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District Mentor Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM ANDREW PAPPANI!

Dear District and Branch Mentors,

Phase IV of our Strategic Plan will roll out at the first of the year. Keeping Branches working on ways to attract new members and retain members is our number one goal.

In your reports (District and Branch Mentors), I need to know if the Branches are gaining members or losing members and why.

We know by now, which Branches are going to Convention. Our next step is to help Branches get their Officers Lists together and to make sure that each Branch has a Nominating Committee for their Election of Officers.

As of this writing, we have visited several Districts and are on track to be complete with most all of the workshops by the end of the year. During the workshop session, we have each Branch set some goals for their Branch over the next several months.

To help monitor and encourage the Branches to work toward their goals, the Mentors are being assigned the task of helping the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee in this endeavor. During the process of creating our Strategic Plan, it became evident how vital our Mentor Program must become for the ongoing success of the Federation. That is why we are in the process of reviewing the current structure of the Mentor Program, what works and what needs to change to better assist our Branches and correct minor issues before they become a major problem.

We will be reviewing several concerns as stated by the Current Mentors such as travel distance for attending meetings, encouraging New Mentors to fill vacant positions or replacing Mentors who have held their positions for a long period of time and need a break. Survey Forms may be sent requesting input for addressing these and other concerns, so please plan to be a part of planning for our future.

Andrew Pappani
Chairperson, Mentor Program

2017 CONVENTION IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA !!!

Discovering The Treasures Of
Our Faith and Heritage.+

The Blessed Sacramento and Stockton Districts have been working very hard to give you an enjoyable time at the Convention this year. Your District and Branch Presidents have the flyers for all of these events.

Thursday Evening: The Thursday Night Event (put on by the Central Council) is Take Me Out To The Convention Ballgame+ Italian Heritage Night and will be held at Raley Field in Sacramento. Carpools depart at 4:00 P.M., Group Wine Tasting at 5:00 P.M., Gates open at 6:00 P.M. and First Pitch at 7:05 P.M. \$29.00 per person. Reservations accepted until we sell out of our 150 tickets. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924

Friday: We will have our 6th Annual Convention Blood Drive at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel from 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

The Bocce Tournament will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Registration starts at 10:00 A.M. and the Fee is \$5.00. Lunch will be available for purchase at the Hotel. The Deadline is August 15th. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

The Pedro Tournament will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. \$10.00 per person. The Deadline is August 15th. Cash Prizes will be given. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924. There will also be Pedro Lessons from 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bingo will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. \$25.00 per person by August 15th. \$30.00 per person after August 15th or at the door. 6 Bingo Games with Cash Prizes. Call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Sunday Evening: The Sunday Night Event (the Blessed Sacrament District is in charge of Reservations) Strike It Rich Backyard BBQ Dinner Dance+ will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. There will be dinner and dancing with fun and surprises. No Host Cocktails: 6:00 P.M. Dinner: 7:00 P.M. Adults - \$60.00/Children 12 and Under - \$30.00. The Buffet Menu includes: BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Italian Sausage, Salads, Breads, Peach Cobbler and the Fixin's! The Deadline is August 10th. Make checks payable to ICF Blessed Sacrament District and send reservations to Janine Orsi, 1216 Robertson Way, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Encourage the Delegates and Members going to Convention to attend the Workshops. A variety of Workshops are available.

CONVENTION RAFFLE!

Don't forget to remind your Branches to sell their raffle tickets. This is a major way for the Branches to offset the cost of sending their Delegate (s) to Convention. It is also a fundraiser to help keep the Convention costs to a minimum. Remember, there are new prizes and a book of 12 tickets is \$20.00 per book or tickets can be purchased at \$2.00 a ticket. The Branches keep \$10.00 per book and \$10.00 per book is sent to the I.C.F. Office.

SCHOLARSHIP

Please encourage Districts, Branches and Members to donate to the Second, Third and Fourth Year Scholarship Program. The Deadline is August 1st

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/17 BY DISTRICT:

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/16
Central Coast	1,344	- 48
Santa Clara Valley	1,094	+ 4
Fresno	972	- 42
Santa Rosa	771	- 58
Contra Costa	745	- 1
San Mateo	650	- 69
Los Angeles	520	- 41
Stockton	451	+62
Chicago	425	- 22
East Bay	396	- 3
Blessed Sacrament	385	+ 8
San Diego	302	- 3
Santa Barbara/Ventura	279	- 8
Marin	231	+ 4
San Gabriel Valley	201	- 18
San Francisco	186	- 59
Orange	111	- 6
Tucson	103	- 24
San Bernardino	88	+40
San Fernando Valley	68	- 2
Reno	45	- 4
Las Vegas	0	- 26

Total membership as of 6/30/17 **9,367**

New Members	936
Reinstated	40
Cancelled/Non Payment	1,059
Deceased	233
Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months	956
Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months	2

REMEMBER!

This year's membership drive ended June 30th. Encourage Branches to participate in next year's contest.

Enjoy Your Summer!