



BOLLETTINO



Welcome Branch 447, Manhattan Beach!



Initiation of members of Br. 447 at their Inauguration Ceremony on May 5.



Installation of Officers of Br. 447 at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach.

On May 5, 2018, the Italian Catholic Federation welcomed American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach, Branch 447.

Central Council Member Anne Interrante and her husband Richard; Central Council

member Pat Mages and her husband Lou; and Expansion Team Members Jerry and Carol Farrugia and Perry Shurko were instrumental in the opening of this new branch.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Pat Mages (Central Council Member and President of Los Angeles Archdiocese District) welcomed everyone to the day's festivities. The branch banner was presented by Perry Shurko. Grand President Andy Pappani initiated the 67 charter members of Branch 447 with help from Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz, and Past Grand President and Life Member of Central Council Mike Rossi.

Of the 67 new members joining Branch 447 there were two families consisting of three generations and eight new family memberships.

The new branch officers are:

Co-Presidents: Luanne Donahue and DeAnna Federico

1st Vice President: Monica Rossi

Co-2nd Vice President: Danielle Federico-Custis, Andrea Federico

Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Stephani DeRaddo

Financial Secretary: Mary Roberti

Orator: Sheila Walsh-Vargas

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Andrew Pappani

June is the month of the Italian Catholic Federation Anniversary. The ICF was established on June 15, 1924. We are 94 years old this year, and I am looking forward to next year as we celebrate our 95th anniversary. The Ways and Means Committee is working hard to put together multiple 95 year celebrations -- one in Chicago, Southern California and Northern California. Please try to attend one in your area.



During this month of June I would like us to reflect on the early days of Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini. It is important to recall the beginnings of this organization that we love so much. It is also important to remember the beginning of our support of seminarians, and now our support of the adults and youth in our communities.

The Federation began when our founders realized the tremendous need for our Italian immigrants to feel at home in America. Church and family were a significant part of their lives. They had left their families and churches behind as they journeyed to America. But, when the Italians families began to thrive because of the support of the Church, the Mass and other traditional religious celebrations began to be celebrated in Italian. Thanks largely to the efforts of our founders, the talents of the Italian flourished and their generosity of spirit became evident. The Italian Catholic Federation had made its mark.

Congratulations to all of you for keeping the dreams of Sir Luigi Providenza and Fr. Albert Bandini alive and thriving today

[Thought of Mind]

The measure of who we are

Is what we do with what we have.

Vince Lombardi

Happy Father's Day!

Andrew J Pappani

Grand President



Br. 447 Co-Presidents Luanne Donahue and DeAnna Federico receive their branch charter from Grand President Andy Pappani.

Trustees: June LoCascio, Rich Romano, Corey Huebner (Youth), John Huebner (Youth)

Co-Sentinels: Marianne Lesch, James Redin, Grace Donahue (Youth), Ashley Huebner (Youth)

Chaplain: Msgr. John Barry

Mentor: Perry Shurko

The ICF was well represented at the installation. From the Los Angeles Archdiocese District the following branches were in attendance: Br. 218 Arcadia, Br. 362 Downey, Br. 380 Thousand Oaks, Br. 237 Gardena, and Br. 444 Rancho Palos Verdes. From the Santa Clara Valley District Br. 28 Gilroy, Br. 184 Los Gatos, and Br. 391 San Jose were in attendance.

Many wonderful items were donated to the raffle in support of American Martyrs Br. 447. A tremendous thank you to the generous members of: Br. 28 Gilroy, Br. 111 Montebello, Br. 169 Ventura, Br. 184 Los Gatos, Br. 218 Arcadia, Br. 237 Gardena, Br. 317 Diamond Bar, Br. 362 Downey, Br. 368 Santa Teresa in San Jose, Br. 380 Thousand Oaks, Br. 392 Chicago, Br. 443 Simi Valley, Br. 444 Rancho Palos Verdes and the Los Angeles Archdiocese District.

The next branch meeting will be on Friday, June 22, at 6:30pm, at American Martyrs O'Donnell Parish Hall. For more information please contact the Branch Co-Presidents, Luanne Donahue 310-560-3124 and DeAnna Federico 925-878-5251.

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Metamorphosis and the ICF

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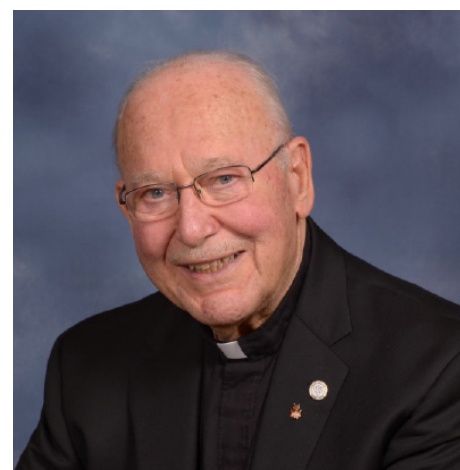
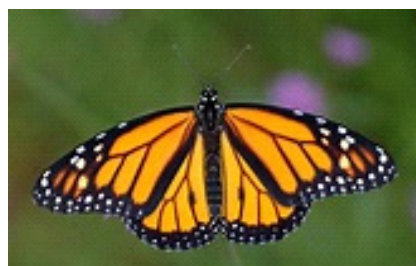
Whaddya mean metamorphosis? What does that have to do with the ICF? Well, according to Webster, metamorphosis "is a typically marked developmental change in the form or structure of an animal, such as a butterfly, occurring subsequent to birth." In the case of a Monarch butterfly, it starts as a striking white, green, black and yellow caterpillar. It goes through several stages of development, growing a cocoon, and then finally emerging as a beautiful butterfly.

We could say that the ICF has gone through its own metamorphosis over the years, similar to a butterfly. By 1920, when U. S. immigration began to taper off, more than 4 million Italians had come to the United States and represented more than 10 percent of the nation's foreign-born population (Lib. of Congress).

The Italian Catholic Federation began in San Francisco in 1924. Father Albert Bandini and Luigi Providenza wanted to help the Italian immigrants establish themselves and their families in the United States and retain their Faith in the Catholic Church.

The ICF took root and began to grow. It became a strong and prolific federation. It was healthy and full of life with a peak membership of about 23,000.

The ICF is now 94 years old. Through the years, we have experienced lots of changes in purpose and goals. Eventually, we began our own "metamorphosis." Italian Immigration began to taper off. The streets were not "paved with gold." As years passed by, the ICF lost members by attrition and also took on new goals. Here are the two major changes we have made in



their parishes to help various ministries and fundraising. The ICF is a great asset to the pastor. Since I became a pastor in 1970, whenever I asked the local branch in my parish to help, they always met the challenge with enthusiasm and they still do!

The ICF still retains its original Italian spirit and especially the traditions of Italian food. It welcomes family participation and carries on its culture of Faith, Family, Food and Fun! Because of our continuing metamorphosis, the ICF welcomes all Catholics as members. In other words, you don't have to be Italian to be a member, just Catholic or a non-Catholic spouse of a Catholic member.

Pass the word around: THE ICF WELCOMES ALL CATHOLICS—NOT JUST ITALIANS! The ICF is now a diverse group filled with the same excitement, generosity, and love of God and neighbor that it always had. Let the metamorphosis continue!

For more information about our history and our mission, see our website at <http://www.icf.org/about/>

our focus: to develop and strengthen the spiritual life of our members; and to grow our collective outreach to people in need.

The ICF has now evolved into a charitable organization. We contribute to the Coolley's anemia research fund, the Providenza Fund (which supports our seminarians), Gifts of Love (which gives financial assistance to disabled children and adults), the Organ Donor Awareness program (which provides information on organ donation), and the Live to Give program (which is a blood donation drive). The ICF also provides scholarships for Catholic students who attend college.

Local ICF branches also participate in

UPCOMING: 2018 Bishops' Days:

Jun. 3	Stockton
Sept. 16	Santa Rosa
Sept. 30	Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 6	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 21	Blessed Sacrament
Oct. 31	San Bernardino

ATTENTION: BRANCH AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS BRANCH AND DISTRICT FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990-EZ or 990
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD FORM 199-N & FORM 199

As you are aware, the IRS and State of California are requiring annual tax returns to be filed by our Branches and Districts.

- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 are required to file IRS Form 990-EZ or 990.
- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 are required to file Franchise Tax Board Form 199.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file Franchise Tax Board form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

The forms should have been filed by **May 15, 2018**.

Numerous small exempt organizations have come under IRS scrutiny for failure to file information returns. Organizations that have failed to file the appropriate form for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. This includes the group ruling holders and their subordinates (Branches and Districts for the I.C.F.). We are now scrutinized by the State of CA as well. The IRS and State have asked us to please make sure that no subordinate (Branches or Districts) unintentionally throws away its tax exempt status. If you have not yet filed the 990-N (e-Postcard) or the 990-EZ or 990 or the 199-N (e-Postcard) or the 199 even though the May 15th deadline has passed, please file it as soon as possible. If you have missed filing for any reason in the past two years (this applies to the IRS and the State), please make sure that you file now (for the tax year ending 2017) so that you do not fall into this category. The e-Postcard and other forms can be accessed through the IRS site (www.irs.gov) and the Franchise Tax Board site (www.ftb.ca.gov).

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2017. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 as soon as possible.

Thank You, Denise Antonowicz, Grand Treasurer

Keeping the Momentum Going Through the Summer

Pat Mages
Membership Committee Member

It's now June, and the effort and pressure to increase our branch membership has relaxed for most. Many of us are looking forward to summer days and schedules, including less branch meetings. This summer, how many of you plan to have get-togethers, special events or other activities involving ICF or not? This is the perfect time to invite prospective new members to join in your events. It is also a great time to involve current members who, recently, seem to have not been as active.

These events can be as simple as going to listen to 'music in the park' with a picnic; sponsor family night at your parish hall with a movie and popcorn---this is a great way to reach out to your parish families. Other events could include going to Italian events in your area. A popular destination in the Los Angeles area is attending the Sunday Italian Mass at St. Peter's Italian Church, lunch in Chinatown, and/or a visit to the Italian Museum. Barbeques and bocce are always easy and fun summer events. These are just a few possibilities, I'm sure you

have many more.

So often in the summer months we tend to drift away from the regular scheduled events of the past months. Along with that change, members, especially new members may feel the loss of momentum of an active and vital organization. Yes, for those of us who have been quite busy with our branch, we tend to look to the summer as a time to relax. But, why not relax with a few new, old and prospective members. Whatever your summer plans are, please enjoy, and have a relaxing and re-energizing couple of months. See you in September!

Apostolate – Charity Committee

Carmen Kilcullen
Apostolate Committee member

St. John the Baptist

I have been asked to write an article on St. John the Baptist. I gladly do so since St. John is the patron saint of my mother's section of the town of San Rufino di Leivi, just outside of Chiavari, Italy.

The best sources of the story of John are to be found in the gospels.

St. Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel appeared to Zachary, a priest of the order of Abijah, and told him that Elizabeth, his wife, who was barren, would conceive and bear a son. Later, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he would announce to her that Elizabeth would have a child. Mary, then, went to visit her cousin to help her. (The Visitation) When the baby was born, Zachary told everyone that his name would be John. St. Luke tells us that John "grew and became strong in spirit". It is believed that John was born somewhere in Judea sometime before Christ.

St. Mark tells us, in his gospel, that John appeared "in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". Mark goes on to say that John was clothed in camel's hair, had a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and

wild honey. He preached, saying, "after me comes he who is mightier than I. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit".

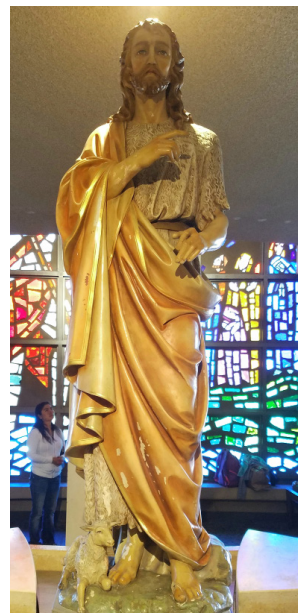
At about 30 AD, John began his ministry and he gained recognition as a prophet and was known for attracting large crowds in the province of Judea and around the Jordan River.

Our Lord began His ministry when He came to John to be baptized.

Following Jesus' baptism, John's popularity grew so much that King Herod became very alarmed and had John arrested and imprisoned. John had previously condemned Herod's marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage, she asked for John's head. Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died between 35 and 36 AD.

St. John the Baptist's feast day is June 24. Churches bearing his name usually have special commemorations on that day. In my mother's town, John's feast day is a day of celebration, beginning with Mass, processions, dinners and other festive events. On my first trip to my mother's, town, I was present for this celebration. I had a good time!

The picture shown here is the one that ICF Branch 52, Healdsburg, bought for our parish church, named appropriately, St. John the Baptist. The statue is about seven feet tall and is a good representation of St. John.



Southern California Wildfire and Mudslide Relief

The Italian Catholic Federation is continuing to collect for the Southern California Wildfire and Mudslide Relief Fund. The deadline is June 30, 2018. The ICF will send the donations to Catholic Charities of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

Districts, branches and individuals are encouraged to donate to the fund to help people affected by the devastating December 2017 Wildfires and mudslides in January 2018. Please be generous and consider donating to the fund as they begin the recovery process from these events.

Donations will be accepted until June 30, 2018. Please send a check to the ICF office made out to Italian Catholic Federation. On the memo line, write Southern California Wildfire and Mudslide Relief.

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Bob Trevizo		Antioch, CA	\$30
5/2	Donald Simon	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
5/3	Ida Queirolo	139	Lathrop, CA	\$30
5/4	Regina Dunbar	135	Reno, NV	\$30
5/5	Pattie Simas	39	Merced, CA	\$30
5/6	Barb Shimshock		Minnetonka, MN	\$30
5/7	Michele Kiernicki	195	Calumet City, IL	\$30
5/8	Frank Calabrese	425	Vail, AZ	\$30
5/9	Ermelinda Zamora	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
5/10	Juliana Midwin	191	San Jose, CA	\$50
5/11	Fr. Michael Hendrickson	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/12	Troy Yonke		Richmond, CA	\$30
5/13	Virginia Buettgenbach		Merced, CA	\$50
5/14	Vince Veneziano	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
5/15	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/16	Carolyn Robertson		Vacaville, CA	\$30
5/17	Rose Beall	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
5/18	Orsolina Casella	70	Sanger, CA	\$30
5/19	Jessica Bauer		Monterey, CA	\$30
5/20	Rachel Juarez		Gardena, CA	\$30
5/21	Ron & Margaret Brown	75	Cloverdale, CA	\$30
5/22	Anthony Scipione	229	Chula Vista, CA	\$30
5/23	Richard Goodman		Alameda, CA	\$30
5/24	Branch 48		Modesto, CA	\$30
5/25	Lea Murphy	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/26	Jose Delgadillo		Merced, CA	\$30
5/27	Dave Vigil		Tracy, CA	\$30
5/28	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$100
5/29	Virginia Fuentes	327	Belmont, CA	\$30
5/30	Fran La Torre	215	Hayward, CA	\$30
5/31	Valentina Simi		San Francisco, CA	\$30

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Port:	Port of Long Beach
Pier:	Cruise Terminal
Begin Boarding: 2:00 p.m. End Time: 5:00 p.m.	



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City:	Los Angeles
Port:	Port of Long Beach
Pier:	Cruise Terminal

Date	Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart
8/26/18	Sunday	Long Beach, CA		6:30 PM
8/27/18	Monday	Catalina Island, CA	7:30 AM	4:30 PM
8/28/18	Tuesday	Ensenada, Mexico	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
8/29/18	Wednesday	Fun Day At Sea		
8/30/18	Thursday	Long Beach, CA	7:00 AM	



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Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi
Grand 2nd Vice President

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all! Here is a delicious recipe to add to your cookie collection...Osso de Morte (Bones of the Dead). My mom got this recipe from a member of our branch #19 Colma many years ago, Clara Leonetti. My grandmother also has a recipe, we loved, a little more complicated and you can actually shape like a bone. This was a cookie to dip in coffee or wine, depending on the time of day you were enjoying them. My grandmother seldom measured or read a recipe. As she got older and maybe a little forgetful an ingredient might get left out or doubled, causing some interesting results, yet always good.

Leonora's Osso de Morte (Bones of the Dead)

1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. almond extract
2 jumbo egg whites
2 full cups almonds, toasted

Beat egg whites, cream of tartar and extract until stiff. Beat in sugar. Fold in flour gently. Fold in nuts. Drop by small spoonfuls onto parchment paper. I always make my cookies on the small side, so that people can sample more without filling up after the first 2 cookies.

Heat oven to 325 degrees, when cookies put

into oven lower to 300 degrees and bake for 30 minutes.

NOTE: To make chocolate use 2 Tbsp. baking cocoa and decrease flour by 2 Tbsp. Instead of almonds can use toasted filberts.



Nonie Eva's Osso De Morte (Bones of the Dead)

4 cups white sugar
3 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½-1 tsp. lemon extract
½-1 tsp. almond extract
2 cups chopped almonds, roasted
½ tsp. salt
6 or 7 egg whites (about 1 cup)

Mix sugar, flour, almonds, baking powder, salt. Pour eggs one at a time until you form a dough (like pie dough). Break a large handful off and roll out into shape of salami and pat down flat (about ½ inch thick, 3" wide), Cut with sharp knife, about 1" slices.

Place cut side up on cookie sheet. If you squeeze in the center will be more bone like in shape. Bake at 325 degrees. 20-30 minutes.

Cool before removing from pan

As you can see by comparing the recipes, the second one has more dough and less almonds.

I make Leonora's Osso de Morte, I love all the nuts and I can make them easily into bite size cookies. They tend to be a little lighter due to beating the egg white.

Wondering what to do with the yolks... make custard or better yet crème Brule!

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 1st Vice President
Branch 39, Merced



My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food

LIDIA MATTICCHIO BASTIANICH

Knopf Publishers, 352 pp.

LIDIA MATTICCHIO BASTIANICH, the author of thirteen cookbooks and the award-winning host of public television's Lidia's Kitchen, authors *My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food*. This nostalgic look back at her life illustrates the immigrant's journey filled with challenges, determination, and ultimately success in her new home.

Lidia was born in Pula, a formerly Italian city turned Yugoslavian under Tito's communist regime. (She was originally name Giuliano.) Surrounded by love and family, Lidia learned much about Italian cooking from her beloved grandmother, Nonna Rosa. And although the family lived in poverty, it felt at home in Pula, a city transitioning from Italian rule and culture to Yugoslavian rule and culture. Lidia states that her family lived two lives: one influenced by her family's Italian culture and language and the other dictated by Communist dogma. They could not speak Italian in public, their private land and property were taken away by the government, and those under suspicion were imprisoned. Many Italians

were, in fact, fleeing the region to other parts of Italy, becoming refugees living in camps often before immigrating to other countries such as the United States.

When the Communists investigated Lidia's family, they fled to Trieste, Italy, where they lived for two years in a refugee camp. Her family was undocumented - without papers - so their time in Italy was precarious. Looking for security for his family, her father petitioned to become a refugee. As refugees, they were forced to live in a political refugee camp, which had been a concentration camp under Facist rule. The family finally applies for visas to enter the United States as many Italians did who wished to flee the poverty of post-War Italy. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, her family is eventually able to leave Italy for the United States.

At age 12, Lidia starts a new life in New York in with her family. However, this transition from Italy to the United States was not always easy for Lidia as she left behind her beloved Nonna, whom she was unable to say goodbye to before her family left for the United States. Cooking her grandmother's recipes became her way of remembering and staying connected to her Nonna. However, she was excited by her life in her new country and fascinated by the new food she discovered. Because her mother worked, Lidia became the cook for her family. Deserts - unavailable to her family as refugees - became a fascination of hers. She soon began working in restaurants as a young teenager. She later met her husband and together they opened a restaurant in Queen, New York.

They faced many challenges that they tackled together with the support and encouragement of her family. They began with a nine table restaurant, and Lidia eventually became a Sous Chef, developing an Italian-American cuisine to suit the tastes of her customers. Success came quickly, and they eventually opened a restaurant in Manhattan. Lidia developed a style that combined the lessons of cooking from her Italian grandmother and her new country, connecting her two cultures.

Facing challenges in her personal and professional life, Lidia's hard work and determination lead to success. She becomes an Emmy award-winning public television host, a best-selling cookbook author, a successful restaurateur, and owner of a flourishing food and entertainment business. Among the numerous awards, Lidia has earned six James Beard Awards and an Emmy Award for Outstanding

Culinary Host.

Remembering her past and wanting to help others with the challenges they face, Lidia is a member of Les Dames D'Escoffier and founding member of Women Chefs and Restaurateurs, two non-profit organizations of women leaders in the food and hospitality industries. She is also a champion for the United Nations Association of the United States of America's Adopt-A-Future program, in support of refugee education.

However, central to her success is her ability to connect her two passions in life - her family and food. She reminds readers that the American Dream is shared by many immigrants and refugees, who are looking for a better life and are willing to work hard to achieve success for their families.

- ICF is Going Green! If you prefer to read the Bollettino online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, follow this link to sign up:
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In memory of Angie Publico

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Deborah Rodondi
In memory of Julia Padreddii

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 04/12/2018

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In memory of Julia Padreddii
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Julia Padreddii

Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get well wishes for Paul Butler
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In honor of the 30th wedding
anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Noah
Bob and Elaine Osorio
Get well wishes for Larry Marsalli,
K.L.J.
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In memory of Flo Budelli
Officers/Members of Br. 291
In memory of Marian Zasoski
I.C.F. Spouses' Association
In memory of Marian Zasoski
Officers/Members of East Bay District
Get well wishes for Bob Dianda
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Get well wishes for Bob Dianda

Monetary Donation Reminder

Denise Antonowicz
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

When submitting donations to one of our programs (Providenza, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Cooley's Anemia, etc). please make the check payable to ICF or Italian Catholic Federation. In the memo, indicate the fund where you would like the donation directed.

Additionally, when making donations to multiple programs, please write a separate check for each donation as there is an individual account for each fund.

Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.

These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

Tips on Using the Internet as a Resource for Health Information

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

Thalassemia Outreach

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

If you are going to utilize the Internet as a resource for health information, it is vital to use trustworthy websites. While there is a wealth of helpful information online, there is also an abundance of misinformation. When it comes to your own health-care concerns, it is important to talk to your doctor before following online medical advice. Consider bringing information that you find online to your medical visit so you can discuss any questions you may have with your medical provider.

Below are some guidelines to finding trustworthy health information:

- The website gives contact information for the person or organization that is responsible for the site.
- The website provides information only—nothing is being advertised or sold.
- If the website asks for your personal information, it details what it will/will not do with this information.
- The health information is based on results from medical research backed up by references and has been approved by medical experts.
- The website gives the source of the health information.
- Information is up to date, legitimate, unbiased, and objective.
- When multiple websites contain similar information, it is more likely to be accurate.

Recommended websites:

www.medlineplus.gov

This website is run by the National Library of Medicine and offers a medical encyclopedia containing detailed information on medical conditions, prescription drugs and herbal remedies, and access to publications and article summaries via Medline.

www.cdc.gov

This website is run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and offers information on health conditions, information and advice for people traveling to other countries, and public health concerns.

www.healthfinder.gov

This website is run by the Department of Health and Human Services and offers health tips, information on diseases and medical conditions, and links to assist people in finding health-care providers.

www.ajrq.gov

This website is run by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and offers consumer guides to help people understand and choose high-quality health care, tips on optimizing your medical care visits, and information on patient safety.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com.



We Treat Kids Better

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)? If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event.

Contact Information: 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

Live to Give

An Italian Hero, Part II: Nicholas Green

By Eileen Fritsch

Organ Donor Awareness Rep.

In the April Bollettino article, you read the story of 7-year-old Nicholas Green. As a refresher, Nicholas died from a gunshot wound to the head during a family holiday in southern Italy, almost 25 years ago. Reg and his wife Maggie, his parents, made the decision to donate his organs to seven Italians, something that was very uncommon at the time. The aftermath of press coverage and the graciousness and poise of Reg and Maggie, spurred Italy from one of the lowest percentage countries of registered organ donors, to triple their numbers. This has been called, "The Nicholas effect".

Let's explore how the organs donated by little Nicholas, positively impacted the lives of those who received his organs and tissue.

There were 7 recipients for Nicholas' donation.

Domenica Galletta from Sicily received one of the corneas, and finally had proper sight. She had been waiting for 5 years for a transplant, and had only seen a blurry image of her baby's face. Galletta was a schoolteacher in Messina, and now goes to church each day to say thank you for her gift.

Francesco Mondello, also from Sicily, received the other cornea. His sight had been deteriorating more and more, and he was struggling as a strong rugby player and father of a very active young family. Mondello, has become a spokesman for organ donation saying, "For me it is now a moral obligation."

A boy from Rome, Andrea Mongiardo, had spent half his life in the hospital, before receiving his new heart. He was so stunted in his development that at the age of 15, he weighed only 53 pounds, barely more than Nicholas was at 7. After the transplant, for the first time in his life, Andrea could eat normally. He no longer had shunts and home IV's. No transfusions at the hospital every other day. Andrea only recently died in 2017, after 23 years that the Greens were able to give him.

Silvia Ciampi, from Perugia, received the pancreas cells. She had suffered from congenital diabetes for a long time, but managed to be an athlete and ballet dancer until her mid-20s, when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The diabetes no longer controllable, her body began to deteriorate. By the time she was put on the

waiting list for a transplant, her pancreas was destroyed, she had severe damage to her nervous system and was losing her eyesight. "I tried three times to commit suicide," she said during an interview. "Finally, I got the idea, God doesn't want me to die." As a result of the donated pancreas islet cells, the diabetes disappeared from her system. She said she thought of Nicholas, "sempre"... always.... and said she would have been dead, blind and on dialysis if it weren't for his generous gift. She is presumed to have died several years ago.

Ten-year-old Tino Motta, a schoolchild from Siracusa, in dire need of a kidney, was the class clown, but before receiving Nicholas' other kidney, was wasting away. He was described as a macho little boy whose life had been controlled by his dialysis schedule, and whose family lived in a constant state of uncertainty and fear. When he was headed into surgery for his transplant, the doctors told him to think of something nice, and he replied that he was...that he was thinking of Nicholas (not sure if you are tearing up by now, but I sure am!). When Reg and Maggie, the parents of Nicholas, visited him a few months later, he was jumping and singing and dancing.

Anna Maria Di Ceglie was the recipient of the other kidney. She was a petite and lively girl, at the advanced age of fourteen. She was from Southern Italy.

Maria Pia Pedala had been dying, and received the liver as a teenager, at the age of 19. At the time Nicholas died, Maria Pia was in a coma she did not expect to recover from, having been diagnosed with hepatitis. Her doctors had no hope at that point, yet Nicholas was able to save her life. She lived next to the railroad line in Palermo, where she kept a large photo of Nicholas, next to a vase where she daily used to place fresh flowers, and later moved to Sicily. She eventually had a son, and named him Nicholas. She said, "Nicholas is the first thing I think of when I wake up in the morning and the last thing I think of before I go to sleep."

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations Received by May 10, 2018

Branch 21
Branch 31
Branch 115

Branch 220
Branch 250
Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
In memory of Br. 4

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 05/12/2018

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CHUCK DE BORD	Branch 025
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GARY L BURCE	Branch 028
LEO ANTHONY PAPPANI	Branch 028
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PAUL WEAVERS	Branch 447

Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

I just read this article and wanted to share it with all of you. Also, don’t forget, your branches Heritage Report needs to be submitted to the ICF Office no later than July 1, 2018.

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chair

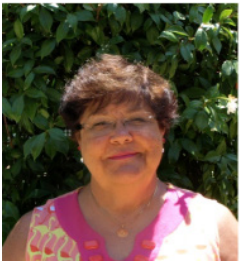
The passion of Italian markets

Rochelle del Borrello | L’Italo-Americano Newspaper

Many tourists rush through Italy, ticking off cities on an imaginary bucket list, zipping through museums and taking holiday snaps in front of iconic attractions. This is fine if you are happy to simply cross things off a checklist. But in the Bel Paese, where life is savored, it seems a shame to be in such a rush.

Italians believe in slow food and travel, where you take the time to soak in the character of a place, happily making the most of the moment. In a country where the people and culture are as colorful as the scenery itself, it is justifiable to seek out a more authentic connection to everyday life. Most locals in Italy have a daily appointment with their markets, where they begin preparing their meals. It is normal to have a trusted family butcher, who saves

that perfect cut to prepare a good veal scaloppini. Or a personal fishmonger, who has had them as clients for years and automatically knows when to keep aside a kilo of sardines. A visit to a market will provide your average Italian with everything they need for a complete four course meal, from fruits and vegetables, to meats, cheeses, pastas, wines, bread, deli products, prepared hot meals, baked goods and desserts.



Markets are filled with the sights, sounds and tastes of an Italy which relishes its food. In times of economic downturn, Italians will cut back on everything except what is on the table. Italian farmers, fishermen, butchers, cooks, pastry chefs and bakers are like artisans, they have a lifetime long passion for their art. Also, the market tradition, has a long history, as old as Europe itself, and stems from medieval times when travelling merchants would take their products to other towns via new trade routes and roads.

There is an art to markets’ shopping and it is always an adventure, as you never know what you can find. Fiery and vibrant Italian markets are the right place to see the freshest ingredients, in a smorgasbord of food and wine, crafts, textiles, antiques, clothes and many other random discoveries: a wonderfully authentic experience.

All Heritage Reports are due into the Oakland Office no later than July 1, 2018.

Sitting down and wondering what to write this month I started thinking about my 23 and Me results. Nothing was surprising, but I fell a little sad that I had to rely on a company to tell me what I should have found out from my long-gone family members. We need to really start the conversation before all our “history tellers” are gone and once we capture it, we need to share the information, research even more and finally celebrate the results. Too often today, gathering our families history takes a back seat to our very busy lives. Pick just one special tradition that you remember doing as a child and start doing whatever it is, again with the new generations. Keeping a family tradition alive is one of the most important gifts you can give a child or grandchild. Our mixed nationalities are the threads that make the tapestry of our lives so rich. So, become a “Heritage Activist”. Make the job of finding out about your relatives and their stories something that you must do. Time is short and the more you do to preserve your family history ensures that the lives of your child are enriched. Remember you can do this, be a Heritage Activist.

"Our Mission of Faith"



Italian Catholic Federation 2018 Convention Hotel and Travel Highlights Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California Thursday, August 30 – Monday September 3, 2018

Hotel Accommodations

- 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 •Direct phone: 619-291-7131
 - Reservations: (800) 772-8527 •Book online: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49392116>
 - Room Rate: \$129 plus tax single/double occupancy (hotel service fee waived)
 - Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 7
- Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights and for you to receive discounted parking and waived resort/service fee). Reservations are available until sold out or August 7, whichever occurs first. After August 7, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- \$5/night self-parking
- San Diego International Airport – 7 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles ICF Code: X3H-999 For travel between 08/27 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.

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

San Diego: Birthplace of the California Missions

CONVENTION PEDRO

Lessons

Lessons

- Come and learn how to play what some say is the "official" card game of the ICF. Lessons are complimentary and will take place on Friday, August 31, from 12:30pm-2:30pm.

Tournament

- Beginners and Pros are invited to compete in the annual convention Pedro tournament on Friday, August 31, from 2:30pm-5:30pm. The entry fee is \$10 per player.

Prizes:

1st - \$50
3rd - \$20

2nd - \$30
4th - \$10

5th - \$5

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: _____

City: _____

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:

Walk-ins welcome!

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: _____

X Entry Fee Per Player: \$10

Total: _____

Check Number: _____

Please make your check payable to ICF and write "Pedro" in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the ICF.
Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621



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

**Saturday, September 1, 2018
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins**

**Town and Country Hotel, San Diego
Semiformal Attire Suggested**

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

Convention Delegates ~ Admission is included with convention registration. A reply is not required on this form.

Three Course Plated Banquet Menu:

Baby Greens with Heirloom Tomato, Cucumber and Julienne Carrots, topped with Ranch Dressing; Grilled Prime New York Strip Loin with Brandy Peppercorn Sauce, Potato and Cheese Gratin, Root Vegetables, Artisan Bread; Salted Caramel Budino with Chocolate Cream and Candied Peanuts; Red and White Wine; Freshly Brewed Coffee and Selection of Herbal Teas.

Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Non-delegate Reservations

Branch # _____

City: _____

Non-delegate Reservations:

_____ X \$69 per adult = \$ _____

_____ X \$30 per child = \$ _____

(Ages 12 and younger, Pasta Entree)

Check # _____ = \$ _____

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

Seating arrangements will be distributed during convention registration. Please reserve your seats on one form if you wish to sit together.

Names of Non-delegate attendees:

Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet. Each seat requires a paid attendee.



TRANSPORTATION: pickup and return via The San Diego Tour Trolley at your hotel
TOUR: a 90 minute guided tour of the MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA. A self guided tour of THE JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM (originally the First Spanish Mission) in Presidio Park located on the hillside overlooking Old Town is where Father Junipero Serra founded the first California Spanish Mission in 1769 which exhibits the area's early history.

WELCOME TO OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

The historic heart of San Diego, created in 1769, a neighborhood on 230 acres, marking the site the first Spanish settlement, with only a mission and a fort, on the U.S. West Coast featuring 12 acres of Mexican heritage & historical sites, wander the lush gardens or browse colorful shops, early-California-style restaurants, museums, a theater and the restored Cosmopolitan Hotel. Restaurant known for authentic Mexican cuisine, dining is lively & vibrant. The Old Town State Historical Park maintains a collection of 19th-century homes and businesses that provide a glimpse into colonial life in San Diego.

The Whaley House Museum is one of only two officially designated haunted houses in California. Constructed in 1856 on a former gallows' site, the house was once home to the Whaley family as well as San Diego's first theater and county courthouse. Casa de Estudillo, Constructed in 1825, Casa de Estudillo unveils the lifestyle of a prominent San Diego family. Standing as the most famous of the original adobe buildings in Old Town, with representative items from the 16th to 20th centuries within its 13 rooms. Bazaar del Mundo, a San Diego shopping and dining institution, is popular for food, folklore and fun. Translated as "marketplace of the world," an attraction year-round.

ENTERTAINMENT Live mariachi performers can be seen every day in old town as well as seasonal and special event shows throughout the year on the Fiesta de Reyes stage. When scheduling permits The Ballet Folklórico dancers are a wonderful spectacle of Mexican heritage that's not to be missed.

For more information, Contact Patricia Postal 619.479.4404 or pat.postal@mcasterinc.org
Schedule for The San Diego Tour Trolley Loading, Departure and Return to your Hotel will be available when all Tour Reservations are completed. Tentative time 8:30am - 4:00pm

ICF CONVENTION TOUR #1 MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA, JUNIPERO MUSEUM

& OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO RESERVATION (LIMITED SEATING)

NAME _____	DISTRICT _____
BR# _____	PHONE _____
EMAIL _____	TOTAL # ADULTS _____ @ \$55 per person = _____
CREDIT CARD TYPE _____	CARD # _____
EXP _____	CVV _____
ZIP CODE _____	

Make checks payable to: ICF San Diego District
(Memo line: Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá and Old Town San Diego Tour #1)
Mail by Wed August 1st: Attn: Sherry Thurston ICF SD District 750 State Street #406 San Diego, CA 92101



Enjoy a USO inspired evening with dinner, 40's swing and a salute to our I.C.F. heroes.

**Sunday,
September 2, 2018
Town and Country Hotel**

Military dress, vintage civilian or semi-casual attire suggested.

**Seating begins at 7pm
Convention Raffle 9:30pm**

ENLIST FOR DINNER, DANCING AND FUN BY AUGUST 15

Branch #: _____ City: _____

_____ X \$69 per adult _____ X \$30 per child

(Ages 12 and younger, Chicken Strips entree)

Check # _____ = \$ _____

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
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MESS HALL THREE COURSE MENU: Wild Arugula Salad with Shaved Romano, Almonds, Grapes and Agrod Sherry Vinaigrette; Braised Pork Shoulder, Herb Gnocchi, Napo Cabbage, Pancetta and Whole Grain Mustard Sauce; Artisan Bread; Espresso Panna Cotta, Blood Orange Gelée and Biscotti; Wine; Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas.

OPTIONAL: Send a copy of your 40's era or military photos (any year) to the office or email to rosetynnejarrett@gmail.com. Include name, year, military branch, rank and ICF branch.

Names of Attendees:

Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet. Each seat requires a paid attendee. Respectfully, refunds will not be extended by the hotel once the headcount has been submitted. Seating arrangements will be distributed during convention registration. Please reserve your seats on one form if you wish to sit together.



The San Diego Tour Trolley, will transport you from your hotel to Little Italy, where you will be met by one of Little Italy's expert Tour Guides to begin your tour, which includes an expertly guided walking tour of Little Italy, once home to San Diego's flourishing tuna fishing industry and generations of Italian families who made their living on the sea. Little Italy is now a lively neighborhood filled with patio caffè, packed restaurants, craft brew stops, urban wineries, art galleries, sophisticated shops and boutique hotels.

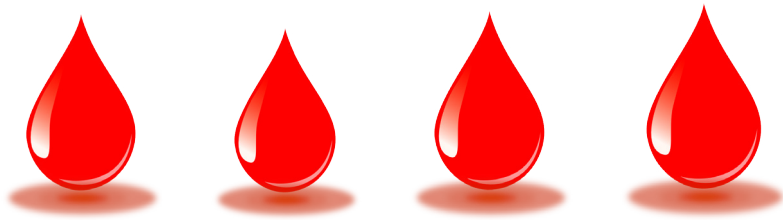
The newly built Piazza della Famiglia, located in the "heart" of Little Italy, opened in March of 2018. Visitors and residents can stroll through the 10,000-square-foot European-style piazza on W. Date Street, connecting India and Columbia Streets. A beautiful tiled fountain sits at the East side of the Piazza and tables and chairs with umbrellas line the cobblestone street, inviting the public to take in the beautiful scenery and San Diego Bay views over lunch.

Little Italy is dedicated to the past, present, and future families of the neighborhood. It has become a central community gathering place to host farmers' markets, concerts, cultural events, and more. An exciting visit to The Jewel of Little Italy Our Lady of the Roseary Church & The Gift Shop followed by a tour of the beautiful historical Amici House by Convivia and light refreshments awaits. You will then take The Tour Trolley to the Harbor where you will board the San Diego Ferry to Coronado Island. Coronado's coastline offers wide sandy beaches with sparkling sand, courtesy of the mineral Mica, that draw visitors from around the world. With its elegant gardens, old-world mansions, quaint shops, and oceanfront dining with spectacular sunset views, no wonder this charmed small town has been dubbed "The Crown City," as Coronado means "the crowned one" in Spanish. After exploring this unique place you will return by Ferry to the Harbor and take The Tour Trolley back to your hotel.

For more information, Contact Patricia Postal 619.479.4404 or pat.postal@mcasterinc.org (Limited Seating)
The San Diego Tour Trolley Schedule for Loading, Departure and Return to your Hotel will be available when all Tour Reservations are completed. Tentative times 8:30am - 4:00pm.

NAME _____	DISTRICT _____	BR# _____
PHONE _____	EMAIL _____	TOTAL # _____ @ \$65 per person = _____
CARD TYPE _____	CARD# _____	EXP _____
CVV _____	Zip Code _____	

Make checks payable to: ICF San Diego District
Memo: EXPLORE LITTLE ITALY & CORONADO ISLAND TOUR #2)
Mail by Wednesday August 1st: Sherry Thurston 750 State Street #406 San Diego, CA 92101



Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life
7th Annual

Convention Blood Drive

Friday, August 31st, 2018, 8am

at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

We NEED 40 ADVANCE SIGN-UPS

For more information:

Laurice Levine

LLevine430@aol.com; 360-860-2023

Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2018 Convention

Application Process

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

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

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

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by

the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.

2. Campaign flyers and campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food related favors are permitted so long as the item does not compete with the hotel's food and beverage guidelines. For example: candy would be acceptable by the hotel, but not wine or other beverages as these items would take away revenue from the hotel bar.
3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. In lieu of candidate hospitality rooms/campaign parties, refreshments hosted by the Central Council will be served during "Meet the Candidates." If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted

in the public areas or on the I.C.F. Facebook page.

6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

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

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

THURSDAY AUGUST 30TH 6:00PM
REMEMBERING FRANK SINATRA
"The Man and His Music"
IN CONCERT
Patrizia The Sultry Lady of Jazz

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Members of the Branch 27 Bocce team from left: Mark Beveridge, Romi Parascandolo, Jim Cavallero, Cari Beveridge, Theresa DeFrank and Jeff Bottorff.

Chicago

River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

“For, lo, the winter is past...
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come...”
Song of Solomon 2: 11-12
Dear members of the ICF,

We in the Midwest welcome spring at long last. After a dreary, wet, cold April, May has brought us warm weather, sprouting leaves and buds. God’s creation for us to savor. Let’s remember to thank Him often for the beauty and bounty of the earth.

Branch 358 members have been busy. After celebrating St. JOSEPH DAY, combined with our Mimosa Sunday on the 19th of March, we looked forward to attending our annual Bishop’s Day Dinner/Dance on Sunday, April 22nd. Bishop Placido Rodriguez, formerly of Joliet and now of Oak Park, honored us with his presence. We also had two seminarians from Mundelein seminary join us for dinner. Each gave an excellent presentation. I think there will be some great homilies in the future. The food was excellent as was the company. Everyone enjoyed it. The ICF national president Andy Pappani joined us. It was great to have someone from California visit us.

The district officers were installed near the end of April. Pizza was enjoyed by the members. Theresa Helfand presided over the installation.

The next event for branch 358 will be June 10th when we will supply pastries and desserts free of charge for our parish picnic. Please come and join us and sample the sweet treats.
God bless each of you. Remember to thank



Pictured from left to right, Barb Crear, Branch #33 President, Michael Cerri, Branch Deputy, Maria Steele, Past President, Msgr. Craig Harrison, Pastor of St. Francis, and BG Zasoski and husband, Past Grand President, Leonard Zasoski.

Him for His blessings.
June birthdays -- Judith Schweickert, June 8th
-- Mary Jane Oliver, June 26th
Submitted by,
Judith Schweickert br. #358

Fresno

Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The April meeting was held on the 10th and it was a real feast. ‘Chef’ Jeff Bottorff made his famous homemade lasagna. It was a delicious dinner that also included salad, bread and a wide array of delicious treats for dessert. Thanks to the chairman Jeff Bottorff and the committee: Mark and Cari Beveridge, Butch and Frances Hope, Jim and Kerin Cavallero. It seems that the men’s team did quite well at the bocce tournament on the 5th of May. OML (old men limping) came in second in a double elimination round. The Bocce Bellas won several of their games but didn’t make the finals. Members are busy selling tickets for the chicken take-out dinner on May 20th. I hope to see everyone at the June meeting on the 12th. It is past presidents night and the scholarships are awarded to deserving students. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Cinco de mayo was a beautiful humid and hot day enjoyed by many. The Bocce Tournament, led by Allen Watts, was a day to remember. Lunch was from a taco truck: tacos, beans, rice and all the fixings. Mexican drinks were available, too. Br. #32 sent five teams as representatives. And the winners are . . . Team Vivenzi. These guys came back strong and placed first in the Tournament. It was a



Pictured are St. Francis Parishioners Sharon and Steve Lewis, and Fresno District President Debbie Leary and her husband Gary.



Last of the bagging of biscotti to sell for Branch 39, Merced.



Branch 39 Biscotti Bakers: Patrice Marvulli, Sally Latorraca, Nancy Silva, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Maryellen Mazzei, Ruth Redondo, Nettie Desalso Del-Nero, Lillian Dal Porto, and Gina Pugliese.



Maryellen Mazzei taking dozens of biscotti out of the ovens.

wonderful event.
Br. 32 is teaming up with the Hispanic Ministry Group to provide a congratulatory dinner for the RCIA students and Catechists. The Hispanic Ministry Group is a powerfully spiritual group and have welcomed our help on several occasions at OLV Parish. We are very grateful for their fellowship.
Preparing for the Convention with many projects in the works. Nancy Rodriguez has stepped up to organize our Convention Yearbook Sponsor page. Thank you, Nancy!
We are planning on another Yard Sale in September. Each member took home a plant or two to nurture and provide TLC. We’ve got members singing, reading, fertilizing, and tending to their adoptee’s every need. Those well-manicured plants will be sold at the Yard Sale. (They were pretty sad looking when they left. The president is excitedly looking forward to their return in September. Much appreciation to our worthy loving members.

Bakersfield Branch #33 was invited to staff the wine booth at the recent St. Francis of Assisi Parish BBQ. The BBQ’s proceeds help to fund the various ministries of the Parish.

Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Our authentic Cinco de Mayo dinner was a hit as we celebrated some of our members’ Hispanic heritage. Thanks to chefs Robyn Piro and Estella Reta. Convention delegates chosen are: Terrie Rhodes, Sister Rachel, Maryellen Mazzei, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and alternate: Stephanie Lucich.
Thanks to our chairladies, Maryellen Mazzei and Janet Pugliese, our biscotti and bake sale was its usual success, earning us about \$2000 for our charitable donations. They thank everyone who helped in any way: donating, baking, bagging, and selling.
Come by on June 3, after the 7 and 9 AM masses, for coffee and donuts hosted by the

ICF.
See you at our next event: Wednesday, July 11, 5 PM, for our Annual Weiner Roast chaired by Bob Tyler and crew at our beautiful Lake Yosemite. Besides free BBQ hot dogs and trimmings, there will be a cake walk, bingo, raffle and Make-Your-Own-Sundaes. Remember: there is no meeting in June.
We welcome our new member, Chris Martin, who already stepped in to work beside us as we baked biscotti. Her husband Tony is active with the Men’s Lodge.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of longtime members, Josephine Trindade who passed away in March and Jan Rosa on May 5. Sympathy is extended to Dominic and Renee, and Joe and Giovanna Barroso on the recent deaths of two brothers.
Felice estate,
Stephanie Lucich

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

In March we celebrated our St. Joseph’s Feast, a meatless dinner. The tables were adorned with Olive branches, Fava beans, fruits, breads and non-perishable food items which were taken to the St. Martha’s Pantry afterward.
Everyone had a wonderful time at the annual District Picnic/Bocce Ball Tournament. Our Branch had five teams competing.
Congratulations to a wonderful couple, Rueben and Cindy Silva, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 22. Also Rueben retired on March 31 after 50 years of employment.
Rueben and Cindy’s granddaughter, Arianna, was offered scholarships from seven different colleges and chose to attend Fresno State this fall. Their grandson, Brandon, is going to Washington to try out for the Junior Olympics Judo Camp in June.



Branch 39 Biscotti bakers and sellers: Patrice Marvulli, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Janet Pugliese (co-chair), Sr. Rachel Monteil, Nanette Ontis, Stephanie Lucich, Sandy Del Real, Lillian Dal Porto, David Mazzei, Sally Latorraca, Nancy Silva.

Mary Zanarini traveled to Salt Lake City in April to see her 15-year-old granddaughter perform in Swan Lake Ballet.

Flora DePasquale's grandson, Captain Joseph DeLuca graduated from Special Forces in North Carolina. His brother, Marc, is in the Special Forces and was deployed to Afghanistan in April as a Chaplain.

Doug Duke's youngest grandson from El Dorado Hills, California won the Gold Medal at the California Academic Decathlon in Sacramento for Math.

Many happy returns to our May and June birthday celebrants. They are: Jeannette Couch (5/5); Al Daddino (5/30); Linda Stockwell (5/19); Carlene Christensen (6/14); Mary Fontes (6/16); Ken Gray (6/26); Wes Johnson (6/1); Maxine Johnson (6/19); Vince Jura (6/20); William Schultz (6/9); and Rueben Silva (6/4).

"Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change." (Wayne W. Dyer)

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Spring has been good to us thus far, with sunny, mild weather during our celebrations of Easter. However, even the brightest days become more somber with the loss of a loved one. On March 22nd, Branch 281 lost one of our founding members, Marian Zasoski, the mother of Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski. She was truly a light among our parish and community, and she will be dearly missed. We can take comfort to know she is now "still kickin'" with Our Lord in Heaven.

Our annual Pasta and Meatball Dinner was held on Divine Mercy Sunday, and was a total success. Thanks to Leonard "Zasoskini" and all our chefs, kitchen crew, and those who stayed into the night to help clean and pick up after the event—we couldn't have done it without you all and the tireless hours you put in to make this event one of our best. I'd also like to extend gratitude to Allen Watts, who channeled his inner-Marian to pre-sell 240 tickets! We had well over 400 attend, showing us once again that the parishioners look forward to this delicious dinner.

Spring will continue to bless our branch as we look forward to perhaps our most amusing and lively annual event: bocce ball! Branch 281's Bocce Tournament will be held on May 19th. Get a team together, and contact Allen Watts for more tournament information. This is an awesome day of fun competition, flavorful cuisine, and fantastic camaraderie. Don't miss out! Also, if one day of bocce

ball isn't enough for you, the Fresno District tournament will be held on Cinco de Mayo in Fresno—expect tacos and margaritas if you attend this event, and show the district how Branch 281 members can throw!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Zasoski

Fresno St. Joseph, Br. 308

Spring has sprung for Branch 308. After reflective fellowship during Lent, we continued gathering joyfully during Easter Season.

Thankful for our 16th year of Lenten Dinners, we remain blessed to facilitate good food and fellowship for our parish and always welcome visitors.

Our first of four Sausage Sandwich Sales this year was held in April, at Saint Anthony's Spring Boutique. We prepared sausage and fixings, for sale hot off the grill, to appreciative vendors and attendees. This twice a year boutique is also a time for talented craft artists – which include our members – to catch up with friends.

At the boutique, we also officially kicked off ticket sales for our Third Annual Tahoe Joe's Restaurant Fund Raiser, being held Sunday July 8th. We reserve July for this event instead of meeting, so that family and friends can gather while also supporting Branch ministries.

We expect to exceed our record 250 tickets sold last year, and our key salesman, Leonard Garber, hit the 100 sales mark during our annual District Bocce Ball Tournament, on Cinco de Mayo.

This year our branch provided four of the 21 teams in the tournament, held again at San Joaquin Memorial High School. One of our teams, La Dolce Vita, placed third: Members Rita Hoffnecht, Cinde Oliphant, and Angelo Picora, with guest Nick la Pietra, prevailed against all except two undefeated teams.

Thus continued another tradition of fine fellowship along with a spirited annual competition, and excellent food – on this occasion, tacos, honoring the special date.



Bocce Ball - Branch 308 Cheering Section..



Branch 308 Team La Dolce Vita - Rita Hoffnecht, Nick la Pietra, Cinde Oliphant.



Branch 2018 Players Russ Renna, Nick DiLiddo, Angelo Picora, and Nick la Pietra

Los Angeles

Los Angeles Archdiocese Los Angeles District Council

The LAA District is happy to announce the newest branch to our District and to the Federation. Please join us in welcoming Branch 447, American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach, CA. The branch opening, and charter member inauguration was May 5, 2018, beginning with 5pm Mass, followed by initiation, installation and dinner. The membership is 63 members strong, which includes 15 children! Congratulations Br. 447!

Special thanks to the Expansion Team: Monsignor John Berry, Anne and Richard Interrante, Jerry and Carol Faruggia, Lou Mages, and Perry Shurko. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the branches and individuals for your donations of raffle baskets. Also, thank you to all who attended the event including: Associate Pastor- Fr. Richard Prindle; Grand President-Andy and Sid Pappani; Grand Treasurer-Denise Antonowicz and her mother Marie; Past Grand President & Chair of the Expansion Committee-Mike and Marcie Rossi; Br.444 members- Hany Francis and Tonia Amalfitano; and Br. 237 President-Connie and Don Bohannon.

Pat Mages

LAA District President

Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

The next Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House is scheduled for June 10, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. Bring family, friends and fellow parishioners for a visit to the Chapel where Mother Cabrini visited daily and prayed to Our Lady Help of Christians for strength and guidance in her work as the leader of the Missionary Sisters

of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The annual Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon in honor of Mother Cabrini is celebrated the first Sunday of each December starting at 12:30 pm. For more information call 626 372-7812 or email cas1810@aol.com.

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

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

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

On May 7, 2018 ICF Branch 108 board members were honored "in grateful recognition of extraordinary dedication and service to the community" by the San Gabriel Pastoral Regional Board at the 34th Annual Catholic Charities Volunteer Recognition Dinner held at the Hilton Hotel in San Gabriel.

On May 5th, ICF celebrated Cinco Du Mayo with a Salsa Dinner Dance in the Parish Hall. Dance instructors coordinated the dance routines and dance contest. Congratulations to 1st Place winner Father Gustavo Mejia, Associate Pastor of Resurrection Church in Boyle Heights, 2nd Place Alex and Maria and 3rd Place Tina Forgenay. Proceeds went to help support the repair of fire damage to Resurrection Catholic Church earlier this year.

On June 10, 2018 - ICF Branch 108 will



hold its annual picnic, bocce tournament and general meeting from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Call 626-403-6102 for more information.

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

Carmello

**Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111**

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. We will invite the student who won our Branch 111's First Year College Scholarship in the amount of \$400.00 to attend this meeting, so that we can congratulate her or him and have a chance to meet her or him. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Francisco Garcia, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scoria, Alinah Corletto, Edward Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We would like welcome the following new members who recently joined our Branch: Kathy Salazar, Alinah Corletto, Jason Corletto, Kalem Woolum, Cecilia Ramos, Barbara Garcia, Francisco Garcia, and Vincent Bonaventura. Benvenuti!

At our last meeting our members voted and we donated \$2,000.00 to St. Benedict Church for purchase of a St. Augustine Statue church improvements, and \$250.00 to St. Benedict Festival to co-sponsor a booth. Also, we received applications and essays for the St. Benedict School Scholarships. Our scholarship committee will be reviewing the applications and essays. We will awarding two \$400.00 Phillip Pace, Jr. scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students and will be presented at the St. Benedict School Graduation on Friday, June 22, 2018

This year our branch is teaming up again with the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus

to operate a Fireworks Stand at 228 Beverly Blvd., located east of Poplar Avenue, adjacent to the Beverly Car Wash. All expenses and proceeds will be split 50/50 among the two organizations. The stand will operate from Thursday, June 29th to Tuesday, July 4th. We need everyone's support to make this a successful event. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer on some days, especially on July 3rd and July 4th. Thank you to everybody for all you do for the ICF and St. Benedict Church. May God Bless all of you abundantly.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote on Choices: "When you stop chasing the wrong things, you give the right things a chance to catch you." Thank you for all you do for the ICF and for our community. May God Bless all of you abundantly!

Ciao!
Frank Salomone

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

Thank you to all who brought such delicious entrees to our May potluck dinner meeting. We are so fortunate to have so many talented chefs! We all enjoyed very delicious food. Joining our meeting were our scholarship awardees. Mia Gioiello Palos Verdes High School, granddaughter of member Angelina Gioiello and Angelina Camello great granddaughter of Nunziata Onorato graduating from San Pedro High School. Congratulations to the students and their families!

After our meal Neal opened our meeting. Neal thanked all who attended and supported the Crab dinner in March. \$7200.00 was raised. \$3500.00 was donated to Mary Star of the Sea church and schools, \$1000.00 to Cooley's anemia Fund and \$800.00 for scholarship fund. The balance will be used for the Seminarian Program and other charities that the branch donates to.

Neal also thanked all who attended mass in honor of the Madonna Del Arco on April 21st. We had a wonderful turnout for this feast day. Thank you to all who brought flowers for the Virgin.



Branch 111 at its April general meeting.



Members of Branch 111 at dinner after Mass.



Guest speaker Laurice Levine at the Branch 111 meeting.

Please keep our seminarian Ian Hagan in your prayers. He will be ordained on June 2, 2018. On June 30 Carlo Vottola will be ordained in the Norbertine Order. He is the son of Carmela Vottola who was a member of our branch until her death. We are hoping that he will say one of his first masses at Mary Star of the Sea Church.

June 13th is the Feast day for St. Anthony. Mass will be celebrated at Mary Star at 8am. Please attend.

Up for discussion was the upcoming ICF convention. This year's convention will be held in San Diego August 30th to Sept 3rd. We will have voted for our representative's. We will announce the winners in our next issue.

Anita thanked all who help make her Relay for Life Harrah's fundraiser a huge success! The Gioiello Jewels team raised over \$3000.00 to help fight cancer.

Please join us for our next meeting on June 21st at 7:30pm. Fiesta planning will be discussed. Save the date Next casino fundraiser July 10th San Manuel \$20.00 for members \$23.00 for non members Casino will give \$10.00 in free play Bus will leave at 10am from Boys and Girls Club Please call Pauline for reservations 310 832-0563

Happy Father's Day to all our Father's living and deceased. We ask the Lord for His blessings for all Dads.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo
Treasurer



Celebrating April Birthdays at Branch 111.

**Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218**

A huge thanks to Karen Berardi for chairing our Spring Boutique and all the helpers. The branch cleared over \$1200. Our last meeting was a very fun event as we celebrated Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo with margaritas, tacos, and lots of fun decorations. All the moms received a beautiful red rose. Also, President Jerry presented Suzy Noyes with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her participation on the board. Suzy and husband are relocating to Las Vegas. Thanks to JoAnn Hudson and Audrey Luchetta for helping to put this together. Everyone enjoyed the day. We also welcomed two new members, Maria and Rick.

Our next meeting is June 10 and we will be celebrating Father's Day and initiating all the new members. A donut sale is scheduled for June 24th. There will be no meetings for July and August. Also, a reminder that the raffle books are available for sale. These raffle book sales help to support the convention and are \$20.00 each. If the branch sells 15 or more we will clear out \$150. So, remember to buy them. The prizes are very good.

Everyone have a wonderful summer and keep cool. Will see you in September.

Lolly M.

**Claremont
Our Lady of the Assumption,
Br. 319**

June is warm weather and sunshine. May Fiesta was fun and busy as usual. USO fundraising on Memorial day weekend showed how much our



veterans are appreciated. Both were successful. In June 3rd we will have our Thank You day on the lawn at the church. We will have a jumper for the kids, bocci, coloring and sell sausage sandwiches as a fundraiser. (We will have info for embership) Again on July 1 we will do USO on the patio with sausage sandwiches. As for now we will be dark in July. More in the future. Congrats to all our graduates and good luck.

God Bless

Andrea Linn,

Corresponding Secretary

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Our meetings at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday afternoons continue to be successful. Like all new things, we are working out the kinks of a time change, but we are settling in nicely. We recently made an adjustment to a 5-7 PM meeting time. We will test this in May and June to see how it works out.

The final numbers are in on our very successful St. Joseph Day Table, Luncheon and Silent Auction. We exceeded our expectations and 2018 turns out to be our biggest success in years. Lots of members worked hard, especially Phyllis Harb, who managed the event, to bring about this success. We are expecting that 2019 will be even bigger.

The Board of Directors is talking about many activities that we are planning in the near and long term future. Once again we are planning to hold our Summer Mass in August. Several locations are under consideration. Robert De Pietro has accepted the responsibility for planning and executing the event. More on this next month.

We have had many interesting and knowledgeable speakers at our meetings the last few months and at our May 20th meeting we awarded three St. Bede students with the Distinguished Student Service Award of \$100 each. This award is given to students based solely on service, as while the branch wants to reward students for academic success, we also want to single out our students for their service to the parish, the school and the community. Awards went to Natalie Hanna, Faith Ellis, and



Branch 115, San Pedro celebrated the feast of the Madonna dell'Arco on April 21, 2018 with mass and procession with societies banners and flower offerings to the Madonna.

Lily Fontes. Branch Scholarship Chairman Mark Mannarelli and Branch President Jack DeZell presented certificates of recognition to the students. Next month we will select an outstanding student for the Father Lawrence Award for Achievement.

Jack DeZell and Al Restivo were selected to represent the branch as delegates to the 2018 "Our Mission of Faith" ICF Convention in San Diego in September. Several members have expressed a desire to attend the convention and those interested should make that known to Jack. All members are encouraged to attend this fun event to share in the enjoyment of being ICF members.

In view of what has occurred with the downgrading of the celebration of Christopher Columbus Day by the Los Angeles City Council, our branch is planning to have a special celebration in October for the great Italian explorer. Discussions are being held with other branches and with the Knights of Columbus to create a jointly sponsored gala celebration. Several locations for the event are being considered including the Knights Hall, Casa Italiana and Holy Family Church in South Pasadena. Check the Bollettino for further updates.

Other activities are being considered and

discussed. A California Coastal Cruise is something that seems to be interesting to several members and will be explored as will a tour of Italian Hall downtown. We are trying to identify a program of interest for a guided tour and program.

Let us all pray for each other, our Church, and our nation.

Al Restivo, First Vice President and Orator

Los Angeles Region Vice President

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Balon, Br. 380

Our May 4th meeting was conducted in honor of the many veterans that have selflessly served our country throughout history. At the start of the meeting, a representative from For The Troops spoke about their organization's efforts to send care packages to soldiers stationed abroad. Afterwards, money was collected to be donated to their organization. For The Troops is a non-profit organization based in Simi Valley, and more information about their mission can be found at www.ForTheTroops.org. Branch members who have served took turns speaking about their experiences in the armed forces, and were invited to wear their uniforms to the meeting (see photograph).

Pasta, meatballs, and salad was served for dinner, and we had red, white, and blue decorated brownies for dessert. Our monthly attendance drawing, which had increased to a value of \$75, was won by Flo Lloyd! Many in attendance shared that this meeting was one of our best.

The members of Branch 380 wish you a great summer!

Upcoming Dates:

July Summer Break - No Meeting

August 3 (Friday) General Meeting

Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 (Fri. - Mon.) ICF National Convention in San Diego

September 7 (Friday) General Meeting

Ryan Interrante

Corresponding Secretary

Rancho Palos Verdes

St. John Fisher, Br. 444

Ciao a tutti!

At our April 12th meeting, we had a fun evening of Beginning Italian conversation lessons taught by Annamarie Ellington. It



Branch 380 meeting attendees (from left to right) Bill Lloyd, Nick Paolucci, Don O'Rourke, Lou Mages, Ken Pirozzi, Andy Tortorici, Bill Metz, and Iggy Alessandrino pose by the American flag after speaking about their experiences serving in the Armed Forces.

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Branch 21 Initiation of New Members: (L to R, standing) Vicki Howell, visitor from Br. 237; Janet Borello Wellusdick, Initiate; Denise Antonowicz, Central Council; Adele Tuiolosega, Initiate; Elizabeth Raffieteri, Initiate; Leon Gregory, Initiate; Roseann Costabile, President Br 21. (L to R, seated): Emily Ghio-Cato, Initiate; and Sue Della Santina, Initiate.

was a big success and our next lesson will be at our June 14 meeting. In May we had a wonderful Italian dinner with jazz music and Karaoke. On July 12, Laurice Levine will be our guest speaker. She will be speaking to us on behalf of Cooley’s Anemia. All are welcome at our meetings which are held at 7 pm at St John Fisher Parish auditorium.

Annamarie Ellington, Secretary

Monterey

Central Coast

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Oh, Summer, you are nearly here! But William Shakespeare added, “Summer’s lease hath all too short a date.” But we Branch 21’ers will stretch it out! First on June 29th, there will be a dinner event; and on August 12th there will be the Annual 90’s Birthday Party. On September 1st, there is the ICF Convention followed by the Spaghetti Dinner and Family Night on September 28th. So, mark your calendars and watch for more information.

Our General Meeting on May 1st was lots of fun with a combined Cinco de Mayo celebration and also the initiation of new ICF members Janet Borello Wellusdick, Sue Della Santina, Emily Ghio-Cato, Leon Gregory, Adele Tuiolosega, and Elizabeth Raffieteri. Together with our new members we enjoyed sipping sangria and sharing a delicious Mexican dinner.

We want to remind you that on June 8th, Deacon Dat Nguyen will be ordained in Salinas. Deacon Dat has been our Branch chaplain this past year and has given wonderful support. We invite all to come to Holy Cross Hall on June 10th after the 10:30 mass to help Father Dat celebrate this most sacred achievement.

Finally, in closing, a reminder that June’s General meeting will be the second Tuesday instead of the first: June 12th. And there will be no meeting in July....so we can all enjoy that Sunshine! Matthew 24:32 says “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.” So check your fig tree! May the Good Lord continue to bless us with His goodness.

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Branch 25 is awaiting the announcement of our two scholarship winners and will be inviting the winners and their families to our June luncheon meeting in their honor.

Host Branch 25 has begun preparations for the annual Central Coast District Picnic to be held at JM Ranch on Saturday, August 4th. This year we will have a Bocce tournament and a Pedro tournament, along with Bingo and our usual silent auction and raffles.

Two branch officers will be attending the Central Coast District Meeting in Paso Robles on June 3.

Our prayers continue for long time member, Don Stoffey, who was briefly hospitalized but is now improving. Don is blessed with wonderful children to take turns caring for him. His son, Michael, brought Don to our May 8th meeting. Members are encouraged to visit him at the rehab center.

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Happy Father’s Day to all are great dads, hope you have a nice relaxing day.

April 24th, the Board honored Josephine Favazza with a bouquet of roses and gifts of love for being our newsletter editor and chairman of our telephone committee for many years. Josephine has been a dedicated member for over 35 years. She is currently our Correspondences Secretary and Past President for our Branch and for Central Coast District. Josephine is the glue that keeps all together and the mentor for many of us. Josephine we all love you and you are the best.

May 3rd was our Branches 87th Anniversary, honoring our members with a complementary dinner prepare by executive Chef Peter John Curatolo and crew. Before our dinner, we initiated 74 members, at San Carlos Cathedral, with Benediction by Fr. Emil, and Grand President Andy Pappani conducted initiation.

After dinner we honored eight high school students with a \$1,000.00 Scholarship for each student. Congratulations to Jocelyne Bruno, Anna Cusenza, Rachel D’Agui, Hailey Dalton, Daphne Prodis, Finian Rawson, Brett Reede, Christine Wooler. Also, our high school students received an additional \$300.00 scholarship from the Italian Heritage Society, presented by Annamarie Stanton.



Branch 36 celebrated all of its elementary and high school scholarship recipients.

(Right) Branch 36 honored Josephine Favazza with a bouquet of roses and gifts of love for being our newsletter editor and chairman of our telephone committee for many years.

We also, honored three 8th grade students from San Carlos School with \$350.00 Achievement Award. Congratulations to Joseph Buchltz, Adam Bucholtz, Gianna Campo. Robert Huffer, President presented Father Ron Shirley with donations to San Carlos Cathedral, San Carlos Track and Field project and Loaves and Fishes.

Calendar 2018

July 12 85 and older Birthday Party

Aug 2 Dinner/Meeting

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person:

He Believed in me.” Jim Valvano

Elaine Valentine

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

June is here and summer is about to begin! Our Branch has been very busy and working very hard since the beginning of the year and because of all our hard work we were able to present 3 scholarships to our local schools. At our general meeting in May we honored our scholarship recipients and heard about their future plans. Congratulations to Breanna McGee from Notre Dame High School in Salinas, Lauren Ruelas from Sacred Heart School in Salinas and Gisselle Ruiz from North Monterey County High School in Castroville. Congratulations on your outstanding academic achievements.

Also, congratulations to one of our younger members (and my nephew) Kevin Cortopassi. Kevin plays drums and percussion in the Palma High School Symphonic Band. The band traveled to Disneyland last month to compete against other schools from all around the United States and received 2nd place with



Dennis Hibbs and Kevin Cortopassi, just 2 of the many wonderful chefs from Branch 51 Castroville at their recent Polenta Dinner.



Silver distinction. Great job, we are very proud of you!

Welcome to our new member Sally Lawrence-Reynolds. Sally is a great friend and is very involved in our parish community. Welcome to our ICF family Sally!

Happy birthday to our June babies- Nancy Ausonio, Carrie Holbrook and our wonderful branch Chaplain and Pastor Father Pedro Espinoza. Buon Compleanno!

Please keep in your prayers John Doris Jr. (son of member Vera Doris), our new member Joseph Huynh and Bishop Richard Garcia. Also, please keep in your prayers member Frank Rossi and family who recently lost their father Emilio Rossi.

I pray everyone has a safe summer.

Blessings to all,
Cindy Stefani

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Just a reminder that the annual picnic will be Saturday, July 28, at the Forty Thieves picnic area of DeLaveaga Park. Chairperson Ken Olson and his crew will be serving steak with all the trimmings. Prices are \$10 for members, \$15 for guests, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Make your reservations early as there are only 100 tickets available.

One of the many ways we help our parish is to provide lunch after the Anointing Mass. Thanks to those who brought salads for the May luncheon: Rachel Cook, Liz Rios, Mary Montonye, Jane Kotila, Nancy Olson, Ellen Pauly, Mario Beltramo, Julie Scurfield and Deanna Musler.

Your prayers and get well wishes are requested for Ken Waldvogel, Franklyn Lopes, Sr., and Bishop Richard Garcia.

The various ministries of St. Josephs serve coffee and donuts after each Sunday mass. It was our branch’s turn on May 6 after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses. Thanks to Mike and Liz Rios, Rita Law, and Ellen Pauly, who stepped up to the plate.

Heartfelt condolences to Sharleen Hedgpath on the sudden passing of her husband, Bob, and to Shirlee Huch, whose husband, Jerry, passed away after a long illness.

The author of this is unknown but it certainly fits the occasion;

The greatest gift I ever had

Came from God; I call him Dad!

Happy Father's Day

Deanna Musler; Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

At our May General Meeting, ICF Branch 291 awarded our first local College Scholarship to Abbey Giufridda. Abbey graduated from Arroyo Grande High School and will be attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. In addition, we awarded 2 - 8th Grade Graduate Scholarships to students attending Catholic high schools this fall. Lorena Carroll and Colin Reynolds were recently awarded their scholarship certificates at an award ceremony at St. Patrick School. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients and we wish them well as they continue their education at the next level!

We would like to wish one of our members, Rose Renna-Guzzetti, a very Happy 99th Birthday on June 8th! Rose now lives in San Diego and enjoys playing bridge and Rummikub, going to baseball games, having her granddaughter take her for walks by the beach, going to luncheons, dinners and parties, and seeing her friends. Happy Birthday, Rose!

Please continue to pray for members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heart-ache at this time, including Theresa Aston, Dianne & Homer Clees, Wally Cox, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Bob McLean, Robert Reginato, and Jens & Sonia Wagner.

Happy Father's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Monterey

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

We had our pasta dinner on April 14 and it was a great success. There were Members of Branch #291 Arroyo Grande that attended our pasta dinner. Some of the branch members won prizes from the raffle that was held. Thank you Arroyo Grande Branch for your support.

Our pasta dinner will benefit our ICF Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications were delivered to Saint Rose Catholic School and given to the 8th grade class for completion with a due date of May 11; scholarship winners will be announced at the 8th grade graduation on May 29th. We will be making Mothers Day Tray favors for May 13th at Vineyard Rehabilitation Home and Fathers Day favors for June 17th at the same facility, Vineyard Rehab Home in Templeton, CA.

Our May meeting will be at Theresa Sollazzo's home on May 25th at 12:00 with a short meeting after lunch.

Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande branches will host the June 3rd. Central Coast District Meeting at the St Rose of Lima Parish Hall.

On Sunday June 10 we will be having a Mass at 8:00 am for our living and deceased members of our

Branch; all members and guests are invited to the Grange for breakfast after mass. Hope everyone enjoys this lovely weather.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Romero, Corresponding Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Convention time is nearing! Time to choose delegates and alternates, sponsor pages in the Convention Book and make your reservations. Also think about the pre-convention cruise, sounds like fun. Did you send pictures to Lisa for the district/branch pages???

Things are coming together for Bishop's day, Aug. 12th, Mass at 3:30 at Our Lady of Grace, followed by dinner in Stack center. So mark your calendars! Remember to get the Spiritual Bouquets and Seminary Bursa together.

There are many activities happening in the various branches, let's try to support each other as much as possible. Your presidents should have flyers to share with you regarding these activities.

It's time to puff up our chests and be proud of all those graduates who will receive their diplomas over the next couple of months. This is family and that is what we, the ICF are all about.

Also along that line we will celebrate Father's day. A time to remember the men in our lives who have served as a positive influence on what we are today.

And finally, let us also remember the veterans, both living and deceased, who have kept us safe throughout the years.

So Happy Graduation, Happy Memorial Day and a Happy and Blessed Father's Day.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We observed our 92nd anniversary with a roast beef dinner on Saturday, May 19 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall in Alameda. The evening included an educational and moving presentation by Laurice Levine, the liaison to the ICF National Charity, the Thalassemia/Cooley's Anemia research and treatment program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Branch 10 is the oldest operating branch in the Diocese of Oakland, which encompasses Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

We are looking forward to our annual July BBQ on the grounds of Saint Philip Neri Church and School in Alameda. We will then take a break in our social calendar until our October Ravioli Dinner. We sponsor seven events per year, plus six Lenten Fish Fry dinners.

We are assisting in the planning for Bishop's Day. The date is August 12, and the location is Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley. The committee includes at least one representative from each branch in the Oakland Diocese.

Our remarkable member Louise Koepf celebrated her 100th birthday on April 23. Louise and her sister Katherine, who died earlier this year, joined Branch 10 in 1981.

In our article in the July Bollettino we will announce our eighth-grade scholarship winners. We honor a total of four graduates of the two Catholic elementary schools located in Alameda who will be entering a Catholic high school in August.

We are compelled to report that our president, Dave Rose, is very ill. Dave is in his second term as the president of Branch 10, functions as mentor to other branches in the East Bay District and received the Pope Saint John XXIII Award in 2008. He also has put in hundreds of hours in the ICF office in nearby Oakland. He has served as both guardian to dozens of young men in Alameda over the last

40 or so years and as liaison between Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish and its very active Boy Scout units.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10, publicity committee

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

June traditionally is the month we celebrate Dads, Grads, and brides. We hope all in those categories had joyous celebrations. As of June 8th, I am proud to announce that my wife, Claire and I somehow have managed to stay married for 50 years. In all honesty, the credit should probably go to her for that milestone.

We hope everyone will be able to attend the Corpus Christi Church Parish Festival on June 10th from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Three lucky winners will receive prizes of \$2,500.00, \$1,000.00, or \$500.00 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize, respectively. Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each.

Branch 215 meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month, but there will be no meeting in July as most families are on vacation.

There will be a mass for deceased members of branch 215 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on August 12th at the 10:30 mass.

Bishop's Day will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley on August 12th. Mass will be held at 3:30 pm followed by dinner.

Branch 215 will hold its regular meeting August 14th at 7:00 pm at Corpus Christi Parish Administration Building. All are welcome.

Condolences to Clem & Yvonne Brum for the loss of Yvonne's son, James Webster and to Sharon Xavier de Sousa our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

As always, we wish all members with birthdays, Anniversaries, and any other celebrations our congratulations. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to those who are ill and for the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello

Branch 215

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Hope you didn't miss it - Branch 285's Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner on June 2nd. The baskets for the drawing seem to get bigger and better every year. More about this event next Bollettino.

Our speaker for the April meeting was Steve Minniear from the Camp Parks History Center. Steve took us through the history of Camp Parks as a West Coast Navy facility during World War II to the present day use by the U.S. Army Reserve. Steve is the author of Dublin and the Tri-Valley: The World War II Years. For all of ICF Branches in Alameda County, I highly recommend a presentation by Steve. It will tweak many memories.

Our May meeting is our Branch 285 annual Heritage meeting. Members of our Branch tell us about where their family, or in some cases they themselves, lived in Italy before coming to the United States. The places members come from are varied from North to South. If you are planning a trip to Italy, you will find out that Italy is more than "The Big Three," Rome, Florence, and Venice. There are locations you had not thought to visit and some that you may feel a connection with. As I have said before in this column, you will find there are many members in your Branch with information that can enrich any trip to Italy.

Ciao,

Charles

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

We would like to thank Fr. Kevin for leading the branch in saying the Rosary at the beginning of our May meeting. What a nice way to begin a meeting and dinner. Our June meeting will include our Ravioli dinner, here's looking for ward to a good turnout. And we have a winner of our 1st year scholarship, Julia Gallaway, from Bishop O'Dowd High School. Hopefully we will be able to meet her at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will cover a lot of important business, hopefully many of you will be attending. We still need to discuss delegates to the Convention, fund raising activities, Bishop's Day and upcoming branch activities.

We will also be receiving our convention raffle books. So, come on out!

If any of you are interested in travel, here are two opportunities, the first is a pre-convention cruise out of Santa Barbara and the second is a trip to Britain and Ireland in March of 2019.

In addition to our scholarship winner, we would like to congratulate all the high school and college graduates of 2018. May you meet with success in your future.

And here's to a Blessed Father's Day to all the men who have been there, in a positive way for us, in the past and in the future.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Contra Costa

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Welcome to June, and to the realization that we are beginning the latter part of 2018! June always brings thoughts of weddings, Father's Day and graduations. On Tuesday, June 12, we welcome our graduate scholarship recipients. It's always interesting to hear the future plans and dreams of these bright young students. Ahh! To be young, enthusiastic and optimistic once again. Pasta, salad and dessert will be served. Mass is 5:30 (please try to attend), dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30.

Get well wishes were sent to Bill Valli and Diane Thomas. Many will remember our very longtime member, Marilyn Carmichael. Marilyn was an active part of the famous ICF Drill Team "back in the day," and has recently passed. Our condolences to Kathy Houle and her family on the death of her well-known and loved father, Caesar Airoidi.

Be sure to circle July 10th. Branch 14 will celebrate our 91st Anniversary, with mass at 5:30 and a BBQ Tri Tip dinner by Johnny V at 6:30. There will be no meeting, but a night of free Bingo, with prizes, ends the fun night of celebration.

A very Happy Father's Day to all of the kind, thoughtful and loving men of our Branch. We depend on your strength and fortitude, and are forever grateful for your presence in our lives. God's blessings to you all!

Diane

Pittsburg

San Domineco, Br. 72

Congratulations to our members Chris and Dana Jarrett. On the fourth of May they added a new member to their family. Baby Elvin David Jarrett. We welcome him to our ICF family.

On May 20 we joined the district for the annual Communion breakfast. This event was held at St. Catherines parish in Martinez. Mass was celebrated at 10:30AM. Breakfast

followed in the hall. We would like to thank Walter Costa and the Knights of Columbus for cooking. Thank you to those who attended from our branch.

At our June meeting convention raffle tickets will be passed out. We will mail tickets to whoever cannot make it on that day. A book of tickets is \$20.00. Our branch keeps half of the proceeds. We have done a great job with sales the last couple of years. Let's sale even more this year. It would be nice to have a lucky winner from a ticket sold from our branch.

Our new district delegate is Donna Stone. She attended her first meeting in April. Thank you, Donna.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, June 16 -- Meeting and Potluck at 4:PM. Theme: Membership appreciation.

Wednesday June 27 -- District meeting at 7:30 PM at Legends at Diablo Creek golf course in Concord

July (DTBA) -- Summer swim party at Joann's. Invitations will be mailed.

Friday July 27 -- ICF Golf tournament and luncheon in Monterey

Saturday August 4 -- Italian night /A's baseball game /fireworks. Email Rose for tickets at Angels8199@aol.com

Here's hoping that all of our members are well and happy. However, If you know of anyone who is ill please let us know. We will send a card on behalf of the branch.

Happy Fathers day to all the Dad's, Grandpa's and Godfathers. Many of our Dad's or no longer with us. We will never forget them.

Happy Birthday to all those born in the month of June.

That is it for now. See you at the events. As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti

Patty Jarrett

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

Our May meeting was a celebration of our Mothers. After mass was said by Chaplain, Fr. Al, we enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo dinner of salad, enchiladas, beans and rice.

May's mass was a celebration of Mother's and Father's Day.

A discussion was opened regarding fundraising. We need to come up with some ideas to generate more funds. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

We welcome new member, Nancy Clabby.

Delegates to the convention were chosen. They are Alicia Trevino and Lorraine Acuña Mike Cannady will also attend. Alternates are Walter Costa and May Barbano

Our next bus trip to Cache Creek is July 30 2018. Get your reservations in early to Joe Meneghelli, 510-234-2208. Any profit we make on our trips benefits Cooley's anemia,

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

We mourn the loss of our beloved members, Lee Narvaez and Virginia Davis. Please remember them in your prayers.

Next meeting is June 11th, 2018, Ravioli and Salad, Scholarship recipients honored.

Reserve with Toni by June 7th, 510-472-9646

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

We selected delegates to attend the Convention in San Diego: Roberta Healy (President), Ed & Allison McGuirk and Sue Giorgetti. All are excited about attending, they are also look-



Members and friends of Branch 352 enjoying the Festa Primavera Dinner Dance in April.

ing forward to bringing new information back to our branch.

Convention raffle tickets are selling well, we thank Maria Marshall for being in charge of sales.

We have selected 3 - 8th Grade Winners for writing an essay on their Heritage. Winners receive a \$100 each.

Our annual fundraiser at Viano Winery is titled: Sip into Summer and is slated for Jun 10th, Sunday - all are welcome.

Contact: MJ Murray for tickets or info. (925) 705-3513.

Our condolences to the Cianfichi family in the loss of their Mother, a long-time member of our branch, she was 97 years old. A mass will be said at Queen of All Saints church in Concord, Jun 3rd at 4:30pm.

Prayers for sick and elderly especially: Mia Basarich and Jim Armstrong.

Ciao,

Chris Artale

Danville

St. Isadore, Br. 352

Our Branch is still recovering from our April "Festa Primavera Dinner Dance - what a huge success! We toned it down for our May dinner meeting – and enjoyed a 'simple' BBQ, complete with hot dogs, hamburgers & all the trimmings – what a treat! Many thanks to Brian Moresco for his grill set up – it made kitchen clean-up a lot easier on the volunteers!

Plan to join us for our next monthly dinner meeting on Monday, June 18th at 6pm. Our two, first-year scholarship recipients and their families have been invited to join us. Let's all turn out to recognize them in person for their accomplishments.

We have no Branch meetings in July, so enjoy the warm days! Stay tuned for news on any summer picnic events – hopefully to include some bocce ball! Details to follow, via email. Our next monthly dinner meeting will be in August. Happy Summer to All!

Ciao,

Branch 352

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Branch 432's dinner and business meeting for April turned out to be a very entertaining as well as informative evening. Starting with a Mexican buffet, what else would you expect with Cinco de Mayo just around the corner? Good planning by Judee and Jay or did they just fall into it? Let's opt for good planning. In any event, it was a great meal enjoyed by all.

Continuing along with the "south of the border" theme, Mary Lou Klovee, ICF historian for the evening, gave a heritage talk on her family, who are from Mexico, and their "coming to America" story. It was a spirited presentation, if not great and supports the ICF's current views on diversity of heritage

in their membership. Well done Mary Lou, both as a timely and informative presentation.

This year's ICF convention is being held in San Diego, CA. Representing Branch 432 will be our President, Deacon John, with his wife Linda. The Kortuems have ties to the San Diego area and this will be a wonderful opportunity for them to cut up old touches as well as put the best foot forward for our Branch.

Looking ahead to our next event, the annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, it will be the biggest awards presentation ever for the Branch, both in concert with the Knights of Columbus or as an individual sponsor. Nine scholarships will be awarded, five College and four High School. Raising the ante to take the awards to another level was made possible by an anonymous donation of \$1,000 and the potential of the Catholic Daughters of America donating \$1,000 to the scholarship fund.

And, finally, lest we forget, we would like to welcome Angie Davis as our guest for the evening. Let's hope Angie liked what she saw and heard and we can look forward to her future participation.

Accept responsibility for your life. It is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

First of all, in case you have not heard, our dear associate pastor Father Vince Cotter will retire this summer. It has been a lot of fun having him with us and we wish him all the best. We will surely miss him. But at the same time, we could not be happier with the announcement that Deacon Mario Rizzo has been assigned to our parish after his ordination this May. Many in the branch, district, and throughout ICF already know him from his participation in the conventions, leading workshops, attending Bishop's Day and other ICF activities. So, he will be a perfect fit for us. Best wishes to him in his new assignment. Benvenuto!

Our May meeting had a "Cinco de Mayo" theme and as always our members demonstrated their culinary skills with wonderful rice and beans dishes, enchilada casseroles, dips, and other Mexican inspired dishes. A wonderful fiesta indeed. And in honor of mothers Nancy Santos, heritage chair, gave us a most interesting history of Mother's Day. Of course, we also handled branch business, although, I believe most were paying more attention to the baseball scores. Giants were playing that day. We were honored to have our co-mentors Maria Catanese Helburg and David Botta join us and preside over the new member installation.

"La primavera" went by so fast. So happy "estate". Ours is already getting busy. Our June meeting is scheduled for the 23rd and it will be offsite to start enjoying the wonderful weather. Like the other branches people

are making plans to attend the upcoming convention. So off to a good start. Look for your e-vites and mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss the meetings. It's so much fun when we get to see each other.

Ci vediamo presto!

Eileen McGauran

Orange
Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Vice-President Kellie DeLeo headed the April meeting in President Donna Stahl's absence. We had a delicious meal of eggplant parmigiana with spaghetti, penne pasta with chicken and artichokes in a pink sauce, salads, bread, and dessert. Karen Cova organized the dinner.

Joann Jordan read the heritage report about eggplant. Eggplants come in many varieties, sizes, and colors. Did you know that eggplants are considered a fruit and not a vegetable? Eggplants are in the nightshade family. They are very versatile-it can be fried, baked, pickled, or made into a caponata.

The recipient of the Book Award will be announced at the June meeting. The recipient will receive an invitation to the meeting to accept the award.

A special milestone birthday was celebrated for our youngest "member," Hailey Gibson. She turns ten this year. Hailey has been a part of ICF since birth.

We had a fund raiser at California Pizza Kitchen on May 16 and 17th. A portion of the meals went to help fund the charitable organizations we support during the year, such as Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, and the Seminary Burse.

Next meeting will be on Friday, June 15. No dinner will be served. We will have our annual ice cream social. Please bring your favorite ice cream toppings. ICF will supply the ice cream.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

A good time was had by all at our last polenta and chicken dinner on Sunday, May 6th with a record 192 people in attendance. Thanks to all who supported our dinner event and worked so hard to make it happen. We also wished our amazing Chef Andrew a farewell as he heads for Hawaii. We will really miss him – he did an exceptional job preparing our dinners and handling any mishap in the kitchen. Aloha Andrew.

8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for May 23 and our Branch will be awarding two \$500 scholarships this year. One scholarship is made possible by donation from Lee and Shirley Pasquini Bennett in memory of Leda Pasquini, a longtime member of our Branch and a second from our branch dinner proceeds. At this writing, decisions haven't been made yet, so look for the winners in the next article.

Congratulations to our First Year Scholarship winners Joseph Courey (Jesuit HS) and Desmond Dumonchelle (Christian Bros. HS). Both are members of the branch and we look forward to following their college paths in the future.

Welcome new members who signed up at the May dinner: Beverly and George Hoover, Julie and Southern, Donald Pasquini, Lindsay De Fazio and daughter, Lindsey McCarthy.



Branch 45 says goodbye to Chef Andrew as he heads to Hawaii. Chef Andrew, Br. Pres., Janine Orsi and 1st Vice, Tina Tallman. Aloha Andrew.

We look forward to your participation in the branch.

Happy June Birthday to the following members: Lisa Bandaccari and Ellie Ielati.

*Ciao,
Janine*

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

We hope you will be able to join us for our annual members picnic which will take place on Sunday, July 22nd at ARD Park in Auburn. It is always a great afternoon filled with games, bingo, and lots of great food. The call committee will be contacting you soon to see what you would like to contribute to the potluck lunch.

A big thank you to all those who helped with setup, clean up, and cooking for our Member Appreciation Dinner that took place in June. It was so nice to get together and honor a member who has worked so hard for our branch this past year and announce our scholarship winners for this year. (Names will be published in the next Bolletino).

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Our branch presented Terry Coats a check from the proceeds from the St. Joseph's table for the Funeral Ministry. Terry gave us a very informative talk. He explained how the Ministry takes care of the family's that have lost their love ones.

The month of April was a very busy month for us. We had our St. Joseph Table, the fish dinner and last we had our Gathering Inn Dinner. Some of our devoted members worked very hard for 57 needy people. They cooked a very delicious meal consisting of ham, roasted vegetables, desserts and beverages. These needy people spent the night. They were so very grateful to have a decent meal and a decent place to sleep. A big thank you to the members that made this possible.

Please pray for all our sick members including our past President Joe Fisher. Get better soon.

I hope all the Fathers enjoy there day with their children. Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's and Grandfathers.

*Your Reporter,
Yvonne Perry*

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

ICF 230 celebrated its 50th Anniversary on April 14, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Little Italy. The event was a semi-formal affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all

in attendance. Guests were treated by eye catching black and gold-themed decorations, a fantastic cocktail reception, delicious catered 5-course meal with appetizers and desert, elegantly presented raffle prizes, and a live musical performance by the Oscar Arias Musical Group, all of which inspired guests young and old alike to take to the dance floor late in the evening. Music featured hits from the Great American song book, Italian and Latin favorites, rock and roll, and some oldies but goodies as well.

Other highlights of the evening included Central Council members Lou and Patricia Mages' presentation of a beautiful 50th Anniversary certificate and banner attachment and oldest ICF 230 member Jack Zolezzi heating up the dance floor. The night was truly one to be remembered as new and longtime members alike joined together in proud tribute to such a worthwhile organization and all of the causes and charities it supports along with its home parish community at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Looking ahead to May, ICF 230 doesn't slow down a bit with the hosting of its annual Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for ICF scholarship. Also up ahead is OLR's ICF Recognition Day. Additionally, the branch is looking forward to Italian Catholic Week at OLR and Little Italy's Italian Week at the end of the month and beginning of June. And finally, ICF 230's sights are firmly set on this year's annual Convention to be hosted in San Diego. Big events surrounding the convention will be a great draw to all ICF members and those interested in attending should make their reservations right away. Attractions include a Thursday Night Gala REMEMBERING FRANK SINATRA "The Man and His Music" featuring Highly Acclaimed Award Winning Jazz Vocalist/Recording Artist/Composer/Artistic Director and her incredible band at St Therese Social Center. Dinner will be catered by award-winning Rovino+Rotisserie+Wine Restaurant transportation to and from provided by the San Diego Trolley Company. Additionally, two magnificent tours will be available, again shuttled by SDTC – one to Little Italy and Coronado Island and the other to San Diego de Alcalá mission church, the Fr. Junipero Serra Mission Museum, and Old Town. Thanks be to God for all of the wonderful opportunities to display ICF values of faith, family, and heritage here in America's Finest City.

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

Hi All,

We had a sandwich sale last month and we were successful. Thanks to all who helped.

Spring is here and summer is here soon so enjoy the sun.

Please keep in your prayers our members who are not well and need our prayers.

Peace,

Robin Fielding

Spring Valley

Santa Sophia, Br. 416

As we approach summer things are heating up. We held a going away party for our South Korean member Minh. We really will miss him as he was a big help during our different functions. We gave him an Italian hat, an ICF name badge, and an Italian flag lapel pin. He said that he will let us know when he is ready to open a Branch in South Korea and then we can all plan on going over there and helping him get started. He really is a wonderful young man and we wish him the very best. We are also welcoming to our Brand the Clark Family. We have been after them to join for over a year and our persistence finally paid



Congratulations to Branch 230 for celebrating 50 years!

off. Mike, Nira and their daughters Jane and Sara are joining us just in time to help with the upcoming convention. Lots of plans being made so we hope to see a lot of you here in San Diego for the grand event. In the meantime, keep smiling and God Bless.

Tim

San Francisco

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Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note the following events:

July 11 -- Spuntino & Raffle, 6:00pm. Cost \$20.00. Chairperson Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a raffle prize.

Recently, our Branch President Victor Arnaudo who is the San Francisco District Mentor was proud to present the Mentor of the Year Award to George Pagni, mentor to Branch 38, Sts. Peter and Paul.

Happy Father's Day to all Branch 1 Fathers!

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

At our branch's last meeting on April 21 we had only six members attending. That may seem like a low number, but our very loyal "6" are full of pep and energy! The meetings always end up entertaining...lots of good conversation!

We voted on having our annual "No Bake Sale". Unfortunately, our bank balance is slowly dwindling down during the past few years. It is very important at this time to raise funds in order to avoid bank service charges. We hate using up our hard earned money in this way. Our membership is way to small to have fundraisers such as: dinners, meeting lunches, raffles...we end up spending more than we earn! Members, when you receive the "No Bake Sale" notice...please, don't ignore this notice. Your and my Br. #38 really needs help...any amount will be appreciated! Our branch has annual obligations, which we do like and want to honor. If you have already



sent an offering, Grazie tanto for responding so quickly!

At our April meeting our acting 1st VP and Heritage Lady, Maria Gloria reported Swiss Nestle is selling its U.S. confectionery business to the Italian chocolate maker Ferrero. It will make Ferrero the 3rd largest company in the world! Ferrero & Nestle have amazing ideas for future expansions...very interesting topic! Maria, thank you for your well researched stories, and for...all the candy you gave us...Ferrero Rocher...what else!

Fr. Al, our dear Chaplin, we want to thank you for attending our meetings and sticking by us and our branch...your presence, support and your words of encouragement truly mean a lot to us faithful attendees.

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY to all the ICF Fathers, Grand..., God..., and Uncles, too!

Ci Vediamo il 9 di giugno...at 12:00 noon...in the PC!

Ciao!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our last meeting was held May 2nd !

Our President Joseph Figone presiding, with all officers in attendance. Our vice President Louie Massanti, was kind to lead us in our opening prayer as Our Pastor Father Ken Westray was to arrive later in the evening.

As this was our last meeting for a few months, a discussion was held regarding the upcoming Convention in San Diego on August 29th. Our representative is tentative, and will be decided in the near future.

A report was made of the Mass held for our deceased member, Rena Molinari. We were sorry to hear that our dear member Rina Figone was ill, and we all united in sending our wishes to her for the speediest of recoveries.

We were happy to have Mimi Ysturiz and Bob O'Donnell in attendance, back from their annual Hawaiian trip, and we thank them for contributing boxes of Hawaiian candy for our monthly raffle.

Father Ken joined us at the end of our meeting and led us in our closing prayer, including a special blessing for those who are no longer with us. At the close of the meeting we all settled down to enjoy a scrumptious meal including, chicken and risotto !

With the summer almost upon us, all of us in

Branch 50 wish every member of the Italian Catholic Federation a blessed, happy and safe summer.

*Until we meet again,
Anstell*

**San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258**

On May 7th we took a trip to Thunder Valley hoping to win a big pot.

On July 13th, Friday, we will have our annul potluck lunch. Save the date and more information will come.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to all of our members who have a birthday in June. Many more years of much Happiness and Good Health.

We hope all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers had a Happy Mother’s Day.

Remember the following dates:

June 24th - Mass

June 25th - Meeting

*Ciao,
Eva Perata, President*

**San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

A warm welcome to our new members. Our first “family” membership is Theresa Markham and her two Children, Delali and Selorm.

Our other new member is Sian Hollands. She is Dr.Carol Braga’s niece.

Treasurer Joe tells me that there are still some members out there who have not paid their dues. You know who you are. Seriously, if you don’t wish to continue as a member, please let Joe know and he won’t pester you anymore. 414-564-7254.

As I write this report, Branch 365 is busy with our Garage Sale. THINK POSITIVE and it will be a success.

Dates to remember.

June 13th regular meeting, 6:30, followed by Mothers and Fathers Day Spuntino, hosted by the branch.

July . . .NO MEETING

August 8 -- Regular meeting

September 12 -- Regular meeting

October 10th -- Potluck dinner and raffle 6:30

Nov 14th -- 6:30, Regular meeting.

Please pray for our sick members

*God Bless
Ann Basuino*

**San Mateo
South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

Passa una buona estate South City!

Summer is here and we are on vacation. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1. However, we would love to share some upcoming events so you can mark your calendars.

The San Mateo District Mass is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th at our sister Branch 213 in South City, St. Augustine. Mass is at 4:30pm followed by refreshments. Given how close we all live to St. Augustine, let’s try to have a big turnout.

This year Chaplains Night is also in South City on Friday, November 9th at the SSF Elk’s. Please mark your calendars, as again we



The City of South San Francisco presented Branch 7’s Eyda Giachetti with a proclamation in honor of her 101st birthday.

should have a big turnout given the location.

At the May meeting our Branch selected Diana Ferrari and Donna Smith to represent us at the ICF Convention in San Diego this September. To help alleviate our delegates’ travel costs, please purchase the raffle tickets you should have now received. We keep half the proceeds of the ticket sales.

The May meeting also brought together so many of our members and special guests. Eyda Giachetti and her family attended and the City of SSF presented her with a proclamation in honor of her 101st birthday. It was also great to see so many SSF and ICF supporters like former SSF Mayor John Penna, former SSFUSD Trustee Laurie Masetti, former Branch 7 Treasurer, Barbara Demattei and former ICF Central Office staff member, Millie Franzoni.

See you in August!

*Ciao,
FHR*

**Colma
San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19**

Hello Everyone,

Happy Spring and a joyous Easter to all. First THANK YOU to all who helped with Soup Night, Pedro Tournament, Baccalaureate Mass and the Chicken Dinner.

Coming Activities:

Monday, June 11: Scholarship recipients dinner. Reservations to Cheryl Simon (650)755-0878 or email cas94015@yahoo.com by June 7th.

Saturday, June 30: Champagne Bingo – Opens at 1:30 p.m., lunch at 2:30 with bingo following. Chicken, pasta, champagne and one bingo card -\$16.00. Reservations call Debbie Rondoni (650) 583-0805. No one under 21 allowed.

There will be no meetings in July.

Our 7th Annual Garage Sale will soon be coming. Please check out your closets and garages for items. We need your help to make it a successful event.

2018 Raffle Tickets - \$20 per book and the Branch keeps \$10 per book. Mail your check and ticket stubs to: payment to: Donna Barnes, 183 Santa Paula Drive

Daly City CA 94015 (650) 991-0178

Please remember two long time members, Julia Padreddii , Mary Aguilar and more recent member Ruth Lapachet. The families are in our thoughts and prayers.

N. Thurman

**Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173**

We just had our May dinner and meeting on 5-10-18 and enjoyed a delicious dinner to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Thanks to Brenda Wemiz for making the arrangements. The food was from La Tapitia Mexicantessen in So. San Francisco.

We are happy to report that Brenda will be one of the delegates representing our branch at the at the convention. Our President Mary Ann Camacho is our other delegate. Our branch is in the midst of sending in all the various paperwork for the convention along with selling raffle tickets where the branch keeps a portion of the ticket sales.

Our June 14 meeting will be a potluck and please call Roz Emery at 408-807-6982 to advise your choice to add to our dinner.

Our ravioli dinner will be held on Sunday, June 24th - No-Host Cocktails 4:00PM / Dinner 5:00 PM OLA Gym Adults: \$25.00 \$5.00 children 12 and under. Please contact Dorene Campanile by June 18, 2018. If any member has items to contribute to our raffle, please let Dorene know.

We are happy to hear some of our sick members are doing much better and will still be in our prayers. Members and family are: Carl and Lorraine Rollandi, Larry Cavagnaro, John Watterson, Jean’s daughter Jeannine, Linda Mustachia, and Connie, John and Dorene’s daughter.

*God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery*

**South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Our May meeting was hosted by Joe Flores and as always a wonderful dinner prepared by Boston Market. Joe has been providing this special treat for all our members for the past several years and we all thank him so much for providing this dinner prior to our monthly meeting.

Happy Birthday celebrations for June birthday members AND many more.

To all our members, remember, we will be hosting the Semi-Annual district mass on June 16th at 4:40 pm. You have been asked by Jackie Smith-chairperson- to help provide refreshments following the mass. If you can not attend please notify her. Lets have this a 100% turnout for our Branch.

Don’t forget to check your Hotline for other activities taking place in our District. Support other Branches with their activities and stay up with what is going on in ICF.

We will be reviewing at this months meeting for our plans for the ICF Convention in Sept. IF you are interested in going please notify Barbara before the deadline. This year’s event is taking place in San Diego, should be lots of fun, join in and take part in the future of ICF.

Please notify Jackie Smith if you know of anyone who is ill so we can send them a card to let them know we are thinking of them and have them in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Till next month,
*Ciao,
Joyce*

**San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327**

A big thank you to Christine King and Rose Beall for the meatball and spaghetti dinner for our April meeting.

It was a delicious dinner enjoyed by all.

A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to John Johnson

who celebrates birthday #101 on June 20th!!!

Please remember to either buy or sell your annual raffle tickets. The book sells for \$20.00 and the branch gets to keep \$10.00 of each book sold. The winners are drawn at the September ICF convention. Purchased tickets (stubs and money) can be sent to Marie DeRosa, 856 Bauer Drive, San Carlos 94070. Unsold tickets can also be returned to Marie so another member can either sell or buy those tickets. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, June 1; Saturday, June 2 - Branch 19, Garage sale, 300 - 2nd Avenue, Daly City

Saturday, June 16 - Branch 213, District Mass, St. Augustine’s Church, SSF, 4:30pm, refreshments to follow.

Sunday, June 24 - Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Ravioli dinner, 4pm cocktails, 5pm dinner, \$25.00

Saturday, June 30 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, Champagne Bingo, chicken/pasta lunch at 2pm, 1 bingo card, \$16.00

Saturday, September 22 - Branch 327, District Mass, St. Charles Church, San Carlos, 5:00pm, refreshments

Friday, November 9 - Branch 213, Chaplains Night, South San Francisco Elks, details to come

Happy Father’s Day to all our wonderful dads!
Ciao, Virginia Malaspina

**Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

Our annual fundraiser Spaghetti & Meatball dinner will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018, in the Parish Hall with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include antipasto, salad, spaghetti/meatballs, dessert and wine for \$25 per person, all prepared by our friends from the Millbrae Lions Club.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2018 will be our monthly meeting, which will be a Social nite beginning at 7:00PM with refreshments and dessert served.

June 16, 2018 is our District Mass at St. Augustine in So. San Francisco at 4:30PM. There is no meeting in the month of July. but we wish all a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Rose Marie Morando

**Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161**

Cari Amici e Soci,

We were very pleased and excited to celebrate four (4) scholarship recipients at our May Mass and Spuntino on the 15th. The recipients come from 3 local high schools: Gabriela-Genevieve Buddie and Thomas Geloso from Redwood High School, and Charles Steven

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(Above) Branch 28: Installation of new members (left to right): Janice and Douglas Buessing; Arnold Togliatti; Michael Silveira; Mary Vaughan; Elaine Burce; Gary Burce, not pictured.

(Left) Branch 28: Russell and Terry Wolfe ICF members since April 2002.

Pray for Larry Marsalli and our Mentor Elaine Osorio who are on the sick lists.

Happy Father's Day to all dads.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo



Gallagher from Sir Francis Drake High School. One of our scholarships is in honor of longtime ICF member, Florence Falvey, the recipient is Toulfa Falvey from Marin Catholic. Congratulations to all the ICF Scholars!

We have two events happening in June: the first on Sunday, June 10 in Healy Hall, a spaghetti feed in honor of Father's Day the following Sunday; and on Tuesday, June 19, our last ICF meeting before the summer break. This will be a potluck.

Please RSVP to Anna Biggio at sonoioann@gmail.com for these events.

Wishing everyone with a graduation, birthday or anniversary a happy and safe celebration!

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

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers living or deceased.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

It was sad that the Dean Martin Dinner/Show had to be cancel for this year. We will try again next year.

Come one come all to the next Dinner/Meeting on June 28, 2018. Menu-BBQ Baby Back Ribs with all the trimmings. Cost: \$10.00.

Please note that no Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for July.

The District Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara is on June 24, 2018 at 11:00AM with lunch to follow at Michael's Shoreline. Reservation for luncheon – see Mary Ann Ruiz.

District Meeting is schedule for Br. 5 on July 9, 2018 in the North Hall at St. Clare. The time is 7:00PM. Help is needed to prepare the hall and refreshments.

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

At our April 16th dinner meeting members enjoyed a meal of baked chicken and pesto pasta prepared by Teri Fortino and family. Teri is a relatively new member who joined Branch 28 in January of 2017 and immediately stepped in with family and crew to serve this wonderful meal for the second year running. Thank you Teri, family and crew.

Seven new members were installed at the April 16th dinner meeting which brings our current membership to 181 members. Welcome and thank you to all new members.

Our Branch 28 summer picnic is scheduled for July 14th at Las Animas Park in Gilroy. A great way for members to interact in a leisurely setting. Please mark your calendar. More information will be forthcoming. Also Branch 28 is looking for more volunteers for the Gilroy Garlic Festival that is scheduled for July 27, 28 and 29. If interested contact Branch 28 President Gennaro Filice.

Branch 28 will be hosting a "Friendship Sunday" on June 17th at St. Mary Church in Gilroy at morning masses to promote and explain the mission of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation. Final details are being ironed out, but if you are interested in participating contact Board Recording Secretary Diana Berry.

The annual Italian Catholic Federation Convention is coming up on August 31 thru September 3, 2018 in San Diego California. Raffle tickets have been sent to Branch 28 members to help support this event. All raffle ticket stubs and money must be return to Kim Filice no later than July 30, 2018. Your support and participation is very much appreciated.

Next dinner meeting is Monday – June 18th at Cullen Hall. Pat and Louie Cordich are organizing the cooking and a dessert committee will be providing homemade chocolate desserts. Something to look forward to. Hope to see you there.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice



The Antonowicz Family, busy and enjoying the District Luau.



Denise Antonowicz and Bob Basuino at the District Luau, benefiting the Seminarian Fund.



Terry Brown and Ron Zapalow named Queen and King of the Luau.

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

The 2018 Convention, "Our Mission of Faith", will take place Aug. 30 through Sept. 3 in San Diego. Marie Antonowicz and Barbara White will be our Delegates, with Donna Pfaff and Michelle Antonowicz as Alternates. Look for the yellow raffle tickets in the mail. These will be drawn at the Convention. Fill out those stubs and send them with your check to Donna Pfaff by July 1.

As a result of our fundraisers, we are able to award three First Year Scholarships to graduating high school Seniors. The recipients are Madeline Daisy Elliott of Leland High, Michael Montrezza of Leigh High and Bradley C. Plecque of Lincoln High. The Antonowicz Family has their own Scholarship Fund, and awarded two First Year prizes to Michael Alloggiamento of Bellarmine and Madison Orradre of St. Francis High in Watsonville. Congratulations and best wishes to all these students.

Don't miss the Outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara on June 24 at 11 A.M. In times such as these, we need special prayers for peace.

Do post Aug. 5 on your calendar for the District Mass and BBQ at the Circle Area in Vasona Park. Last year's event was spectacular, come see for yourself and enjoy a beautiful day with friends and family.

It was good to have Maria Greco, our Mentor, at our meeting, looking and feeling better. Thank you Maria for your helpful words.

Our next meeting will be June 14 at 7 P.M. in the Teacher's Lounge. Until then, please keep all members in prayer, and special Blessings to all Dads and Grads! Be safe!

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Everything is going well in our branch with the taking care of Convention Award Candidate, donation to favorite charities, updating the Church Calendar, getting the Bocce Courts groomed and maintained for future activities, submitting our ICF 1st year scholarship donation plus 2 scholarships for Saint Frances Cabrini students graduating and entering a Catholic High school, attending Officer Board Meetings, General Meetings, District Meetings, other branch and district functions, helping the homeless with church food programs and Village House ministries. I think I forgot something!!!

It is said that "busy people are happy people." So I have to leave you and go be happy.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

"Knock, knock!"

"Who's there?"

"Wuja!"

"Wuja who?"

"Wouldja like to come to our ICF pasta dinner?"

At the end of Mass on April 21, this joke is the way Noreen Gillio announced our pasta dinner and encouraged our parishioners to attend our fundraiser on May 12. John and Noreen Gillio have delivered many clever skits over the years, even playing George Burns and Gracie Allen, to invite the people at Mass to support our ICF activities. John is currently our branch president, as he has been, off and on, for many years. Noreen has been our president, too. Both John and Noreen have served, and continue to serve, our branch and our parish in countless ways. Thank you so much, you dear, dear people!

Hams and yams: the menu for our April meeting. Our thanks go to Mike and Maureen Curulla, Paul and Jacque Butler, Rose Noack, and Robin Hayr for the delicious dinner and



San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Branch 391 at its Third Annual “Wine Down with the ICF. See here are Susan Busco and Son Tony Busco, a former recipient of an ICF Scholarship.



San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Branch 391 at its Third Annual “Wine Down with the ICF. Cathy and Joe De Maria with Bertha Valenzuela and Vicki Seelig representing Fortino Winery.

spring-themed event. Our May 9 meeting celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican menu, thanks to Noelia Chiona, Patty Capps, and Joyce Robba. We also appreciate Mary Ridi, our first vice president, who so ably conducted our May meeting. Thank you, Mary!

We look forward to our June 13 meeting at the bocce ball picnic area, to the June 20 bus trip, and to our District Mass on June 24 at Our Lady of Peace parish. See you all there!

Blessings to all for a beautiful June!

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

During our May meeting, our opening prayer was given by Sister Jane Garrison. President Mike Rossi and members thanked Jessie Romero and her Holy Rollers for the delicious enchilada dinner enjoyed and appreciated by all!

Our third annual “Wine Down with the ICF” was a tremendous success thanks to Chairperson Susan Busco and her team. There was a wonderful variety of wines and appetizers. Thank you to all participating members who helped make this an enjoyable evening. There was a 10% increase in attendance from last year’s successful event!

Louise Vento’s monthly heritage report included the history of the Carlino Family, the local family that has “fed the South Bay for 80 years—from the Garden Spot and Time Deli to the popular Sam’s Bar-B-Que.”

Congratulations to our Mike Rossi on his “Acceptance as a Member in the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem” in honor of his humanitarian work. We are so proud of you

The following elected delegates will be representing Branch 391 at the ICF Convention in San Diego during Labor Day Weekend: Diana Vallorz, Lynda Vallorz, and Louise Vento. Mike Rossi will also be attending. Steve Lencioni and Sandy Williams will serve as our alternate delegates.



San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Branch 391 at its Third Annual “Wine Down with the ICF. Seen here are Donna Rossi, Mike Rossi, and Louise Vento.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 June Dinner Meeting—June 5, 2018 at 6:30p.m.—bring your wedding photos; Quarterly Mass and Communion—June 17 at 8:30 am Mass.

Wishing all our Dads a Happy Father’s Day!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Fr. Noel’s Going Away Party was a big Success. ICF Branch 408 helped to host our Parish Going-away Party for Fr. Noel 20th of May after the 1130 AM Mass.

Al Chanteloupe presented a check for \$2000.00 to the Ressurection School 5th Grade Class President for their upcoming Week Long Science Camp next Fall. He presented this check after the School Mass on 4th May. This check represented the Proceeds of our Spring 2018 ICF PASTA Dinner Fundraiser.

Remember the Santa Clara Valley District (SCVD) Outdoor Mass is coming up June 24th @ 11 AM @ our Lady of Peace under the statue of Our Lady on the hill. Please try to make this Mass, if not the Luncheon. Please mark your calendars.

Our upcoming June ICF Blood Drive will be held Saturday 30 June 2018 from 8AM-1PM in the Farana Center. Please consider donating this Gift of Life.

Please pray for our sick members – especially for Richard DeFrancisci, Edith Novak, and Betty Deville.

Morgan Hill

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

Our annual Pasta Fundraiser was a great success with more than 160 members and guests in attendance. A special thanks to George Guglielmo and crew for the pasta,



Branch 408 presented a check to help the school pay for science camp.

sausage, salad and garlic bread, and to Alex Gallego for the wonderful sauce. Wine was donated by Guglielmo Winery, Morgan Hill Cellars and the Della Maggiore family (all ICF members). We had some excellent raffle prizes that helped boost our bottom line. In all, we were able to increase our contributions for St. Catherine’s Church Renewal, support for our seminarians, and scholarships for our high school seniors for college. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we all made some new friends (and maybe future ICF members).

This May is very special for Br. 435. We are hosting the Santa Clara Valley District meeting on Monday, May 14th. The District board members and other local members will enjoy a delicious dinner at Maurizio’s Italian Restaurant in Morgan Hill (Maurizio is a Br. #435 member) and then come to St. Catherine’s for coffee and dessert and the monthly meeting. It’s always nice to see what the other branches are doing and meet up with old friends.

On May 17th Br. 435 will be celebrating our 10th anniversary with a special dinner prepared by Maurizio and other ICF members. Many of our past presidents will be recognized and honored for their service including our current Grand President, Andy Pappani. We have several new members and some returning members so this will be a good opportunity to get to know each other and renew old acquaintances. Several of our members are not in good health. Please remember all in your prayers.

God Bless!

San Jose

Church Of The Transfiguration, Br. 445

ICF Branch 445, is going to host their version of the TV hit game show “The Price Is Right” sometime in July! Naturally, the prizes won’t be as expensive as the TV version but, the fun will be!

Jim Falcone gave a lengthy description of how this major fundraiser, approved by Fr. Tito, would unfold. It will be open to the parish but, needs the involvement of our members to pull it off. Jim explained the hall set-up, type of prizes, need for volunteers to solicit gifts, ticket sales, stage managers, dinner, bar, etc. The parish Social Committee has already indicated their support and will help with the dinner. Jim explained the plan to the entire membership at our General Meeting and has already begun to form committees for the various items needed. Jim noted that his main emphasis is for everyone to have a fun evening. All net profits will go to the parish. Hopefully, fun events such as this, will help to attract new ICF members.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola

Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa

District Council

Greetings from the vineyard farmhouse! The vines are growing at a fast pace, birds are chirping and the days are beautiful. God’s nature is wonderful!

We had a great workshop on June 3rd. Many thanks to Bob Acquistapace, David Botta, chairperson Lauren and me for doing the presentations. Thanks, also, to Healdsburg #52 for hosting us that day. Good job!

The next district meeting is on Sunday, August 19 at #75, Cloverdale. Please call MJ Dell’Aguilla (707-894-7896) to give a number attending from your branch.

The next big event is the Day of Recollection on Sunday, August 26 at St. Eugene’s Parish Center. Information has been sent out to the branches. Please inform your members.

Branches need to elect their delegates to the Convention which this year is in beautiful San Diego. The Convention Committee is planning an interesting and exciting event.

Please try to attend other branches’ events. Let’s support one another.

At this point, our house is steadily going up with much of the framing completed.

Peace and love to all. Comfort and support each other always.

CK

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Our Mother’s Day Dinner was a lot of fun. We honored our Mothers over 80 and our 8th grade and high school scholarship winners. Fred and Richard Passalacqua and Teri Rollieri cooked an excellent meal.

Our Painting Party on May 12 found us channeling our inner Monet’s and creating our own masterpieces of the Fountaingrove Round Barn.

Upcoming Events:

June 12: Father’s Day Dinner and Meeting. 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. In addition to a delicious dinner honoring our Fathers, we will vote on our Convention delegates and Rick Norman will give the branch financial report. Price: \$10.00 for adults, Children: \$5.00. Fathers over 80 are complimentary. Please call Mary Madden for reservations: 431-0438

July 1: Pizza with the Padre and Karl and Nancy Seppi’s house. Come an enjoy pizza from the brick pizza oven, plus other delicious food and plenty of wine! Price: \$85.00 per person which includes a t-shirt (if reserved by June 8). For reservations, please call Nancy Seppi at 433-4708 or Lauren Kilcullen at 433-1210.

Looking ahead – our Golf Tournament will be on October 7 at Healdsburg Golf Course - Tayman Park. Mark your calendars! More details in the coming months.

Happy Father’s Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

St. Peter, Br. 75

We are grateful for the generosity of our Cloverdale Branch! Our group voted to donate money to Catholic Charities, the Missionary Sisters who work in our parish, and a monthly donation to the newly-formed St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. This doesn’t include our donation to the ICF Scholarship Fund. We are blessed!

Our upcoming events:

May 13: Bubbles & Bruch at Fritz Winery for \$15. It is open to anyone and everyone!



St. Rose, Branch 18, recently celebrated its 90th anniversary. It was a lovely day for all those who attended the celebration.

May 17: Our last meeting before the summer break. We will celebrate both Mother's Day and Father's Day with a wonderful dinner.

May 31: We will take the Smart Train ride to San Rafael for lunch, walk around a bit and return home.

June 10: Wine & Food Pairing with Pedroncelli Winery. There will only be sold 50 tickets for this event at \$20 per ticket. If anyone is interested, call soon. We anticipate tickets will go quickly.

September 22: Dinner in the Vineyard. This will, hopefully, be the first of many. St Peter's has a Vineyard right behind the Church and hall. We plan to serve a wonderful dinner and have music outside in the vineyard. More about this later.

Please pray for our long-time member, Sal Casciaro, who is sick.

Blessings on all of our ICF Mothers and Fathers, living and deceased!

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br.103

Cinco de Sonoma!! Excellent Mexican food and side dishes offered to all who attended our dinner meeting on May 8th, not to mention our favorite bartender Tom Wurst busy preparing Margaritas in the kitchen. At least 35 diners and guests attended adding to the constant revelry at 2 of the tables.

The month of May brings a variety of celebrations, including Mother's Day on May 13th and Memorial day weekend.

For those of you who purchased the I.C.F. Daily Raffle Calendar take a minute to choose the recipes offered every month and surprise Mom on May 13th!

After May comes June and what a great month for a delicious Fundraising dinner in Sonoma. Who could resist Spaghetti and meatballs, cooked to perfection by our very own Treasurer, Bill Scinto. You are all cordially invited to arrive by 6:00 p.m. for hosted cocktails before dinner and after dinner dessert? Nothing but the best..Rum Cake.



Make your reservations now with Lila. What a nite!! What a meal! Hopefully I will see other local branch members on June 30. How about it, Denise and Louise? Keep me company.

Ciao a tutti!

Marilyn Sylvestri

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I woke up this morning and thanked God for the beautiful day to wake up to. The sun was shining, my garden looks beautiful with all the red roses in bloom. Just a glorious day!

We had our Quarterly Communion/Mass followed by our St. Joseph's Table Dinner. Everyone who came had a wonderful evening. Our cooks did a great job, the food was delicious and everyone worked to make it a success. Thanks to all of you who helped in any way.

By the time you read this we will have had our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. We will be honoring our scholarship recipients at this dinner.. They are: Scholarship award in memory of Spence Burton goes to Lauren Volert; Scholarship award in memory of Judi Fomasi goes to Courtney Temple; and the Scholarship award in memory of Louis Vicino goes to Jenna Silacci. A report will be in the next Bollettino.

April was our Bakeless Bake Sale, and you can still send in your donation to Margaret Cordrey. The money is one of our fund raisers.

We will have had our Pizza/Bingo Nite by the time you read this so will give a report in the next Bollettino.

Monday June 11th - Regular meeting

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

During the month of April we celebrated our anniversary. We had a dinner catered by C & C Market. As usual it was quite delicious. Members enjoyed a tour of the church, with cocktails following until dinner was served. Everyone had a great time visiting and sharing wine. Thank you to all members who set up and cleaned up afterward.

On May 9th we had our scholarship pizza dinner to honor our selected students. This year we were able to award three one thousand dollar scholarships. The students were from Fortuna, Arcata, and McKinleyville high schools. Congratulations to you all for your outstanding achievements.

In May we had a very successful biscotti sale, in conjunction with the pancake breakfast. Thank you to everyone who baked the biscotti.

Next meeting will be June 6th. Please plan to attend.

Good Health to all,

Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Our branch has been pretty the last two months. In April we had our chicken cordon bleu and tortellini fundraising dinner. Then in May we celebrated our eight college scholarship winners and their families along with recognition of Mothers' Day. The scholarship funds were donated by seven of our members plus our branch. The delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner was prepared by Bill Scinto with the help of Bill and Linda Pisenti for 90 in attendance. Our June meeting includes a Father's Day potluck.

Pace,

Gene Zingarelli

Sebastopol

St. Sebastian, Br. 209

At our May meeting, we celebrated Mother's Day with a delicious lasagna dinner. We also welcomed to our dinner our 2018 scholarship recipients and their families: ICF Branch 209 member, Paisley Logan, Analy High School, Sebastopol, granddaughter of members Don & Loudean Becchetti. Paisley will be attending Occidental College in Los Angeles as an English major. Gianna Bianchi, Analy High School, will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, as an Ag Business major, and Jack Belli, El Molino High School, Forestville will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College - Electricians program. Member Madison White of Idaho, granddaughter of members Corbin & Geri Goin was not in attendance.

New member and past scholarship recipient, Becky Perkins was initiated into Branch #209, by Branch Mentor Linda Sherman. Welcome Becky!



Sunday, June 17th - Quarterly Communion Mass for living and deceased at St. Vincent's Church - 10:30 A.M. with Brunch to follow at Palms Grill. For reservations call Louise - 769-7389.

There is no meeting in July.

Get well wishes to Bruno Fomasi, Lillian Ward and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Hope that everyone had a lovely Mother's Day and let not forget Dad on Father's Day in June. We wouldn't have a Mother's Day if it wasn't for Father. So celebrate Dad with big hugs and kisses and let him know how much he is loved.

Remember to pray for our Servicemen, homeless and for our Country.

Also be kind to others, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao

Louise Vicino



Branch 198 celebrated its scholarship winners at a recent meeting.



Our branch chose Eugene & Sharon Vannetti as our delegates for this year’s Convention in San Diego.

Our St. Sebastian’s Parish organizations’ are working on fund raising ideas for the purchase of a new stove for the Parish Hall kitchen. Keep an eye out for more details to come.

Get well wishes to Colombina Albini and Candy Peters.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of past President, George Woodall who passed away in May.

Look for details and photos next month, from our May 20th Bocce Tournament.

Happy Father’s Day, to all the Dad’s and Nonno’s of our Branch #209 family.

Ciao,
Sharon Vannetti

Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very successful bake sale thanks to all who baked and helped sell after the masses. We sold out in time to make it to the District meeting at Presentation in Stockton.

We had a good turnout for our Mother’s Day Potluck, a lot of great food and an evening of visiting.. We had a short meeting after our dinner to remind members of our convention ticket sales and to pass on the information from the district meeting.

We will not have a meeting in July or August but are looking forward to the Stockton District Picnic in August.

President Mary Jennings is our delegate to the convention. We also have other members from our branch that will be going to the convention.

Congratulations to our three new members Steve Candelario, Rebecca Candelario and Rosalie Ruffino.

Congratulations two of our youngest members. Analisa Zamora who graduated with a Master’s degree in Public Health and Daniel Zamora who graduated from the eighth grade.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays June 3, 2018 and July 1, 2018 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Refreshments for the June 13, 2018 will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee.

Coming up:
June 3 Bishop’s Burse in Tracy
June 13 7:00 pm meeting 7th & K Street Hall
No meeting in July or August
Aug 19 District Picnic in Escalon
Cecelia McGhee

Stockton

St. Luke, Br. 138

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 138 held its second annual Texas Roadhouse Drive-thru



(Above) Linda Sherman initiating Branch 209 new member Becky Perkins.

(Left) Branch 209 scholarship recipients, Jack Belli, Paisley Logan, and Gianna Bianchi.

Dinner on April 23rd. Proceeds from the dinner will help #138 contribute to the Bishop’s Seminary Burse and provide scholarships for deserving students at St. Luke’s Catholic Elementary School.

On May 20, #138 will partner with students in the St. Luke’s School National Junior Honor Society to host a Pancake Breakfast to honor all veterans, both active duty and retired. Vets will eat FREE as a ‘thank you’ for their service to our country. This is the second event this year that #138 has partnered with our school for fundraising efforts. Corresponding Secretary Kathy Hall and Sentinel Chris Ketchen (pictured at left) worked at the St. Luke School’s annual Food, Beer, and Wine Stroll on April 14 serving flavored olive oils from the Coldani Family Orchards and focaccia from local restaurant, Gian’s Deli.

Plans for the upcoming convention in San Diego are underway. President Joe Curtis and Recording Secretary Danette Curtis and Angela Blasigh are planning to attend.

Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Now that our branch’s annual “All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner” is completed, it was found to be the most successful fund-raiser ever held by the ICF in Manteca. President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis and Chair Lori Pellegrino-Jackson thanked everyone who worked so hard on this event.

We now move on to our annual Branch Picnic and Bocce Tournament to be held at



the home of Sharon and Dino Cunial on June 10. It’s always a fun-filled event with barbecued steaks and lots of bocce.

At our recent b r a n c h meeting, the Heritage Committee had First Vice-president Attilio Mussi share some of the things he liked about Italy and its culture—in a few Italian words.

Our branch will be attending a Mass for our deceased members on June 9 at 5:00 pm in St. Anthony’s Church. We are planning another Mass in the Fall.

Our monthly Charity Award of a \$50 donation went to Hope Ministries in Manteca.

Two new members, Brenda Fernandez and Angela Ricketts, were welcomed into the branch.

To close our meeting, Chaplain Father Chris Varghese led us in a closing prayer and we all sang the Federation Anthem.

Ciao,



Mariano

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

May weather has been the greatest! We are enjoying a fabulous spring here in Tracy.

Bishop’s Day celebration, an annual fund-raiser for seminarians, with honoree, Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta celebrating Mass was held on Sunday June 3 in Tracy at Holy Family Center. Bishop Cotta received the Spiritual Bouquets and funds raised for advancing the education of future seminarians. Our thanks to Annette Elissagaray for her generosity and opening her home for the celebration after the Mass. Food was fabulous and all enjoyed the hospitality of Branch 390, who hosted this year’s event. It’s always great to hear that money continues to be raised for the young men who are dedicating their lives to serve the Catholic communities in our diocese.

May’s dinner meeting featured what has become an ‘annual’ Tour of Italy, featuring three different styles of Italian pastas! Everyone loved them! We think our events are great nights and attendance increases every month. April’s event served 187 people and made a profit of of over \$1,200 - with raffle tickets bringing in \$415 - again prizes are donated by our members and guests - we thank you all!

Our parish sent out a plea to all ministries to help fund a very large painting and repair project last month. Following the lead of ministries Our Lady of Fatima, Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Filipino organization and Our Lady of Guadalupe, ICF Branch 390 donated \$5,000 to the maintenance project. We thank our monthly dinner members and guests for making this donation possible. We could not have participated without your continued support of our dinners.

Don’t forget to look for yourself on our website: icfbranch390.org.

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

Buon estate!

Roger Roman, our Heritage chair, recently told our members to bring in a picture of their grandparents/nonni and to tell us a little about them. We heard some incredible stories of courage and determination. Surprisingly many of our ancestors had similar paths to the United States.

Early this month our branch attended the Bishop’s Burse with newly appointed Bishop Cotta. Our Stockton district had a great turn

out and the Tracy Branch hosted a wonderful event.

Our June meeting was scholarship night! We presented two first year scholarships this year. Our recipients were Emylia Rose De Luca and William Jacob Fry. We are so proud of these students and know they have a very bright future ahead.

We hope these summer events on your calendars, June 30-Italian Heritage Night at Stockton Ports Baseball and July 29-Festa Italiana at the Lodi Fairgrounds.

Alla prossima,
Mary Ann

Caption: caption: Our recent Stockton District meeting.

Caption: Branch 395, Heritage Night. Our nonni.

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

St. Luke’s Parish celebrated its annual Fiesta, as it does every year during the last weekend of April. The support given to the Fiesta by the Branch 326 was outstanding. Although few if any members actually worked in the Fiesta, their physical appearance of the majority of our active membership at the event showed the parish that the ICF can and does support the economy of St. Luke’s. The monthly bingo and bunco events are further proof that our Branch cares about it’s parish.

In June, we have birthdays to celebrate: Mary Ann Law; Cal Margo; Rose Marie Perfetto; Annette Tombrello; Chuck Hernandez and Tony Farinella. Also in June we have anniversaries to celebrate: Ann and Jack Baziak and Chuck and Lucy Hernandez.

June 24th, we will be heading down to San Manuel Casino for an opportunity to win a great sum of money. If you wish to be apart of when we break the bank, contact St. Luke’s ICF Branch.

Spiritual quote of the month: Prayer maybe the road to heaven, but faith opens the door.

Inspirational quote: How come waitresses get 15%, and God only gets 10%?

Tony Farinella
Branch 326 First Vice President