting Heritage talk on the origin and growth of St. Catherine’s. Started in 1877 and today they have 4,000 families. The ICF is an integral part of parish life. Emily Coral has invited the district scholarship winners to the June 11 Lady of Peace Mass/Luncheon.

Don’t forget the District Picnic, Sunday, July 30 at the Circle in Vasona Park. A mass (tbd) will start the festivities (Please bring flowers for the altar). Note: admission to park is \$6 per car. Day at the Races, Friday, August 11 at noon.

Jo Bertaccini gave a reflection on St. Joseph the Worker “Food that Endures” and closed with a prayer for Mother’s Day. Please remember Fr. Chris Bennett in your prayers.

August District Meeting – Monday, August 7 at St. Clare Branch 5

Mike Nunziata

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

Hard to believe the year is half over. Where does the time go?? The BBQ Rib dinner was very successful. Thank you to the cooks who did

a great job!! Also a big thank you to the members of various branches who helped set up the hall, serve, and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this function go to the Holy Cross Church Building Fund. Our Heritage Chairman, Patty Phillips, did an incredible display of our Branch functions held over the years. Thank you, Patty, for all the work you’ve done for the Branch. Have you purchased your Convention Raffle Tickets? Send money and stubs to Bill Greco. To All of our sick members, we pray for your recovery. Hope all Dad’s had a great Father’s Day! “Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing” Mother Teresa

God’s Blessings to All,

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Hope everyone is having a nice Summer so far. In this warm weather, don’t forget to come to the Dinner/Meeting each month. Have a night off and enjoy those care free nights.

Sad news was received that two of our members had passed away. They were Dolores Sanchez and Jerry Marsalli during the month of May, 2017. May they rest in peace. Please pray for their families and friends.

Happy Fourth of July. Drive carefully and play safe with fireworks.

Remember to return ICF Convention Raffle Tickets to Mary Ann Ruiz as soon as possible.

On July 30, 2017, Santa Clara Valley District is holding a BBQ/Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos.

Tickets are \$15.00 for Adult and Child \$5.00. Parking fee is \$6.00 per vehicle. Mass will be say beforehand at 11:00am. Call Janet Glaubke for tickets. Come one Come all. Fliers will be mail to all members.

Members approved Mary Ann Ruiz to be Br. 5 Delegate to the ICF Convention in Sacramento Labor Day Weekend. We wish her a safe and enjoyable and inform trip.

See you at the Dinner/Meetings.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

At our May 15, 2017 dinner meeting members enjoyed a variety of enchilada dishes prepared by the Roger Santos family. A wonderful meal prepared by this family that contributes so much and has worked so hard for ICF Branch 28. There are the exceptional members we have pointed out previously, but there is also a group that makes up the pillars and foundation of ICF Branch 28. Roger and Kathy Santos and their daughter and son-in-law Leanne and Leon Haygood are pieces of that foundational support. To delineate their contributions would exhaust my word count allowance. Suffice it to say Pancake Breakfasts and envoys for the red-suited, white-bearded one at the Christmas dinner meeting. Thank you Roger, Kathy, Leanne and Leon.



ICF Branch 28: From left to right – Leon and Leanne Haygood; Kathy and Roger Santos who prepared the wonderful enchilada dinner at our May 15, 2017 dinner meeting.

The exceptionally dedicated Branch Deputy Bill Greco and his ICF Branch 4 will be sponsoring “A Day at the Races” on Friday – August 11, 2017. If you enjoy horses, races, and wagering please see Bill for all the information.

The ICF Branch 28 picnic will be held on July 22, 2017. Sam and Judi Bozzo are graciously offering their premises for the event. Information regarding ticket sales will be forthcoming.

At last count ICF Branch 28 had 177 members. There has been the normal ebb and flow of members joining and dropping. Then there are the members whom have been called back to God. People that my husband and myself have come to know through ICF that were resplendent gifts in our lives. As they have been called back to the Father we grieve them, the loss to their families and the beautiful gifts that have been taken from us.

Peace and God bless,

Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Graduations and weddings are behind us, now comes Summer, gardens and family reunions. We will be taking time to stay in touch with our ICF friends. The District BBQ will be at a beautiful new location this year! Plan to attend on July 30 at the “Circle Area” at Vasona Park. Tickets for adults are \$15 and \$5 for kids. There will fun activities for the children. The Mass will start off the day at 11 A.M. Please call Denise Antonowicz at [408 356 2543](tel:4083562543) for more information or for tickets. The deadline to RSVP is July 20.

We have awarded two scholarships to 8th Graders at St. Mary School. Recipients are Natalie Vierra and Alex Oncina. Scholarships were also awarded to Isabella Breitbart from Los Altos High and Suzanne Meyers from Leigh High School. Then the Antonowicz Family Scholarships were awarded to Daniel Curry and Stephen Curry, who attended Ann Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill. We



Isabella Lucia Brusco, daughter of Jonathan and Julie Klem-Brusco, born May 17, 2017. Mom Julie is our 1st. Vice President. Quite a beauty here!!

wish the best to all these graduates as they pursue their road to education.

The ICF Convention will be held in Sacramento, California this year. Members, have you purchased your raffle tickets yet? Take a chance and maybe your ticket will be drawn at the Convention. You need not be present to win.

We received a heartfelt message from our Grand Deputy Maria Greco. She implored us to participate in ICF activities as much as we can, and to pray together to keep our ICF strong. She will be working on “The Day at the Races”, held at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, on August 11. The program starts at 12 noon. Call Maria at [408 226 7820](tel:4082267820) for more information.

There was news of Sunshine and Shadows at our last meeting. The sunshine is that Julie Klem-Brusco, our 1st Vice President, gave birth to beautiful Isabella Lucia Brusco on May 17, 2017! Congratulations to Julie and Jonathan!

The shadow is our members who are not in good health at the present and need our prayers. Please keep Joe Mannina, Sal Compagna and Marie Antonowicz in your prayers.

Our Branch Bocce-BBQ-Potluck will be held on July 9 at St. Frances Cabrini Courts. Beginning with Mass at 4 P.M., enjoy the rest of the day with your fellow members. No formal meeting in July!

Have a great summer,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Our thanks go to Jacque and Paul Butler, JoAnn Jerry Opp, and Ron and Cheryl Sanchez, hosts and hostesses for the Cinco de Mayo-themed May meeting. The food and the decorations were delightful!

We always owe our thanks to Gus Mavroudis, a famous soccer player in his youth, for the music and cd's he provides for us regularly at our meetings and events. Thank you, Gus!

Congratulations to our scholarship winner, Fabiola Carrillo, an active participant in our parish as a leader in our youth group and as a lector at the 5:30 Mass. We give her our blessing as she goes off to Oregon State. We miss seeing all of our scholarship winners as we they fly off to new adventures. They remain in our parish hearts.

Our June meeting will be a little different: we are meeting at Almaden Park to have a picnic to play bocce ball. What fun to get outside for food and exercise! Good idea, hosts and hostesses!

We continue to pray for the health of our members unable to come to our meetings. They are in our thoughts. We also pray for Father Ray Kenny, our pastor from 1990 to 2002, who passed away on May 26, and for Father Chris Bennett, pastor from 2002 to 2014, who is having serious health problems. We also pray for Father George Aranha, our current pastor, just on general principles! We love them all.

Ciao,

Judy Zahn



Branch 391 Scholarship 2017: Recipients Gabi Busco and Matt Lencioni with Scholarship chairperson Sal Lipari, Grand Sentinel Franklyn Lopes, and President Mike Rossi.



Branch 391 new members: Membership chairperson Marcie Rossi and President Mike Rossi pose with new members at the June meeting.

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

President Mike Rossi led our June meeting, wishing our dads a Happy Father's Day. We enjoyed a wonderful rib dinner prepared by Al and Diana Vallorz and team. Members brought their wedding photos for our heritage table. What a great addition to our meeting!

Franklyn Lopes, ICF's Grand Sentinel and National Scholarship Chairman, presented awards to our 2017 Scholarship Recipients Gabi Busco and Matt Lencioni. Talia Rossi is receiving the district scholarship. Congratulations to you all and thank you, Sal Lipari, for your good work as Scholarship Chairman.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Visitation, Louise Vento gave an inspirational presentation of our Holy Mother's appearance to the three children in her heritage report, which reminded us to pray the rosary daily.

Marcie Rossi did a great job in her membership drive—we welcomed 11 new



Branch 391 Convention delegates 2017: Mike Rossi, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, Jo Ann Schiro.

members.

Jo Ann Schiro, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Mike Rossi will be representing our Branch at the Convention in September. Cathy De Maria collected “sponsor and memorial names” for the annual convention book, Mary Kay designed the Convention Book page, and Tina Rossi stated that raffle tickets are available.

Linda Pfahnl updated our confidential member contact list. Please notify Marcie Rossi if you wish to have your contact information excluded.

Our annual family picnic is on July 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (There will be no meeting.) Our District Barbecue is on July 30 at Vasona Park (11:00 mass). Hope to see you there.

Happy 4th of July!

Janis Patellaro

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

At our May dinner meeting we all enjoyed a great meal prepared by Mitch Mariani and Guilia Galego. They treated us to a wonderful dinner of antipasti, chicken, pasta, salad and dessert. A big THANK YOU for a lovely dinner.

Our branch hosted the District meeting at Saint Catherine's. There was a big turnout and a yummy assortment of delicious desserts. It was interesting to hear about the activities of all the other branches.

On July 20, our dinner meeting will be at the Guillermo's winery. Thank you George for your generous offer to enjoy your lovely winery. It will be a barbeque like it has been in the past. More information will be in the next Bolletino.



A quick recovery is wished for Josie Talamo. She fell and broke her foot. She will be having surgery. Please keep Ken Ravizza in your prayers.

Have a wonderful summer and god bless.

Donna Basilin

San Jose
Transfiguration, Br. 445

Five of our members enjoyed the final Baby-back BBQ at Branch 4 and were saddened to hear about their closing. A few members also attended the outdoor Mass on June 11 at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara and then the luncheon.

On June 12 our Branch hosted the District Meeting in Tabor Hall.

Our big June event was the celebration of our first year anniversary on June 22--complete with a catered dinner and many distinguished ICF guests. We are still a “baby branch” and appreciate all the support we receive.

Our next quarterly Mass followed by food and fellowship is scheduled for July 9.

Sincerely,

Richard Pfaff

Santa Rosa
Healdsburg
St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52

Thank you to President Richard Passalacqua, his uncle and John and Mary Del Monte for preparing our Father’s Day Dinner. About 50 members and guests enjoyed the delicious dinner.

Our activities will be slow this summer, however in the fall we have these upcoming events:

Sept. 12: Potluck Dinner and Meeting. Plan on preparing your favorite dish and sharing

Br. 52 Healdsburg congratulates its two ICF Scholarship winners and the heritage essay winners from St. John’s School.

it with the members. We will also hear the convention reports from our delegates.

Sept. 24: Santa Rosa Bishop’s Day. Mass at St. Eugene’s followed by lunch at Cattlemen’s in Montgomery Village.

Oct. 3: Regular meeting in the rectory at 7 PM.

Nov. 4: First polenta dinner of the season! Mark your calendars, as this always sells out.

Congratulations to Marie Butler, Geraldine McGrath, Nancy Seppi, and John and Mary Del Monte who were elected as our delegates to the ICF Convention in Sacramento. The convention is held over Labor Day weekend at the DoubleTree in Sacramento and any member is welcome to attend. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about the ICF.

Happy Fourth of July!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale
L’Annunciata, Br. 75

Please pray for branch officer, Mary Louise DeGeorge, who has been battling cancer and is currently in The Intensive Care Unit at Sutter Hospital in Santa Rosa, following a severe heart attack. Her prognosis is not good and I know this news will sadden many who have served in the ICF with Mary Louise throughout the years. The Bolletino was notified right before printing that Mary Louise has passed away. Services were not yet announced.

Our branch is not meeting formally in July and August but will reconvene informally at a summer barbecue held at the home of Joe and MJ Dellaquila at our regular meeting time in August.

We enjoyed May’s Mother’s Day Dinner hosted by the men with special contributions by Gerald French, John Heckenberg, Raul Arreguin and Robert Aquistapace. If I forgot anyone, I apologize! It was delicious! There will be more fun to come as the women host the Father’s Day Dinner on June 15th.

One of our Junior Members, Liam Kluesener, who has served his Church and his Community for years received an ICF Scholarship. Congratulations, Liam; we are so proud of you!!!

Branch #75 participated in St. Peter’s Ministry Fair which showcased all the wonderful work that goes into supporting



Members of Branch103.

Parish life. Our contribution to St. Peter’s and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is significant!

Enjoy your summer! Be safe and have new and exciting experiences!

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

For several months the Branch will not have its meetings at Father Roberts Hall because the Hall is being renovated.

Members Dutil and Denning participated in St. Francis Solano Church’s International Rosary Novena in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. They led the congregation in Latin, Italian, and French.

The Branch is busy making plans for their annual summer picnic.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Secretary

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

June, the month for Graduations, Weddings and Father’s Day, has come and gone. I owe all the Fathers in our Branch an apology, for forgetting to remind everybody of Fathers Day. Sorry, Gentlemen, but we wouldn’t have had Mothers Day celebrations if it wasn’t for you Fathers. So I hope that everyone remembered Dad and gave him a hug and kiss and treated him royally on his :”special day”.

We had the District Meeting in our Branch today and had a nice showing. We’re sorry that Spence Burton stepped down as President of the Santa Rosa District due to health reasons, so Bill Scinto had to take his duties over and is doing a good job. Thank you Spence and Cathy for all your hard work in the past. Know that you are in our prayers for better health.

Our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner was a success and we want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make it a success. Bruno Fomasi and his crew did a fantastic job on the chicken cacciatore , and there was great teamwork on the part of all who helped, so thank you all! The Branch gave out four scholarships this year. They were honored by the Branch at this dinner, along with their family members. It is through our dinners that we are able to provide these scholarships, so your attendance and bringing friends along with you are needed.

A Mass celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our Branch will be held at St. James Church on August 5th at 5:00 p.m. and a Shrimp/ Risotto or a Shrimp/Asparagus Dinner (as you choose) will follow the Mass. We will



Russelle Johnson and Nita Sylvestri from Branch 103.

be celebrating our 60th Anniversary at this dinner, so please plan on coming. The dinner will be held in St. James Parish Hall. The menu consists of O’erders, salad, the Shrimp (asparagus) Risotto, dessert, coffee. Wine is included with the dinner. Cost: \$25 Adults \$10 Children 12 yrs. of age We will have takeout at \$10. Reservations: Louise 769-7389.

Our Quarterly Communion/Mass will be held at St. James Church on August 20th, at 11:00 a.m. followed by our Branch Picnic for members and their families. The picnic will take place in the Church courtyard at noontime. We are planning to have hot dogs/hamburgers, salads, watermelon and beverages. Cost will be \$10 and we will play Bingo after lunch. (\$5 for 5 games) Plan to come and make your reservations: Louise 769-7389.

We will celebrate our Independence this month. So pray for our Country and our Leaders to bring us peace and unity in this world of so much unrest. Pray for our service people, who are in harms way, that they may return home soon. May God bless America and have a Happy and safe Fourth of July.

Convention will be coming up soon. This year it is in Sacramento. Representing our Branch is our President Dennice and attending this year will be Sharon Hromek, Bea McQuaid, Lucy Spingola and Louise Vicino. The conventions are fun and all are welcomed to go.

Get well wishes to Margaret Cordrey who had surgery! Get well wishes to anyone who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144

The meeting was called to order by President Judith Cardoza. It was reported that our May Bake Sale earned \$557. Thank you Debra Deraita, chairman and new member. The funds will go toward our scholarship fund.

For the month of May, ICF was in charge of Coffee hour after the Sunday Masses. Pres. Judith thanked everyone who signed up to work, doing so with a welcoming spirit as they greeted the parishioners.

On July 23, we will celebrate Heritage Day. Our Pres. will speak at Masses to encourage new members. Paula will prepare a Heritage Display and food will be served – Homemade Italian Sausage on a bun with sautéed onions and bell peppers,



President Lucy Orsi and members listening to opening prayers by Betty Hollars

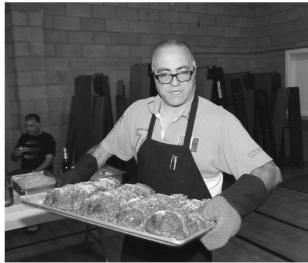


Anita Ridolfi and Marilyn Tuso selling raffle and drink tickets



Rosie Lewis is bringing out the ciabatta rolls

St. Bernard's Branch 390 Awards Dinner/ Meeting Tracy, CA



Head chef Mike Bacchetti bringing out the Italian Meatloaf



Jim Rinaldo helping in the kitchen



Anna and Louie Serrato mixing the salad



Head Bartender & 1st Vice President Joe Bacchetti serving libations to Gary Del Carlo and Don Johnston



Tracy Branch 390 \$400 scholarship winners this year are Cameron Bacchetti (Rt) and Jackson Lieburg (Lt) Jackson Lieburg also was awarded a \$400 Central Council Scholarship

chips, a cookie and small water – all for \$5.00. Lunch will be free for individuals signing up as a new member!

The Convention is just around the corner. Our branch is eligible to send two voting delegates. Contact the President if you plan to attend. It was voted to donate \$300 to Cooleys Anemia.

The minutes of the District Meeting was passed around for members to read. Thanks Lauren for sending them.

Get well wishes to Jim Spallino. Shar Evans is on the mend. She was able to attend her grandson's graduation (ICF scholarship recipient).

July Birthdays are Pete DaMassa, Dora Scott, and Maria Silva. Happy Birthday!

Next Meeting is July 5th. See you there.

Happy July 4th to all!

Rosemary

Italian flags. Everyone had a great night. The Pacific Italian Alliance passed out their booklet titled "Legends of Italian American Baseball". It is fascinating to see how many Italian Americans have contributed to the best game. Dante Galeazzi, Central Council member, did his best to promote the Italian Catholic Federation at the event. We are currently working with the Sacramento District as co-host for the upcoming Convention. It is our hope that this pioneering effort at uniting two small districts to host the event can be a good example to other districts wishing to participate collaboratively to host conventions in their area. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

May God bless everyone,

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Pachinger

Stockton District President

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Ciao,

At our June potluck/meeting of 36 membri we honored padri with a special prayer recited by Orator Mary Desideri. Members graciously signed up for food tasks for our next three monthly meetings. Treasurer Bill Scinto was elected to be our delegare for the annual September ICF Convention. We also recognized the compleanno di John Bugbe, the anniversario di matrimonio di Glen e Linda Sherman and prayed for our District Delegate Lorraine Venetti's recovery from surgery. Members be sure to attend our Monday, July 10, Ice Cream Social Meeting and begin thinking about who'd like to see on next year's branch board.

Pace sia con te,

Gio Zingarelli

Presidente

Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had an enjoyable night at the Italian Night Ballgame put on by the Pacific Italian Alliance and Stockton Ports. The weather was great, the game was good, many of our friends were there and it was a very nice fireworks display.

We will not have a meeting in July or August but there still many things that we are doing. We will have our 80th anniversary dinner July 8, 2017 and the district Picnic in August

We hope to see you at Branch #48's Anniversary dinner July 8, 2017. Appetizers will be served at 1:00 pm and lunch will be at 2:00 pm. Penne a la



Branch 48 enjoying a "baseball fun night." (L-r) Greg & Mary Jennings, Nancy Souza and Cecelia McGhee.

Carbonara or Penne Amtriciana will be your choice of a main dish with salad, bread and a dessert. Where, 1416 Maze Blvd. Modesto at the community center. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Call Cecelia at (209)524-7866 for reservations no later than July 1, 2017.

There is a 5:00 pm English mass for those that might like to attend after the dinner at the St. Stanislaus Maze Blvd. Church. It is across the parking lot from the center.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, July 2, 2017 and August 6, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:

July - No meeting

July 8, Anniversary Dinner 1416 Maze Blvd. Modesto

August - No meeting

August 20, District Picnic Escalon Park

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

More than 50 people attended our branch's annual picnic and bocce tournament held on June 4. Members and guests enjoyed delicious steaks barbecued by chef Tony Queirolo, along with salads and desserts, on the beautiful grounds at the home of Dino and Sharon Cunial. Special guests included Grand First Vice-president Andy Pappani and his wife.

At our May meeting, Anna Mello reported on the great social and financial success of our annual "All You Can Eat" shrimp feed. Our branch will be participating in the Stockton District picnic to be held in August in Escalon and our parish's Harvest Festival in September. Branch President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis reported that early preparations have already begun for the popular Polenta Feed to be held in October.

Carly Cunial was the recipient of an Italian Catholic Federation scholarship. Carly, the daughter of Dan and Annie Cunial and a graduate of Manteca's Sierra High School, will attend California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and study the tourism industry.

Ciao,

Mariano

Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

Hope all Dads had a blessed Father's Day! Summer plans are underway for our

annual Stockton Branch picnic featuring a steak bbq. The date is Sunday, August 20 and the location is Escalon Park. Last year was a lot of fun - great weather, great food, great people to share it with and we want everyone to join us again this year. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Our monthly dinner meeting in May was a first-time ever Italian meatloaf, attended by over 150 people, and homemade by the same group of volunteers who made the Italian meatballs a few months ago. We have to say, though, that even people who don't normally eat meatloaf loved this (secret recipe) dish so much we will be doing it again next year. We like to change menus up as much as possible since we do this every month from September to June, and it was profitable as well, raising over \$1,000!

June's dinner meeting was our second year of offering Tour of Italy with three different styles of pasta along with all the trimmings we usually offer. Big hit last year and this year!

Flyers are being circulated for the 2017 ICF Convention, which we are helping with this year. We are in the process of soliciting donations of raffle prizes so keep your eye out for fun things Italian or otherwise that will attract attention and contribute to a fun time at the raffle. See Bollettino announcements for further details.

We are awaiting a new website for our Branch 390 to be created by our own Steve Ridolfi, who has been supplying amazing collages of photos each month. We are very fortunate that he has recovered from his surgery last month and is back with enough vim and vigor to take on this great project! So, we will soon be able to display the great pride we have for our branch, our board and its members.

Have a great summer and fun at the 2017 Convention! Stay safe.

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

Stockton Presentation, Br. 395

The 3rd Annual Stockton District Ports Baseball Night Out was celebrated with the Pacific Italian Alliance on Saturday, June 3. It was a beautiful night at Banner Island Ballpark as ICF members waved Italian flags as the Ports won the game. The Nicolini Brothers, who were decked out in their baseball uniforms, greeted us at the entrance with their accordion music. Gift baskets were awarded and a fabulous fireworks display concluded the evening.

Stockton District Council

The Stockton District was invited by the Pacific Italian Alliance to celebrate Italian Heritage Night with the Stockton Ports. We were seated at a section with



Bernice Nichols, Br. 395, sharing her family hand woven sheets made in Italy.

Congratulations Grace Lin-Cereghino and Gina Daveggio, recipients of the \$400 first year scholarships. The branch honored them at the June 8 meeting with pizza and cake. Grace, a St. Mary's High School graduate will be attending Santa Clara University and Gina, graduate of Lincoln High School, will be attending San Jose State.

Pat Bertilacchi and Mary Ann Panina Chapman were elected as delegates to represent the branch at the annual convention. All are encouraged to attend all or any part of the convention this year to be held in Sacramento September 1-4.

Our Heritage Committee Chair, Roger Roman, has lit a spark in the branch heritage participation. At the last meeting Bob Langone brought in the family "squeeze box" dating back to the late 1800's. Bernice Nichols shared family hand woven sheets made in Italy, also dating to the late 1800's. Roger has asked members to bring an Italian song or dance to next month's meeting.

Branch Treasurer, Geoff Lin-Cereghino won the raffle prize (wine and chocolate) AND the attendance prize of \$50. Members that attend the meetings qualify for the bi-yearly drawing of \$50. The next drawing will be held at the Christmas luncheon. The more meetings one attends, the more chances of winning \$50. Congratulations Geoff!

Save the Date for the Annual District Picnic on Sunday, August 20 at Escalon



Bob Langone from Branch 395 with his family "squeeze box" from the 1800's.



Branch 395 First Year Scholarship winners (Left) Gina Devaggio (Right) Grace Lin-Cereghino.

Community Park. The steak dinner is \$15 and comes with beans, salads, fruit, bread, dessert, and drinks.

The Presentation Annual Fall Fest will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 & 17. The branch will run the pizza and Italian soda booth. Volunteers will be needed so save the date.

Karen Rosson

Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413

The beginning of summer is always a busy time for us. We are planning our summer



Stockton District ICF and Pacific Italian Alliance Members having fun at the Stockton Ports game at Banner Island.

barbecue. It will be held on July 22nd. We will offer a choice of chicken or tri-tip dinner (cooked in a barrel). Cost for the event is \$25 for adults. Children under 12 years are free. I encourage you to take a trip to Angels Camp and attend the event. Please call for tickets at 209-754-9619. Our branch sponsored the annual Baccalaureate Mass. Two of our local graduates attended.

We partnered with the Parish Youth Group to organize the event. We hope to continue this partnership for years to come. We will see you soon. Have a safe July 4th holiday.

*May God Bless everyone,
Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary,*

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