



BOLLETTINO



Eureka! Sacramento/Stockton Convention a Success



Congratulations to the newly installed Central Council Officers: (top row, l-r) Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz, Grand Trustees Lisa Crudo, Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and Anne Interrante; Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen and Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi. (Not pictured, Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand.) (Front row, l-r) 2nd Grand Vice President Deborah Rodondi, 1st Grand Vice President Vince Piro, Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Grand President Andrew Pappani, and Immediate Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Michelle Feldman
Editor

Labor Day Weekend seems to come faster each year! The capital of California, Sacramento, became the background for the Convention, and Eureka! was the catch phrase. The 87th Annual Convention took place in Sacramento, California from August 31 to September 4, 2017. This was the first joint Convention, bringing together the Blessed Sacrament and Stockton districts. With the theme, "Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage," the

delegates and members of the ICF arrived in Sacramento ready to have some fun, reconnect, and help shape the future of the ICF.

The Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts, along with Convention Director Roselynn Jarrett and her committee and Blessed Sacrament District President Paula Scarpelli and Stockton District President Robert Pachinger, hosted a wonderful gathering at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Sacramento.

On Thursday night, the Italian Catholic Federation presented its ceremonial check

to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the Sacramento River Cats baseball game. Laurice Levine accepted the check on the field with Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Convention Director Roselynn Jarrett and Sebastian Pachinger representing his family who received the Family of the Year Award. This was the first time that the ICF participated in pre-game festivities at a baseball game. Grand President Zasoski also was honored with throwing out one of the game's first pitches. Roselynn Jarrett also throw out the first pitch.

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Grand President's Monthly Message

by Andrew Pappani

(As per Bollettino tradition, the October issue reprints the new Grand President's acceptance speech from the Convention.)

Thank you for electing me as your Grand President. My journey in the ICF began more than 40 years ago when my father and mother introduced me to this wonderful organization, which embodies the spirit of our Catholic beliefs and Italian heritage. Along with his brothers, my father and mother influenced my culture and faith. Now, I hope to influence this organization's current and future members.



My journey now continues in the Italian Catholic Federation, which started here in the Blessed Sacrament District in 2005, where I was first elected to the Central Council.

Now, 12 years later, I am being installed as the Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation here in the Blessed Sacrament District. What a journey, but the journey has only begun.

At this time I want to thank all the clergy that have influenced me along the way; my wife Siria (Sid); our sons Andrew, Jr. and Anthony; Anthony's wife Nikki and their son Lorenzo; my extended family, Branch 28 of Gilroy (The Garlic Capital); the Santa Clara Valley District; my fellow past and present Central Council members; and all of the delegates and members of the Italian Catholic Federation for your support on this journey.

Two Districts: One Convention

What a great job Paula Scarpelli and Nina Malone of The Blessed Sacrament District, and Robert Pachinger of the Stockton District, along with members of both Districts have done at this Convention. Under the leadership of Rose Jarrett and the Convention Directors' Committee, their warm hospitality and attention to detail were commendable.

As I said earlier, we are only just beginning!

We are taking the ICF on the road, we will be coming to a town near you. If you hear us knocking, let us in, welcome us with open arms, and an open mind.

That's the good old Catholic and Italian spirit.

We want to hear your concerns and ideas about the ICF.

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Hurricane Relief

The Central Council voted at their meeting on Sunday, September 3, 2017 to start a fund for Hurricane Relief with a \$1,000 donation.

Districts, branches and individuals are encouraged to donate to the fund which will be distributed to Catholic Charities USA for their Hurricane Relief Fund.

Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2017. Please send a check to the ICF office made out to Italian Catholic Federation. On the memo line, write Hurricane Relief.

Please be generous and consider donating to the fund as our fellow Americans in Texas, Florida and other locations begin the recovery process from the devastating hurricanes.



Please send all donations to:
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8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
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Thank you for your generosity!

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Do You Believe This?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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109 degrees, the temperature during the convention weekend. Hot! Thank God for air-conditioning. Otherwise, it was a wonderful convention experience.

We were all “Discovering the Treasure of Our Faith and Heritage.” What is our Faith? It is a gift from God. Therefore, it is a treasure. We believe in God and what He reveals to us, not because it makes sense, not because we can reason to it, but just because God said so.

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”(Mt.22:37) That’s it! There it is in a nutshell! This is our treasure. So simple, so easy to say, but not always so easy to make that gift of Faith a part of our very being.

In reality, we say yes to this gift, however many times we say “yes, but.” It is very hard to love with all our heart, with all our soul,



Msgr. Cardelli and Marie Antonowicz, better known as “The Dancing Chicken.”

with all our mind. Then, also, to love our neighbor as we love ourselves... Really? That’s almost impossible! This would mean no more criticism, no more gossip, no more complaining, no more grudges, no more refusing to forgive, no more saying “yes but.” If the world could follow what Jesus said, that would end the world’s problems. G. K. Chesterton said, “The Bible tells us to love our neighbors and also to love



our enemies, probably because they are generally the same people.”

Don’t worry. No need to be stressed about our inability to follow through. Our Heritage from Christ gives us the answer. Jesus loves us, no matter what we do or what we did. Jesus always loves us and His love is perfect. He gives us the grace and the strength to keep trying. His commandment to love Him and to love our neighbor is our life’s goal. With God yes we can, yes we can, yes we can!

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by September 10, 2017

Scholarship Donation - 1st Year

Officers/Members of Br. 435

In gratitude to The Guglielmo Family

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

The Santich Family

In memory of Yvonne Mauer

John and Dorene Campanile

In memory of John Cassanego

John and Dorene Campanile

In memory of Dave Mayer

Michael and Donna Santich

In memory of Dave Boicelli

Officers/Members of Br. 434

In memory of Kelli Raffanti

Donations Presented at Convention - 1st Year

Scholarship Convention Donations - 1stYear

The Antonowicz Family

Total: \$800.00

Scholarship Convention Donations - 2nd Year

The Antonowicz Family

Total: \$500.00

The Antonowicz Family

Total: \$200.00

Grand Total Convention Donations: \$1,500.00

2017 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

1st Prize, \$2,500 + \$250 Seller’s Prize

Madeline Crews, Br. 21, Santa Cruz, CA

2nd Prize, \$1,500

Susan Wilturner, Br. 184, Los Gatos, CA

\$150 Seller’s Prize

Andrea Maccato, Br. 184, Los Gatos, CA

3rd Prize, \$1,500 + \$100 Seller’s Prize

Lawrence Renzi, Br. 281, Bakersfield, CA

4th Prize, \$1,000 + \$100.00 Seller’s Prize

Fr. Charito Suan, Br. 258, San Francisco, CA

5th Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller’s Prize

Dominic Cosentino, Br. 26, Hollister, CA

6th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller’s Prize

Bernard Paradiso, Br. 31, Los Banos, CA

7th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller’s Prize

Lori Canepa, Br. 36, Seaside, CA

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

Branch 14, Crockett, CA -- \$250

Branch 139, Manteca, CA -- \$250

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
9/1	Most Rev. Richard J. Garcia		Monterey, CA	\$50
9/2	Marianne & David Peoples	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
9/3	Cynthia Baroody-Hart		San Jose, CA	\$30
9/4	Branch 75		Cloverdale, CA	\$100
9/5	Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
9/6	Lorraine & Michael Nunziata	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/7	Frank Bermel	218	San Gabriel, CA	\$30
9/8	Gaetano Bottalico		Schiller Park, IL	\$30
9/9	Danny & Carmella Lewis	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
9/10	Patty McNeal	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$50
9/11	B.G. Zasoski	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/12	Linda Fabry	443	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
9/13	Nadine Mattier	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
9/14	Diane Jenkins		San Jose, CA	\$30
9/15	Rosemary Lever		Philadelphia, PA	\$30
9/16	Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann		Garden Grove, CA	\$30
9/17	Linda Griffin		Rodeo, CA	\$30
9/18	Mike & Marcie Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
9/19	Janine Orsi	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
9/20	Rising Star		Alameda, CA	\$30
9/21	Phyllis Rybensky	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
9/22	Adrian Cisneros		Lodi, CA	\$50
9/23	Dale & Terry Benson		Lakewood, CA	\$30
9/24	Rose Moisant	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
9/25	Helen Bitter	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
9/26	Steve Barnes	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
9/27	Reanna Hart		Bensenville, IL	\$30
9/28	Peggy Lubeck	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
9/29	Robert Hohman	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
9/30	Josi Fragnito-Lira	39	Merced, CA	\$30

UPCOMING:

2017 Bishops’ Days:

Oct. 21 San Jose
(Santa Clara Valley)

Oct. 22 Fresno

Oct. 22 San Diego

Oct. 25 San Bernardino

Nov. 4 Los Angeles

Dec. 3 Reno

Grand President

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Our expert teams: the Workshop Committee, Mentor Program, Membership Committee, Task Force, and the Expansion Committee will be out in force to help you expand your branches.

I challenge all branches to a 10% membership growth for this upcoming year. Branch presidents, please go home and challenge your members. Just think, if you have a branch of 50 members that is only 5 new members! Start a contest amongst your members. It really works!

Just think where we could be, if each member brought in one new member this year.

My goal is to see our organization flourish like I know it can.

Use the buddy system.

We need to get back to the basics with a family atmosphere.

A smile goes a long way to get new members.

Treat every member like a first-time member.

Treat others how you would like to be treated.

The Hospitalization Plan: A good friend of mine from Monterey, Branch 36, Eddy Leonard, said, "The Hospitalization [Plan] is the best kept secret in the ICF."

This is another benefit that the ICF has to offer its members. Presidents, please go back and explain this program to your members. There are a lot of members under the age of 70 that can benefit from this program.

I would leave you with this thought,

"Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtues appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and of the guidance of virtue."

To quote Vince Lombardi, "Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

The wording under our insignia states, **IGNEM VENI MITTERE -- WE COME TO LIGHT A FIRE**



Newly installed Grand President Andrew J. Pappani and First Lady Siri (Sid) Pappani.

Once again, let's go forth and spread the good deeds of the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless America and God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation!

*Thank You
Grand President
Andrew J. Pappani*

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations Presented at Convention

Branch 7
Branch 48
Branch 127
Branch 139
Branch 229
Branch 281
Branch 291
Branch 308
Branch 374
Branch 380
Branch 390
Branch 413
Branch 425
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. - In Memory of Ed and Shirliann Swertfager
Grand Total: \$4,400.00

Donations received by September 10, 2017

Branch 169
Branch 173
Branch 327
Rose Vallerga and Family
In memory of Joanne Ballardini
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In honor of the birthday of Joan Delfino
Gerry Meacham
In memory of Frank Segreto



Heritage: Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

Just to begin, it was great seeing so many of you at our 87th Convention in Sacramento. What impressed me the most was the diversity of our membership and what we all add to the basic need of coming together to share our love of the Italian Catholic Federation. A special thanks to Louise and Russ Vento for putting up a Heritage Table. It wasn't ideal but they are the Heritage Committee's cheerleaders and even if was for only a few hours they were committed and did a great job.

On October 8, in San Francisco, we were

present on our float for the Heritage parade. The theme was "Many Faces – One Family" – the Italian Catholic Federation. New look for the float but the Chicken was dancing and we had many members on the float holding signs declaring their varied heritages. Thank you to all the participants. You made the float special and meaningful. Finally, thanks to the float builders Leonard Zasoski, Jr., for bringing the float and building the structure, and the decorators: Franklyn Lopes, Jr.; Marie, Germaine & Michelle Antonowicz; Michael Cannady; Donna Pfaff; Russ & Louise Vento; and Andy & Sid Pappani. Grazie!



Christmas is Coming!

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year's messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

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

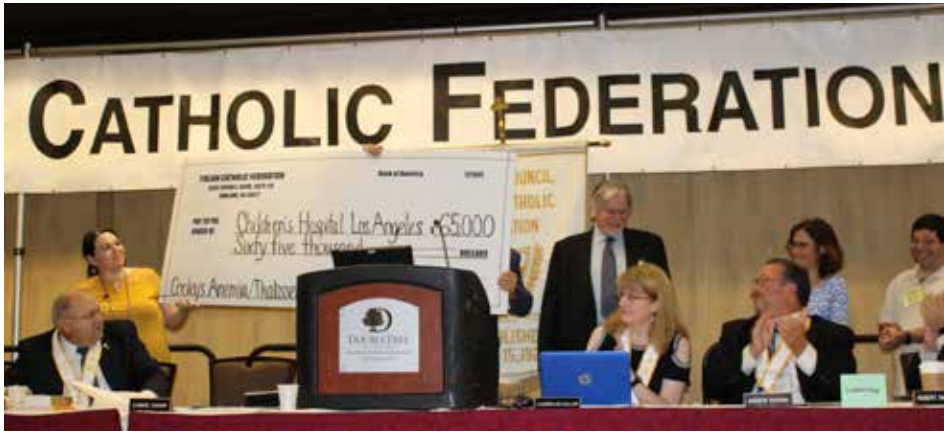
To place a message, please send in your ad, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the I.C.F. (noted Christmas ad), to:

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

Please send emails to info@icf.org.
The deadline is November 10. Thank you.

*Michelle Feldman
Editor, Bollettino*

Thank You For Cooley’s Anemia Donations



**CHILDREN'S CENTER
FOR CANCER AND
BLOOD DISEASES**
*Hematology Section
Red Cell Defects Program
Sickle Cell Treatment Center*
Tel: (323) 361-5507
Fax: (323) 361-7128

September 23, 2017

Dear Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Apostolate Chair Nina Malone, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

Every year the ICF convention is a highlight and this year was no exception. The 87th Annual Convention in Sacramento was a shining example of community, hospitality, friendship, and philanthropy. We are so honored to be included and as always enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones.

Now, having been at the ICF convention for only my second time, I (Dr. Coates) was impressed by the same thing - a fantastic group of people driven to help others. I particularly enjoyed the stories behind those who received the awards.

Thank you for once again adopting the **Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) Program at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) as your National Charity and for the donation of \$75,000. We are grateful to the ICF Members, the Joe Liotta Trust, The Shirley Silva Trust and The Kemp Foundation Trust for their contributions.** We are incredibly grateful for your support and realize how difficult fundraising is - we sincerely appreciate the tireless hard work and time that you put into your many fundraisers for thalassemia.

ICF funds have been used in many important ways and will continue to sustain specific outreach programs at CHLA. This includes our PASSAGES Transition Program and the development of adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives. This program is unique to CHLA as we strive to be a leader in adult thalassemia care.

When I returned from the ICF meeting, I was reminded of the importance of the PASSAGES program you support. I ran into a 31-year-old thalassemia “child” who made his way to the CHLA emergency room in March of this year through the adult network connections. He was in full heart failure at that time and the adult cardiologist wanted to do a heart transplant. Instead, he was admitted to a local adult facility and treated under the direction of his pediatric hematologist from CHLA (Dr. Coates). He now has normal cardiac function! What is even better, the adult service has gained an understanding of thalassemia and are now members of the adult network team. The work you do makes a huge difference.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations Presented at Convention

Branch 5
Branch 7
Branch 12
Branch 18
Branch 27
Branch 48
Branch 73
Branch 91
Branch 127
Branch 139
Branch 154
Branch 184
Branch 191
Branch 229
Branch 230
Branch 281
Branch 285
Branch 291
Branch 308
Branch 379
Branch 380
Branch 390
Branch 413
Branch 425
Branch 442
Fred and Gerry De Rienzo
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. - In Memory of Leonard Zasoski, Sr.
Grand Total: \$11,250.00

Donations Received by September 10, 201

Branch 4 (Closing Donation)
Branch 108
Branch 169
Branch 173
Branch 327
Branch 374
Branch 403
Branch 435
LA Archdiocese District BBQ
Rick and Debbie Santos
In memory of Gennero P. Filice
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In memory of Gennero P. Filice
Louie and Pat Cordich
In memory of Gennero P. Filice
June Felice Johnson
In memory of Gennero Paul Filice
Cecil and Enes Vallejo
In memory of Gennero Filice
Garry and Louise Vita
In memory of Gennero Filice
Brenda Fortino
In memory of Gennero Filice
Sue Silva and Janis Day
In memory of Gennero Filice
Officers/Members of Br. 191
Thank you to Laurice Levine
Marlene J. Rotolo
In memory of Luana Guastapaglia
Angelo Benassi
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Congratulations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship Winners

Student	In Memory of	In Honor of	Donated by
<u>2nd Year Scholarships (\$500.00)</u>			
Andreas Guerrero			Br. 21 - Santa Cruz
Avery Avina			Contra Costa District
Lily Driscoll			Br. 14 - Crockett
Alessia Gonzalez			Br. 154 - Richmond
Giuliana Tanner			Br. 352 - Danville
Abigail Cappa			Br. 432 - Brentwood
Joseph Baldetti			Br. 442 - Pleasant Hill
Gina Crosetti			East Bay District
Brandon P. Volpa			Br. 32 - Fresno
Marina Ontis			Br. 39 - Merced
Rachel C. Shultz			Br. 250 - Clovis
Julianna Fare	Steve Crisafi		Br. 213 - SSFrancisco
Audrey B. Smith			Br. 28 - Gilroy
Michael Piazza			Br. 191 - San Jose
Wesley Albini			Br. 52 - Healdsburg
Kailee Silacci	Estelle Moretti		Br. 127 - Petaluma
Patsy Marie Fraga	Jerry Colivas		Br. 145 - Eureka
Jordyn Posz			Br. 139 - Manteca
Matthew Linker			Br. 390 - Tracy
Eric Chapman			Br. 395 - Stockton
Alexa Hines	Andrew Santo Palumbo		Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach
Celia Janes	Andrew Santo Palumbo		Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach
Jared Bernardi		Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - 60 Years Ordained	Scholarship Fund
Claire Cardona			Scholarship Fund
Andrew Dobrowski			Scholarship Fund
Sophia Gigliotti			Scholarship Fund
Zachariah Huckins			Scholarship Fund
Isabella Sanchez			Scholarship Fund
Katherine Tyler			Scholarship Fund
<u>3rd Year Scholarships (\$600.00)</u>			
Julie Cates			Br. 354 - Paso Robles
Paul S. Cook			Br. 14 - Crockett
Michela Besagno			Br. 432 - Brentwood
Emily Beck			Br. 442 - Pleasant Hill
Kimmy Barclay			East Bay District
Catherine Weatherly			Br. 32 - Fresno
Nathaniel J. Schultz			Br. 39 - Merced
Robert Chapman	Steve Crisafi		Br. 213 - SSFrancisco
Andrea Sandri			Br. 4 - San Jose (Closing Donation)
Justin Shumate			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Gabriella A. Bertaccini			Br. 191 - San Jose
Anthony M. Guttadauro			Br. 391 - San Jose
Isabella Lawrence			Stockton District
Stephanie Bribiesca			Br. 139 - Manteca
Ted Lin-Cereghino			Br. 395 - Stockton
Kristina Udell			Br. 425 - Green Valley
Alisa Lerario	Gina Maria Bratta		Joseph and Rita Bratta - Br. 418, Itasca
Victoria Dobbins	Ambrogio and Teresa Solari		Larry & Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg
Sophia Cima	George Bacigalupi		Scholarship Fund
Isabella Costa	Gaetano “Guy” Masciotra		Scholarship Fund
Sophia Fasani	Archbishop George Niederauer		Scholarship Fund
Kerry Minekheim	Dan Petrolino		Scholarship Fund
Brooke Teverbaugh	Archbishop John R. Quinn		Scholarship Fund

Student	In Memory of	In Honor of	Donated by
Danielle Uptain	Madeleine Vinci		Scholarship Fund
<u>Italian Studies 3rd Year Scholarship (\$600.00)</u>			
Emma Nicoletta	Mario Cugia		Scholarship Fund
<u>4th Year Scholarships (\$1,000.00)</u>			
Jack Ghiglione			East Bay District
Jenna Gilardi			Br. 32 - Fresno
Elizabeth Tyler			Br. 39 - Merced
John Hynes			Br. 438 - Roseville
Courtney Posz			Br. 139 - Manteca
Paige San Felipe	Elsie Boragno		The Elsie Boragno Estate
Alexandra G. Bertaccini	Father Albert Bandini		Scholarship Fund
Erika MacDonald	Armond De Martini		Scholarship Fund
Kristina Neri	Al Teglia		Scholarship Fund
Samuel Rieta			Scholarship Fund
<u>Italian Studies 4th Year Scholarship (\$1,000.00)</u>			
Briana Jenel Salatino	Mario Cugia		Scholarship Fund

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East Bay District: Br. 91, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda (Br. 91) - Get Well Wishes for Dave Boicelli, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda - Get Well Wishes for Bob Felan, Fran La Torre (Br. 215) - In Memory of Maureen Heinzerling, The Santich Family (Br. 91) - In Memory of Dave Boicelli and The Santich Family - In Memory of Yvonne Mauer; Fresno District: District, Br. 31 and Br. 70; San Francisco District: Br. 258; San Gabriel Valley Region: Br. 317; San Mateo District: Br. 327, John and Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - In Memory of John Cassanego, John and Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Dave Mayer, Roberta Franchini (Br. 213) – In Memory of Cecilia Tommei, Deborah Rodondi (Br. 19) - In Memory of George Bacigalupi, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Dan Capodanno, Deborah and Robert Rodondi - In Memory of Fr. Frank Murray, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Phil Mages, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Jerry Marsalli, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Tim Thurman and Deborah and Robert Rodondi - In Memory of Cecilia Tommei; Santa Barbara/Ventura Region: Officers/Members of Br. 380 - In Memory of Stanley Ray Shaw; Santa Clara Valley District: District, Br. 47, Br. 368, Br. 391, Br. 408 - In Memory of Mary-Jo Di Muccio, Br. 435, Officers/Members of Br. 191 - In Memory of Bob Ramonda, The Antonowicz Girls (Br. 184/Br. 191/Br. 445) - In Memory of Lena Mungai, Denise Antonowicz - In Memory of Frank Segreto, Ed and Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Memory of Rose McWilliams, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Brinton Moore, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Lena Mungai, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Thelma Nasello, Aldine Grisenti (Br. 191) - In Memory of Bob Ramonda and Gloria Rodenborn-Garcia (Br. 191) - Get Well Wishes for Fr. Christopher Bennett; Santa Rosa District: Br. 12, Br. 75, Br. 209 and An Anonymous Donation - In Memory of Spence Burton; Stockton District: Br. 413; Tucson Area: Br. 434 - In Memory of Kelli Raffanti.

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 09/12/2017		RALPH C SEGARRA	Branch 210
		ANTHONY CHARLTON JR	
DANIELA PFUETZENREITER			Branch 229
	Branch 026	DEBORAH CHARLTON	Branch 229
THOMAS M CHRISTIAN	Branch 036	TERESINHA MARIA DOS SANTOS	
LINDA CIANDRO	Branch 036		Branch 308
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A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 4 - San Jose as a Closing Donation.

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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION: RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lauren Kilcullen - Chairperson
Committee Members: Andy Pappani, Roselynn Jarrett, Richard Interrante and Betty Zasoski
Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of Sacramento for their 87th Annual Convention on September 1, 2017 – September 4, 2017 adopt the following Communications and Resolutions:

COMMUNICATIONS:
COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS
We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO MOST REVEREND JAIME SOTO AND MOST REVEREND MYRON JOSEPH COTTA
We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for their continued service to the people of the Sacramento Diocese. We are grateful for their participation in this year’s convention, representing the Diocese of Sacramento.

COMMUNICATION TO MOST REVEREND STEPHEN BLAIRE
We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for his continued service to the people of the Stockton Diocese. We are grateful for his many years of participation at our conventions. We send him best wishes as he prepares for his retirement.

COMMUNICATION TO MSGR. CARDELLI
We wish to thank I.C.F. Spiritual Director Msgr. Cardelli for all his years of loyal service to the I.C.F. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the I.C.F. We look forward to many more years of his friendship and guidance and congratulate him on his 60th Anniversary of Ordination.

COMMUNICATIONS TO GRAND PRESIDENT LEONARD ZASOSKI, JR.
We wish to thank Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., for his leadership during the past two years. Your many long hours and hard work devoted to the Federation have not gone unnoticed. We are truly appreciative.

COMMUNICATIONS TO ALL BISHOPS AND CLERGY ATTENDING THE CONVENTION
We are grateful for your participation in this year’s convention, representing the members of our diocese. We appreciate the time you have taken to spend this weekend with us. We value your guidance, advice, and prayers.

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

RESOLUTIONS:
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES
As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and liberty. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well-being and safe return, especially in these uncertain times.

TO ALL ELECTED LEADERS OF OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well-being of ALL in our United States of America and in the world.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND VIOLENCE IN 2017
We offer our prayers and support to the people of the world, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2017. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE CONVENTION DIRECTOR’S COMMITTEE, LOCAL COMMITTEES, AND DIOCESAN CHAPLAINS
Whereas, the preparation of the annual convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Roselynn Jarrett and the chairs of various local committees under the guidance of Nina Malone, Paula Scarpelli and Robert Pachinger, the Local Chairpersons of the Convention, the success of the convention was assured. We, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our appreciation to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith, Dave Rose, and Michelle Feldman, Editor of the Bollettino.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS
We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

TO THE DELEGATES AND NON-DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION
We thank them for representing their branches and for their dedication in preserving and keeping the Italian Catholic Federation, a strong and vital organization in their communities. We wish them all a safe trip home.

TO THE FAMILY OF PAST GRAND PRESIDENT GEORGE BACIGALUPI
We offer our condolences to the family of George Bacigalupi on his recent passing. George was a dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation and served as Grand President with distinction from 1995 - 1997.

TO THE VICTIMS OF HURRICAN HARVEY
We offer our prayers that they will recover from the effects of this tragedy and with the help and encouragement of the American people, they will be able to resume as normal a life as possible.

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

Convention Blood Drive: A Huge Success

By the Live to Give Committee

Thank you to all of the "Life Savers" who donated blood and gave the gift of life at the 87th Annual ICF Convention in Sacramento. The 6th Annual Blood Drive sponsored by the ICF's Live to Give Committee was the most successful one yet - with 38 people coming to donate and 37 units of blood. The American Red Cross was the local blood bank and did a fantastic job at collections. Thank you to the following individuals who selflessly donated blood:

Pamela Anderson
Denise Antonowicz
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James Cavallero
Kerin Cavallero
Mary Colón
Thomas Cook
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John Delmonte
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Thomas Kingshill
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Adrian Maggiora
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Convention

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Once the game started, the ICF's dancing chicken, Marie Antonowicz, entertained the crowd with the chicken dance between innings. During the 7th inning stretch, former First Lady of the ICF, Karen Rossi, sang God Bless America for those in attendance. It was a fun and original evening for those who were able to attend. A fantastic way to start off the Convention weekend.

On Friday, friends and family gathered to register, play Pedro, and battle it out on the bocce courts. The Live to Give Committee also hosted the ICF's 6th Annual Convention Blood Drive. There was also an Old Sacramento Tour for those interested.

The Pedro winners were:

1st place -- Marie Tonus;

2nd and 3rd tied -- Vic Arnaudo and Tom Kingshill

4th and 5th tied -- Mary DelMonte and Sandra Fuentes

There were 12 people who participated in the tournament and 16-18 people taking Pedro lessons.

Between the tours and competitive spirit it was finally time for the Convention to begin. The members gathered in the banquet hall for the official Grand Opening.

Past Grand President Leonard Rossi, O.L.J. and former First Lady Karen Rossi entertained those arriving for the opening ceremony with an Italian-Sing-a-Long.

The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen. Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli welcomed everyone to the Convention and expressed his enthusiasm over the upcoming weekend.

The JROTC Del Campo Air Force pre-

sented the colors, and Life Member of the Central Council Nina Malone performed the National Anthem.

Receiving a warm welcome, Grand President Leonard Zasoski entered along with his First Lady Betty (BG) Zasoski.

Paula Scarpelli and Robert Pachinger welcomed everyone to Sacramento and presented a gift from the districts to Grand President Zasoski. The Pachinger children presented First Lady BG with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Grand President Zasoski continued by welcoming one and all to the Convention in the pursuit of new ideas to share with each member and delegate's branches back home.

Right before the Roll Call of Districts, Allen Watts appeared on stage dressed as a miner, yielding a pick axe. Past Grand President Jim Jones constructed a beautiful backdrop including a mining cart, representing the Convention's location in the Gold Country. Allen introduced everyone to the phrase of this Convention, "Eureka!" After getting the members and guests excited each District President approached the mining cart and placed a bag of "gold" representing the treasures found in their district.

Father George Aranaha was the keynote speaker of the evening. His words always leave those in attendance feeling spiritually moved and appreciative of the time we get to spend together.

Nina Malone closed out the Opening Ceremony with "Noi Vogliam Dio."

Then, as per tradition and for the fun of those in attendance, the Central Council candidates were waiting to meet the delegates and members in attendance during, "Meet the Candidates." The banquet room was a-buzz with conversation and camaraderie as the candidates discussed their plans for the future of the ICF. It was a great start to the Convention.



Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand Treasurer

Wow! Just came back from a great convention in Sacramento. Thanks to the Sacramento and Stockton Districts and the Convention Directors Committee for a job well done!

I have been busy in the kitchen experimenting with some Italian cookie recipes, which I will be sharing with you in the coming issues of the Bollettino. Today it is all about a great crock pot dish that is a hit at all potluck dinners.

This recipe came from my mom's childhood friend and neighbor Verna Delucchi Garibaldi from Pleasanton, CA. Verna told me it was her go to dish for potlucks and dropping off a meal to friends.

"One Pot" Dinner

½ to 1 pound ground hamburger

¼ pound bacon cut into small pieces

1 cup chopped onions

2 cans (15 ounce) pork and beans

1 can (15 ounce) kidney beans, drained

1 can (15 ounce) butter lima beans, drained

1 cup ketchup

¼ cup brown sugar

1 Tbsp. liquid smoke

3 Tbsp. white vinegar

1 tsp. salt

dash of pepper

Brown ground beef in skillet, drain off fat and put into crock pot. Brown bacon and onions drain off fat. Add to crock pot with rest of ingredients. Stir well. Cover and cook on low 4 to 6 hours.

So the next time you have no idea what to bring to the ICF potluck, try this dish. Guaranteed to be a hit!

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!

Friday at the Convention



Friday at the Convention



Saturday at the Convention

With an early morning start on Saturday, September 2, the delegates were ready to attend workshops that discussed the Strategic Plan; National Charity; Public Relations; Spiritual; Membership; Expansion; the Mentor Program; and Offices and Committees.

During the business session the Young Adult Leadership Award was presented to Antonio Costa and the Family of the Year was presented to the Pachinger Family.

The credentials committee reported that there were 181 delegates and 31 Central Council Life Members and Members Emeritus. That made a total of 212 voting members.

Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. announced that at the blood drive on Friday 34 units of blood were donated -- the most ever at a Convention.

There were 11 candidates running for the Central Council. All gave speeches, and the voting and election would take place on Sunday.

All submitted proposals were passed by the delegates at the Convention.

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

Once inside the banquet hall members took their seats as the Mistress of Ceremonies, Central Council Member Emeritus Patricia Mages welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

The evening was filled with inspirational and light-hearted remarks from all dignitaries in attendance. These included District Presidents Paula Scarpelli and Robert Pachinger, and Rev. Mister Marinko Kraljeovich.

After the dinner, Grand President Zasoski then presented the Pope Saint John XXIII award to Sally Morgan-Welch, founder of the Friends of the Formerly Friendless.

Ms. Morgan-Welch emphasized the importance of cat rescue programs, and the value that pets have in our lives.



Saturday at the Convention



Sunday at the Convention

At the Sunday session the following Central Council Candidates were voted into the Central Council: Denise Antonowicz, Lisa Crudo, Teresa Helfand, Anne Interante, Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Andy Pappani, Vince Piro, Deborah Rodondi, and Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand President Zasoski presented the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award to Rev. Christopher Bennett.

Grand President Zasoski also presented the Grand President's Award to Christine Prudenciado from Branch 19, Colma.

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

Grand President Zasoski also made the presentation to Dr. Thomas Coates of Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Laurice Levine. Laurice and her husband Matt spoke to the members, and Laurice presented Grand President Zasoski with

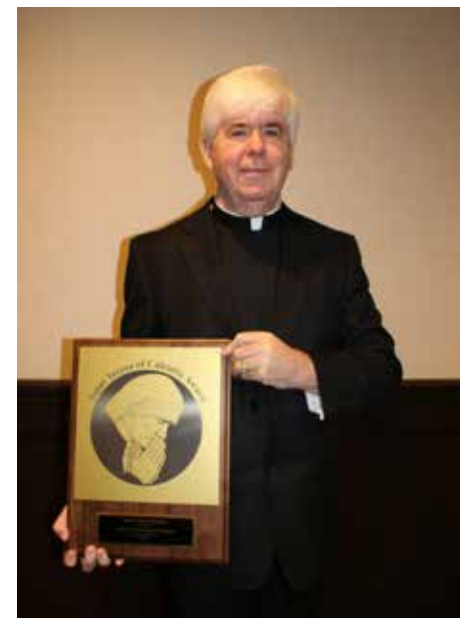
a blood drop statue in appreciation of his dedication to Cooley's Anemia and blood donation.

After a busy morning, Grand President Zasoski concluded the morning business session, where the current and newly elected Central Council members then retired to lunch to vote on the officers of the Central Council.

Before the end of the session, Grand President Zasoski took a moment to say thank you to his family and the members of the ICF for supporting him during his two years as grand president.

The Concelebrated Mass was very well attended and the Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, was the main celebrant of the Sunday Mass.

Later in the evening the Sunday Banquet featured a western theme. Lots of dancing and conversation filled the night. The evening concluded with the Convention Raffle and drawing.



Sunday at the Convention



Sunday Night Western



Monday at the Convention

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

At the prayer service, conducted by Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, the new Central Council members and officers were installed. The new 2017-2018 face of the Central Council is:

Grand President Andrew Pappani

Grand 1st Vice President Vince Piro

Grand 2nd Vice President Deborah Rodondi

Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen

Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz

Grand Trustees Lisa Crudo, Anne Interante and Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi

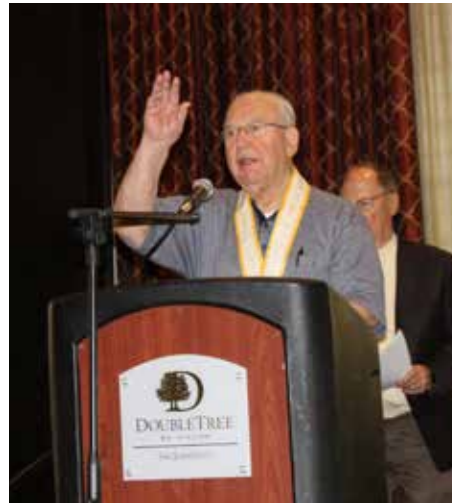
Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand



Newly installed Grand President Andrew Pappani spoke of his appreciation for this opportunity and his hope for the future of the ICF. For more on his speech see the Grand President's Address.

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

Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged until everyone can meet again at the 2018 Convention in San Diego, California.



Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

GREETINGS TO ALL! BRANCH 358 HAS BEEN QUITE BUSY DOING OUR LITTLE APOSTOLIC WORKS WHENEVER WE CAN. IN AUGUST WE VISITED THE RETIRED SCALABRINI NUNS AS WE HAVE DONE ANNUALLY FOR MANY YEARS NOW. HAD A WONDERFUL VISIT AND BROUGHT IN LUNCH, EXCHANGED STORIES AND GENERALLY HAD A WONDERFUL VISIT. THANK ALL THE SISTERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND KINDNESS. LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!

WE ARE NOW PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL BAKE SALE ON OCTOBER 22 AT ST. VINCENT FERRER. ALL ARE WELCOMED! THIS WILL BE A DIFFERENT BAKE SALE WITH A SMALL CAFÉ SET UP WITH FREE COFFEE WITH A PURCHASE. THE BEST NEWS IS YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR PASTRY AND SIT AND ENJOY WITH FRIENDS OVER A CUP OF FREE COFFEE. SO YOU'D BE HELPING A WORTHY CAUSE AS WELL AS VISITING WITH FRIENDS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

KAY COMISKY

LEONORA GILLETTE

PAULINE NICOLETTI

AS THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING WE MUST ALL GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WE HAVE THAT WE SEEM TO FORGET. I KNOW LIFE IS VERY DIFFICULT AND WORRISOME AT TIMES (OR MOST TIMES) BUT TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND BE THANKFUL. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AND COME VISIT US ON OCT. 22 FOR THE BAKE SALE AND FRIENDSHIP!

CATHY NERI

BRANCH 358

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The August 8th meeting was a potluck and members and guests were treated to many delicious home-made entrees, salads, and desserts. Thanks to the August committee, chairmen: Rick and Janet Farinelli and the committee: Emily and Adolph Mayorga, Carol and Jim Espinola, Theresa DeFrank, and Ila Schoettler. Janet Farinelli really thought outside the box when she made favors for the tables. She planted succulents in brightly colored pots then used them as raffle prizes. Way to go Janet! President Jim Cavallero and his wife, Kerin, attended the convention in Sacramento. It was a wonderful experience and we learned a lot from the informational workshops. The convention committee did an amazing job of coordinating all the activities and I must say that the baseball game on Thursday night was very enjoyable (and maybe my favorite part of the convention!) Thanks to the two host districts-you guys did are going to be a tough act to follow. It was also nice to put faces with names and talk to the many people I e-mail and speak to on the telephone. Branch 27 is getting ready for the annual harvest festival on the 15 & 16 of September and the spaghetti and meatball take-out in October. We are looking into a fun day in December or January. Next meetings are September 12-Hamburgers and the October dinner will be a potluck on the 10th. Looking forward to seeing all of you

there. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Los Banos

Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Our annual summer potluck in the lovely yard of Terri and Rick Post who graciously host this yearly event. There were 77 member and guests in attendance including the high school recipients of our local scholarships and their families from Pacheco High School: Justin Marquez and Eric Olague from Los Banos High School: Jonelle Gilardi and Jacie Sagousse. Congratulations and good luck to these students.

A wonderful display of delicious food awaited for all to enjoy. Thanks to all who worked so hard on this beautiful evening.

Our branch will participate in the parish carnival on September 17th by selling tickets and having a sausage/pepper sandwich booth at the fundraiser.

Our annual pasta sauce sale is right around the corner, members will be getting together in September to make the sauce, check church bulletin for details.

Convention: September 1-4 Pam and George Ohlendick are delegates.

Next meeting September 18 at 6:00 p.m. this will be a dinner meeting.

Our branch voted to donate \$300.00 to the VFW/American Legion to be used to purchase markers for the graves of veterans.

We give thanks to our deceased member who worked hard and long for our branch. We are equally grateful to those who are now working hard to preserve the tradition.

Ciao,

Germaine Orlando

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

The 2017 Convention in Sacramento was delightful and informative. Appreciative to the entire Convention committee in Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts for a job well done. It was great to see the many CC members who missed the Fresno Convention in 2016, and came to the Installation of Officers in 2017. Many Blessings to Grand President, Andy Pappani, and the CC members, officers, and Executive Committee. Please continue forward with the momentum from the Convention in regards to the Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021.

Br. 32 has a gem of a chaplain. He attends most of our monthly meetings. Deacon Kurt Nuehaus was raised in the OLV Parish. He's an inspiration to us and very helpful in guiding our group. Deacon Kurt made an extra effort to attend some of the Convention in Sacramento.

Our Yard Sale in September was very successful. Thank you, Paulette Volpa and family, for organizing this event.

Keep the infirmed in your prayers, especially Cle' Estra Lett, Maria Guglielmino, Dorie Sabbatini, Michael Caglia, Fr. Eric Swearingen, and Bob Aquistipace. We extend our sincerest sympathies to Nancy Rodriguez, on the loss of her brother; the families of Michael Caglia and his wife who was killed in a very serious traffic accident; Deacon Kurt in the loss of his sister-in-law, Anne; and Reverend James Gallas.

Let us pray for Peace in the World and many hurricane and fire victims. ASAP – Always Stop And Pray.



Members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District at the General Meeting held at the Convention.

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

After a summer hiatus Branch 33 is back on line.

President Maria Steel and Vice President Michael Cerri represented Branch 33 at the annual convention and will be updating members upon their return. Karen Cerri also attended.

At the end of summer, Branch 33 participated in the St Francis Parish annual barbecue by manning the wine booth. Members are now finalizing plans and preparations for the Branch's Columbus Day fundraiser. This is the Branch's major fundraiser and supports its annual charitable contributions and scholarship grants.

Branch 33 congratulates Monsignor Craig Harrison on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination. Under Monsignor's leadership, St. Francis Parish has expanded its educational facilities and programs, as well as the number of missions answering the needs of the Parish community.

God bless you and long life, Monsignor Craig!

As St. Patrick might say: "May you live a long life, full of gladness and health. With a pocket full of gold, as the least of your wealth. And trusting in Him, to whom we all pray; May a song fill your heart every step of the way." - The Spruce, Stacy Slinkard.

Roberta Cerri Teglia

Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Our delegates enjoyed the workshops, sessions, singing, meals and camaraderie at the ICF convention. At our September meeting each delegate - Terrie Rhodes, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Gina Pugliese, Stephanie Lucich and first-timers Nanette Ontis and Debbie Giannone - gave their personal report of the convention.

Branch 39 had a significant showing there, with members Vince, Robyn and Debbie Piro, Gena Davis, Randy Giannone and Mabel Willmon (delegate for Gustine) also attending. Vince was elected Central Council's First Vice President. Congratulations Vince!

Maryellen Mazzei, Loretta Symes, Michael Bandoni and Ruth Redondo put their usual delicious dazzle at September meeting's tri tip dinner with Carol Salmeri, Pattie and Frank Simas setting up, and John Lucich, clean-up. Your help is always appreciated! Elinor Torda, a UC Merced humanities and language professor (including Italian), was our guest.

October 11 is our dinner meeting, serving chicken tetrazzini pasta with green salad, French bread, dessert and wine at 6 PM. We

will nominate our 2018 officers, so if you are interested in serving, please contact Terrie Rhodes: 209-658-9204. Our polenta dinner is October 18. Tickets can be purchased from any officer or phone Robyn at 209-658-3715. October 14 is the Italo Lodge's Pasta-to-Go fundraiser.

Carol Salmeri is selling the 2018 ICF calendars. Get 'em while they're hot! Call Carol: 722-8833.

Avere un autunno felice a tutti!

Stephanie Lucich

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Our September meeting was a lively evening of delicious food, Convention recapping, and much-needed discussion at the OLPH hall. A big thank you to the delegates and all who attended the Convention in Sacramento and brought back their valuable knowledge. I can say, from first hand experience, it was a wonderful, enlightening, and fun convention. Grand President Leonard Zasoski made us all delighted to be members of the ICF, and especially proud to be members of Branch 281.

The Nite at the Races event is almost here! Buy and sell horses to family and friends for this exciting night October 7th! It will once again be hosted by Branch 33 and us, taking place in the youth center at St. Francis Parish. Call or text Allen Watts at 661-363-3803 for more information or to purchase a horse! Let's make this event the best yet!

The October meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th, taking place in our parish hall. Come enjoy dinner and a meeting with us, with a spooky surprise to follow. Boo!

Also, mark your calendars now for November 9th. The November meeting is especially important for a few reasons: not only is it our exciting Turkey Bingo event, but Kristen and Joey Zasoski will also be rallying the troops to help make our Christmas party a success once again. Let's get in the holiday spirit!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Zasoski



LA District Bocce participants at the Convention.



Branch 111's 2017 Picnic.



Branch 111's Picnic Bocce Players.

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District

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

Italian Catholic Federation

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Branch 108 fun times!



South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On Sunday, September 1 thru 4th, members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella along with Branch President John Maggiora, Adriana Maggiora, Diana and Santo Plescia and Theresa and Tad Shaw attended the ICF Convention in Sacramento, California. The event was well attended, with great workshops, and many areas to visit and enjoy historical Sacramento. Congratulations also to Branch Board member Tad Shaw and his Team winning first place in the annual Bocce Tournament and to Board Member Theresa Shaw and Carmelo Sabatella and their Team for winning 3rd Place.

On Sunday September 11, 2017 members enjoyed the ICF Dinner Fundraiser at Mijare's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina. Thank you to event Chair Jackie Ficht and ICF staff who helped coordinate and manage the event from 4 pm to 9 pm. Congratulations to Raffle Winners including members Phil and Jane Argento and guest diner Mark Avery for their good fortune and support of this biannual event.

SAVE THE DATE

- December 3, 2017 - Mother Cabrini Chapel Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church, Burbank, CA 91504

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 "Iper cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

LAADC and ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Our October General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, [200 N. 12th Street](http://www.staugustinehouse.org), (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. At this meeting, we will also have Nominations/

Elections for the 2018 branch officers. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Crocetta Salomone, Lina Canzonieri, Jeannine Vieni, and Eugenia Hernandez.

Thank you to everyone who are participating to this year's Bishop Banquet and Chaplain Recognition Mass & Dinner being held on Saturday, November 4th, with mass at St. Denis Catholic Church in Diamond Bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at Parish Hall.

On Saturday, November 18, 2017, our Branch will host the Los Angeles Archdiocese District meeting, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine House, located at [200 N. 12th St.](http://www.staugustinehouse.org) (corner of Cleveland Ave.) Montebello. Everyone is welcome to attend. On Friday, December 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the Los Angeles Archdiocese District will be sponsoring a Christmas Party for the Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia at Children's Hospital, in Los Angeles. There will be a dinner and toys distribution to the children.

This year we will be having the 100th Anniversary of St. Frances Cabrini's death with a Pilgrimage at Burbank, on Sunday, December 3, 2017, starting with Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church at 12:30 p.m., followed by Procession and Benediction at the Cabrini Shrine. A delicious luncheon will then be held in the Parish Hall.

Finally, we will end the year with a great Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Music will be provided by Duo Domino, with Rita & Marion Marino,



August Birthdays at Branch 111.



On August 19, 2017, Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of St John Joseph of the Cross, patron saint and native of the island of Ischia, Italy. This celebration has been going on since the early immigrants came from Ischia to San Pedro in the early 1900's.

a Professional Piano Bar, along with our traditional delicious Italian Buffet dinner. It will be a great party!

A Presto!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Thank you to all who attended our potluck meeting on Sept. 21st. We had a wonderful turnout and an array of delicious food for all to enjoy. Congratulations were extended to Frank (trustee) and Lina Amalfitano on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Ischia Italy. What a great start to our meeting!

The next important event for the district is the annual Bishop Day event. This will be held on Nov 4th with 530pm mass at St. Denis Catholic Church in Diamond Bar. Dinner will follow and the cost is \$25.00. If interested in attending please call Neal (310) 433 1044. Transportation will be limited as Neal will

be driving.

Our parish will be holding a brunch on Sunday Nov 5th to raise funds for Christian Care. Our branch will be participating and will be cooking and serving scrambled eggs with potato and sausage. The Brunch will start at 8am and finish at noon. Please support this parish fundraiser.

Pauline thanked all who supported our fundraiser trip to San Manuel Casino. She also announced the dates for our annual Las Vegas trip. Our branch will be offering a 3 day 2 nite stay at the Golden Nugget hotel leaving on Nov 14th returning Nov 16. Price is \$140.00 per person double occupancy \$195.00 single occupancy. Please call Pauline for reservations. 310 832 0563

There is still time to join our branch on the Alaskan Cruise that Leticia Chapparo has arranged in April 2018. For more information please call Leticia at 310 8320140.

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

Branch 115



Branch 362 celebrated its 35th anniversary.



Downey

St. Raymond, Br. 362

On August 11, 2015 Br. 362 celebrated its 35th Anniversary "Hawaiian style".

Great food, Fun and Entertainment by the "Jumpin Ukes" were had by all.

Congratulations Br. 362 on 35 wonderful years and may God bless us with many more years of service.

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Egren Gomez, a sponsored member of ICF Branch 374 in La Canada Flintridge, California, was ordained a transitional Deacon on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, his home parish.

A late vocation, like many current seminarians, Deacon Gomez graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master degree in Business (MBA) and worked in an executive position at Northrop Grumman Corporation before receiving his calling to the priesthood 6 years ago. He will be 41 years old when he is ordained a priest in May 2018.

During his years at St. John Seminary he performed many duties as a parishioner at the Cathedral where he became friends with Al and Diane Restivo, who were Cathedral Associates and members of ICF Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable. They sponsored him for membership in ICF. The branch has sponsored him through his years in the Seminary.

Deacon Gomez served his first Mass as a deacon at the Cathedral the day after his ordination and delivered his first Homily to a congregation of nearly 3,000 people. After his ordination he will return to the Seminary for advanced studies while serving at the Seminary in the deaconate role and at

other parishes as assigned. He was ordained with ten other men who were elevated to the transitional deaconate that day. The transitional role is a final step in the formation of a priest.

Shown here left to right are Diane Restivo; Deacon Egren Gomez, and Al Restivo, Vice President of the Los Angeles Region of the LA Archdiocese District of ICF.

Photo by Ralph Ojeda

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

October 8 – General meeting, nomination of board members. Election of officers will be in November. October 14 and 15 is Holy Angels' Fiesta. We will again be working the sandwich booth and will need some help. October 29th is a donut sale. The November meeting is on the 12th.

This article is being submitted before the event, however, I am going to go ahead and thank President Jerry and all that helped with our anniversary party. I am sure that it will be most successful.

Our next fundraiser is our Christmas Boutique which will be chaired by Karen Berardi. The set up is November 18 and the event is on the 19th. All the tables are rented and we are even using the stage for some tables. We will be selling sausage and meatball sandwiches. This is always a good way to start your Christmas shopping early.

One of our members, Barbara Cina, recently passed away and we would like to offer our condolences to her family. Barbara was a gentle soul who always did what she could to help out.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Lolly M.

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Our next General Meeting will be held on October 28, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. Check Eleanor's newsletters for updates and changes.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 19th at Nano's Café in Sierra Madre. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Save the date.

Please continue to keep our ill members in your prayers: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs,





Branch 237 President Connie Bohannon with Msgr. Cardelli celebrating his 60 year anniversary.

Pat Buccola, Mary Lou Lemoine and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

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

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

(Anna M. Matthews)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch had an exciting September meeting. We celebrated with a Mexican Fiesta. A fantastic Mexican meal was enjoyed by all our members complete with Sangria and Virgin Margaritas.

We had an excellent Mariachi Band perform and their music was spectacular. The kids banged away at a piñata until it broke open with candy and treats!

We are getting ready for a busy upcoming holiday season. We will be holding elections in October and look forward to having some new faces join our ICF Board. Additionally, our branch will have an ICF booth at the fall festival in October, so please sign up to help out

with food sales. All proceeds with benefit St.



Branch 380 celebrated September with a Mexican fiesta!



Paschal Baylon Church. The ICF booth is always a lot of fun!

Thanks you to all of our board members who organized such a wonderfully fun September meeting! *Ciao,*

Jean Fontana Bridges

Recording Secretary Branch 380

Monterey

Santa Cruz

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

Happy Fall! Albert Camus once wrote "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." The Santa Cruz area is blessed to have some of its finest weather in Autumn. We are also blessed to not be worried by Hurricanes. Our prayers go out to all those whose lives have been impacted by such dreadful weather.

Well, another Convention year is over and our delegates returned with glowing reports and new ideas on how to help ICF become even more vital. They also returned with the new 2018 ICF Calendars to be sold. This year's is the best one yet, filled with great recipes and interesting stories and photos. Recipes include biscotti, timballo Calabrese, and also recipes from Ireland, Germany, and Portugal. Remember, with each calendar

purchase, you also receive a chance to win 'scudi' in the daily raffle. To purchase a calendar, please contact Rosa Radicchi.

To wind down the year, there are several fun events planned. On October 27th there will be the ever popular Polenta Feed. (A friend once described polenta as Italian hot porridge.... she wasn't Italian.) Then November 5th, we will have our annual ICF Memorial Mass with Brunch to follow in Holy Cross Hall. You will be getting information in the mail on how and when to send in your donations for loved ones to be remembered at the Mass. Finally, on December 1st, we will have our annual Christmas Party which is a fun way to start off the Season.

In closing, I remind you that we will be nominating and electing new officers for Branch 21 Board in the next month. Come to the General Meetings and have your voice be heard. They are on the first Tuesday of each month, at Holy Cross hall, beginning at 4:30. There will not be a meeting in December. In the meantime, may God continue to bless us all. *Ciao for niao!*

Patty Morelli

Secretary-Branch 21

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Antonia and June loved the Convention, they went to everything, E-mailed home many photos of what was going on, being with Ed and Bella Leonard, seeing old friends and making new ones, they had a great time and learned a lot.

We just finished the 84th year of Festa Italia Santa Rosalia, three days of spectacular entertainment, culture, Italian traditions and food, Mass honoring fishermen, living and deceased, and, honoring Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Palermo, Sicily, and the fishermen. The weather was beautiful and the people were too! The 50/50 raffle was won by Soydan Nuran, she won \$2,100.00, I called to tell her and she was so excited she came right down to the Plaza to pick the check up.

Our sympathy goes out to the Mike Martorella family and to Marie. Mike was the sweetest man, kind and patient. Sympathy also goes out to Lea Davi whose mother, Concetta Montecchi, passed away. Concetta was a beautiful woman with a beautiful

singing voice.

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself, it's what you do for others." Danny Thomas, Si. Jude founder When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

Happy Halloween,

Bettye Sollecito

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Upon her return from the Convention, President Ellen Pauly reported that our branch received a first place award for the highest monetary contributions for the year ending June 30 among branches our size. Congratulations to Franklyn Lopes, Jr., who was re-elected Central Council Grand Sentinel.

Thanks to Heidi Ambiel who was head chef at our September meeting. She and her crew, Lou and Fran Boczek and Jane Salm, served Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, and Heidi's famous apple cake. Heidi generously donated all the food for the meal.

Our branch approved two \$500 donations to Catholic Charities for the victims of the hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

There will be no meeting on October 15 due to a conflict with the parish Oktoberfest. Election of officers for 2018 will be at the November meeting.

Prayers and get well wishes go to Ron Castle, who recently underwent a heart procedure; Nancy Prevedelli, who had knee surgery; and Mary Montonye who is recovering from surgery.

We were sorry to learn that our long-time member Connie Faucher died at age 102. Connie and her late husband, Fred, joined ICF in 1980, and were very active for many years, always lending a hand at meetings and Fish Frys. We also lost Anne Elissondo, who was a member since January 2014. Condolences to their families.

Parting words, thanks to Sir Wilfred Grenfell:

"The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth."

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our Branch delegates and other members who attended the ICF Convention in Sacramento enjoyed a fun and informative weekend! We were also very thankful to be in the comfort of an air-conditioned hotel all weekend, as back home on the Central Coast they had a record-breaking heat wave while we were away!

Our Fall Fundraising Dinners are off to a great start, with a nice turnout at our September spaghetti dinner. Our next dinner will be on Friday, October 13th, and we'll be serving a BBQ tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings!



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(Above)Br. 291's delegates and members had a great time at the ICF Convention. Pictured here at the Saturday night dinner are: Jerry and Sandy Quintiliani, Joanna Van Blaricom, Kathleen Sullivan, Keely and David Sanchez, and Pete and Abby Gallagher.



(Left) Br. 291 recently participated in St. Patrick's Parish Summer Festival. We hosted a "dessert" booth and sold delicious cookies made by our Branch members. Pictured here are ICF members Mary Recchia, Pete and Abby Gallagher, Annie Subia, Terry Garrity and Sandy Quintiliani.

board.

Happy Fall Days.

Pat Grasso,

District Sec.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Della Grazie, Br. 10

Our delegates to the Sacramento Convention, Dave Rose and Jeanette and John Zugnoni, enjoyed the vibrancy demonstrated at the ICF's major annual event. We were especially moved by the Cooley's Anemia presentation given by Thomas Coates, MD and Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS. We also appreciated the tips for increasing our numbers, including a membership table at functions and distribution of ICF brochures. We learned at our monthly meeting of September 7 that our first vice-president, Gina Foster, who had given birth to her second son in July, followed the convention via Facebook.

Our next event will be our annual Christmas Party, which is planned for Friday evening, December 8. Details, including information for reservations, will follow in the November Bollettino. Our busy time of the ICF calendar will continue with our Polenta Dinner on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

We are also in charge of the East Bay District Installation, which is planned for Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland. Branch past-president JoAnn Dorn is making the necessary arrangements for the Mass, which will be said at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE to persons attending upcoming Saturday events at Monsignor O'Brien Hall, which is adjacent to Saint Philip Neri Church, Alameda: The time of the Saturday vigil Mass at Saint Philip Neri Church has been changed from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Branch 10 will decide whether to change the starting time for our Saturday functions from 6:00 p.m. to a later time. Please read our future announcements carefully.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10 publicity

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

To our Holy Spirit ICF members: Your new

pastor, Father Ken Sales, is very familiar with the ICF. Our president, Fran LaTorre first met him at St. Joachim in Hayward when he was a newly ordained priest. Father Ken has been assigned to parishes in Antioch and Brentwood where ICF branches are also active. Please mention our branch to Father Ken and let him know about our Bingo Luncheon.

President Fran LaTorre was pleased to represent Br. 215 at Bishop's Day.

Nominations and Elections of Branch Officers will be held at our October 10th meeting. Any current officer willing to accept nomination but unable to attend must send an email or written letter to President Fran indicating that they will accept a nomination for office. That notice needs to be received no later than October 9th.

Weather permitting, bocce will be played at Our Lady of Guadalupe School Track probably 10/15 or 10/22. Check with Jack Navarra as to which of those dates is most likely.

We welcome new members; Julie Ferrario, her husband, Paul, and their three children. Also, please welcome Christine and Francisco Nieto.

SAVE THE DATE:

There will be a Mass for Deceased Members of Br. 215 said at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday, October 7th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We are also celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi who is our branch's patron saint. Please come and join the members from Corpus Christi and myself at this Mass and let the CC parishioners know that we are an active group.

The next and last Mass for Deceased Members will be held on Sunday, 11/12/2017, also at 5:00 p.m. Mass at Corpus Christi. We will be once again celebrating the Feast of St. Frances Cabrini, Co-Patron of the ICF.

Branch 215's Bingo Salad Luncheon will be held on October 19th at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 40382 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA, Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00per person. Reservations required by October 1st. Call Fran LaTorre @ (510) 589-8498.

The East Bay District Quarterly Mass and Communion will be held on Sunday, October 1st at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, 3725 High Street, Oakland, CA. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. Deadline for Count: September 21st. Refreshments served after Mass. There is no charge for the Quarterly Mass and Communion.

As always, we offer our prayers for those who are ill and to the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

She's "Back in the Saddle Again" - our president, Carolyn Cardinalli, has returned after recovery from surgery. Welcome back Carolyn and our gratitude and thanks to Judy Wellbeloved for being our co-president in Carolyn's absence. At our July meeting, Elaine Meier gave us an interesting tutorial on the importance, nutritional value, and just plain good taste of cooking with fresh herbs. She brought along some herbs and pots and we had a great time planting some herbs to take home. Kudos, Elaine. August 13th was our annual picnic, this time at the home of Joyce D'Angelo. Everyone brought their own choice of what to barbeque. It's always a fun event and a time to unobtrusively notice who's barbecuing fillet mignon and who has hot dogs. Wondering if anyone would notice if I drank a Barolo wine with my hot dog? Upcoming events include a September 15th

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Oakland

East Bay

District Council

We have returned from the Convention in Sacramento with Leonard Rossi and Lisa Crudo on the Central Council, congratulations! New changes in dues and deputy to mentors are in the works. And a good time was had by all with all the social activities, from the baseball game to the dinner dance to the barbecue. Sorry there were no big chance winners from this district. But on the bright side, this year's calendar was dedicated to our own Leroy Taddei, so let's buy lots of them.

Meanwhile back in the district, we will be meeting in the refurbished Stack center for our Sept. meeting, first time in a few months.

Many things are happening in short order over the next few weeks beginning with the District picnic, at the DeNurra's residence, fun and games for all ages. The next day is Bishop's day, a really special day for the Contra Costa and East Bay districts. Our quarterly Mass is set for Sunday, Oct. 1st, at the 9 AM Mass @ St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, hosted by Branch #91.

Branch #91 will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on Oct. 22nd. Let's celebrate with them!

As a gentle reminder, election of officers will be happening soon. Any new candidates out there?? Take time to think about what you have to offer the district, say a prayer and then volunteer. Sounds easy, just remember you are not alone, someone will be there to help you, answer your questions, be a sounding



Branch 13: Eager convention delegates, Maria Catanese-Helberg and President Tom Cook wait patiently for the next well organized event thanks to Convention Director, Roselynn Jarrett.

bocce get-together followed by a pizza lunch. Not sure if the calories burned during the bocce game equal the pizza calories, but che sera, sera. Our October meeting is our annual October Fest with German food for a delightful palate change. Our guest is Laurice Levine, Cooley’s Anemia Spokesperson, who is known and loved by all in ICF. She is always inspirational. 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

Glad to see so many members at the convention in Sacramento, bet those who did not attend wish they had been there, air conditioning sure is nice! Plus you learn all the happenings at convention first hand, meet new people and enjoy the activities.

Well we had our last off site meeting in August at the Creamery/Knudsen’s in Castro Valley, our Sept. meeting is once again back in Stack Center. August was a fun meeting, but come Sept., we are back to work with many projects on the table.

Following our regular dinner meeting in mid-Sept., we will be hosting the Pasta dinner for the parish festival at the end of Sept. and once again will ask our Biscotti bakers to help us with dessert. Remember, the more bakers the less work! Let’s make this the best Pasta dinner yet.

I know it is a bit early, but election of new officers is fast approaching, so take some time to think about running for office. Say a prayer or two to help you make your decision. There will always be someone there to help you with your questions, role, whatever your needs. Plan ahead.

Also at the Oct. meeting we will have a special guest speaker, Laurice Levine, Outreach Coordinator, who will talk about the ICF National Charity, Thalassaemia. Since

Branch 13: President Tom Cook congratulates Patrick George, (flanked by proud Virginia and Charles) recipient of the branch’s 2017 Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship bestowed upon a graduating student of St. Catherine of Siena parochial school at the reception in his honor. Patrick is now a freshman at De La Salle High School.

she has the disease, this is a very insightful presentation.

Hopefully this is enough to get our juices flowing for the upcoming months.

Contra Costa
District Council

All eight branches in the Contra Costa district were represented at the convention in Sacramento. Several of our branches received awards and our district did as well. Congratulations to all. We also had a member of our district receive the young adult award. Antonio Costa from our Richmond branch. Congratulations Antonio and also to his proud parents. Walter and Sally Costa.

As I am writing this report we are getting ready to have our annual Bishops day Mass and dinner on Sept. 17. I will give a report on how it turned out next month. We thank the following who took care of the preparations. Walter Costa, Roselynn Jarrett, Gene Seminetti, and Marilyn Seminetti. We also thank Diana Mackinson who took care of the music. The following members did readings and prayers of the faithful. Marilyn Seminetti, Ed Mc Girk and Antonio Costa. Eileen Mcgauranem made a presentation. Thank you to those that attended.

At the last district meeting we voted to move the location of our meetings to a central location. Our new location is at the banquet room of Legends restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf course in Concord. Our next meeting will be held on Thurs. October 26 at 7: 30 PM. In addition to our regular agenda we will have our election of officers for 2018. Presidents, branch delegates and deputies should attend the district meetings. If the President can not attend it is important to get information from your delegates. Guests are always welcome as well.

Save the date of Monday November 6 for our annual Night of Recollection. This will take place at La Tapitia restaurant in Martinez. No host cocktails at 6:30 PM with no host dinner at 6: 45 PM. After dinner our district Chaplin Father Larry Young will give us an inspirational talk.

Let’s try to encourage a better turn out at our district events. Please make every effort to attend when you can. Please promote district



Branch 14, Crockett enjoying the banquet dinner at a great Convention in Sacramento . Great memories.

events at your meetings and email your members the invitations.

Thanks and see you soon.

Patty Jarrett

Contra Costa District President

Martinez
San Martino, Br. 13

Mark your calendar! Save the date! Branch #13’s annual Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner is on Saturday, October 21 in St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall in Martinez beginning with no-host cocktails at 6 pm and dinner service at 7 pm. \$20 per person 13 years and older; \$8 children 6 to 12 years old; and 5 years and under are free. We are busy preparing baskets and asking for donations from business for prizes for the raffle. There will be a silent and dessert auction as well. For tickets call 925-229-2665.

Convention attendees treated themselves to old-time baseball taking in a Sacramento River Cats game at Raley Field--one of the highlights of the weekend. Our president delegate and his family along with delegate Maria Catanese-Helberg participated in various workshops and Masses celebrated by two area bishops. The extreme heat didn’t melt the spirit or mood of the celebration of Italian heritage felt by all.

Maria Catanese-Helberg thought it wonderful to see an increase in young members in attendance and their participation. She enjoyed the many opportunities to interact and mingle with other Contra Costa District Branch members, as well as network with members from other Districts. Maria added “If you haven’t attended a Convention, “try it, you’ll like it!”

We congratulate Branch Officer, 2016 Young Adult Leadership Award recipient, Paul Cook, on being selected an ICF third year scholarship award recipient.

Attendees at the recent Bishops Day hosted by Gene Simonetti and the Brentwood branch enjoyed the company of Oakland Bishop Barber and fellow district members.

Ciao from Martinez

Anne Crisp

Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

It sounds like the convention, “Treasures of our Faith and Heritage” was both successful and fun. Thanks to delegates Addie Bepier, Nancy Botta and Vonda Lesti-Egan for representing our branch in grand style, and to

members David Botta, Pauline Cardoza and Donna Hoffmann for adding their wisdom to the classes and laughter to the festivities.

Our October meeting is Tuesday, the 10th. Same time, same place, same e...5:30 mass, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting. In deference to Halloween, and just for fun, wear your favorite team’s colors, and in a show of love and generosity, bring canned goods to donate to those less fortunate.

In typical ICF fashion, and for many in Branch #14, the mention of October signals comfort food, and sure enough, the month is filled with favorites, including a taco bar for our meeting, and then our popular Polenta Dinner on October 21st.

Thanks, Lena McCrossen, for sending get well wishes to Donna Hoffmann and John Sepulveda. Our sincere sympathies to Susan Prico on the death of her mother and to Louise DeTomasi, who recently lost her brother. Condolences to Rich Pastori’s family. Rich was one of the really good guys, and was a member for many years; he will definitely be missed.

May as well circle the November 14th meeting date now. You certainly don’t want to miss our annual turkey dinner for members.

Compassion is a word to contemplate in October. Remember, everyone faces some kind of struggle or challenge; show compassion, love and kindness to all.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

We have been busy enjoying many events. We had five members attend the convention in Sacramento. Our member Roselynn was the convention director. She did an outstanding job. We thank her and her committee for all their hard work. Also in attendance was Jim, Patty, Helen and Joann. Next years convention will be held in San Diego. We look forward to it.

On Sept. 9 we had our annual bus trip to the Santa Rosalia in Monterey. First pick up was in Pittsburg and second pick up was in Concord. We enjoyed Elaine’s homemade breads. We played Bingo. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the entertainment, venders, parade and food. The ICF was represented in the parade. On the way back we enjoyed a video. We thank Joann for once again being chairperson. I will report the profit next month. We also thank Helen for her help on the bus. She has been Joann’s bus helper for years.

On Sept. 17 we attended Bishops day in



From Branch 214, (L-R) Wayne & Gloria Schafer, Veronica Peery & President Roberta Healy. at the Annual BBQ, this year themed Western.



Italian Heritage Day, A's Baseball Game. (Bottom photo) The Marshall family: Mike, Erica, Michael & Maria. (Right photo) L-R: Bob & Gerry Rugani, Bev Atchison. (Left photo) L-R: Allison & Ed McGuirk & Angie & Steve Monson



Richmond. The Mass was celebrated by our Bishop and our branch chaplains. The reception and dinner followed at the Galileo club. A donation was given to the Bishop for the education of our seminarians.

On Sept. 23 we had our annual swim party and potluck at the home of Joann. It was enjoyed by all. Thank you Joann for hosting. The branch looks forward to this every year.

Congratulations to Josie and to Jane on the births of their great grandchildren. I am happy to announce that both of these new babies have joined our branch. We welcome them to our ICF family.

Please watch in the mail for your invitation to our October dinner meeting. At that meeting we will discuss our fall events. We will also finalize plans for our 70th anniversary in Nov. At the October meeting we will also have elections of officers for 2018. The dinner and meeting will be held at a local restaurant party room.

Please promote membership. Invite your family and friends to be a guest at one of our meetings or events.

As we say in Pittsburgh,

Sempre Avanti,

Patty

Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

Our two delegates returning from convention, Lorraine Acuna and Alicia Trevino both agreed the workshops were very informative. The Cooley's anemia workshop was excellent and was the favorite workshop of many. Membership retention workshop was also a favorite and very informative as well.

The theme, "Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage", was evident through out the convention. It was a pleasure to see our own Antonio Costa receive The Young Adult Leadership Award. His acceptance speech was truly inspiring. Well done, Antonio, we see a future Grand President in your future!!

Our congratulations to new Grand President, Andrew Pappani. We wish you much success.

Our main focus now is the upcoming fundraiser; The Family Polenta Dinner is to be held on October 14, 2017. Reserve with Dee Yonke at 510-236-0-689, raffle prizes still needed.

Bishop's Day was held at St. Cornelius Church in Richmond. After mass the celebration continued on at the Galileo club also in Richmond. The Bishop, Most Reverend, Michael C Barber was honored with a donation for the Seminarian Burse but



Current Branch 432 President Gene Simonetti (far left) presents awards to outgoing Presidents Frank Stagnitto (left) and Jack Bagar (right). Assisting the former Presidents, as always, are their wives.

not until he enjoyed a roast beef dinner with pasta and all the trimmings.

Next Bus trip is October 30, 2017. The last bus trip had 36 lucky gamblers. Any profits we make are donated to Cooley's Anemia. At convention we were able to present a check for \$800.00. Please make your reservation with Joe Meneghelli, 510-234-2208. Thank you Joe, for always coordinating these fun trips to Cache Creek.

Next meeting, November 14, 2017, Mass for deceased members. Dinner of soup and salad to follow.

Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

We Thank all who put the Convention together - 5 of our members attended: President Roberta Healy, Susan Giorgetti, Ed & Allison McGuirk & Paul Schepis. It was a fun weekend, great workshops and entertainment. They came back with a lot of interesting & valuable information to share with our branch.

Our members had a Pasta Sauce cook-off, which included 5 sauces made by members who each believed theirs to be the Best. 3 judges voted and awarded winners with a prize. A spaghetti dinner followed and 3 games of Bingo.

October meeting will include a Coat Drive; all coats will be donated to a local charity.

Members are asked to pray for our sick & elderly and those recovering from recent

surgeries.

Ciao

Christina Artale

Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Lately it seems like a long time between Bollettino editions. Long enough that events become old news before their time. Let's try to do a little catching up.

In 2016 the Branch went with two Presidents, the idea of more meant better efficiency with fewer problems. The jury is still out but some feel it could be a success waiting to happen. In any event, both Frank Stagnitto and Jack Bagar did a yeoman job. To that end, current Branch President, Gene Simonetti presented them with "Outstanding Service Awards." See accompanying photo.

The new membership horizon is looking brighter these days: the addition of new member Lydia Campos and the return of former members Mindy and Mario Mandy are sure to pick things up. And, membership Chairwoman Pat Hoffner reports, a lot of interest is being shown in the ICF these days.

Notice a little different bounce in some member's steps as they jut around at the meetings in their new hunter's green Branch shirts. Quite a departure from that tired green they had been wearing.

The 87th Annual National Convention just



Orange District members enjoyed a private tour at California State Railroad Museum from Al Di Paolo, Railroad Restoration Specialist, during the convention in Sacramento.

(left to right) Orange District President and Br. 379 2nd VP Maria Di Paolo, Jacob Di Paolo (Br. 379), Joseph Di Paolo (Br. 379), Al Di Paolo, and Joe Digrado, 1st VP of the District and President of Br. 406 at St. Norbert's, with his wife Rose Digrado (Br. 406).



Br. 379 members assist with Donut Ministry several times a year during Sunday morning masses. (left to right) standing: Mercedes Shores, Donna Meade, and Karen Kocvara; seated: Peter Shores and Viva Palumbo

finished up in Sacramento and Branch 432 Representatives, Gene and Marilyn Simonetti reported a full schedule of activities kept everyone hopping. In addition to taking care of convention business, Gene and Marilyn found time for a little sightseeing and shopping in old Sacramento. We can look forward to their report on both, the convention activities and their adventures.

And finally, the ongoing preparation for the 8th Annual "FESTA d' ITALIA," Branch 432's yearly car show and pasta feed. The FESTA'S efforts are an all year saga, seemingly without end but the results clearly define the accomplishment.

People will forget what you said, forget what you did but they will never forget how you made them feel.

la vita è buona

Orange

Huntington Beach

St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

We'd like to thank the members of the Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts for organizing a wonderful convention and hosting ICF branches so graciously!

Members of Branch 379 joined the Geraci Family Annual Summer Picnic at Huntington State Beach on July 30; thanks to members Mike and Greg Geraci for their hospitality!

The branch is now looking ahead to our busy October. On October 6-7-8, we'll be running the Italian Booth at St. Bonaventure Church's Fall Festival, serving Italian sausage and meatball sandwiches as well as pasta bowls. This is a key way the branch contributes to the parish, as well as gaining exposure to the community. The weekend of October 20-21-22 we'll be selling pizza at the 61st Silverado Days in Buena Park, which attracts 60,000 attendees and is organized by the Lion's Club. The pizza booth is the branch's primary fundraiser for the year. These events are a wonderful way for our branch members to mingle and get to know each other better, and of course, enjoy great food!

The branch will also assist the Donut Ministry after all morning masses on Sunday, October 15, including recruitment efforts!

And finally, welcome to our new members the Bruno Family, Robert Meinke, and Diane Belsky!

Ciao,

Karen Kocvara

Branch President

Sacramento

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

Members of Br. 73, as well as members of other branches in the Blessed Sacrament District, are reminded to set aside the evening of Saturday, November 11th to attend the polenta/chicken dinner to be held at St. Rose Hall. Also on the menu are salad, roll, and dessert. Tickets for adults are \$20.00, and those for children aged 6 to 12 \$10.00, and at no cost for those younger. Tickets are available from Giuseppina Novi (783-3816), RoseMarie Presti (791-1726) and Arlene Roe (782-3073). The deadline for ordering tickets is Sunday, November 5th.

Rosina Genessi, our oldest member at 96, passed away on Sept. 7th. Having belonged to a branch in San Francisco, she became a member of Br. 73 after moving to Orangevale. Until an illness ended her driving, she attended every meeting, served as an officer, and also helped in preparing every dinner. In addition Rosina brought a cake to each meeting for the members to enjoy. Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eam. Requiescat in pace.

The Branch has 3 other members who are over 90, Violet Carter, Ado Fediani, and Vadon Ross. Buon compleanno a loro con la speranza che possano arrivare a cento anni. Buon compleanno anche a tutti gli altri soci della sezione nati nel mese d'ottobre.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Our branch had so much fun being a part of the team that hosted the Sacramento Convention. We enjoyed seeing so many of you having so much fun touring Sacramento, visiting the Italian Marketplace, meeting new friends, learning more about the ICF, and eating yummy cookies. We were glad to be able to act as hostesses, answer your questions, and plan great social activities. Hope to see you all again in San Diego!

A big thank you to all who planned and helped at our Bunco fundraiser. We hope all those who participated enjoyed playing bunco, visiting friends, and winning great prizes.

Our annual Pizza/Elections/ Bingo Night will be held on Sunday, October 1st from 4 to 8 at St. Joseph's Hall. The call committee will be contacting you soon to see if you will be attending. There is no charge for members who are current on their dues, guests and children over 10 are \$10, and children nine and under are \$5.00.

If you have any items that you would like to donate for our upcoming Polenta dinner raffle, please contact MaryAnn Mikles at [\(916\)759-8466](tel:9167598466) or Pam Andersen at [\(530\)913-2041](tel:5309132041). Thank you.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

And then there were two. Two districts Blessed Sacrament and the Stockton District joining together to make a fantastic Convention. So much credit goes out to our District President Paula Scarpelli and C.C. member Nina Malone with committee members from both branches. So many members worked very hard at various jobs. This is the first time two districts joined together to put on a Convention. It took team work and that is exactly what we had. Lots of hard work turns out to be rewarding. Once again thank you to everyone who made this so successful.



Trustee Conchita Lizardi gives an excellent presentation as she encourages members of Br. 438 Roseville to consider running for a branch office.

We have two trips planned for the month of October. On the 7th. of October will be the Reno Trip and the 27th. of October will be the Apple Hill and Red Hawk Casino trip. Also in the month of October we will be having our annual bake sale. The dates for the bake sale is Sat. Oct. 28th and Sunday Oct. 29th. Connie Terry will be chairing this event. Please bake lots of goodies. We have a lot of parishioners with a sweet tooth. Please pray for our sick members. Especially for our Treasurer Rick Steir. and a special prayer to our President Florence Kurtilla for the good Lord to keep her strong while she goes through this hard ordeal.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Diego

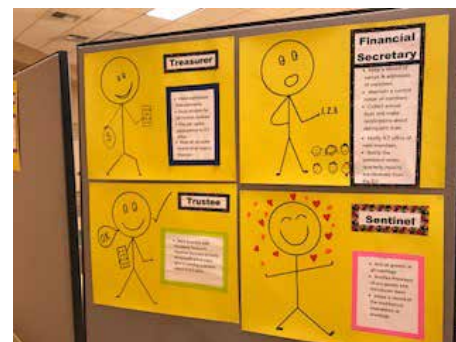
San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

Hello Br. 261, As the summer is coming to an end, the Branch and District picnics were enjoyed by all. The winners of the Bocce Ball competition were: 1st place: Lt. Col. Tony Anthony (retired) and Dave Backenstu (St. Therese, #261) 2nd place: Richard Barker and Jim Cardinal Hill (Our Lady of the Rosary, #230) 3rd place: Philip Tarantino and Lorenzo Pecaro (Santa Sofia, #416) Our next Branch general meeting will be held on September 10th at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to hearing members share about their time at the convention. Peace,



Branch 261's Bocce champs!



San Francisco

San Francisco

Saints Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our August meeting was very enjoyable... twelve people were in attendance including our Scholarship recipient Daniel Barajas, his mother Adeline Campobello, and his 3 siblings. Everyone finally got to enjoy "Tony's World Famous Pizza Napoletana" and Cosmo's "SF's Most Requested Bean Dish!" (SFMR...no such thing friends...HA! HA!)

Daniel addressed our members and thanked us wholeheartedly for the \$400 scholarship. We presented Daniel with his framed ICF certificate. Our branch has been very lucky over the years; we've helped a lot of deserving students start their journey to obtaining their goals!

We are so sorry we were not able to attend this year's ICF Convention in Sacramento. Our low membership count (20) and ages and health conditions of our members are an important factor in the reasons why we were not able to attend. Hopefully, the fine gets rescinded or we have a choice of applying the fine in a better way ...such as the Scholarship Program, Gifts of Love, Cooley's anemia, etc. Our special thanks to ICF's Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. for responding to my Executive Committee's letter, and also for his concern on how convention "fines" are decided.

Another big thank you goes to George and Nancy Pagni and Joe and Ann Basuino for attending our meetings. It feels so good to have your presence and support!

Reminder: Our October 21 meeting will take place on the THIRD Saturday of the month ... (change of date is due to the Columbus Day's week-end celebration at SSPP Church). October's luncheon theme will be "Trick or



Branch 38 presented a certificate to its scholarship recipient, Daniel Barajas.



Branch 38's scholarship recipient and his family.

Treat”!

Ciao.....Ci Vediamo il 21 di Ottobre at 12:00 Noon!

Mara Amato

San Francisco
Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Past President Liana G. Figone and current President Marcella Ramos of Branch 50 exchanged ideas about the past and future of Branch 50 at this year's convention. Liana filled Marcella in about the types of activities members have enjoyed in the past, and Marcella told Liana about the success of the home-cooked meal served at the August meeting, an effort led by Vice President Joseph Figone, Liana's son. Liana served as branch president multiple times, and this is Marcella's first year as president of an ICF branch.

“Oye, abre tus ojos, mira hacia arriba, disfruta las cosas buenas que tiene la vida.”
-Sonora Dinamita

Thank you,

Marcella Ramos

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Thanks to everyone that purchased convention raffle tickets. Unfortunately, there was a delay in getting our tickets so we could get them out to you. We know that some of you were away and not able to purchase them.

Mary Fe' did a great job getting them out. Sixteen books were sold, giving us a profit of \$160. Thank you again, Mary.

Joe and I visited Bill Irwin, who is doing very well after his heart valve surgery. He is in a residential care facility and could not say enough about the care that he is getting. He is also enjoying the company and the activities.

Our next meeting will be on October 11th @ 6:30, We will be electing officers for next year.

At present, our November meeting is scheduled for the 8th, when we will plan our Branch activities for next year.

God Bless,

Ann Basuino



Branch 50 Past President Liana G. Figone and current President Marcella Ramos.

San Mateo
Colma

San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

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

We are glad to welcome back our representatives from the ICF National Convention and congratulate them on their success, especially Christine Prudenciado awarded the Grand President Award and Debbie Rodondi on being reelected to Central Council. Thank You to all who attended and represented us.

Branch Schedule:

October 9th: No Meeting

October 23rd: 23rd Monday Dinner honoring 2017 Grand President Award Winner Christine Prudenciado.

6:00 p.m. cocktails/appetizers

7:00 p.m. dinner. Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, dessert, wine, soda, coffee. \$20 Reservation to Cheryl Simon by October 19th (650)755-0878 LEAVE MESSAGE or email cas94015@yahoo.com with reservation.

November 3rd: San Mateo District Chaplains Night, hosted by Branch 19.

6:00 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner. Reservations to Deborah Rodondi, 225 Wildwood Drive, South San Francisco 94080

Phone 650-583-0805, drodondi@comcast.net, deadline for reservations October 23.

Hoping everyone will come to the above activities!

N. Thurman

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213

We were excited to see the completion of the renovations of St Augustine's Church in August and to participate in the rededication of the new facility by Archbishop Cordileone. President Barbara Gabriel and member Joyce James attended this years Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage National Convention at Sacramento. “We enjoyed the daily activities, getting together with old friends and meeting new members. It was a perfect place to be during the triple digit days”. Thanks to Debra Rodondi who hosted a pre dinner get-together cocktail hour. It was fun seeing everyone and enjoying the special foods Deborah prepared for us. And a special thanks to our District Deputy Dorene Campanile for lending a guiding hand getting us all together during the Convention. One of convention highlights was when our branch received a recognition certificate for having 100% member retention and being recognized with a 2nd place achievement



Branch 213 members helped celebrate the rededication of St. Augustine's Church in South San Francisco.

of a 13.3% increase in membership in the 35 or fewer member category. Let's work on getting it again next year. Dinner meetings continue to be enjoyed by everyone and a very special thanks goes to our August dinner presenter, Joanne W. and Diane P. and to Roberta for opening her home for this meeting and September dinner hosted by Linda B. and Linda M. Thank you all for a your wonderful meals. Many thanks to our Photographer, Joe Cossette, who continues to provide us with pictures of our special events. Joe is always ready to click his camera, catch a smile and show what we are doing. Thank you Joe for capturing our Branch activities for our Remembrance Book.

Ciao,

Joyce James

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and here we are in October. A thank you to Celeste Lennemann, Carol Porter and Irene Meany for the Chicken Enchilada dinner they prepared for our last summer meeting in July. It was a delicious meal and enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

With the end of the year soon upon us, we have many events being offered by the San Mateo District in the coming months. Please save the dates and try to attend some of these events:

Monday, October 23 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma, is honoring the 2017 Grand President Award Winner, Christine Prudenciado, with a Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner. Price is \$20.00

Friday, November 3 - Chaplain's Night at South San Francisco Elks, hosted by Branch 19. Price is \$40. - \$45.00

Sunday, November 19 - Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, Pedro Tournament. Price is \$35.00 (lunch only \$15.00)

Monday, December 11 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma. 89th Anniversary Dinner. Sharp Park Restaurant. Price to be determined.

Please contact President Carmel for flyers on these upcoming events.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our annual fundraiser Polenta Dinner was a fun-filled event, thanks to the many helping hands and especially the Millbrae Lions Club who volunteered to cook this dinner. Chairperson, Eunice Danli reports that members from neighboring branches joined us and raffle chairman Paul Larson received many donations of prizes from our members which made for a profitable evening. Hopefully with these funds we will make a more

joyous Christmas for some needy families. Our President Mary Treseler and Caroline Cannizzaro attended the recent ICF Convention in Sacramento, which they found very informative and enjoyable. Our next meeting is October 3, 2017, when we will be serving a hot dog dinner, with salad, chili beans and dessert. Sent from my iPad Rose Marie Morando

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161

Hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Salve amici e soci della Federazione

We hope you enjoyed your summer – no matter how hot it was!

Marlene Farber will give a short report on the convention and the workshops she attended.

On Tuesday, September 19 our branch enjoyed a Chocolate Tasting event presented by Orietta Gianjorio.

October is our chance to celebrate our heritage. Since the weather is likely to be element, we plan to organize an outdoor event.

Con Affetto,

Jeanne Asdourian and Lucia Della Santina

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

Hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council

Thank you to Br. 5 for preparing the meeting: Janet Glaubke, Mary Ann Ruiz, Marlene Rotolo, Sam Well, Larry Marsalli, Bea Cunha and Judy Hare. President Bob welcomed dignitaries and asked Fr. George for a spiritual reflection. Father also thanked the District for sending him to the convention.

Branch 184 participated in the Santa Rosalia Festival parade in Monterey and the “Chicken” made its usual appearance. The Antonowicz annual open house will be in October 28 instead of Christmas, with a Halloween display from 2–5 pm. Branch 368 plans a Cache Creek Casino trip on September 20. Branch 445 has an important meeting with their pastor concerning fundraiser events.

Mary Ann Ruiz gave a Heritage Report that was a short history of A. P. Gianni. An unconventional banker whose first bank was in a saloon and he kept the bartender as a clerk/teller. Marie Greco reported the success of “Day at the Races”. There were 42 people. Bill



Larry Scettrini, Elia Scettrini, and John Filice delivering the garlic-themed raffle gift produced by Marianne and David Peoples at the ICF district picnic. (not pictured, Kim Filice)



Sam Bozzo at the ICF Branch 28 July 22nd summer picnic indicating that the water is "fine" even fully clothed.

said we grossed \$924 - \$230 from the raffle. After expenses, a net profit of \$733 was made. John Gillio's golf tournament off to a strong start. It is planned for October 3.

Mike Rossi urged everyone to take advantage of the online distribution of the Bollettino. A way for the ICF to make some savings.

October District Meeting – Monday, October 9, at Br. 47 St. Joseph – Mountain View.

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

The good news for Br. 5 is that we have a prospective new member. Thanks goes to Virginia Ronchetti for inviting her to come to our dinner/meeting in August.

We encourage all members to invite someone to join Br. 5 Dinner/Meeting each month.

Next Dinner/Meeting for Br. 5 is on October 26, 2017. Menu: Airline Chicken with all the trimmings.

Sad news is Br. 5 lost a great member by the death of Luana Guastapaglia. May she rest in peace.

ICF Bishop Day Mass and luncheon is on October 21, 2017 at St. Catherine of Alexander Church in Morgan Hill with Mass at 10:30AM. All are invited to come.

The election of officers for Br. 5 was approved by the membership at the September Meeting. The only change was Ann Talia will take over the Sentinel position. We would like to thank Esther Galedrige for her years of services.

The Board would like to thank all members for their support and help in the 2017. Please continue with your support and help in the new year 2018. Let us make Br. 5 a successful and growing club again.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our June 19th ICF Branch 28 dinner meeting was held at the Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy. The highlights of the meeting were the



Louise Sergreto, Pat Cordich and Kathy Filice greeting members and guests at the June 19th meeting.



June 19th Scholarship recipients celebrated at our dinner meeting: Clair McCarry, Daniel Vaca and Brian Healy.

introduction of scholarship recipients Brian Healy, Claire McCarry and Daniel Vaca and installation of new members Frank and Linda Comin and Paula McDermott whose mother and mother-in-law Anna Barberi was a long time outstanding dedicated member who had held many positions within Branch 28. Congratulations to all scholarship winners and our admiration and thanks to the Barberi family for continuing the legacy of Anna's love and commitment to Branch 28.

The raffle ticket sales for the Sacramento convention held on September 1st through 4th went very well and a total of 118 ticket books were sold. Thank you to all members.

The Branch 28 summer picnic was held on July 22nd and was held at members Sam and Judy Bozzo's beautiful backyard venue. Mass by Father Generoso Geronimo was followed by a wonderful meal, raffle of member supplied gifts and a relaxed intermingling around Sam's sparkling blue pool. Thank you Sam and Judy.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival on July 28th, 29th and 30th welcomed 16 Branch 28 members as volunteers to help in various duties for the event. Thank you to those member volunteers since our branch will receive compensation for those volunteer hours.

The annual ICF district barbecue hosted by the Santa Clara Valley District was held on July 30th at Vasona Lake County Park. For those that attended it was another wonderful day of members from different branches attending Mass, partaking of summer barbecue fare and interacting and meeting each other. Thank you to David and Marianne Peoples for assembling the garlic-themed raffle prize for this event.

A huge congratulation to Branch 28's Andy Pappani for his election as Grand President of the Central Council at the Sacramento Convention. More convention information in the next issue.

Next dinner meeting October 16th at Cullen Hall.

Peace and God bless,

Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Our appreciation goes to Don and Rose Arnaudo for hosting the Annual ICF Layette Shower. They graciously opened their home where guests could visit, eat and admire the gifts for those new babies.



Branch 391 Convention Delegates Hard at Work: Mike Rossi, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Jo Ann Schiro.

News flash from the Convention: Our own Dr. Susan Wiltner won Second Place in the Convention Raffle, \$1500.00! Our branch gets \$150.00 for being the seller. More information about the Convention will follow.

Plan to attend our Annual Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 28, at 6:00 P.M. "Ghosts & Ghouls and Creatures of Fright" - but don't let that scare you. Just get your own scary costume and rub elbows with the spirits! Dancing to 'alive' music by the Reno Di Bono Band. Call Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 or Denise Antonowicz at 408 356 2543, if you dare.....

Please pray for those affected by recent natural disasters. Also, keep our members and their families in your prayers.

Ciao for now,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

The Convention is over; we renewed old friendships, made new friends and had a fantastic time. I love convention for all those reasons but I especially like the learning experience of convention. You learn to listen, smile, laugh, sing and dance. You learn what other branches are doing that is different than yours. You learn about other cultures, how they think and a lot about their families. Needless to say, I enjoy convention.

Our branch is doing well. We will be having our "Wine Tasting Country Dinner Dance" in October. I am looking forward to this dance because of its Western Theme. Should be lots of fun.

It is our hope you all had a fun summer.

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Thanks to Noreen and Sue Gillio, Evelyn Taravella and Pat Cordich for hosting a delicious Potluck for our September meeting. On the tables were charming miniature wagons filled with plants courtesy of John Gillio. Many were sold with the proceeds going to the Seminary Fund. Welcome guests were Ethan (Delfino's grandson), Mary Dyson, Renee Tumkur and Ester Godwin. Ed Wendler set the mood with an inspirational talk about a handicapped child who became a concert pianist.

Avis Erkel our convention delegate gave a wonderful report. She said she found the time there both spiritual and fun. She was impressed with Fr. George's keynote address and Fr. Chris's acceptance speech for receiving the Mother Teresa award. Several workshops gave her new ideas for our programs.

It was agreed to donate a table of eight to the Parish festival silent auction when we have our Pasta Dinner fundraiser. President Mike urged attendance to the October 21st District Bishop's Day and the October 28th Monte Carlo Night. Also, the next meeting night will be October 18. Lorraine Nunziata reminded members to bring baby items for our Layette Program.

The nominating committee of Noreen Gillio, Dick Hanley and Jerry Opp will be canvassing candidates for the executive board. Please let them know if you are interested in being a board member.

The good news is that Elaine Osorio is mending well from a fall at the convention.

Mike Nunziata

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

At our September meeting, members were greeted at the door by our Branch's Sentinel, Linda Ochinerio. The opening prayer and ICF Salute were led by President Mike Rossi.

Our sick and deceased members were honored in prayer by Donna Rossi.

Congratulations to Louise Vento on receiving ICF's 1st Place Award for her outstanding work in the Heritage Program.

Thank you, JoAnn Schiro, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Mike Rossi for representing our Branch and reporting back to us. They found the ICF convention rewarding and spoke of their experiences—they identified roles of the Central Council and of the Mentor Deputy, they reported on many charitable and spiritual works of the ICF, and they provided clear insights into other events held in Sacramento.

Louise will be selling 2018 Calendars entitled "Our Stories, Our Recipes" at our next meeting.

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Louise Vento from Branch 391 receives 1st Place Award for Heritage Program.

Our Chicken BBQ & Pasta fundraiser was a success and thank you to our great members who went that extra step in making this a wonderful event.

Upcoming events: the next branch meeting (lasagna dinner) and Election of Officers—October 3—Wear your craziest hat that day, District Golf Tournament at Gilroy Golf Course—October 3, and Bishop’s Day—October 21, 10:30 mass at St. Catherine in Morgan Hill, lunch to follow at Coyote Creek Golf Course (\$35)—Contact Mike Rossi for additional information.

Our membership is going strong at 207, and copies of our confidential, member contact list are still available at our meetings.

Have a Happy Halloween and enjoy everything pumpkin!

Janis Patellaro

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Allesandria, Br. 435

Our branch was so fortunate to have the great chef Maurizio Cutrignelli, owner of Maurizio’s Restaurant make our Fund Raiser a tremendous success. It was our biggest fund raiser for our branch with over 200 people attending. The food was delicious with his special Rotelle di Parma, sausage etc. There was great feedback from everyone and a happy, great time was enjoyed by all.

Thank you so much Maurizio, Gratia! All the money that was made is going to St. Catherine’s Church Renovation.

The National convention in Sacramento was attended by Guilia Gallego, Catherine Ellis, Josie Talamo, and Denise Compagna was our alternate. Sal Compagna took 2nd place in the Bocce contest and our branch was recognized for outstanding achievement in Membership and growth. We also took 3rd place in new family membership. Andy Pappani our last President was elected Grand President. All our members that attended said it was a wonderful, inspiring and informative Convention.

On Sunday, Oct. 21st a Bishop’s Day Mass and luncheon will be held at St. Catherine’s Church at the 10:30 Mass. Lunch will be followed at the Coyote Creek Golf Club in Morgan Hill. Hope many if you will plan to join us.

Please keep Ken Ravissa in your prayers.

Blessings and good health to all.

San Jose

Transfiguration, Br. 445

Diane Devine, Amy Moody, and Emily Corral, along with President Donna Pfaff and Secretary Richard Pfaff, attended the recent ICF Convention over Labor Day in Sacramento. Everyone thought the weekend



Branch 103 had a picnic at Larson Winery. (Above) Setting out the picnic. (Right) King of the Grill and satisfied member. (Left) Deacon Gould and Mrs. Gould.



was a great success.

Adding to our enjoyment, as a new branch, we were gifted with our very own ICF banner.

And thank you to Treasurer, Art Maggio, for donating an American flag to our branch at our last meeting.

Our branch voted to host a “coffee/donut Sunday” on the first Sunday of each month. It started on October 1 and coincided with our branch’s quarterly Mass.

Many of our members were interested in playing Bunco and a monthly Bunco group is now in the works.

Donna appointed two members, Jan Stumhoffer and Amy Moody, to head up our Election Committee.

Our branch hosted the Central Council monthly meeting on October 14. Many thanks to Reyne Rafter and Janie Falcone for organizing the set-up and food.

Everyone is looking forward to an exciting year.

Richard Pfaff, Secretary

Santa Rosa

District Council

All the delegates seemed to enjoy the annual convention. There were many interesting and new ideas presented. Congratulations to Lauren Kilcullen on being re-elected to the Central Council and, also, re-elected Recording Secretary of that body.

Both the Day of Recollection and Bishop’s Day were successful. Thank you to all who made these events possible and to all those who attended.

The next district meeting is on October 15, 2017 at #209, Sebastopol. General meeting starts at 2PM. Election of District Officers



will take place.

Many of our branches are now starting to have their fall events. Let’s try and support each other by attending many of these events. Remember membership tables and materials at your events.

There is a correction in my last Bollettino article. Our dear friend, Spence Burton, passed away after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, not a brain tumor, as I mistakenly reported.

Let’s keep Bob Acquistapace in our prayers as he steadily recovers from his illness which occurred at the Convention. You can’t keep a good man down!

C.K.

Healdsburg

San Francesco di Sales, Br. 52

Our potluck dinner and meeting On September 12 was delicious and informative as our Convention delegates gave their reports. It was a true potluck and we shared conversation, conviviality and excellent food!

Thank you to Sacramento district, Stockton District and the Convention Directors’ Committee for coordinating an outstanding convention in Sacramento. Our delegates enjoyed the Convention and gained new ideas to bring back to our branch.

Upcoming Events:

October 3: Regular meeting in the rectory at 7 PM. Please come and join us.

November 4: Polenta Dinner. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Get your tickets early, as it always sells out.

Happy Halloween!

Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Summer is over and members are thinking of projects. Our picnic at Larson Winery was a great success as evidenced by the printed photos.

At this time the Branch is still meeting at St. Leo’s, but the renovation of Father Roberts Hall should occur this month. A grand celebration is planned for the parish of St. Francis Solano. Our Branch is looking forward to new storage facilities for the many items that were displaced during the renovation.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Secretary

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I returned from the Convention in Sacramento, sat in my chair and went to sleep. I was worn out. The Convention kept us going, the ride home was slow and hot and then I got home to more heat. I have never seen such hot weather as we have been having. My air conditioning has been going continuously and I’m sure my PG&E bill has been going up as well.

I did not attend the Anniversary Dinner due to illness, but many reports from those that attended said that it turned out to be a beautiful affair. We want to thank our Cooks and all the members who helped in any way. Without all of you and all that attend and bring guests, we would not have a successful dinner. Thanks to Bob Acquistapace for being our Master of Ceremonies and for helping the Branch in so many ways. Bob had to go to the hospital when he was at the Convention, so our get well wishes go out to him.

Oct. 14th - There will be our wonderful Polenta/Stew Dinner following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church. We will have o’rdererves, salad, polenta/veal stew, dessert and wine/coffee. Cost \$25 Adults \$10 Children under 12 yrs. All Branches are invited to attend. All members, attend and try to bring a guest.

Nov. 10th - Last meeting for the year, bring canned goods for the needy.

Dec. - Christmas Party following 5:00 Mass - St. Vincent’s Church- then to Cattleman’s for Christmas Party.

We want to extend our condolences to Cathy Burton on the passing of her husband Spence. Spence served as President of our Branch and also was President of the Santa Rosa District of the ICF. He stepped down due to his illness. He will be missed by the Branch and many members of our other Branches.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Marys, Br. 144

Pres. Judith will give her convention report during our Oct. meeting.

Our newest member Maegan Lindsey was initiated at our meeting. Maegan is a member of our parish who is attending college and was a graduate of St. Mary’s School. Welcome Maegan.

It was voted to donate \$500.00 to the Harvey Hurricane relief fund.

Our new priest Fr. Andrew Pacheco accepted the position of ICF Chaplin with great enthusiasm. We were delighted.

Deputy Joe Bonino reminded us that the Santa Rosa District Christmas Party and meeting

will be in Napa on Dec. 3. Buy your raffle tickets at every meeting, 9 tickets for \$5.00. Buy lots!!! Proceeds will benefit the Santa Rosa District functions.

Happy Birthday to our October Birthday members: Wade Delashmutt, Jr., Lucille Fraga, Toni Green, Bob Rocha, and Jim Spallino.

Nell and Ben Mills are celebrating their Anniversary this month.
Fall is in the air. Enjoy.

Stockton

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Tom Silvaggio was our delegate to the convention and two of our members attended as well. We liked some of the changes that were made such at meet the candidates and streamlining the meetings. The work shops were quite informative. Sunday mass was very nice and they had a great choir. The banquet dinner and the Sunday night dinner were very good

Now we head into our busy time. At the end of September we helped with the Parish Fall Festival where ever we could and baked cookies for the food tent

We will have our annual Mass and Breakfast October 22, 2017. We will attend 8:00 am Mass then meet for Breakfast after Mass.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday October 15, 2017 and Sunday November 5, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our Bank night winner at the June meeting was Marie Bertolotti. The refreshments for the October 11,2017 meeting will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee.

Coming up:
Oct 11 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall 7 & K Sts,
Oct 22 - 8:00 am annual Mass & Breakfast
Nov 5 - 1:30 pm District Meeting Br. 139 Tony's Kitchen, Lathrop
Nov 8 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall 7& K Sts.
Cecelia McGhee

Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Our parish had our new pastor installed by Stockton Bishop Stephen Blaire recently. The various groups in the parish were asked to provide food for Father Chad Wahl's reception. Tony Queirolo and his crew of helpers from Branch 139 made eight trays of torta, enough to feed 800 people. President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis purchased a corsage for Father Chad's mother, Judy, and our branch provided a "goodie" basket, along with a note of welcome, for his parents. They had traveled from Ohio to attend the ceremony.

With the summer and picnic-time about over, we turn our attention to our parish's 100-year celebration in October. Branch 139 will be actively involved in this event and Anna Mello is our representative on the Centennial Committee.

Also in October, our annual Polenta Feed comes up on the 28th of the month. Chair Ida Queirolo is guiding the different preparation committees. Servers at this popular event will be members of the eighth grade class at St. Anthony School and the tips will go toward a future class trip.

Frank Re reported that the I. C. F. page on the St. Anthony Parish website has been updated. We expect that this will help our branch in its

next membership drive.
Attilio Mussi won the Charity drawing at last month's meeting and chose to donate the \$50 to Interfaith Ministries.

*Ciao,
Mariano*

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

September....Wow! How did it get here so quickly? Kids are back in school and vacations are coming to a close.

We were blessed with cooler weather this year at the Annual District Picnic. There was lots of good food and the steaks were outstanding. We were honored to have a first year scholarship recipient attend who thanked the District for our generosity.

The Annual Presentation Fall Fest will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 & 17. Thank you Mark Deiro for chairing this event and to the many branch volunteers who will be selling pizza and Italian sodas.

Congratulations to Eric Chapman for receiving the \$500 second year scholarship from Branch 395, and Ted Lin-Cereghino, for the \$600 third year scholarship. We are very proud of these young men whose parents work tirelessly for our branch.

September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels. Whether a messenger of a protector, we celebrate the Archangels. As I write this article, Hurricane Irma is headed for Florida. I pray that the Archangels protect all those people in Irmageddon's path.

SAVE THE DATE: Branch 395 is having their annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 2. All new members will be initiated and lunch is free to all members. Trivia contest for \$\$\$\$.

Karen Rosson

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

As soon as we got back home from the Convention, it was time to prepare for St. Patrick's Parish Festival and Corvette Raffle on September 10th. Branch 413 provided Italian Meatball Sandwiches. There was lots of food and the children had fun. One of our members purchased a ticket with other parishioners and they were the winners! We are now getting ready for our October dinner. The date is yet to be determined. As summer is coming to a close, we are planning our fall activities. By the way, we had a lot of fun at the Convention. I was happy to see many Stockton District members come for the day. It was also great to see all of the Masses well attended throughout the event.

The Pachinger Family would like to thank everyone involved in the Family of the Year Award, again, for choosing us. We are truly honored and grateful.

We hope to see you soon.
May God Bless everyone,
Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Pachinger

Tucson

Green Valley
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

The "desert rats" of Branch 425 held a first ever SUMMER SOCIAL celebration on July 29th. It was a resounding success! Historically, the Branch suspends activities during the summer months because our winter visitor population dwindles. 151 tickets were



Members of the Tucson District enjoying the Convention.

sold for a tasty chicken dinner. The Youth Group assisted with the serving and cleanup. Fr. Maldonado opened the celebration with an inspired prayer and Deacon Joe Roinick gave an interesting talk on his path to becoming a deacon. There were numerous gift baskets and door prizes. The event concluded with an abbreviated Bingo session.

Bob Burdick and Barbara Barton reporting

Tucson

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 433

Attending the dinner during the Convention are members of Tucson Branch 433, President Melissa Rodriguez and Ron Uribe, also Tucson Branch 434 President Mary Colon.

Bob and Susan Burdick are first-time attendees of the 87th National Convention, and enjoyed



the Thursday River Cats ballgame and the workshops. It was a great experience, they said. Joan and Dick Silva are also shown pictured. The September branch meeting plans a pizza and salad dinner with cake for five members' birthdays, including Vince Barone who was 99 on August 26.Br 425

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