



BOLLETTINO



Welcome to San Diego!

Roselynn Jarrett
Convention Directors' Chairperson

Welcome to the 88th Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation!

Thank you for traveling to San Diego to represent your branch. San Diego is the birthplace of California and is home to the first Catholic Church built in the state: Mission San Diego de Alcala. Like the expansion of the California Missions, the ICF echos the message of celebrating faith, building communities and spreading the message of love.

I am encouraged that this convention weekend will provide many opportunities to emphasize the above message as we seek to further understand "Our Mission of Faith." The ICF was founded to help bring individuals closer to their faith. Our convention is the perfect forum to bring members together to network and grow -

to ensure we are motivated to continue spreading our mission.

I extend my appreciation to everyone who assisted in making this a successful convention: The San Diego District, led by President Christine Murphy; our office staff Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith; Bollettino Editor Michelle Feldman; and of course, the Convention Directors' Committee who will be executing the convention from beginning to end. Please join me in thanking the committee: Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, Denise Antonowicz, Lady Jody Balestrieri, Robert Basuino, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Steven Fuentes, James Jones, Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes Jr., Vincent Piro, Forrest Price



and Deborah Rodondi. Our Grand President, Andrew Pappani, assembled an excellent committee.

One final thank you goes out to you...our convention attendees. Volunteering your time to be the voice of your branch does not go unnoticed. The Central Council truly appreciates you coming to San Diego.

It is my hope that you return to your branch encouraged to continue the ICF's Mission of Faith.

Sempre Avanti!

Roselynn Jarrett

Convention Directors' Chairperson

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Andrew Pappani

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As Grand President, I welcome everyone to San Diego and to our 88th Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. It's like going to a big family reunion, to catch up on the past year of accomplishments and re-energize for the next year and beyond.



Our Central Council members and the San Diego District have worked very hard to provide an exciting and energetic Convention. I hope everybody has an opportunity to participate in as many of the activities, workshops and events as possible. It is also our hope that you will take back the same spark of energy from the Convention to your branches and districts to *Keep the Fire Burning*.

This year's Convention theme "Our Mission of Faith" is a perfect fit for the Italian Catholic Federation. Our mission is to help others who can't help themselves, help our Catholic parishes, and our seminarians to support them to become future Catholic priests. Our faith is what we believe in that keeps the driving force going in every one of us we believe in our Faith and Jesus Christ.

This is what keeps our organization so strong and the things we have accomplished. This would not be possible without you the members and the Central Council members, Committee Chairpersons the office staff Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith and Bollettino Editor Michelle Feldman are all key to our success. Thank you Monsignor Daniel Cardelli for all your inspiration and guidance for the membership and the Central Council.

Sid and I would like to thank all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation for all your warm smiles and hospitality in this past year and always. It is a great pleasure to be serving you as your Grand President.

Thought of Mind

"It is the soldier. Not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the

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Time to Say Goodbye...

Michelle Feldman
Bollettino Editor

It seems only fitting to be writing my farewell to all of you in August, for the Convention issue, since this is how it all started for me, 15 years ago.

I remember it like it was yesterday. Charlene called me on Monday, August 4, 2003, to come in for an interview for the editor position of the *Bollettino*. I had applied for the job back in May, and had figured the position was filled, so I was very surprised to find out the Italian Catholic Federation was still hiring for the position. I went for the interview with Mike Cannady, Keith

Wall and Harry Pacini on Wednesday, and on Thursday then Grand President Steve Fuentes called to offer me the job.

Now, 15 years and 163 issues of the *Bollettino* later, it is time for me to say goodbye.

Many of you may feel I should have said goodbye awhile ago, and that is your opinion, but for me, the timing wasn't right until now. This past year has presented a number of challenges in my life, and with that and the new direction the Central Council would like to move with the *Bollettino*, I decided it was time to move on.

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Production Manager Position

The Italian Catholic Federation is seeking a professional individual or firm to assist the organization in the capacity of a Production Manager, the position formerly known as the Bollettino Editor. Duties include publishing the monthly Bollettino, news releases and social media posts, as well as attending the annual convention and other meetings as required.

A Request for Proposal listed on the front page of the ICF Website www.icf.org contains more detailed information about the position. Proposals are being accepted by the ICF through September 21, 2018.



Gracie, 14 years old.



Nathan, 13 years old.

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Our Mission of Faith

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
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Jesus sent His disciples on a mission: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt.28:19-20)

All of us strive to love Jesus. We too are disciples. We share in the mission to spread the gospel. That makes us missionaries; to bring Jesus to people and to bring people to Jesus. Yes, we do this primarily by the way we live our lives. If we show by example that our relationship to Jesus is more important to us than anything else or person, others cannot help but be attracted to have Faith in Him. It is not so much what we say

that counts. It is the way we live our lives that enhances our Faith in Jesus.

What is this Faith that we share. Faith is believing in Jesus and what He revealed to us, not because it can be proved, but simply because He said so. This Faith is a great gift to us. It is indeed a gift, because like any gift it can be lost, it can be destroyed or it can grow and become more profound and precious.

Our Faith in Jesus can strengthen us in time of need, in time of loss, in time of troubles. We can also share it by giving it away. The more we give it away, the more we receive and enhance it! “Glorify the Lord by the way you live your life.” (Dismissal at the end of Mass)

During this convention we ask God to help us grow in our Faith. Make it more beautiful



and strong so that we can share it with others.

Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Cardelli
Spiritual Director

Italian Catholic Federation

Gifts of Love Program Ready for Fall 2018 Next Review of Applications Occurs in October

Teresa Helfand
Gifts of Love Chairperson

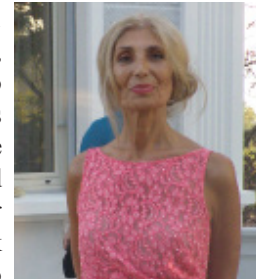
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are wishing everyone Greetings as we prepare for our 88th Annual Convention in San Diego. The theme of this year's Convention “Our Mission of Faith” is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. As of this writing, we have received \$601,392.26 in donations and granted awards of \$540,533.55 since the inception of the program. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist

individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or “tools” in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible.



The application form is available on the I.C.F. Web site (.www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the I.C.F. Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, e-mailed to the I.C.F. Office at info@icf.org or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the I.C.F. Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

UPCOMING: 2018 Bishops' Days:

Sept. 16	Santa Rosa
Sept. 30	Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 6	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 21	Blessed Sacrament
Oct. 28	Fresno
Oct. 31	San Bernardino
Nov. 4	San Diego
Nov. 11	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Dec. 2	Reno

Central Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT Saturday, June 9, 2018 Castro Valley, CA

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Grand President Andy Pappani.

Opening Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli.

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: Salute to the Flag was led by Grand President Andy Pappani. Grand President Andy Pappani led the ICF Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers and CC Members was taken.

Introductions: Grand President Andy Pappani welcomed guests from visiting branches.

Central Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes for February 24, 2018 were approved as written.

Communications: The communications were read.

Reports

Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

- Msgr. Cardelli is pleased and happy to see the growth of the ICF with the opening of the new branch and the new members listed in the Bollettino. He's also glad to see the number of young people in the photos in the Bollettino.

Grand President – Andy Pappani

- The Grand President listed the events he had attended and those he would be attending.

Grand Treasurer –Denise Antonowicz

- The budget is going well, and we are on track and are reporting a surplus. The dues money is coming in. Our office lease is up next year and we need to start looking for space.

Mentor Chairperson – Vince Piro

- Vince Piro gave a list of branches that are being assisted.
- Vince is working on the Virtual Branch. It should be started soon.

Committee Reports

Workshop – Lauren Kilcullen

- Lauren Kilcullen reported that the Santa Rosa District had a successful workshop on June 3. In addition to members from the Santa Rosa District, three members from the Novato branch attended the workshop.

- Please let Lauren know if other Districts are interested in having a workshop.

Ways and Means – Bob Basuino

- Golf Tournament: Leonard Rossi said the tournament is at Laguna Seca Golf Course on July 27. Eddie Leonard will be the chef for the dinner.

- 2019 Calendar: 11 months are set. So far, there are 114 date sponsors.

- Convention Bingo: The committee wants to make it more exciting. Players are needed.

- 95th Anniversary: In San Francisco, Sunday June 9, 2019. Mass: 11:45 AM Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul (Italian Mass). Lunch will be at the San Francisco Athletic Club. The price will be around \$55 per person.

- Convention cruise: This is not a fundraiser, it's a fun thing to do. The cruise

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Apostolate – Charity Committee

Lauren Kilcullen
Apostolate Committee Chairperson

charitable commitments all the branches have.

The committee judged the Apostolate–Charity Committee reports on August 11. The awards will be presented at the Convention and a full listing of the awardees will be in the October Bollettino. The committee is encouraged by the number of reports that were submitted and by all the apostolic and



For members attending the Convention, there are two workshops that focus on our Apostolic and Charitable endeavors – the Spiritual Workshop and the ICF Programs Workshop. I encourage delegates to plan on attending these workshops.

*Thank you,
Lauren Kilcullen*

Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

Welcome to the Convention! Hope you're having a great time meeting new friends and connecting with long time "family of friends." We are so fortunate to be in San Diego. The Convention Directors have spent many hours working with Rose Jarrett to create this event. Enjoy it, work hard and learn from the experience.

Now on to Heritage. The Heritage Committee members were honored to be able to present a workshop on our favorite subject. After leaving our workshop we hope that you have with you the tools needed to be a Heritage Activist. Learn how important it is to continually talk about the histories that make us who we are. No matter what our nationalities, we should be proud to

embrace the traditions of our ancestors and pass them down to our children, grandchildren, and to anyone we care about. Most of us are a rich embodiment of many heritages; how lucky to be able to share this with others. Become an archeologist of your own stories. Ask questions about our ancestors; don't let their stories die. Write them down, record them, do whatever you need to do to pass on the information. Our ancestors' have unbelievable stories that brought them to this country, and those stories are being lost! Be a Heritage Activist and care enough to dig deep, research and share!

Have a great Convention!



Central Council

Officers, Members & Committee Chair Contact Information

In the next issue of the Bollettino and on the ICF Website we will be publishing email addresses for all the positions listed above.

The email address will be associated with the ICF domain of icf.org

The reason for having an individual with an icf.org email address is that it is easier for the membership to make contact with an individual, emails do not get comingled with either work or personal emails and it has a more professional look when sending an email to someone inside and outside the Federation

As an example, Jane Doe is a Central Council member and a Committee Chair for the Public Relations Committee.

If you needed to contact Jane Doe either as a CC Member or as the Chair of her committee you would send an email to jdoe@icf.org

Please look to the next Bollettino and the ICF Website for more information and a list of all email addresses.

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 08/04/2017

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Important Notice

The Bollettino Email Address is Being Changed

The New Email Address Will Be

editor@icf.org

Submissions using the new email address will begin with the October Bollettino.

We are making the change to have our email tied directly to the Italian Catholic Federation.

We are also in the process of having email addresses for all Central Council Members along with the Central Council Committee Chairs with the icf.org association. We will post the new email addresses in the next issue of the Bollettino.

Annual Golf Tournament a Success

The 18th Annual ICF Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, and a great time was had by all.

We had eight teams who played a fun round of golf at the beautiful Laguna Seca Golf Course, followed by a fabulous steak dinner prepared by our own Ed Leonard of Branch 36, Monterey and his family. We are so grateful for his continued service to the ICF and the food was delicious!

The raffle had many wonderful prizes and netted us more than \$1,000.00. Thanks go out to Denise Antonowicz and Franklyn Lopes, Jr., for organizing and providing so many of the terrific prizes!

We would like to gratefully acknowledge all the branches, districts, members, and Central Council members who donated so generously to the tournament, either with raffle prizes, participation in the tournament, or sponsoring a hole.

While all the numbers aren't quite in for the income and expenses, we roughly profited \$6,000.00 which of course, will be used to benefit the ICF and our charities.

Thanks to all for another successful event!

Respectfully submitted,
Ways and Means Committee

Grand President

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freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag. And whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.”

Father Dennis Edward O’ Brien USMC
God Bless America and the Italian Catholic Federation.

Andrew J. Pappani
Grand President



JULY CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Ruth Redondo	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/2	Gianni Velez		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/3	Andy Pappani	28	Hollister, CA	\$30
7/4	Bob Hohman	115	San Pedro, CA	\$100
7/5	Kristina McGee	10	Fremont, CA	\$30
7/6	David Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
7/7	Fr. John Higgins	362	Downey, CA	\$30
7/8	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
7/9	Pat Taormino	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/10	Branch 28		Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/11	Al Proietti	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/12	Carmelo Sabatella	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
7/13	Most Rev. Patrick J. McGrath		San Jose, CA	\$30
7/14	Cindy Schuette	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$100
7/15	Al Bronzini	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/16	Jackie Barnes	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
7/17	Michael Marcheschi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/18	Amy Patel		Novato, CA	\$30
7/19	Anna Spencer	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/20	Mark V. Yonke		Richmond, CA	\$30
7/21	Mary Lynn Rogers	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
7/22	Gerald Delfino	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/23	Elise Marsalli	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
7/24	Mary C. Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/25	Vince Veneziano	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
7/26	Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
7/27	Margaret Speranza	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/28	Mabel Teresi	47	Palo Alto, CA	\$30
7/29	Priscilla Phillips		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/30	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/31	Virginia Fuentes	327	Belmont, CA	\$30

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Tim Chapman	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/2	Jessica Bauer		Monterey, CA	\$30
8/3	Robert Zanoni	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
8/4	Sharon Spinardi	39	Merced, CA	\$30
8/5	Sid Jensen		Crockett, CA	\$30
8/6	Mary Fry	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
8/7	Vince Veneziano	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
8/8	Steven Fuentes	327	San Mateo, CA	\$30
8/9	Rose Moisant	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/10	Diane Devine	445	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/11	Joan L. Brascia	108	Arcadia, CA	\$30
8/12	Maxine Scatena	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/13	Rose Mangiaracina	195	Schererville, IN	\$30
8/14	Gina Bence		San Jose, CA	\$30
8/15	Joe Terra		Tracy, CA	\$50
8/16	Mary Ann Rua		San Jose, CA	\$30
8/17	Branch 111		Montebello, CA	\$30
8/18	Elena David	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
8/19	Dave Vigil		Tracy, CA	\$30
8/20	Annora Aswad	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
8/21	Bob Pola	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
8/22	Frank Salomone	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
8/23	Antonella Turchetti	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
8/24	Pat Pellegrino	139	Manteca, CA	\$30
8/25	Francisco & Margaret Blanco	362	Menifee, CA	\$30
8/26	Anthony Leary	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/27	Ernie Von Emster	327	Redwood City, CA	\$30
8/28	Patty Morelli	21	Scotts Valley, CA	\$100
8/29	Mark Neuburger		San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/30	Cathy Gaeta		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/31	Lauren Wheat	7	Fair Oaks, CA	\$50



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3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 07/30/2018

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Donations received by August 1, 2018

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

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In memory of Paul Cardelli
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In memory of Mario Galeazzi
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In memory of Larry Marsalli
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In memory of Marie Belardi

**DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE DATE
OF THE TRIP TO THE BRITISH ISLE HAS BEEN
CHANGED TO:**

APRIL 5 – APRIL 19

**Join the Italian Catholic Federation
2018 Cruise Vacation**

Aboard the Carnival Imagination Fun Ship!

Embarkation Information	
City:	Los Angeles
Port:	Port of Long Beach
Pier:	Cruise Terminal
Begin Boarding: 2:00 p.m. End Time: 5:00 p.m.	



Debarcation Information	
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	



Reference Booking Number: 2TLM77

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BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 1st Vice President
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Images of America: San Diego's Little Italy

By Kimberly M. Quinney, Thomas J. Cesarini, and The Italian Historical Society of San Diego

Acadia Publishing, 2007. 127 pages.

San Diego Italian Food: A Culinary History of Little Italy and Beyond

By Maria Desiderata Montana

The History Press, 2014. 160 pages

With this year's convention in San Diego, I thought it appropriate to re-run a book review I did several years ago about a book on San Diego's Little Italy. I also briefly summarize a cookbook inspired by San Diego's Little Italy at the end of this column.

Italians began arriving in San Diego in the late 1800s and early 1900s, many coming from San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake. They gathered together north of the city's downtown in an area that became known as "Little Italy." Images of America: San Diego's Little Italy records the life of this Italian-American neighborhood through the use of pictures and a brief narrative.

Chapter One, entitled "Getting Settled: The Italian Colony Takes Shape" focuses on immigration and assimilation. There are photographs of immigrants on ships arriving to the city, passports, citizenship papers, marriage certificates, and more.

These pictures capture these Italian Americans in the early stages of their settlement in America. One picture that typifies the era shows Tony Balistreri and other immigrants aboard the Andrea Dora in 1955. It is full of smiling faces on a sunny day and illustrates the optimism of the new immigrants. Another picture is of three generations of the Carneglia and Marline families in 1917 as they gather on San Diego's waterfront. Strolling the waterfront was a favorite pastime for the Italian-American families and friends.

Chapter Two focuses on Our Lady of Rosary Church, the home of ICF Branch 230, which is located in the heart of San Diego's Little Italy. The church, founded in 1925, is a central part of Italian-American life in the neighborhood, a center for spiritual, cultural, and social life. Many photographs in this section illustrate the beautiful mural that adorns this traditional

church while others show the many societies that were formed at the parish by the new immigrants. There are also photographs of the famous and decorative processions that took place within the parish community.

Chapter Three is concentrated on the importance of family in San Diego. It is full of wonderful pictures of fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, and entire families spanning several generations. Several pictures of the Ghio family illustrate the importance of the family meal. There is a picture of a Ghio dinner table during the holidays filled with family and one of a family picnic table at Balboa Park.

Chapter Four focuses on fishing, a mainstay of the Italian-American community in San Diego. Fishing was the foundation of the community's economy from its inception until around the 1940s. Many Italian-Americans fished for sardines and tuna, canned them, sold them, and cooked them in their restaurants. This chapter includes many pictures of Italian-American fishermen and cannery workers. It also shows several ships, the Conte Bianco, the Mary Barbara, and the Venetian, the first two built by the National Steel and Ship Building Company. Other pictures show family-owned ships, such as the St. George, owned by the Balistreri family.

Chapter Five is about the pastimes and social structures of San Diego's Little Italy. It pictures schools, local businesses, and parks that were central to the lives of Italian-Americans. Washington School was an important part of many Italian-American lives as it taught the young children English

and other subjects important to success in the United States. Many photographs feature Italian-Americans who proudly served in the United States Armed Forces while others show pictures around family life. One photograph was taken of the first parish picnic at Our Lady of the Rosary in 1927. It is a special panoramic that illustrates the unity and closeness of the San Diego Italian-American community.

Whether you are from San Diego or some other part of the United States, Images of America: San Diego's Little Italy will offer you insight into life as an Italian-American, illustrating the importance especially of family and church in community life. It will also be an inspiration to many seeking lessons from an earlier time in our history.

In San Diego Italian Food: A Culinary History of Little Italy and Beyond, Maria Desiderata Montana, one of San Diego's most notable food writers, shares many savory Italian recipes. As noted by the publisher, "As ethnic neighborhoods in other cities assimilate to American life, the exuberant local flavor of San Diego's Little Italy remains both culturally and culinarily distinct. Tucked between Interstate 5 and San Diego Bay southeast of San Diego International Airport, the blocks surrounding the landmark Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church contain many of the most notable eateries and gourmet cafes in "America's Finest City." Join Maria Desiderata Montana . . . on this savory tour through the zesty Italian food traditions, businesses and recipes both in Little Italy and across San Diego."

Welcome to San Diego!

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand 2nd Vice President

I must apologize. In last month's recipe for macaroni salad, I left off a key word. It is not just Delmonte Pickle Relish, it is SWEET Delmonte Pickle Relish.

About two years ago I was going through some of my mom's old cookbooks/recipe booklets from the early 50's. In several of them I found variations of the following recipe and thought what a great idea and it's an attractive addition to appetizers or salads or a main dish plate decoration. It is the:

Antipasto Skewer

4-5 inch bamboo skewers (or if you find the longer ones cut in half)

Cheese Tortellini

Black Olives

Green Olives, stuffed anyway you like/ or not

Marinated Artichoke Hearts, if they are too large cut them

Cherry Tomatoes

Pepperoncini

Salami (I either cut thick slices and cube or cut a thin slice in half, fold or roll to skewer)

Cocktail Onions

Pepperjack or Mozzarella or Monterey Jack Cheese, cut in small cubes (1/2")

Mushrooms (canned or marinated)

Cook the cheese tortellini according to the directions on the package. Place in a bowl (cool slightly) and mix with a combination of the ingredients above

that strike your fancy, toss with Good Season Italian Dressing. Let marinate overnight. Skewer; keep in a sealed container until ready to use. The last time I made them I used the tortellini, black and green olives, cheese, cherry tomatoes, cocktail onions and artichokes. It was enough to fill the skewer leaving a small piece of skewer exposed at one end for your fingers.

You can use any or all of the items above or add your own touch. You might consider adding minced garlic and/or fresh parsley to the dressing. In July the San Mateo District hosted the San Francisco Archbishop's Day and this was one of the appetizers.

My secret on the Italian Seasoning:

I use the Good Seasons package mix that comes with the bottle with measuring lines on it. The first ingredient is vinegar. I use 1/2 red wine vinegar and 1/2 balsamic vinegar and I bypass the vinegar fill line and go to the water fill line with the vinegar. Then I



add the water. With the oil I use 1/2 olive oil and 1/2 vegetable (or canola) oil. This gives it a hearty flavor and uses less oil.

Besides salads I use this dressing when I make fava bean salad, on fish, marinade for tri-tip, roasting vegetables and more.

Hope you have enjoyed your summer, special days with family and good food. Those of you heading for the ICF

Convention in San Diego... Safe travels and I will see you there.

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!

2018 Convention Agenda

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

5:30pm	Buses depart for Dinner	Convention Center Foyer
6pm	A Tribute to Frank Sinatra Dinner	St. Therese Social Center
10:30pm	Buses depart for hotel	St. Therese Social Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

Breakfast	No Host Breakfast Options	The Market, Room Service
8am-9am	Convention Registration	
	Chairpersons: Deborah Rodondi, Grand 2nd Vice President and Lauren Kilcullen, Grand Secretary	Golden Foyer
8am-2pm	Blood Drive Presented by: The Live to Give Committee	Pacific 3
8:15am-4pm	Tour Little Italy and Coronado Island	Golden Foyer
9am	Mass -- Convention Masses coordinated by Jim Jones & Bob Basuino, Past Grand Presidents	Pacific 1
Following Mass	Pray the Rosary	Pacific 1
10am-12pm	Convention Registration	Golden Foyer
10am-6pm	Italian Marketplace Terrace Salon 2	
10am-6pm	Drop-in Bocce	Pacific 2
Lunchtime	No Host Lunch Options: Charlie’s, The Market, Room Service	
12:30pm-2:30pm	Pedro Lessons: Instructed by Deborah Rodondi, Grand 2nd Vice President	Pacific 7
1pm-2pm	Reconciliation	Pacific 1
2pm-6pm	Chapel	Pacific 1
2:30pm-4:30pm	Pedro Tournament	
	Chairperson: Deborah Rodondi	Pacific 7
3pm-5pm	Bingo	
	Presented by: The Ways and Means Committee	Tiki Pavilion
4pm-6pm	Convention Registration	Golden Foyer
Dinnertime	No-Host Dinner Options	Charlie’s, The Market, Room Service
6:30pm-7:15pm	Orientation for New Delegates	
	Led by: Grand 1st Vice President Vincent Piro and Grand 2nd Vice President Deborah Rodondi	Pacific 1
7:30pm-8pm	Italian-Sing-a-Long Led by: Past Grand President Leonard Rossi, O.L.J., and Former First Lady Karen Rossi	Golden Ballroom
8pm	Official Opening	Golden Ballroom
	Call to Order: Roselynn Jarrett, Convention Director	
	Master of Ceremonies: Robert Basuino, Sr., Life Member and Past Grand President	
	Opening Prayer: Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director	
	Presentation of Colors: Boy Scouts of America	
	National Anthem: Karen Rossi, Former First Lady	
	Presentation of the Central Council Grand President: Andrew Pappani, Life Member Elect	
	Welcome from the Host District: Chris Murphy, San Diego District President	
	Greeting from the Grand President: Andrew Pappani	
	Roll Call of Districts	
	Key Note Speaker: Reverend Joseph Tabigue, C.R.S.P., San Diego Diocesan and District Chaplain	
	Closing Prayer	
	Federation Anthem “Noi Vogliam Dio”: Karen Rossi	
	Following the Opening Ceremonies--	
	Meet the Central Council Candidates - Reception Tiki Pavilion and Courtyard	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

Breakfast	No-Host Breakfast Options	The Market, Room Service
8am-8:30am	Final Registration	Golden Foyer
8:30am-9:20am	Workshop Session A	
	Spiritual	Pacific 1 and 2
	Presented by: Reverend Chris Bennett	
	2017 Recipient: St. Teresa of Calcutta Award	
	Successful Branches	Pacific 3
	Presented by: Branch 291, Arroyo Grande and Branch 362, Downey	
	Heritage	Golden Ballroom
	Presented by: The Heritage Committee	
9:30am-10:20am	Workshop Session B	
	Spiritual (repeated)	Pacific 1 and 2
	Presented by: Reverend Chris Bennett	
	2017 Recipient: St. Teresa of Calcutta Award	
	ICF Programs	Pacific 3
	Presented by: The Apostolate-Charity, Hospitalization and Scholarship Committees	
	Open Forum	Golden Ballroom
	Presented by: The Executive Committee	
10am-6pm	Italian Marketplace Terrace Salon 2	
10:30am-11:20am	Workshop Session C	
	ICF Programs (repeated)	Pacific 3
	Presented by: The Apostolate-Charity, Hospitalization and Scholarship Committees	
	ICF Best Practices: Leadership, Marketing, Retention	Golden Ballroom
	Presented by: You!	
11:30am	Memorial Mass	Pacific 1 and 2
12:45pm	Chaplains’ Luncheon	Dover
Lunchtime	No Host Lunch Options	Charlie’s, The Market, Room Service
2pm-4pm	Convention General Session	Golden Ballroom
	Opening Prayer	
	Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee	
	Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation to Joanna Mackinson, Branch 442 Pleasant Hill	
	Family of the Year Award Presentation to The Alessandrino Family, Branch 380 Thousand Oaks	
	Adoption of Rules and Regulations	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Welcome First Time Delegates and New Branches	
	Approval of Grand Treasurer’s Report	
	Presentation of Proposals/Motions	
	Speeches of Central Council Candidates	
	Attendance Drawing	
	Adjournment	
7:15pm	Seating	
7:30pm	Pope Saint John XXIII Banquet	Golden Ballroom
	Welcome: Chris Murphy, San Diego District President	
	Master of Ceremonies: Forrest Price, Member Emeritus	
	Invocation: Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director	
	Remarks: Local Dignitaries	
	Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award: Andrew Pappani, Grand President	
	Response: Bryan Stow, Branch 227 Capitola	
	Closing Prayer: Reverend Joseph Tabigue, C.R.S.P., San Diego Diocesan and District Chaplain	
	“God Bless America”: Karen Rossi, Former First Lady	

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Breakfast	No-Host Breakfast Options	The Market, Room Service
9am-12:30pm	Convention General Session	Golden Ballroom
	Opening Prayer	
	St. Teresa of Calcutta Award Presentation to Rev. Msr. Joseph Milani, Santa Clara Valley Diocesan Chaplain	
	Grand President's Award Presentation to Josephine Bertaccini, Branch 191 San Jose	
	Election of Central Council Members	
	National Charity Presentation	
	Response: Dr. Thomas Coates, Children's Hospital Los Angeles	
	Resolutions and Communications	
	Presentations:	
	Apostolate/Charity	
	Membership	
	Scholarship	
	Heritage	
	Announcement of 2018 - 2019 National Charity	
	Charitable Donations to Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund and Scholarships	
	Convention Site Report	
	Attendance Drawing	
	Closing Prayer	
10am-6pm	Italian Marketplace Terrace Salon 2	

Lunchtime	No-Host Lunch Options	Charlie's, The Market, Room Service
12:30pm	Central Council Meeting	Sunset
2:30pm-6pm	Clergy Vesting Room	Pacific 7
3:30pm	Concelebrated Mass	Pacific 1 – 3
7:00pm	Seating	
7:30pm-11pm	Dinner and Dancing: Salute to Swing Dinner Dance	California Room
9:30pm	Convention Raffle	California Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Breakfast	No-Host Breakfast Options	The Market, Room Service
9am-10am	Closing Session	Pacific 1 – 3
	Prayer Service	
	Installation of Central Council Officers:	
	Installing Officer, Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Life Member and Past Grand President of the Central Council	
	Presentation to Life Member Emeritus Michael Cannady, Past Grand President	
	Remarks by the 2018 – 2019 Grand President	
	Attendance Drawing	
	“Noi Vogliam Dio”: Karen Rossi, Former First Lady	
	Adjournment	



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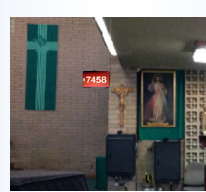
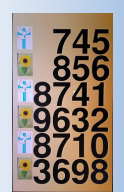
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	Session 1 8:30am – 9:20am	Session 2 9:30am – 10:20am	Session 3 10:30am – 11:20am
Pacific 1&2	Spiritual	Spiritual (repeated)	[Mass Setup No workshop]
Pacific 3	Successful Branches	ICF Programs	ICF Programs (repeated)
Golden Ballroom	Heritage	Open Forum	Best Practices

Descriptions

Spiritual – “Our Mission of Faith”

Presented by: Reverend Chris Bennett, 2017 Recipient, St. Teresa of Calcutta Award

The ICF was developed to bring people back to the Church and closer to their faith. How can we continue our mission of faith almost 100 years later?

Successful Branches – Presented by: Branch 291 Arroyo Grande and Branch 362 Downey

Learn how two successful branches have created programs to increase family memberships and charitable giving in their parishes. There will also be time to share additional successful ideas.

ICF Programs – Presented by: The Apostolate-Charity, Hospitalization and Scholarship Committees

This year’s focus is on three ICF programs: the Providenza Fund for seminarian education, the hospitalization membership benefit and the scholarship program. Each committee will provide a snapshot of their programs’ background and importance.

Heritage – Presented by: The Heritage Committee

Lights, Camera, Action! This interactive workshop offers an overview of how to put a spark into the heritage portion of your meetings. Also, learn tips on how to become involved in keeping the history of our heritages in the forefront. Be prepared to leave this workshop as a ‘Heritage Activist.’

Open Forum – Presented by: The Executive Committee

Take this opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback or hear what others have to say. From by-laws to finances to operational procedures, the Executive Committee is available to offer their knowledge.

Best Practices – Presented by: YOU!

The Convention Director will facilitate three rounds for you to share tips and best practices in three areas: Marketing, Leadership and Retention. We want to hear your branch and districts’ methods as a way to help those seeking assistance in these areas.

The median survival age for thalassemia major in 1975 was about 15 years. Those patients died of heart iron overload. Currently, the calculated median survival age for thalassemia major patients is about 65 years. While this is an incredible improvement, it also exemplifies one of the challenges that all modern children with rare genetic disorders face: while they are now surviving well into adulthood, there are too few adult providers with the special expertise required to manage them. Thalassemia is so rare in the United States that adult providers do not have

the opportunity to develop adequate knowledge to provide quality care to patients. To conquer this obstacle, CHLA is developing adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives. Of course, parallel to this is the importance of making sure that every patient in the country, whether pediatric or adult, has access to the specialized centers of excellence. There are only about eight major thalassemia centers in the United States. Consequently, countless patients are managed in smaller community practices, as they do not live close enough to a major center.

As CHLA actively develops this program, it is the hope that it will become a model accepted by insurance providers for management of thalassemia patients. Currently, many insurance companies will not pay for a pediatric doctor to care for an adult patient. Working through all of the barriers and problems of developing an effective co-management model is very complicated and involves dealing with interpersonal relationships and development of trusting relationships between patients and their family practice doctors, as well as trusting relationships between centers of excellence and community providers. This process also requires close collaboration with participating patient-oriented community groups.

CHLA has already been working on this

problem actively for several years and has been able to get some philanthropic funding to support and pilot the development of a co-management program. It is Dr. Coates's intention to utilize the additional funds from the ICF to expand this co-management program; patients' longevity and their quality of life depends on the success of this endeavor.

Funds are also put towards the following:

- Uncompensated Care
- Christmas Party

Thank you ICF for your continued support
to your National Charity, Cooley's Anemia!

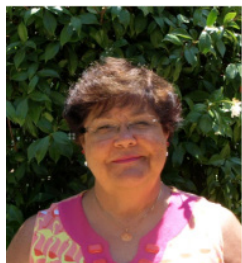
ICF Funds Donated to Cooley's Anemia

Year	Amount	See Below For How Funds Are Used				
Year	Amount	First year at Children's Hospital Los Angeles				
Year	Amount	Research & SQUID	Patient Events	Patient Sponsorship	Pt. Med. Exp.	Ed./Outreach
Sept. 2017	\$75,000					
Sept. 2016	\$75,000					
Sept. 2015	\$71,000	\$71,000				
Sept. 2014	\$75,000	\$65,000	\$7,000	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
Sept. 2013	\$78,000	\$60,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
Sept. 2012	\$75,000	\$46,000	\$13,000	\$5,500	\$8,000	\$2,500
Sept. 2011	\$77,000	\$53,000	\$8,000	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$3,000
Sept. 2010	\$58,000	\$42,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$9,000	\$1,000
Sept. 2009	\$62,000	\$44,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$1,500
Sept. 2008	\$57,000	\$39,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$0
Sept. 2007	\$54,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$500
Sept. 2006	\$52,000	\$30,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500
Sept. 2005	\$113,154	\$65,000	\$10,154	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$8,000
Sept. 2004	\$45,000	\$23,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$12,000	\$3,500
Sept. 2003	\$51,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$5,000
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Sept. 2002	\$56,000	\$52,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sept. 2001	\$49,000	\$27,500	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$2,000
Sept. 2000	\$52,000	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1999	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$2,000
Sept. 1998	\$58,000	\$39,000	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$8,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1997	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$5,500
Sept. 1996	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1995	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500
Sept. 1994	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sept. 1994	\$40,000	\$760,100	\$122,154	\$95,000	\$124,500	\$46,000
						\$7,000
1983 - 1993	\$595,000					
Grand Total	\$2,010,754					
1983-1994 Donations went to Dr. Hyman at Cedar's Sinai in Los Angeles						
1994 to 2015 Donations went to Dr. Vichinsky at Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland						
2016 Donations transferred to Dr. Coates at Children's Hospital Los Angeles						
2014 ICF donation included \$10,000 from Kemp Trust						
2015 donation included \$5,000 from Kemp Trust; \$10,000 from Joe Liotta Trust; \$15,000 from Silva Trust						
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CC Candidates 2018-2019

Denise Antonowicz Branch 184, Los Gatos and Branch 191, San Jose

My name is Denise Antonowicz. I am currently Central Council Grand Treasurer, Chair of Finance Committee & Heritage Committee, member of Executive, Ways & Means, and Convention Directors Committees, President of Br. 184 Los Gatos, and a member of Br. 191 in San Jose.



We are Italian, French, Polish, German, Vietnamese, Irish, Slavic, but the one element that binds us together as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, is embracing the Italian 'la vita Bella' (the beautiful life). Each of us bringing to the ICF that special something that enhances our branches. We share recipes, food, history and stories that don't detract from the ICF but rather enriches the basis of our branches. By knowing more about each other, we become more of an extended family and that is the Italian way!

I love the ICF and through my work as Chair of the Heritage Committee, I continue to promote the ICF through helping plan, build and decorate the floats we use in the San Jose's 4th of July Parade, Santa Rosalia Parade, the San Francisco Heritage Parade and the Los Gatos Holiday Parade. Promoting our works of charity, scholarship fund, work in our parishes, fund raising for Cooley's anemia and Gifts of Love; that we shows just what we stand for; faith, family and our many heritages. We are the best examples of what it is to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation; let's show it off and be proud.

With your prayers and votes I will continue to work to make the Italian Catholic Federation the vibrant, living organization that I truly believe it is.

Lisa M. Crudo Branch 343, Castro Valley

I have had five wonderful years on the Central Council. It has been such a pleasure visiting with my ICF family at all the installations and Bishop's Days, and making new friends at various other functions. It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, been a positive resource for you all.



I was chairperson for the Hospitalization committee, and a member of the Executive, Finance, Ways and Means, Apostolic and

Scholarship committees. I have had the pleasure of supporting these committees as they planned, organized, and awarded funds all to the benefit of the ICF and members.

I was also served as Grand Trustee this past year, as well as First Vice-President of the East Bay District, and Treasurer of Branch #343

These five years have flown by and I am looking forward to many more years of service, helping implement the strategic plan, and to help our organization grow in strength, spirituality and charity.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than meeting and spending time with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Central Council member.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Teresa Helfand Branch 392, Chicago

As we approach the September 2018 ICF Convention and Elections, I would like to announce that I will again seek re-election to the Central Council.

I have been a part of the ICF family since January - 1993. Since then I have held many positions at St. Francis Borgia - Branch 392 and the Chicago District Council and have been a Central Council member for nine consecutive years. I've had various responsibilities over the years. While some were challenging, others helped me grow spiritually and strengthen my faith. This past year I served as chairperson to the 'Gift of Love' and was also a member of the Expansion and Membership Committee. I thank all the ICF colleagues and friends, who helped make my experiences rewarding.



In keeping with my Catholic upbringing I continue to focus: on helping others through charitable works, supporting my local parish, and taking an active role in the Italian-American community. Promoting the ICF charities and programs (such as: Cooley Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund for Young Seminarians) remain a priority. I continue to support the fundraising initiatives at St. Francis Borgia Parish and arrange special masses in Italian for individuals and organizations.

I remain quite active in parish affairs, serving on the St. Francis Borgia Parish Pastoral Council.

If re-elected, I will seek to: open new branches in the Chicago area, move forward with the membership drive, continue with the ICF apostolic work, and encourage fundraising activities. I bring experience, energy, dedication, and determination to serve the ICF. I remain committed to keep

our founders' dream alive. Please vote for me for Central Council.

Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Branch 227, Capitola

As we meet in San Diego, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you, once again, and I wish to thank you all for your support this past year.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA, and I am of Italian-Portuguese descent. I currently serve as Grand Trustee of the Central Council and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. I am also a member of the Heritage, Finance, Ways and Means, Public Relations and Convention Directors' Committees, as well as serving as 1st Vice-President of Br. 227, Capitola, CA and 1st Vice-President of the Central Coast District. I am a volunteer with the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz and I have owned Stewart's Floral for the past 19 years.



It is my hope to be re-elected to the Central Council so that I may continue what our founders, Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert R. Bandini, began 94 years ago. My main goal is to work on increasing membership throughout the federation and to bring before the Central Council those issues that most concern our members. It is my honor to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, and I will continue to work to make it stronger in every way – through faith, family, heritage and charity.

May we have a fun –filled, meaningful convention, and may I ask for your continued support as a member of the Central Council.

God Bless you all.

Lauren Kilcullen Branch 52, Healdsburg

My name is Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, CA. I humbly ask for your vote for re-election to the Central Council. These past four years on the Central Council have been amazing. Working with my fellow Central Council members, I enjoyed serving as the Grand Secretary, Chairperson of the Apostolate – Charity and Workshop Committees and member of the Executive, Public Relations, and Convention Directors Committees. In addition, I have enjoyed



meeting many ICF members at Installations and Bishops' Days.

With my continued responsibilities of Grand Secretary and Apostolate – Charity and Workshop Chairperson, I have worked to help the ICF move forward into the future. Seeing the outpouring of support, this past year, towards your fellow ICF members and neighbors during times of tragedy, is inspiring. I marvel at the amazing things you are doing in your parishes and communities to promote and further the ideals of the ICF.

The ICF has become a second family to my parents and me. Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me and I believe that the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the very few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities. These past four years as a Central Council member have reinforced my thoughts that the ICF is still a relevant and much needed organization in today's world.

With your continued support for me on the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future.

Pat Mages Branch 380, Thousand Oaks

Thank you for your continued support! Special thanks to Branch 380 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 28 years I've held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chaired fundraising events. This is my 3rd year as president of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award.



My family consists of husband, Lou; daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; daughter-in-law Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Katherine; and cocker spaniel, Sweet Caroline.

Over 33 years I've advocated for victims of family/domestic violence; currently with the Port Hueneme Police. I'm a Para-Educator with the local school district, working with severely disabled students. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I will ever teach them.

I've been a member of Central Council for over 9 years. I served as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee; a member of the Live to Give; Strategic Plan; Public Relations; and Membership Committees. My goals as a Central Council member are to include more of the general membership on the various committees; increased membership and member retention. Now is time for me and all CC members to continue to support you and assist with the goals. As a Central Council Member, I'm here To Serve YOU the Membership!

Let's work together to meet the challenges

of the 21st Century, for a Strong Faith and Family-Orientated Italian Catholic Federation!

Kenneth Marshall
Branch 12, Napa and
Branch 103, Sonoma

I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, started with the Italian Catholic Federation by joining Branch 12 in Napa, California on March 1, 2006. Right away, during that year, I was put to work helping out with the Beer Booth at the Napa County Town and Country Fair and I have loved doing this each summer. That year, I also started helping with cooking dinner for our Branch and I even started as an Officer - the Branch Sentinel. I moved up from the Sentinel to the Second Vice President. I enjoyed doing recruitment for the Branch and then I started going to the District Functions. I would leave my house early to get to the District Meeting and if there was help needed, I would be of assistance. I then started running for a District Office and I was elected as the Sentinel for the Santa Rosa District. Now, I am the First Vice President and I went on to have dual membership with Branch 12 and Branch 103 in Sonoma. I started out as the First Vice President with Branch 103 and now I am the Branch President. I love to help where help is needed and now I am attending the Central Council Meetings.

I would love to be a part of the Central Council and, if elected, I would work to help the Federation grow.

Thank you and God Bless.



During this past year, I have served as the 1st Grand Vice-President, been a member of its Executive Committee, and chaired the Mentor Program and Task Force Committee. Through our Strategic Plan, we have seen many positive trends, including the opening of new branches and the revision of by-laws and financial practices that are moving the Federation forward. I believe that the Federation can continue to be a vital organization in our parishes and communities. If re-elected, I plan to further the goals of Federation by urging a revision of our Strategic Plan to reflect all we have learned over the last few years and to put much of its unfinished agenda into action. I also would like to assist the Federation so that branches receive the support that they need.

Please, re-elect me to the Central Council so that I can continue to help the Federation on "our mission of faith."

Frank Re
Branch 139, Manteca

Perhaps you have seen me at a Convention, a Bishop's Day, or an Installation of Officers, perhaps not. Let me introduce myself. My name is Frank Re and I am running for Central Council.

I have been a member of Branch 139 in Manteca, in the Stockton District, since 2012, and began serving on the board within a year. I have been Sentinel, Second Vice President, and served two terms as President. At district level, I also started as



Sentinel. I have been Second Vice-President for three years and will soon begin as District President. It has been an honor to serve as Mentor for Branch 48 Modesto for four years. It was an even bigger honor receiving the "Mentor of the Year," award last year.

I am also a member of the Knight's of Columbus and have been since 2011. Earning such titles as Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. I have been an active member of the Color Corp/ Honor guard since 2012.

I am about to start my term as President of The Manteca Children's Foundation, which raises money for local charities and grants scholarships to young people that are beginning their college careers. I have previously been the second and first Vice-president.

The ICF is extremely important to me and I have had family members in the organization for a long time. My Grandparents, Jim and Mathilda Madonna, were members of Branch 39 Merced. My cousin, Cecilia McGee, has been a member of Branch 48 for over 30 years. My Aunt, Paula Re, is the founder and First President of Branch 390 in Tracy.

I am asking you to help me deepen my experience in the ICF. I want the opportunity to make myself available to all branches and work my hardest for you. God Bless.

Deborah Rodondi
Branch 19, Colma

Mom is the reason I became a member of the ICF, her love and devotion for the Organization fueled me to become an active member. Dad is the reason I am strongly involved in leadership positions and the operations and future of the ICF.

My parents taught me strength, compassion, dedication and working with others in pursuit of our goals.

I have enjoyed my first year as Grand 2nd Vice President. It has allowed me to be an active member of all our committees. At times this has kept me extremely busy, but I have enjoyed the challenge of learning and participating in all aspects of our organization. One of my main focuses this year has been working with Bank of America on our accounts, also assisting in reconciling our accounts into QuickBooks.

At convention you will see me at registration, Pedro & giving the Credential Report. Three years ago, I started sharing recipes and their stories in our Bollettino; it has been great fun and has brought back many happy memories. Currently, I am the San Mateo District Secretary and President of Branch 19 Colma. I have also held the Grand offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee; at the District and Branch level I have been the President, 2nd VP, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. Having served in these offices has given me a well-rounded education on the working of ICF.

This organization has blessed me with wonderful friends, mentors and memories. I am excited and look forward to advancing to one day being your Grand President. To continue this journey I need your continued support and your vote, my background in and outside the ICF makes me a worthy candidate. Thank you for being a part of my life and believing in The Federation and ME!



Vincent Piro
Branch 39, Merced

One of the things that drew me to the Italian Catholic Federation is "our mission of faith." This faith is at the core of who we – from our very founding to today. It inspires us to contribute to many charitable and apostolic programs, such as Gifts of Love, Live to Give, scholarships, and the Providenza Fund, ICF members practice their faith through generosity and kindness on a daily basis. I cannot imagine my life without the Federation strengthening the faith of me and my family on a daily basis. Through the ICF, we practiced our faith in our parish and community. It for this reason that I wish to continue as a Central Council member: to keep the Federation strong so that it can continue to have a positive impact on our parishes and communities.

As a Central Council member, I continue to work to strengthen the Federation.



Friday, August 31
10am – 6pm
Town and Country
Room: Pacific 2

**Drop-in Bocce will be available
to convention attendees.**

No signups and no court reservations.

**Assemble your team and
play as courts are available.**

will depart Sunday, August 26 and visit Long Beach, Catalina, and Ensenada. 10 cabins have been sold, so far.

- 2019 Tour: 14 days to British Isles. Lisa Crudo has brochures. The dates are March 22 – April 5. The ICF will receive 10% from every booking.

Task Force – Vince Piro

- The committee is working on implementing the Strategic Plan. We may need more professional help for certain areas. The committee has created a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Program Manager. This person would be an independent contractor. While we may discover that we can't afford this person, we won't know unless we send out the RFP and see who applies. The position would develop and manage a strategy for membership growth, marketing, community connections, leadership and training and help us put together professional videos, etc. Right now, we're just sending out the RFP to see what we get in return. Once we receive proposals back, then we'll see how we should proceed. Vince Piro wants to send it out by August 31. Vince thanked Robert Pachinger for putting together the RFP.

12:00 Noon: Break for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1:00 PM

Scholarship – Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

- The committee met on April 20 to judge the 1st year scholarships. We received 355 applications and awarded 177 scholarships. 86 winners were ICF members or were related to ICF members. 81 winners had no ICF affiliation. 5 ICF members didn't receive scholarships, due to low GPA. 264 of the applicants had no ICF affiliation.
- The Committee will meet on August 17 to judge the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships. Donations for 2nd – 4th year scholarships are needed.
- Bob Acquistapace said that on Tuesday, he's going to Roseville, Br. 438, to give a mini workshop on scholarships. He's willing to go to other branches to give a presentation.
- Mike Cannady asked if there were any branches that withdrew their scholarships because there were no applicants from their area. Franklyn Lopes said no.

Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski

- The committee is looking at two different areas – the Bollettino and the website. The committee is meeting on a weekly basis.
- Editor@icf.org will be the new email for submissions to the Bollettino. It will go fully into effect for the October issue. Members will be notified in the July and August/September issues. There will also be a handout at the Convention.
- The committee is looking at having everyone adhere to the 10th of the month as the deadline for submissions. Please send submissions directly to the Editor and not to the office.

- Editor position – the committee has a draft RFP that will go out in about 2 weeks. The committee wants to have the Bollettino as more of a public relations tool.

- ICF website – the committee will be reviewing it to update it. Please send photos that are clear that we can put on the website. We need to update the photos every 6 months to a year.

- All Central Council members will have a @icf.org email address for members to contact us. Leonard Zasoski will send instructions to everyone on how to use the new email addresses.

Membership – Anne Interrante

- Anne Interrante gave the following membership statistics: There are 122 active branches. A year ago, membership was 9,461 people. As of March 31, 2018, our membership was 9,099 members, which represents a loss of 362 members. We still have cancellations and non-payments.
- The committee has identified the branches with less than 35 members to assist them. There are 33 of these branches. The committee is helping 11 of these branches. Seven of these branches are staying "as is." Four of these branches have planned membership drives. Four are these branches are possible closures. The committee has not received any response from the rest of the 35 branches.
- All the information is on the website to organize a membership drive. The new brochures are ready. Order them from the office. The goal is that all branches have a membership drive.
- The committee is working on membership perks.
- The first idea is for the scholarship program is to update the program to only offer awards to students who belong to the ICF or who have a family member that belongs to the ICF. The Scholarship Committee declined the idea due to several factors. The membership committee wanted to bring it to the Central Council meeting to have a discussion. Thoughts are that more family members would join, if the scholarships would only go to members. Deborah Rodondi said she can see both sides of this. Over the past 8 years, practically every ICF member who has applied for a scholarship has received it. Roselynn Jarrett is not in favor of this idea, as the scholarship is very specific to a branch. Not every year do branches have a High School senior as a member. Bob Acquistapace said that we give \$8,000 from the general fund, right now to scholarships. Maybe this money could be earmarked for scholarships for ICF members, only. Mike Cannady agrees with Bob Acquistapace. Carmen Kilcullen said a plan needs to be formulated before we move forward with any changes.
- Leonard Zasoski said that there needs to be some type of perks to get members into the ICF. Br. 291 Arroyo Grande offers tuition assistance to members.
- Member discount program. The committee is looking for ICF members with businesses to offer discounts to ICF

members.

Live to Give – Michael Cannady

- Laurice Levine has arranged everything for the blood drive at the Convention.

Hospitalization – Lisa Crudo

- The committee discussed revising the forms, as some of the wording was archaic. The Membership committee approached the hospitalization committee about a perk if you're over 70 years and join, you can get one a year membership in the hospitalization plan. It has also been suggested to have a one-time open enrollment period for people over 70 years. There are 392 members in the plan, right now.

Heritage – Denise Antonowicz

- Denise Antonowicz distributed "Heritage Activist" buttons. She encouraged everyone to be proud of your heritage and pass it on to the next generation.
- Parade Schedule:
 - September - Santa Rosalia Parade, Monterey
 - October 7 – San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade. Help is needed on October 6 to decorate the trailer on. The float theme, this year is "Trattoria". The decorating will be on Pier 54.

Gifts of Love – Teresa Helfand

- The committee met and received 12 applications and donated to 10 people. \$8,500 was awarded.
- The committee wants to upgrade the application.

Finance Committee – Denise Antonowicz

- The UBS report was distributed. The committee met with Vic from UBS, at their meeting. Vic reported that our funds are doing well.
- The Hospitalization Fund took a hit in the first quarter of \$29,000. In the second quarter, the Fund recouped \$15,000.
- Denise Antonowicz thanked Patty for putting the reports on the computer.
- In the last quarter, our funds made \$134,000 in profits. Some bonds are coming due and the money needs to be reinvested.
- Convention Voucher: Denise Antonowicz reviewed the voucher. The deadline for submitting the voucher with receipts for payment is October 5, 2018. Motion to accept the voucher: Roselynn Jarrett/Vince Piro. Motion passed.
- Expansion –Mike Rossi
 - The Committee met in April. Its goal is to start three new branches, this year. Two branches have been started since the 2017 Convention. St. Dorothy's in Glendora in November 2017 and American Martyrs in Westchester in May 2018.
 - Possible new branches in progress:
 - o Teresa Helfand is working on St. Williams in Chicago. Teresa is also talking with Mt. Carmel and St. Eugene parishes.
 - o Mike Rossi is working with St. Anne in Lodi, which was Br. 82 that closed in 2001.
 - o St. Bernardine in Woodland Hills – Anne Interrante and Lou Mages are working

there.

- o Diocese of San Jose: St. Francis of Assisi and St. Nicholas
 - o St. Elizabeth Anne Seton in Bakersfield. The District President has contacted the pastor and will have an answer in the next few months.
 - o Moreno Valley is a possibility.
 - o Santa Rosa District. Rohnert Park may be a possibility.
 - o San Diego, Orange, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Reno, and Sacramento are other areas the committee is looking. No definite possibilities in these areas, yet. Roselynn Jarrett mentioned the I-80 corridor, again, as we don't have any branches in that area and we used to have branches in Vallejo and Vacaville.
 - Parishes not successful:
 - o St. Monica in Santa Monica.
 - o Immaculate Conception in Monrovia.
 - o St. Christopher in San Jose.
 - Roselynn Jarrett asked why the newer branches seem to have co-officers. Mike Rossi said sometimes with new parishes, people are nervous to lead a group they've never heard of. Co-presidents alleviate this nervousness and gives them more confidence. Anne Interrante said sometimes we need to think outside of the box to encourage leadership.
 - Anne Interrante mentioned that sponsored seminarians, once they become priests and are assigned to a parish, are a good way in to parishes.
- #### Convention' Director's – Roselynn Jarrett
- The San Diego District is getting excited about holding the Convention in San Diego. The Thursday night dinner will have entertainment. The price of \$75.00 includes transportation via trolley.
 - The Convention Agenda will be done, tomorrow. Workshops topics will be: Spiritual, Successful Branches (Arroyo Grande and Downey), Open Forum, ICF Programs, and ICF Best Practices.
 - Roselynn will rent a SUV to bring down the office supplies to the Convention.
 - Registration had to be increased to \$275 because the costs at the hotel have increased and we need to cover these costs.
 - There's no Bocce on Friday, because Rose had to give back space to get a lower rate on the Saturday banquet.
 - In July, Roselynn will do a site visit to Tucson to meet with the hotel and the branches.
 - Award Nominees: We had 17 award nominees, this year.
 - o Pope Saint John Paul II Winner: Bryan Stow
 - o Grand President Winner: Josephine Bertaccini
 - o Family of the Year Winner: The Alessandrino Family
 - o St. Theresa Winner: Msgr. Milani
 - o Young Adult Winner: Joanna Mackinson

- 2019 Convention Theme: 95 years, The Journey Continues.

By-Laws & Rituals - Leonard Rossi

- The by-laws and Central Council Statue proposed changes were voted on.

Apostolate & Charity – Lauren Kilcullen

- Lauren Kilcullen reminded all Central Council members to have their branches turn in their Apostolate – Charity Reports by July 15. The Committee will hold its judging on Saturday, August 11.

- Lauren presented the nomination for 2018 – 2019 National Charity. Cooley's Anemia was voted the National Charity. Per the new statutes, only one charity needed to be presented.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- Life Member Election: Mike Cannady is going to Life Member Emeritus status. Roselynn Jarrett nominated Grand President Andy Pappani for Life Membership. The Central Council voted and Grand President Pappani was elected Life Member.

Action on Communications

- None.

Good of the Order was given.

Closing Prayer: Led by Jim Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm by Grand President Andy Pappani

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Kilcullen

Grand Secretary

CONVENTION DINING OPTIONS

No-host Breakfast

Terrace Market, Terrace Café, Room Service

No-host Lunch and Dinner

Charlie's Bar and Grill, Terrace Market, Terrace Café, Room Service

To help expedite the meal rush, please be mindful of fellow members waiting to be seated.

Across the parking lot of the Royal Palm Tower (back side of property) there is a pedestrian bridge to the local shopping mall with a food court.

Thursday Dinner Show

(See a San Diego District Representative to purchase tickets, upon availability).

Saturday and Sunday Banquets

(See Rose Jarrett to purchase tickets, upon availability).

CONVENTION SUGGESTED ATTIRE

Thursday

Day – Casual
Evening – Black Tie Optional

Friday

Day – Casual
Evening – Smart Casual

Saturday


Day – Business Casual
Evening – Semi Formal

Sunday


Day – Business Casual
Evening – Military Dress, Respectful Military Costumes, 40s Vintage or Dressy Casual

Monday

Day – Business Casual



DONATE BLOOD GIVE LIFE



**7th Annual ICF Convention
Blood Drive in honor of
Cooley's Anemia
Sponsored by the ICF Live to Give Committee**

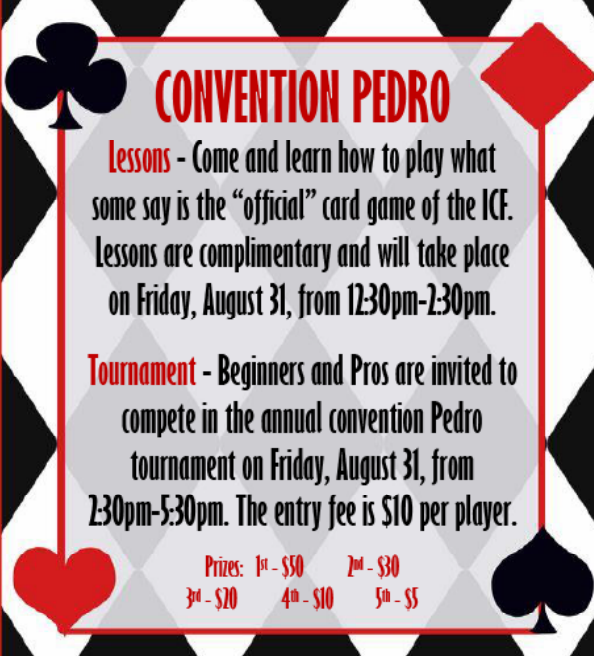
**Friday, August 31, 2018
8:00am – 2:00pm**

**Ballroom
The Town and Country Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108**

Please contact Laurice Levine via email at llevine430@aol.com or call 360-860-2023 for more information.

**Your donation makes it possible for
Cooley's Patients to receive lifesaving blood every 2-3
weeks and people like Kamila to reach for their dreams.**

**Make Your Appointment Today!
SanDiegoBloodBank.org/LTGC**



CONVENTION PEDRO

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 2nd - \$30
3rd - \$20 4th - \$10 5th - \$5

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: _____
City: _____

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:
Walk-ins welcome!

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: _____
X Entry Fee Per Player: \$10
Total: _____
Check Number: _____

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



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

Best Wishes to our 2018 First Year Scholarship Winners!



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Central Coast District



Abbey Genevieve Giuffrida
Central Coast District



Mariana Guerrero
Br. 21, Santa Cruz



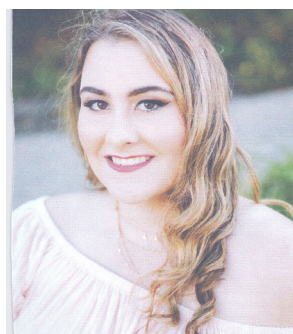
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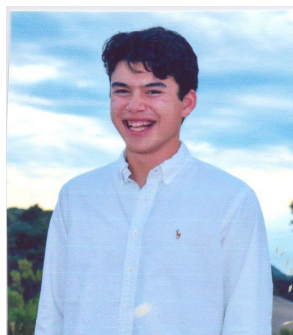
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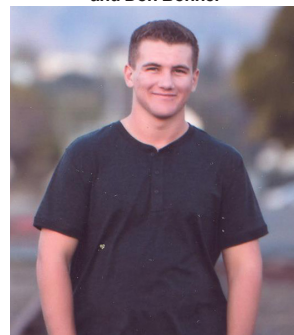
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Madison Thomas
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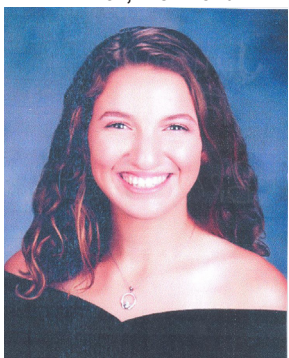
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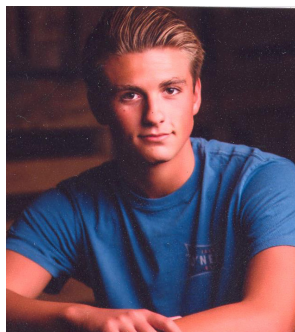
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Molly Soper
Br. 33, Bakersfield



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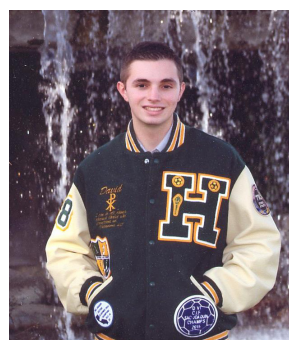
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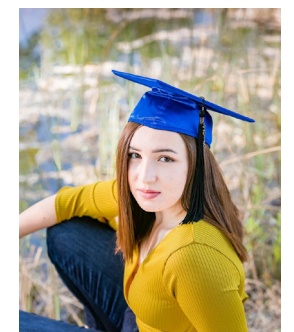
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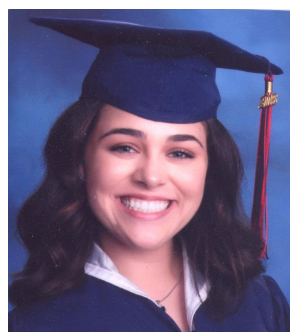
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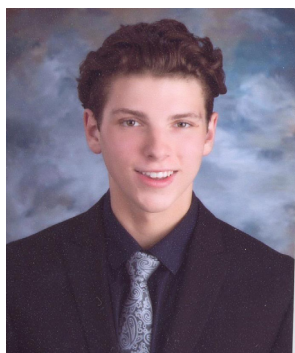
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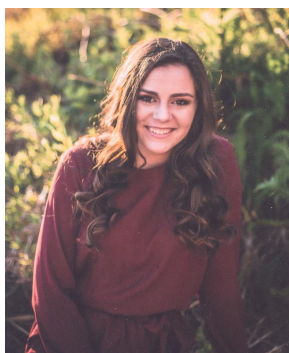
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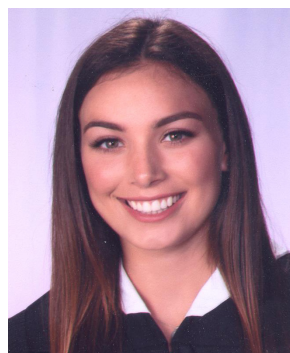
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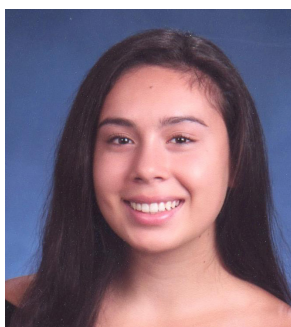


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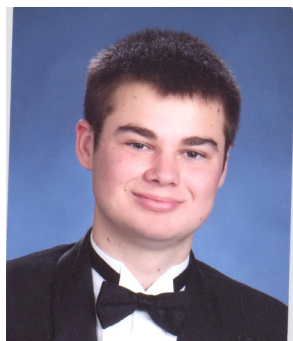
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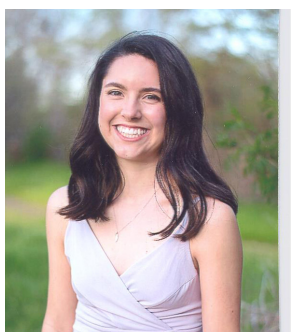


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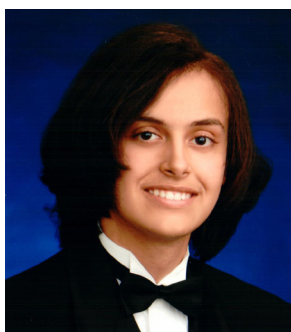


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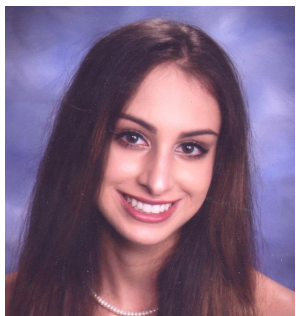


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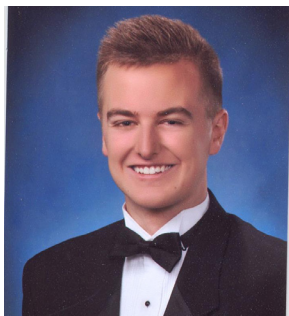
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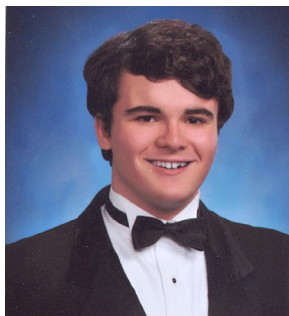


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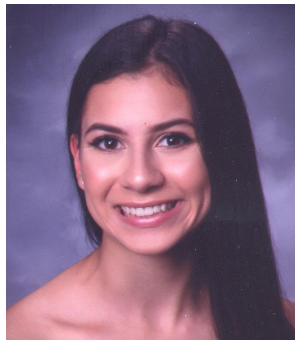
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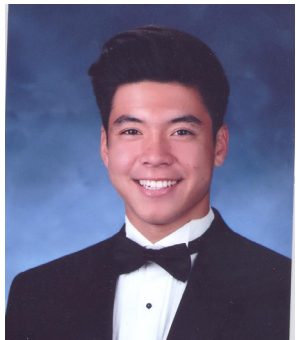


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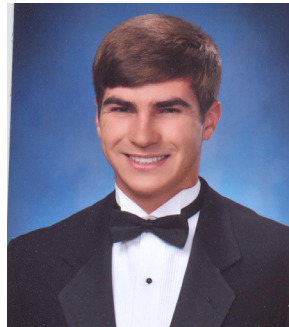
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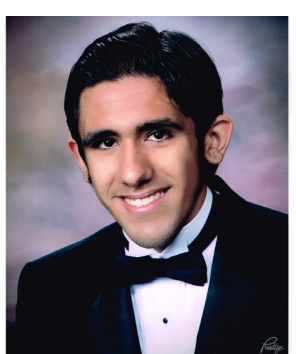
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Caitlyn De Solenni
Santa Rosa District
In mem. of Francis "Jeep" Sanza



Rose Duncan
Santa Rosa District
In mem. of Spence Burton



Natalie Herriott
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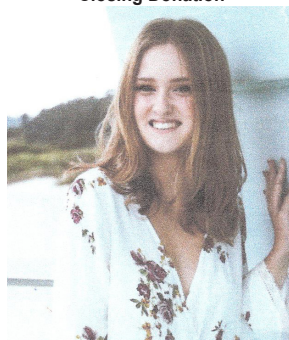
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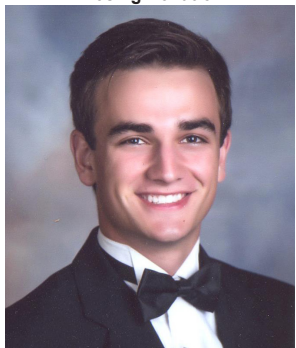
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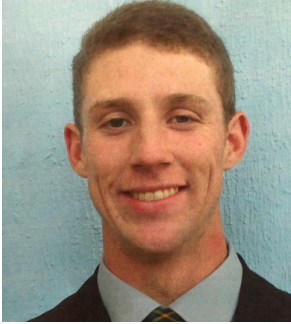
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In mem. of Rico & Irene Acquistapace



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In mem. of Norman & Rose Anne Sikes



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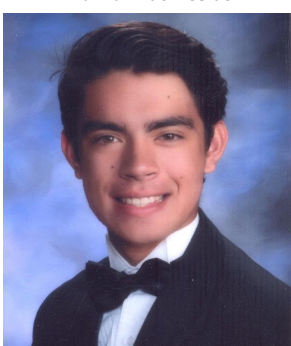
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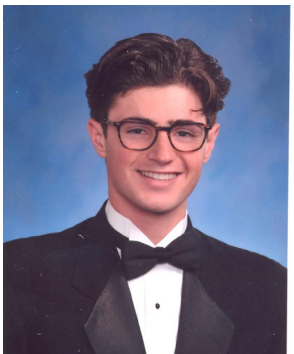
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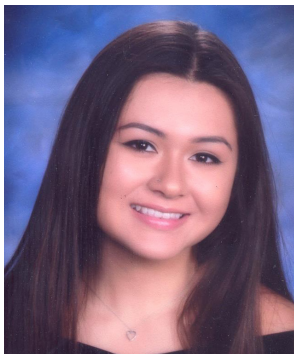
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In mem. of Albert & Rina Brocchini



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In memory of Marie Grassilli



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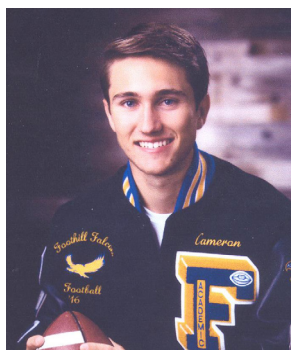




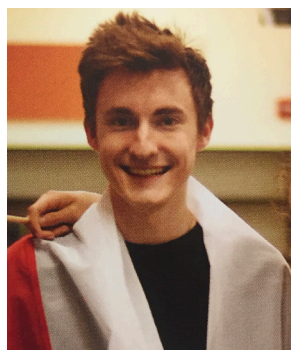
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In memory of Mary & Bill Segale



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**2nd, 3rd and 4th Year
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October issue**

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Central Coast District: Officers/Members of Br. 51 - In Memory of Hugo Tottino and Rose Haupt (Br. 291) - In Memory of Frank Bavaro; Contra Costa District: Br. 13 and Br. 72; East Bay District: Bert Canepa, John and Carolyn Cardinalli (Br. 285) - In Memory of Brian Crudo, John and Carolyn Cardinalli - In Memory of Herb Di Grazia, John and Carolyn Cardinalli - In Memory of Patricia Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane (Br. 91) - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Most Reverend John S. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane - In Memory of Marian Zasoski and Larry and Denise Picetti - In Memory of Thomas Poggi; Fresno District: Br. 70; Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Br. 118 and Don and Connie Bohannon (Br. 237) - In Memory of Angie Publico; San Mateo District: Officers/Members of Br. 173 - In Honor of Rina Cassanego and John and Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - In Memory of John O'Brien; Santa Clara Valley District: Br. 191, Bill and Maria Greco, Officers/Members of Br. 191 - In Memory of Armando Fini, Officers/Members of Br. 191 - In Memory of Vivianlee Tonry, Officers/ Members of Br. 435 - In Gratitude to The Guglielmo Family, Officers/Members of Br. 435 - In Appreciation for Will Kellett, Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Memory of Vivianlee Tonry, Ed and Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 100th Birthday of John Valente, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Memory of Laura Angelino, Giulia Gallego - In Memory of Evelyn Marie Sylvia, Evelyn Taravella (Br. 368) - In Memory of Steve Taravella, Women In Touch II - In Memory of Laura Angelino and Carol Yamane - In Memory of Laura Angelino; Santa Rosa District: Br. 145 and Br. 209; Stockton District: Br. 48 and Br. 413.

'OUR MISSION OF FAITH'
2018 CONVENTION
OPENING NIGHT

GOLDEN BALLROOM
7:30PM ITALIAN SINGALONG
8:00PM OPENING CEREMONIES
FOLLOWED BY A DELEGATE'S RECEPTION TO MEET THE CANDIDATES IN THE TIKI PAVILION.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

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Branch 14	John G. and Kim Filice
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Branch 169	In memory of Ariele Combs
Branch 215	Roger and Kathy Santos
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Santa Rosa District	



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St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Melrose Park was special as it is 125 years of devotion to Our Lady. Those attending came from all parts of the United States; some returning over 70 years.

The Mass was con celebrated by Cardinal Cupich of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the 9-day Novena was shared by Dominican Preacher, Fr. Brian Warner. It was the most moving celebration that I have attended in my lifetime.

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Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
In memory of Yvonne M. Kuzinich
Mora Taormino
In memory of Yvonne Kuzinich



Members enjoying Branch 418’s annual picnic. A great day was had by all in Itasca.

For those Bolletino readers who did not have an opportunity to read the story of its beginnings, we hope you enjoy its history below.

The story begins with Mrs. Emmanuella DeStefano who feared her husband would die. She promised the Blessed Mother that if he survived, she would establish a Feast in honor of LaMadonna del Carmine. Through the intercession of Our Lady, her prayers were answered. She established the first feast in Melrose Park with a replica of the statue LaMadonna del Carmine from her village in Laurenzana, Province of Potenza, Italy. From July 16, 1894, the Feast and Procession has taken place thru the streets of Melrose Park.Ave. and Del Carmine..

Judy A. DeSantis
Branch 358

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The June meeting was held on the 12th and members and guests were treated to many varieties of pizza, salad, and desserts. Lots of thanks to the June committee, chairmen: Mark and Cari Beveridge, and the committee: Jeff Bottorff, Don Sellai, and Nancy Meyers. We also honored our past president who was in attendance, Elsie Bottorff. We were also pleased to have a visit from Mabel Willmon as a dinner guest. Members are busy selling convention raffle tickets and making plans for the convention in San Diego. There is no meeting in July. Upcoming events are the August 14th meeting which is a potluck and the Harvest Festival. It is with much sadness I report the death of our long-time member Mary Dal Cerro. Please pray for Mary’s family, especially her son Jeff.

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

The dinner for our June 26 meeting was hosted by Monica Ficher and Nancy Rodriguez. They brought in pizza and chicken wings from Round Table, a cool crisp salad, along with a yummy strawberry pizza pie. Thank you ladies!

We welcome our returning member, Jose Cisneros to our branch. We are always looking for new members, so spread the word about us and all the good the ICF does.

The Huntington Boulevard Yard Sale is quickly approaching, Saturday, September 8, so clean out those closets and cupboards. We still need volunteers to take a shift from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Plan to come by and browse. Our well-loved plants will be a special feature, as well as children’s clothes.

See you at the August 28 meeting. Beginning in September, our meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Don’t forget to punch in your phone numbers when shopping at Food Maxx and Save Mart grocery stores. Escript is donating a portion of our expenditures to Branch #32. If you haven’t signed up, contact Paulette at 908-7398 so that she can get your information.

Wishing everyone who attends the convention, which is being held August 30-September 3 in San Diego, a fantastic time!

Paulette Volpa
Financial Secretary

Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Held at beautiful Lake Yosemite, our annual Weiner Roast was its usual fun and well-attended event. A huge thank you goes



Branch 33 is happy to report the award of our 2018 Scholarship to Garces High School student Molly Soper, shown here with Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh, receiving the Mayor’s Award. Molly is attending St. Mary’s in South Bend this fall.

to our amazing chair, Bob Tyler, and his helpful crew: daughter Liz, Loretta Symes, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Maryellen and David Mazzei. Three of our five scholarship recipients attended with their families and were recognized: Joseph Bustabade, Kailey Stone and Madison Weed. Carol Salmeri read a heartfelt thank you from her grandson, William Gates, who was unable to attend.

We kept cool at our August meeting with a salad bar and ice cream sundaes. Convention proposals were discussed.

Thanks to Anne-Marie Bandoni, Mabel Wilmon and Stephanie Lucich for hosting our church coffee and donuts on August 5.

The published collection of stories, Grazie America! From Italy to Merced County, from the popular museum exhibit of the same name, is available for purchase at the Merced County Museum on “N” and 21st Streets. It is a fascinating showcase of the Italian immigrant journey to Merced County.

Convention dates in San Diego are August 30 through September 3. Delegates are: Terrie Rhodes, Robyn Piro, Sr. Rachel and Stephanie Lucich.

Mark your calendar for our September meeting on Wednesday, September 12. Expect a tri-tip dinner with Loretta’s delicious potatoes, salad, roll, wine and dessert. 5PM social hour, 6PM dinner, 7PM meeting. Delegates will report on the convention.

Pray for Dena Medeiros as her dad recently passed away. Send positive thoughts and prayers to our ill and recovering members including: Kathleen Stefani and Maria Giampaoli.

Goditi il resto della vostri estate. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Stephanie Lucich

Sanger

Sant’ Antonio, Br. 70

Greetings from Branch 70!
Our last meeting was a dinner celebrating



Branch 108 Bocce Tournament Winners at the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ.



Branch 108 hosted the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ in July. Special guests were Laurice Levine and Kelly Russell.

our eightieth anniversary, hosted at Teresa Rogers beautiful home in Coarsegold. She cooked a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage. Our attending members contributed various desserts for a sweet finish to our celebration.

We would like to thank Silvana Campagna for donating five hundred dollars towards one of our 3 scholarships we offer students from Sanger High School. Our scholarship recipients this year are Yovana Martinez, Stephanie Ramirez and Jose Soria. Congratulations to these upstanding students.

President Kay Lopez announced that we will be working the Summer Festival at St. Mary's Church on August 1-3. This is an annual event to raise money for the church that involves numerous food and craft booths along with live Mariachi music on one day followed by DJ's the rest of the festival.

Coming up on September 30 is our Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser. This is looked forward to by the community of Sanger as the dinner is delicious and there are numerous baked goods for sale.

We send our birthday wishes out to Enis Giovacchini, Josie Lopez and myself.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

We are looking forward to the annual Convention coming up in San Diego. Our delegate, Rueben Silva, and his wife, Cindy, are anxious to participate.

Rich and Mary Zanarini are expecting to have a great time with their granddaughter, Emily, who will be visiting for a week from Salt Lake City.

Shirley Mitchell is leaving on a cruise to the British Isles in August. She will have lots to share when she returns.

Jeannette Couch's great grandson will be baptized August 4th here at OLPH. Her son, Jess Couch, and his wife, Danielle,

will be flying to Rome in October and will be traveling all over Europe for two years. She will miss them greatly but shares their excitement.

Angelo and LeAnne Lavagnino and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be spending a couple of days at the coast to celebrate their 80th and 85th birthdays.

In celebration of her 66th birthday, Jennie Campopiano took her 15-year-old grandson, Marcus Powe, on a road trip down the old historic Route 66. They fed burros in Oatman, Arizona; stayed in the old motels; and saw the beautiful Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest and Painted Desert. Jennie recommends the trip to all the young at heart.

Many Happy Returns to: Flora DePasquale (8/25); Doug Duke (8/4); Angelo Lavagnino (8/2); Betty Massa (8/29); Sharon Rainaldi (8/28); and Glenn Vietti (8/13).

“Lord, let my words be building blocks rather than stumbling blocks.” (From “Thorns and Thrones; Encouraging Words for Faithful Living”)

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Happy Summer!

What a heat wave we've experienced this summer in Bakersfield! Luckily our annual Ice Cream Social was held on July 12, giving our branch a chance to relax and cool off. A big thank you to George and Terri Carson for hosting the event at their lovely home. Thanks to all who attended and brought icy indulgences to share.

Our branch delegates are now looking forward to attending Convention 2018 in beautiful San Diego! Branch President Crystal Watts along with Ashley Choate will be attending informational classes and lectures on behalf of our branch, and will be voting for Central Council as well. However, remember, even if you are not a delegate, Convention is always a fun

weekend to get you re-energized for the ICF and its mission.

The September meeting will be held in the OLPH Hall on September 13. This meeting is particularly important since the Convention delegates will deliver their reports. The discussion is always interesting—be sure to attend to give feedback and hear the new ideas brought forth to our branch.

Lastly, Branch 281 is pleased to announce we officially have a Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help! Father Hector Lopez led us in mass on July 1st and has been graciously welcomed to guide our church after a period of uncertainty following the unfortunate and sudden passing of Father Bert Mello. Father Hector has a wonderful energy and we look forward to assisting him and welcoming him into our branch.

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Zasoski

Los Angeles

Archdiocese

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

The next Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House is scheduled for September 9, 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

Italian Catholic Federation

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South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

Have a great convention experience in beautiful San Diego!

On July 15, 2018 - ICF Branch 108 hosted the annual LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ in HF Connolly Hall. Thank you guest speaker Laurice Levine, guest Kelly Russell (CHLA) and members for supporting this worthwhile cause while enjoying great BBQ, Bocce, and Bean Bag Toss with friends from other Branches of the LAA District.

Branch 108 thanks Chair Adrianna Maggiora for organizing and to members for supporting the Cinco De Mayo fundraising event earlier this year with proceeds supporting the restoration work at Resurrection Church in Boyle Heights. This repair work was needed due to the devastating arson fire in the Church at the beginning of this year. Members are invited to support this restoration effort with



(Top) Branch 111's fireworks stand fundraiser.

(Middle) Members from Branches 111 & 118 at the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ Dinner.

(Above) Branch 111 college scholarship winner Alessandro Mercuri with his parents, grandparents, and branch president.

(Left) Happy Birthday to Rose Mary and Gary from Branch 111.

your prayers and donations by contacting Resurrection Church at Resurrectionla@yahoo.com. Call 626-372-7812 if you have any questions or need more information.

President John Maggiora awards one ICF Branch 108 Frank Bratta High School Scholarship each to Joan Elise Giordano (Mayfield Senior School) and Jack Murphy (St. Francis High School).

Carmelo

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a marvelous summer! Join us for our Annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday, August 4, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at the Sanchez Adobe Park,

located at 946 N. Adobe Ave., in Montebello. The Branch will provide chicken and watermelon. Please bring a side dish for 10 people to share. There will be bocce games, water balloon toss, etc. Our August General Meeting will be on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the members who have birthdays in the month of August. Come and join us. Thank you for all the volunteers who helped us run our Branch's Fireworks Stand, together with the members of Knights of Columbus, Council 3429, from June 28th to July 4th, at 228 Beverly Blvd., in Montebello. It was a successful event!



Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva and his wife 1st V.P. Anna Di Leva attended the ordination of Fr. Pio (Carlo) Vottola at St. John the Baptist Church in Costa Mesa, Ca.

Please mark the following dates in your calendar for upcoming 2018 events:

- Sunday, November 11, 2018 - Bishop's Day Mass & Luncheon at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
- Sunday, December 2, 2018, Cabrini Pilgrimage Mass & Luncheon, at the Cabrini Shrine, Burbank
- Saturday, December 8, 2018, Branch 111, Christmas Dinner Dance, at St. Benedict's Parish Hall, Montebello.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all you for the ICF and for our community.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Thanks to all members, their families and friends who turned out to help with our annual Parish Fiesta.

From preparing meatballs and sausages, setting up, selling our delicious sandwiches and pizza and finally to cleaning up. It takes many hours and many helping hands to make it all possible. What an amazing team we are!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on August 9th at 7:30pm. This meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the St. Giovan Giuseppe Tridum. Mass in honor of St Giovan Giuseppe will be held on August 16th and 17th at 5:15pm with Coroncina follow.

On Sat August 18th the Tridum will end with the 9am mass in honor of our patron saint. Father Isaac Kalina will be our celebrant. After mass and the procession please join us for lite refreshment in the auditorium. Festivities will continue at 6:30pm with our dinner dance. A delicious prime rib dinner will be served with all the trimmings. Music will be provided by Tony Ciaramitaro Band. Please support this fundraiser and the good work of the ICF. Please call Neal DiLeva

for tickets 310 433 1044

ICF convention is almost here. Representing our branch will be Ana and Neal DiLeva and Frank Amalfitano. May they make new friends, visit with old friends and help make the ICF the best it can be. The convention raffle book have been distributed. A book of tickets is \$20.00. The branch retains \$10.00 which helps with the cost of sending delegates to the convention. Please support this fundraiser.

Upcoming events

Sept 20th Branch anniversary potluck meeting at 6pm. We encourage members to make an effort to attend this fun event. Let's help our branch grow by encouraging prospective new members to our meeting.

Sept 27th fundraiser to Pechanga Casino. \$23.00 per person. Members will receive a \$3.00 discount. For reservations please call Pauline Iacono 310 832-0563

Blessings on all our ICF members living and deceased. Peace and love to all

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our convention is right around the corner and we wish delegates, Jerry Farrugia and Linda Szerdelhelyi, a good and productive trip in San Diego.

At our last meeting we discussed various ideas to make our meetings more interesting and also ideas for different fundraisers. There will be more on this at our September meeting. Along these lines, Jerry will be inviting parishioners from Annunciation Church and St. Rita's Church to join us at our meetings. Also, it is not too early to think about board nominations in October. Again, I will state that our board meetings are always interesting and have an element of fun to them. So, think about running.

We wish to give our condolences to JoAnn Hudson on the passing of her mother and , also, the passing of Rosemary Mizia, a longtime member of the branch. Rosemary at one time was very active in the branch



Branch 115 attended the Ordination to the priesthood of their Adopted Seminarian Ian Hagan at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on June 2. Also members attended his first Mass at the St. Julie Billiard Church in Newbury Park.

branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that Shew 23:Summer is near” Matthew 24:32.

Have a blessed Summer,

Cordially

Micheal Bohannon Roa

Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Just a quick update

Aug 24 will be our meeting with an ice cream social and invite a friend meeting. We will complete the preparation for the Spaghetti Dinner on September 23rd.

Convention is Labor day weekend. It will be at the Town and Country hotel in San Diego.

All can come (it will be cooler there)

September 8 will be the Church Picnic We will set up a bocci court and information booth.

Sept.23rd will be the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. All welcome for a good home made spaghetti dinner with wine and dessert a d lot of fun.

Keep Cool.

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

Due to the celebration of birthdays, anniversaries and attendance at required meetings that occurred on or near our meeting June date, caused a dark day, allowing our faithful membership to celebrate their special occasions. But “these dark days” did not stop our branch from formulating plans for our upcoming fundraisers: pancake breakfast and Italian sandwich sale and others-dates of these events to be announced. But most important to the Branch’s planning for future activities



Elizabeth Gonzalez was awarded the Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship at award presentation held at the Branch 374 general meeting on June 24.

is the Branch’s annual Christmas party.

When it comes to celebrating Christmas with a party, Branch 326 knows how to do it well, and our membership does not need a tutorial. Howsoever, when comes to respecting the “reason for the season,” the membership of Branch 326, excels.

Our fundraiser turnaround to San Manuel Casino was a success of sorts: no guest wound up with the deed to the casino nor could claim that they fed their last penny into the electronic one-armed bandits.

In July, the Branch celebrated these birthdays: Frances Bonura, Pete Costa, Anne Dandrea, Mary Girillo, Mae Rosenkranz and Pat Brisco; and we celebrated the anniversaries of Josie and Anthony Basile and Cal and Val Magro. Happy times to all these members and to all our membership.

Spiritual thought of the month: Faith – it does not make things easier, it just makes them possible.

Jest of the month: Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.

Tony Farinella

First Vice President, Branch 326

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Hello San Diego!!!

What a great city to host the Convention.

Summer is slowly coming to a close and autumn is right behind.

Branch 362 celebrated our 36th Anniversary this year. Congratulations! We’ve added five new members this summer and hope to continue increasing our membership.

September brings another Bingo lunch on the 16th. Please come and join us at St. Raymond for lunch and friendship and fun.

Looking towards the rest of 2018 we will have another Bingo on November 4th, Bishops Banquet at St. John’s Seminary on November 11th and a possible Breakfast with Santa in December. More on that in later Bolletino’s.

Cheers to a successful Convention!



Kailey Cullen is pictured here receiving her award certificate from ICF Branch 374 President Jack DeZell at the monthly meeting of Branch 374.

La Canada Flintridge St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

La Canada High School 2018 graduate Elizabeth Gonzales was awarded the Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship at award presentation held at the Branch 374 general meeting on June 24th. Prior to attending LCHS, Elizabeth was a student at Palm Crest School. Branch president Jack DeZell made the presentation of the scholarship.

Elizabeth will be attending California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks in the fall where she plans to major in computer sciences with an emphasis on biology. The graduate enjoys filmmaking and writing.

Elizabeth is presented with an ICF Corticate by Branch 374 President Jack DeZell.

Two St. Bede School students were recent winners of the Father Lawrence Essay Award Program. Kailey Cullen and Lisa Urquiza were among 7th and 8th grade students who submitted essays about the value of their Catholic education and provided evidence of extensive community service. The award is named after the late, very popular young associate pastor, Father Lawrence Signey who was very popular with students at the local Catholic elementary (K-8) school. He died prematurely of cancer several years ago after serving as pastor of St. Robert Bellamine in Burbank. Each year the Italian Catholic Federation branch at St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church in La Canada Flintridge conducts the competition at the school. Mark Mannarelli is the branch chairman for scholarships and awards.

Kailey, a very active student who aspires to attend the United States Air Force Academy after she graduates from Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, where she will attend in the fall of 2018. She is an avid softball player, runs cross country, and loves to read the classics with her favorite being *The Catcher in the Rye*. Kailey also volunteers at Children’s Hospital, LA.

Lisa Urquiza who also received the award, was not able to attend the award presentation.

Kailey is pictured here receiving her award certificate from ICF Branch 374 President Jack DeZell at the monthly meeting of ICF held this past Sunday.

ICF Photo Courtesy of Al Restivo.

for many years. JoAnn’s mother passed the 101 year mark.

There will be no meeting in August and we hope to see everyone in September.

Lolly M.

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

May 6-8, 40+ members and patrons traveled to Laughlin, NV. The weather was great, food delicious and plenty of good times for all. Thanks for making our trip a successful event!

May 24th, President Connie presented the ICF scholarship to Senior Ryan Simone from Bishop Montgomery High School. Ryan will be attending UC Santa Barbara.

June 8th, we presented two scholarships to our St. Anthony Elementary School students, Hernan Castillo and Kamila Rodriguez, both will be attending St. Pius X-St Matthias High School. Julieta Roa daughter of our vice-president is pictured presenting the awards.

June 9th, Francesca Villaneck, a graduate from our neighbor parish, St. Catherine, received our scholarship to Bishop Montgomery HS. Congrats to all the graduates and best wishes for a great future.

Rose Moore, our Special Events Coordinator and Johnny Roa, Branch Jr. President presented the award. Congratulations to all the graduates and best wishes for a wonderful and successful future.

A very special thanks to all the parishioners and patrons that support our many events. We are very blessed to be able to provide so many scholarships to these special students.

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its



Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

I hope everyone is having a great summer!

The members of branch 380 have been hard at work. We recently held our 3rd annual garage sale to raise money for ICF college scholarships. Thank you to co-chairpersons Anne Interrante, Nanette Metz, and Annie Scott, and everyone else who helped during the event. A big thank you as well to those who donated items - your generosity helped make this year's garage sale a great success!

Convention is right around the corner, and our delegates are looking forward to a fun and productive time in San Diego. We are proud to say that branch 380 member Pat Mages will once again be running for Central Council. Congratulations to our branch's own Alessandrino family for winning the 2018 ICF Family of the Year award!

Branch 380 is currently planning a trip to Southern Italy & Sicily in May of 2019. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sonja Oliver at (805)300-3488 or sgoliver@cs.com.

Upcoming Dates:

September 7 (Fri.) General Meeting

October 5 (Fri.) General Meeting

Ryan Interrante

Corresponding Secretary

Simi Valley

St. Gianna, Br. 443

Sunday, June 24, St Rose of Lima ICF hosted their third annual Bocce Picnic. It was held at Lemon Park in Simi Valley. ICF provided delicious sausage and peppers, hot dogs and soft drinks and members brought their favorite side dishes and desserts. About 70 people were in attendance and there was plenty of delicious food for all.

Frank Saraceno Sr. set up Bocce teams and everyone, young and old, enjoyed playing this wonderful sport! It was great to see everyone come together and have so much fun!!

Thanks to David and Kristen Ferguson for the great job they did at the barbecues and for all who helped to make the Bocce Picnic such a great success.



(Above) Friends and family enjoying Branch 443's annual Bocce Picnic.

(Left) Two of Branch 443's finalists!

Manhattan Beach

America Martyrs, Br. 447

The General Meeting held on Friday, June 22nd was a pot luck dinner and Bingo night was enjoyed by all. Board members contributed the main dishes and drinks, and members contributed wonderful appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Our table decorations included adorable fresh basil plants in tomato cans by Andrea Federico and Daniel Federico Custis.

During dinner we enjoyed Italian music, brought to us by Rich Romano. After dinner our Co-Presidents, Luanne Donahue and DeAnna Federico conducted a brief general meeting and announced several exciting ideas for future events as well as our plan to support our church ministries.

After dinner we enjoyed several exciting games of Bingo, with the winners receiving cash prizes. The children also enjoyed playing a separate game of Bingo, calling their games and winning prizes. Several children also entertained us by telling jokes.

Thank you to all of our members for attending one of our first kick-off events and working hard to make the evening fun for the adults and children. Special thanks to our wonderful Expansion Team, Anne and Richard Interrante, Lou Mages, and Perry Shurko for their love and support in helping us open our Branch. All of your time, dedication, and hard work on our behalf is greatly appreciated.

Our orator, Sheila Walsh-Vargas, concluded the meeting with the children assisting in a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which blessed us all.

Our next Board Meeting and General Meeting will be held in August. Please watch for announcements in the church bulletin.

Ciao!

Stephanie DeRaddo

Monterey

Central Coast District Council

Remembering the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Garcia...

The Most Reverend Richard John Garcia, the fourth bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Monterey in California died



(Above) August, 2017 ~ ICF Central Coast District celebrating Bishop's Day & Summer BBQ. Bishop Garcia, shown with Seminarians, President & Officers of the Central Council, Central Coast Officers, & Branch President's. Hosted by Salinas Br. 25.

(Below) November, 2013 ICF Central Coast District Bishop's Day & Memorial Mass; Bishop Garcia shown with servers of the Holy Cross Parish Youth Group.



the morning of, Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Blessed with a deep faith in God and a life of priestly ministry, he passed into the loving embrace of his Heavenly Father. Throughout his term, he lead the people of the diocese in an ever deeper appreciation and activation of the "grace upon grace" that has always sustained the people of God of the Diocese of Monterey.

In 1997, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento by Pope John Paul II and was ordained a bishop on January 28, 1997. In December 2006, he was named the fourth bishop of Diocese of Monterey by Pope Benedict XVI and installed as the new Ordinary on January 30, 2007. He served the Church faithfully for over the forty-five years of his priesthood.

Bishop Garcia was known for his very personable, welcoming and friendly demeanor. As a spiritual shepherd, he had a special concern for the poor, the incarcerated, migrant workers and immigrant communities. He always had time for his priests, deacons, religious, seminarians and the people of God throughout the Diocese of Monterey.

We were very blessed to have had this gentle, caring soul in our lives. He participated whenever he could in many of the ICF Branch and ICF Central Coast District activities within the Diocese, including Bishop's Day, Memorial Masses, and our Summer BBQ's. He will be missed. (see photos.) Please keep our beloved Bishop Garcia and his family in your prayers.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in the Bishop's memory to: VNA Hospice, 45 Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. 93901 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation at www.alz.org. The Diocese of Monterey asks for prayers during this time of loss.

For more information, please see the following websites: <https://dioceseofmonterey.org/> and <https://www.bermudezfamfunerals.com/notices/MostReverendRichardJ-GarciaBishop>

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Well, it's ICF Convention Season, and once again, Branch 21 has sent off three very capable delegates. This year's are Roseann Costabile, Rosa Radicchi, and Rebecca Rosser. The Convention is held in beautiful San Diego and we are certain our delegates will bring back helpful information to keep our Branch running like a well-greased piece of machinery. Come to our next meeting on September 11th to munch on pizza and hear their exciting reports.

Upcoming events for our Branch include a Family Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on September 28th. Then on October 26th there will be the annual Polenta Dinner. If you would like to help with either of these events, we would most heartily welcome you. It's fun, it's easy, and you can catch up on what old and new friends are doing! Please contact Roseann if you



Congratulations to Branch 25's Scholarship winner, Gabriella Graziano (Center) and her mother, Maria (Right), after Gabriella was presented with a cake and flowers by President, Julie Richards (Left) at the June 2018 meeting.

are interested.

In closing, we sadly report that our Branch has recently lost two very dear members, Bob Zoccoli and Mary Stagnaro. Bob was an ICF member for more than 45 years and served on the Branch 21 Board in several capacities. He was a tireless, generous contributor to the ICF cause and his loving spirit will be missed. Mary was a sweet and generous supporter and her dedication and warm, endearing smile will be missed. There is a quotation that says: "Butterflies hover and Feathers appear, whenever lost Loved Ones and Angels are near." Heaven now has two new Angels so perhaps watch for them whilst on your next walk.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

N.S. Del Sasso, Br. 25

Branch 25 hosted a Luncheon at our June 12th meeting for our Scholarship winners. Gabriella Graziano and her mother Maria were presented with flowers and a cake by President, Julie Richards. Christine Wooler was unable to attend as she has a summer job. Congratulations to both deserving winners. (See Photo.)

Congratulations to our Monterey Dioceses Seminarians who were ordained at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, June 9th. Julie Richards attended the High Mass for Rodrigo Cardona, Dat Ngyuen and David Ramirez. The new priests will be assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Monterey County, and Santa Cruz County and San Luis Obispo County Parishes, respectively. Dat was a guest for all of our ICF events and always asks Julie Richards "how are the cows doing?" at JM Ranch. Blessings to all of our new priests.

Preparations are in full swing for the annual Central Coast District Picnic to be held at JM Ranch on Saturday, August 4th, hosted by Branch 25. We already have RSVP's for Bocce and Pedro. Flyers and invitations were mailed to all District Branches and we cordially invite other Districts to attend.

The date for our annual Polenta Luncheon has been confirmed for Wednesday, November 7th, 2018, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Our prayers continue for long time member, Don Stoffey. Members are encouraged to visit him at the rehab center on Romie



Lane. Also in our prayers is Gia Ussery, our Financial Secretary/Treasurer who is recovering from a recent medical event.

Best Wishes to all attendees for a great Convention experience in San Diego.

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Hope everyone is having a great summer with your family and friends.

June 24, 2018, we hosted an all you can eat pancake breakfast with eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee. We thank our executive chef PJ Curatolo and crew for preparing a great breakfast. Thank you, JoAnn Rios, chairman and her committee, for a successful fund raiser. Also, at the same time we had a bake sale. Thank you, Catherine Compagno and her committee, for helping with our Bake Sale. All proceeds were placed into our Scholarship fund.

July 12, 2018 was our members 85 And Over birthday dinner celebration. 100 of our members received invitations to "Sail the Night Away". Our oldest member is Frances Di Girolamo, who was 101 on July 16, and Ruth Flynn turned 100 years old on March 30. A complementary dinner to all our honor guests, prepared by Executive Chef PJ Curatolo and crew. A big beautiful birthday cake was served to all guest and members. We thank our chairmen's Antonia Ihnot and June Serrano for doing an outstanding job. The next Bolletino will have photos of our 85 and over party.

September 7, 8 & 9: Festa Italia -Santa Rosalia – Custom House Plaza- Monterey, CA

October 4 Dinner/Meeting



Members of Branch 36 hosting a pancake breakfast and bake sale with all proceeds benefitting the scholarship fund.

Our sympathy to the family of Toni Hutchinson. Toni was an ICF member for 27 years and may she Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for all our members and their family that are ill, or who have lost love ones. We all wish Bettye Sollecito a speedy recovery.

The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Psalm 118:27

Always,

Elaine Valentine

Castroville

Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51

Wow August is here and the summer months are almost over! Before we know it the kids will be back in school... if they haven't already started.

Our branch took the summer months off, but we are ready to get back into the swing of things. Our next general meeting will be held on Friday, August 10th, it will be a potluck/game night. Our next fundraiser is being planned for the end of September, keep an eye out for more details in next month's Bollettino.

We are getting ready and excited for the upcoming I.C.F. convention. A few of us will be carpooling and making our way down to San Diego. I am sure there will be a lot to report after the convention.

Welcome to our new member Pauline Rodgers. Pauline is a good friend and always ready to lend a helping hand. She is very involved in our parish and serves as a Eucharistic minister and she also teaches catechism classes to our youth. Welcome to our ICF family Pauline!

Happy birthday to our August babies- my



Anna Cortopassi, mother of Branch 51 President Cindy Stefani, making one of her many favorite meals.

sister-in-law Stefani Cortopassi, Joseph Huynh, Carmen Rossi, my mother-in-law Pat Stefani and Gepke Strobel. Buon Compleanno!

And lastly please keep in your prayers the Doris Family who lost their wonderful son John Jr. this past June after a lengthy illness and we also pray for our beloved Bishop Richard Garcia who passed away on July 11th. He was truly a kind and compassionate man and will be greatly missed by all. Until next month,

Cindy Stefani

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Many thanks to Ken and Nancy Olson for chairing the annual barbecue and Bob and Mary Montonye who assisted. Joining Ken at the barbecue pit were Danny Scott and Conrad Zantotto who kept on eye on those chickens and steaks. Thanks also to all the other workers who helped and the members who furnished gift baskets for the raffle. There was a nice crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the new location.

Convention Delegates for the convention in San Diego were selected at our June meeting. They are Ellen and Gene Pauly and Vicky Howell. Nancy Prevedelli is the alternate.

Many of our members participated in the June 23rd Consecration of St. Joseph's Church. They helped make the event very impressive.

Thanks to Vicky Howell for volunteering to serve as Funeral Coordinator and Bob Montonye for offering to help.

Best wishes for a successful and productive convention. May these words from Edith Wharton be an inspiration:

There are two ways of spreading light:

To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Delegates and members of Branch 291 are looking forward to attending the I.C.F. National Convention in San Diego! Our Branch delegates are Pete Gallagher, Jennifer Nakamura and Keely Sanchez. Members Abby Gallagher, Rose Haupt, Delia Padilla, Kathleen Sullivan and



Br. 291 held a Hawaiian-themed dinner meeting in July. Pictured here are members wearing their tropical attire! L-R: Margot and Joe Ochoa, Kathleen Sullivan, Bruce Hensley, Delia Padilla and guest Rose Martinez.



Br. 291 member, Abbey Giuffrida, received Br. 291's first "local" college scholarship and also an I.C.F. First Year Scholarship, funded by the Central Coast District. Pictured here are Br. 291 President, Pete Gallagher, Abbey Giuffrida and Br. 291 Mentor, Dave Zanini, from Br. 354.

Joanna Van Blaricom will also attend the convention. We are looking forward to a scenic train ride from Grover Beach to San Diego and a weekend full of fun, food and fellowship with other ICF members from across the country!

At our July General Membership Dinner meeting, our dinner hostesses—Keely Sanchez and Annie Subia—served a Hawaiian-themed dinner and asked members to wear their Hawaiian attire! Plus, the warm, humid weather that weekend made us feel like we were in the tropics!

A group from our Branch attended the Central Coast District BBQ in Chualar on Saturday, Aug. 4th, where they enjoyed a fun day of festivities in the beautiful setting at JM Ranch.

On Sunday, Aug. 19th, our church held the second annual St. Patrick's Parish Summer Festival. The I.C.F. hosted a "cookie booth" and sold delicious homemade cookies to festival attendees. It was a fun day of live music, entertainment, lots of food booths, activities for the kids, and raffle prizes (including cash) at the end of the evening!

We are gearing up for our Fall Fundraiser Dinners to raise money for our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. Menus for each dinner have not been finalized, but we promise they will be delicious! The dinners are from 4-7pm in our parish hall on September 14th, October 12th and November 9th (when all veterans

can eat for free!) Please join us if you're in the area for one or all of our delicious dinners!

Ciao!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Oakland East Bay District Council

Here we are, hard at work, tying up loose ends for Bishop's Day, Aug. 12, 2018, beginning with 3:30 Mass at Our Lady of Grace. Following Mass we will have refreshments in Stack Center and then a family style dinner, the menu is on the flyers sent to all of the branch presidents. We are hoping for a good turnout from each of the branches.

Plans are under way for the CC workshop, we are looking at the Oct. meeting date of 10/22/18. Instead of a meeting we will have refreshments and the workshop. Please encourage as many members as possible to attend.

Here's to all those attending the convention, take good notes so you have much to share with those not attending when you return.

Now I know it is a little early for Christmas, but mark your calendars, our Christmas party will be 12/1/18 @ Buon Appetito, more information to follow.

It is with much sadness that we are asking for your prayers for Dave Rose, who passed away on 6/29/18, and his family. Dave was a vital part of the ICF and was honored with the Pope John XXIII award in 2008. His funeral was 7/14/18.

May God bless all who are still with us as they continue on their way to be true representatives of the ICF. Have a happy and fun filled summer.

Pat Grasso, Secretary

East Bay District

Alameda

Nostra Signora Della Grazie, Br. 10

As you are aware from the July Bollettino, our beloved president, Dave Rose, died in his home in Alameda on June 29. Dave had been ill with cancer for three-and-one-half months. He received loving care from his sisters Pat Kennedy and Barbara Payne and Pat's husband John Kennedy.

The Rosary was said on July 13 in Saint Philip Neri Church in Alameda, and Leonard Rossi, president of East Bay District, led the ICF Prayer of Farewell. The church was filled to overflowing for the Funeral Mass on July 14, which was concelebrated by six priests, including Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Oakland Most Reverend John S. Cummins, ICF Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli and ICF East Bay District Chaplain Reverend Rafal Duda. The eulogy was delivered by James McGee, one of Dave's three adopted sons. The dozens of ICF members present laid roses on the altar near the conclusion of the Mass. Branch 10 provided desserts for the reception held in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, where Dave presided over and attended hundreds of events.

At our meeting of July 19 we voted to honor Dave's memory by renaming our first-year scholarships "Dave Rose Scholarships." The recipients will henceforth be known as "Rose Scholars." We award the \$500.00 scholarships to four graduates of the Catholic elementary schools in Alameda who will be attending Catholic high schools. This year's recipients are Ashley Robinson and Jimmy Russi of Saint Philip Neri School and Grace Maguire and Dylan Stewart of Saint Joseph Elementary School.

We also voted at the meeting to donate profits from our upcoming Ravioli Dinner to Saint Philip Neri School, one of the seven institutions and organizations, which included the ICF, listed in the donations section of the Dave's obituary.

We are starting to plan for our October 6 Ravioli Dinner, the next undertaking on our social calendar. The event will be held in Monsignor O'Brien Hall in Alameda and starts with social hour at 6:00. The dinner of salad, ravioli, dessert and coffee prepared by Ben Ratto will be served at 7:00. We are again inviting representatives of Birthright, who in the past have accepted donations of infant items and monetary contributions. Prices for the dinner are \$20.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under.

Reservations are required by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1 to our acting president, Gina Foster, by email tgfoster@csdo.org or by telephone to (510) 995-8141. Checks should be sent (or cash should be delivered) to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great parish office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Eighty-five persons attended our annual barbecue held in conjunction with our July 19 meeting. The menu included hamburgers, salads, desserts and beverages. Thanks to Peggy Lubeck, our acting first vice-president, for arranging the event and to her husband Bob Lubeck, Bill Doan and

Ernie Poggi for their work at the grill.

Peggy Lubeck and member Jan Rosa have accepted their election as our delegates to the San Diego convention. Secretary Jeanette Zugnoni will serve as alternate.

John Zugnoni,

Branch 10 publicity

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner on June 2nd was delicious and very successful. We made enough profit to be able to continue our Scholarship Program. In fact, we were able to award First Year Scholarships to three wonderful young ladies: Cassidy Bates (Livermore High), Gabriella Bond Livermore High), and Gabriela Vilter (Foothill High).

We are very proud of our recipients.

Hooray for Golf and Food! The June meeting for Branch 285 was an afternoon luncheon meeting at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore, organized by Pauline Kirk. It was so nice to have a meeting at such a lovely venue. It also accommodated those who often can only attend daytime meetings and activities. Thank you Pauline. Although no one played golf, the atmosphere and food were superb. We were also able to discuss our upcoming events.

On a sadder note, this month, we lost a dear former member of our Branch, Peggy Zanatta. We also give our condolences to the family of Dave Rose, Branch 10. We will continue to keep both in our thoughts and prayers.

July is a vacation month for us, so there are no meetings. We are looking forward to August, where we will be attending the Athletic's Italian Heritage Night on August 4. We also will socialize at our Annual BBQ on August 19. The Meiers have graciously offered their home for the event.

Picnics and Celebrations are so much fun that our Branch is hoping to participate in the Annual CCOP Picnic on September 23 and the 100 Year Celebration of St. Michael's Parish on September 29 and 30. Cookies and pizza will be sold to support our parishes.

The September meeting for Branch 285 will be held, this time, at St. Michael Small Hall in Livermore on September 14, at 6 pm. Now that the Hall is renovated, we hope to have some meetings and events in Livermore as well as in Pleasanton.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Ciao for now,

Carolina (subbing for Charles)

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It may be summer time, but we are still hard at work with fund raisers to support our charities. The first one this summer will be a garage sale at the Taddei residence on Aug. 11th from 8 to 3. Now to make this

a success we need, nice, saleable goods and people to “man” the tables. Sign up soon!

We were pleased to meet the winner of our 1st year Scholarship, Julia Galloway and her parents, at our June meeting. She will be studying neuroscience at USC.

Since Bishop’s Day is being held @ OLG, we are looking forward to a good turnout of both members and nonmembers. Encourage your friends to attend, who knows maybe a new ICF member will be among them. The date is Aug. 12th, beginning with Mass @ 3:30, followed by refreshments and dinner.

We will also have some fun this Aug. at Italian Heritage night @ the Oakland A’s game on Aug.3rd. Hope to see many of you there.

And finally, to those attending the convention in San Diego, learn lots and bring back new ideas to help spread the word. What is ICF/ what do we do???

Have a super summer and keep us in your prayers.

Pat Grasso, Secretary

Branch 343

Contra Costa

District Council

Thank you to all the branch delegates to this years’ Convention in San Diego. Congratulations to Past Grand President Michael Cannady for reaching the status of Life Member Emeritus.

Branch officers are strongly encouraged to obtain the new ICF brochure and to distribute it at every opportunity in order to let people know about our great organization and perhaps get new members.

We are very thrilled to have Father Mario Rizzo assigned to Christ the King parish in Pleasant Hill.

I will report on the August 12 Bishops’ Day event in the next Bollettino issue.

Our Night of Recollection on Monday, September 10 at 6:00 P.M. will be hosted by the Richmond branch. We’ll have a pasta dinner followed by a very inspirational talk from Father Larry Young - our District Chaplain. Please ask your branch President for additional details. It would be great if we could have more members attending this event.

The next District meeting will be on Thursday, October 25th at the Legends restaurant in the Diablo Creek golf course in Concord. Each Branch should send at least two delegates to this meeting. This is a very important meeting since District officers for the year 2019 will be nominated.

The more you participate in the activities of your branch, the more you’ll get out of being a member. Don’t hesitate, participate.

I leave you with a quote by Jack Buck: Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out.

Joseph



ICF Branch 13 officer and scholarship coordinator, Rosemary Cook, presents Sienna Coward, the 2018 Marina Ellis 8th Grade Scholarship Award recipient, her certificate of honor at the St. Catherine Parochial School graduation ceremony. Sienna and her family joined our branch meeting in August to discuss her high school goals and receive accolades from members of Branch 13.

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Hope that all have enjoyed your summer. Our branch breaks for summer after the May meeting and resume meeting in August. We enjoyed our “hot” summer days and look forward to an eventful fall season as we live out “our mission of faith.”

At the August regular branch meeting, members enjoyed talking with our 2018 Marina Ellis Eighth Grade scholarship recipient, Sienna Coward, and her family. She shared with us her high school plans and future goals as she sees them now. We wish her great success in her educational endeavors.

Mark your calendars! Save the date! Branch #13’s Annual Family Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner is on Saturday, October 20 in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall (enter on Henrietta Street) in Martinez beginning with no-host cocktails at 6 pm and dinner service at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person 13 years and older; \$8 children 6 to 12 years old, and 5 years and under are free with an accompanied paid adult. You can count on a silent auction, a dessert auction, many prize basket drawings, and delicious food! Make a plan to visit us in Martinez and we can enjoy each other’s company. Proceeds will benefit our ICF scholarship program, the national charity, and others. For tickets call 925-229-2665 or emailICFBranch13Martinez@gmail.com with your request.

And, the convention is upon us. Members are looking forward to President Tom Cook’s convention report, his activities, and the resolution of proposals upon his return from San Diego. We wish delegates from far and near a productive and fun-filled convention; and, congratulate this year’s award recipients. Let us all continue to live out “Our Mission of Faith.”

Ciao from Martinez,

Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Welcome to September! We hope everyone enjoyed a splendid summer.

Not only did we celebrate our Branch’s 91st Anniversary in July, we celebrated Pauline Cardoza’s 97th Birthday, as well. Just as our Branch is going strong, so too is Pauline. She is quite the firecracker!

It is with sincere sorrow that we mention the deaths of Clare Alvarado and Gerard Lesmeister. Clare was our financial secretary, always kind, and always willing to lend a helping hand. Gerard (better known as Jerry) was ill for awhile, and was well taken care of by his loving and devoted wife, Judy. Both Clare and Jerry will be missed.

September 11 will be our regular meeting night. There is never a time I write 9/11 that I don’t remember that disastrous day in 2001. To prove “We will never forget,” and to honor those who so tragically lost their lives, please try to attend mass at 5:30. The 6:30 dinner, which consists of risotto and chicken, will be prepared by Chef David and his Sous Chef, Franca. Convention reports will be given at the 7:30 meeting and polenta tickets for our October 27th Polenta Dinner will be sold.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Michelle Feldman, who has long been the Bollettino editor. This is Michelle’s final edition, and I wish her well in future endeavors. Michelle has been helpful, knowledgeable and kind throughout the years; working with her has been a pleasure, and I will miss her. Michelle Feldman practices what the Dalai Lama said, and what I leave you with...”Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

As I am writing this our Bishops day Mass and dinner is approaching on August 12. We thank the East Bay district for hosting and we thank Sally Costa for handling our dinner reservations and sending all paper work/payments for us. I will give details next month.

Our picnic was hosted by Joann and Elaine on July 28. Each year they open up their home. We eat, swim and visit. It is always peaceful, relaxing and fun. Thank you, Joann and Elaine, for once again hosting.

Thank you to all that turned in convention raffle tickets. We sold more tickets than last year. Good luck to all.

The annual convention will be held in San Diego over Labor Day weekend. Festivities start on August 30 with a welcome dinner. We wish all those attending a safe trip and an enjoyable time.

Our next event is our Bus trip to Monterey on Saturday Sept. 8. Bus will leave that

morning from Good Shepherd parking lot and will have a second pick up in Concord at the Sun valley Mall at Baja Fresh. Will play Bingo and enjoy refreshments on the way. Once we arrive will enjoy the parade and Santa Rosalia Festa Italiana. There is entertainment, vendors and food booths. Each bus ticket is \$45.00. Mail your check made out to Joann Thilgen to 4661 Teakwood Ct. Oakley, CA. 94560

On Monday Sept. 10 will attend the District Night of Recollection. The Richmond Branch will host at the Salesian hall. They will serve a delicious Italian dinner for \$10.00 per person. Our Chaplain Father Larry will be our speaker. We pay at the door but RSVP is needed by Sept. 4 to Patty 925-228-0810

No meeting in Sept. Invitations will be mailed with date and details for our October meeting and Halloween party.

That is all for now.

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti.

Patty

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

July was a vacation month for members of the St. Raymond branch. We are rested and ready to tackle the next big fundraiser which is the Polenta Dinner on October 20 2018. The dinner is held at St. Jerome’s Rohan Hall @ 7PM. It is not too early to get your reservations in. Call Dee Yonke @ 415-236-0689

The Bus trip to Cache Creek was held on July 30, 2018. We had 42 gamblers going to try their luck. Missing was Joe Meneghelli, our Cache Creek bus trip coordinator. Hurry up and get well, Joe. The bus isn’t the same with out you! The next bus trip is October 22, 2018. The funds we raise on these bus trips go to fund our donations to Cooley’s anemia. Please call Toni Reeder, 510-236-9560 for reservations.

At our June meeting we hosted our scholarship recipients they are: Serena Samson, Skylar Jacobs and Isabella Mecurio. It was delightful to meet them and their families at a Ravioli dinner we hosted in their honor.

Lorraine and Alicia will be heading off the Convention to represent our branch. They have promised to return with a full report



2018 scholarship recipients, Skylar Jacobs, Alicia Treviño, branch president, Bella Mecurio.

and Calendars!

Next meeting is September 10, 2018, Chicken Dinner, preceded by Mass, \$10.00 Reserve with Dee @236-0689.

During the last few months we lost two of our beloved members, Vilma Costa and May Barbano. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. We send best wishes and prayers to Joe Meneghelli and Bob McAllister for a speedy recovery.

Concord

Todos Santos Br. 214

No meetings July or August. We did have our Annual BBQ for members at President Roberta Healy’s home. Themed Sports, perfect occasion to wear ur jerseys.

Members look forward to the fun and interesting updates of Convention. Our President and 3 members attended.

Prayers for our sick and elderly: Mia Basarich, Earl Koski, Jim Armstrong. Deceased member: John Whalen, one of our founding members, our friend and poet.

Ciao,
Christina, Correspondence secty.

Danville

San Isidore, Br. 352

Our Branch honored our two, first-year ICF Scholarship recipients and their families at our June dinner meeting, with a special treat of pasta and homemade meatballs by Chef Angelo. Makenna Caldwell, of California High School, and Collin O’Grady of San Ramon Valley High School received our 2018 awards. We wish them continued success with their studies in the Fall! We also celebrated Monsignor Cardelli’s 61st Anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. What a blessing to have him at



Roberta Healy, welcoming guests to the Branch 214 Wine Fundraiser.



Bev Atchison & Veronica Peery sampling Olive oil & balsamic vinegars from Amphora venders at the Branch 214 event.



From Branch 352 (left to right): Mr. & Collin O’Grady, Dick Reynolds, Msgr. Cardelli, Makenna & Mrs. Caldwell.

our Branch! Congratulations, Monsignor!

Even though we did not meet in July, event planning continued. Save the Dates! Saturday, Sept. 8 at 5pm. Due to multiple requests, we will once again host the PBS movie, “Prisoners Among Us” – Italian American Identity and WWII. Russ Belleci will lead the introduction, followed by Q&A. I’m sure we are in for another amazing night, of local stories of our families and friends during this time in American history. The evening is open to the public – you won’t want to miss this! And, it will be followed by ...

Saturday, October 6! Come celebrate our Columbus Day – Italian Heritage Dinner Dance Fundraiser! The band is booked – and we have some special surprises in store for this evening, focused on reviving the true meaning of the holiday and commemorating our heritage. Details to come – space will be limited. Another event not to be missed!

Our next monthly dinner & general meeting will be held on Monday, August 20 at 6pm. We hope to see you all there!

Ciao,
Branch 352



Branch 432 crab feed trial run.

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Branch 432 hasn’t had a meeting since April but that doesn’t mean we are not getting anything done. The Branch has put together and held two events, quite successfully, since April 30th.

The first event, the crab feed trial run, a pre cursor for the joint venture of ICF and the Knights of Columbus in early 2019, was held June 23rd. Designed to feed 100 of the expected 300 plus diners in 2019, it met the challenge. With the announced attendance over 90, it demonstrated ICF’s and the Knight’s capability in feeding a large number of people. The trial run featured all of the trappings usually found at a crab feed; a raffle, a silent auction, plenty of fresh crab, wine and beer.

A big hand for Bob and Pat Hoffner and their enthusiastic committee for the successful planning and execution of the crab feed trial run.

Moving on to our next effort, the Scholarship Awards Dinner, held June 25th. It was the largest awards presentation by ICF ever. Nine scholarships were presented, four to High School graduates and five to College attendees.

Raising the fund to a level to accommodate the additional scholarships was brought about by the generosity of the Sodaro Family and the Catholic Daughters of America. The Sodaro Family and the Catholic Daughters each donated \$1,000 for the scholarships.



Congratulations to the Branch 432 scholarship winners.

Attending the Awards presentations were the recipient’s families and supporters. Prior to the awards presentation all guests were treated to a catered Italian dinner, Lasagna with all the trimmings. Add your favorite beverage, a meal fit for Royalty.

All in all, a very exciting evening for the young graduates receiving their awards. Adding to their college fund has to be a booster. What a thrill to be able to participate in a young adult’s future. To be able to help in some way, what a positive feeling.

“The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams”
la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

Several of our branch members welcomed July with a game of Bocce at Campo Di Bocce. Although it was a very hot day everyone still had a wonderful time and showed off their playing skills. Of course, the fact that the courts were indoors helped keep everyone cool! What a great way to enjoy everyone’s company and celebrate our Italian heritage. If you have suggestions for other activities or outings for our branch members, please share them with everyone at our meetings.

The events scheduled for August start with the A’s Italian Day baseball game followed by fireworks on the 4th. On the 11th we are hosting a wine and cheese reception after the 5 pm mass. The Bishop’s mass and dinner on the 12th. And of course, at the end of the month our delegates head off to the convention in San Diego. A busy month indeed.

But this also means that Fall is upon us. And this means it is our anniversary. Buon anniversario. Five Years! Can you believe it? And this means preparations for our annual Fall Anniversary dinner are in the works as we speak, well read. Our dinner will be Saturday October 6th. If you haven’t signed up for the various committees please be sure to do so right away. Help is always needed with set up and take down and raffle baskets. And of course, don’t forget to buy tickets.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October the 14th. Look out for the invite details and help get our sixth year to a great start.

Ci vediamo presto.
Eileen McGauran

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

We honored the recipient of our Central Council scholarship, Julia Frediani, at the June meeting. Julia is the daughter of the Branch treasurer Ron and his wife Romie Frediani. (Photos included)

July and August represent a two month summertime “vacation” from our regular dinner and meeting schedule. Our next Branch get-together will be our annual



Members of Branch 442 enjoying an afternoon of Bocce at Campo di Bocce.



picnic, being held this year at President Charlyne's house around noon on Sunday, September 16, 2018. The Branch will furnish the meat and drinks. Everyone else attending should bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Our annual fund-raiser will be a polenta with chicken & sauce dinner and all the trimmings, including appetizers and Spumoni for dessert, to be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Reno on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Hope everyone is having a good summer and delegate Charlyne Pacini is looking forward to the convention over Labor Day weekend.

Ciao,

Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45



Branch 135 scholarship winner Julia Frediani with Branch Treasurer Ron and his wife Ronnie Frediani.

A good time was had by all at our last polenta and chicken dinner on Sunday, July 8th with another record set at 205 people in attendance. Thanks to all who supported our dinner event and worked so hard to make it happen. Scholarship presentations were made to our two 8th grade and two first year recipients pictured here. Much success to them as they enter high school and college. We also want to thank Chef Ross, cooking his first dinner with us. Great job!!

Our next event will be on Sunday, Sept. 16th with Bingo and a Pasta & Meatball dinner. More details coming in the August Bollettino. For information, call Janine at 916-508-1199.

WELCOME to JOHN, ANN, GRACE, SARAH and AUDREY BASHORE and CARLO, JULIE, EMMA, and ROCCO GIORDANO, new family memberships. We look forward to your participation and ideas for the Branch.

Happy July Birthday to the following members: Antonette Bonanno, Sheryl Cecchettini, Mariann Isola, Melissa Keller, Marie Leonard, Albert Lovotti, Donald Pasquini, and Diana Yarletz. Happy Day!!



Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of member Ivana Berton who passed away June 24th at the age of 87. Ivana and husband Lino, who passed away in 2008, were branch members for 40+ years. May she Rest in Peace.

Ciao,

Janine

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

This spring, Branch 73 donated \$1,900.00 in scholarships. \$400.00, the amount set by the Central Council, was earmarked for a First Year College Scholarship, which was awarded by the appropriate committee of the Federation to Gabrielle Favro, a recent graduate of Woodcreek High School. Gabrielle will attend California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, and plans to major in architectural engineering.

The remaining \$1,500.00 was donated to St. Rose School to be used as scholarships for three graduates who will be attending a Catholic high school in the fall. The school decided who would receive them, and the recipients were: Justin Freitas (Christian Brothers High School), Samuel Nuno (Jesuit High School), and Lauren Wieser (St. Francis High School). The three students and their families will be invited to dine with Branch 73 members prior to our meeting on 21 August.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della sezione 73 nati nel mese di agosto.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

We are very happy to announce Bunco is back! Since so many have been asking, we decided to schedule another afternoon of lunch and bunco on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at St. Joseph's Hall. Last year tickets sold very quickly, so get them as soon as you can. They will be available for sale soon. For only \$20, you will be able to enjoy a delicious lunch, bunco, a fun raffle and most importantly, fellowship and laughter with old and new friends. Please



Janine Orsi, Pres., and Tina Tallman, 1st Vice, introduce 8th Grade \$500 Scholarship winners, Grace Bashore and Emma Giordano, to the membership. An award presentation was made at their graduation in May.

Janine Orsi, Pres., and Tina Tallman, 1st Vice, present Joseph Courey and Desmond Dumonchelle with their First Year \$400 Scholarship Certificates.

call MaryAnn Mikles (916-759-8466) or Barbara O'Rourke (916-663-2656) for more details. Hope to see you there.

Also mark your calendars for a fun afternoon of lunch and bingo on September 29th, 2018 at St. Joseph's Hall. This is a district fundraiser for the Bishop's Seminarian fund. Tickets are \$20 for lunch and bingo. There will also be a raffle with fun prizes. More details will be in the next Bollettino.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Our new member Cathy Meza prepared the members with a tasty Luau Dinner at our June meeting. It is so rewarding to see some of our new members stepping in with assisting the branch on various duties. Cathy and her kitchen crew prepared several Hawaiian dishes. Cathy made us feel so welcomed by presenting us with Hawaiian leis as we entered the door. The hall was decorated with many Island decorations. All of us feel very grateful for having a delicious meal.

There are many activities coming up in the near future. They will be published in the upcoming Bollettino's.

Unfortunately, we have several members who are ill and need of your prayers. Get well Judy DelGrande we miss both of you

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

ICF Branch 230 enjoyed another eventful month in June while looking forward to a very busy summer season in the months to come. On the 24th, ICF 230 celebrated its Recognition Mass, followed by a catered luncheon at which this year's scholarship winners and 2018-2019 Queen and Her Court were announced.

The Mass included a beautiful entry proces-



Announcing the Queen and her Court at Branch 230.
sion of branch officers and this and next year's Queen's Court.

Thereafter, a well-attended baked ziti, special green salad, and rolls for lunch was enjoyed by all, followed by a cake dessert. Scholarship winners Yssabela Saaib, this year's Queen, and Natalie Rose Vitali were announced, and it was a pleasure to hear their addresses and gratitude. In the Fall, Yssabela will be attending Westminster University in London and Natalie Rose will be attending the University of Arizona, in Tucson.

Hailey Blue was announced and crowned as the 2018-2019 ICF Queen, while the following will comprise the Queen's Court: Princesses: Isabella Alvarez, Megan Sgalio, Winifred Dikona, Giana Molina, Elena Molina, Amelia Raye Cassady, Flower Girl: Addison Aiella Cassady, Crown Prince: Evan Shoemaker Princes: Dillon Sgalio, Jameson Lee Cassady, Tristan William Mercade Vigili

In July, ICF 230 is looking forward to its annual Summer Picnic and Bocce Ball Clinic/Tournament, which will take place on the 22nd.

In the meantime, the branch continues to eagerly anticipate the ICF Convention, hosted this year in San Diego August 30th through September 1st. This event will be truly spectacular and those interested in attending are encouraged to make travel and accommodation arrangements as soon as possible in order to ensure availability.

Deadline for the San Diego sponsored events is August 1st for Reservations and monies to be received. Thursday August 30, kicks of the Convention with Remembering Frank Sinatra "The Man and His Music" presented by Award Winning International Jazz Vocalist/Recording Artist/Composer/Artistic Director accompanied by Her



Outstanding Multi Talented Grammy award winning band, with the concentration on featuring Frank Sinatra's original music.

The event will be catered by Little Italy's newest and best 5 star Restaurant Rovinos, the exquisitely prepared cuisine will be prepared by Rovinos executive chefs featuring dishes Sinatra enjoyed from his favorite restaurants and special dishes he prepared at home.

Friday August 31, 2 Tours are Scheduled and The Italian Marketplace featuring Our Lady's Gifts will open at The Town and Country Hotel.

Please see additional information about these Special Events on the Italian Catholic Federation website, Facebook and or in your mailed packets.

Peace of Christ,

John Sgalio

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Due to the Aug./ Sept. issue of the Bollettino at Convention time; the following dates cover several months.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3 – ICF Convention in

San Diego

Sept. 5 -- Monthly Meeting Convention Report; 7pm. Host: Toni Morsello.

Oct. No meeting.

Get well wishes to Oretta Scaletti recuperating from a broken hip.

Best wishes to Pres. Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat for a successful Convention.

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Due to Cosmo and my health issues, we had to cancel our July14 meeting. Instead, that Saturday, because of my dear late cousin Anna Barberi's (a loyal ICF Br. #28 member) granddaughter's sudden and unexpected death at the age of 34, Cosmo and I attended her funeral in Gilroy. A very, very sad funeral...Ariele (a new angel), may you RIP.

During the month of May our branch had a "No Bake Sale" fundraiser in order to increase our bank balance...mostly to avoid bank service charges! I really need to thank our very kind and generous members for your support. I couldn't believe about 90% of our 19 members sent donations. Grazie, Grazie, Grazie...it helped our bank balance most definitely!

Our August 11 meeting hasn't happened yet. We are looking forward of getting together and enjoying our annual "Tony's Pizza Napoletana" luncheon. Hopefully, they'll be no reason to cancel this meeting!

Cosmo says the Convention Raffle tickets have been coming in steadily. You still have a few days to return the stubs/money before the deadline date 8/15. Remember, our branch gets to keep 50% of all the books sold. Every dollar helps our balance too!

Congratulations to our dear Chaplin Fr. Al...you won \$100 in the Bollettino Raffle! We're happy for you ... you well deserve it.

Please pray for our Br. #38 deceased, sick, homebound members, and for our members who have heavy crosses to carry in their daily lives. Dear God, please give us the strength to face and endure our challenges.

*Best wishes for a successful ICF Convention in San Diego!

**Oct. 6 & 7 Support SSPP Church's Columbus Day Bazaar, Pride Booth, and Parade!

Ci Vediamo il 13 di Ottobre...at 12:00 noon...in the PC!

Lunch Menu: A Halloween "Trick o Treat" surprise!

Ciao!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

On August 24th we will drive to Santa Cruz to have lunch at the Crow's Nest Restaurant. After lunch, we will drive to Pacific Grove

and go on the famous 17 Mile Drive. The bus will stop at the famous Bird Rock and the Lone Cypress Tree which is 250 plus years old. Our last stop will be at the Pebble Beach Lodge.

Our sincere sympathy to the Skropanich Family. Anna passed away on May 11, 2018. Anna was a member of Br. 258 for 36 years. You will be missed Anna. May the Blessed Mother keep you in her care.

To all of our members who have a Birthday in August, many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health. Enjoy your day.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Remember the following dates:

August 26th - Mass

August 27th - Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Mateo

South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12 and our convention representatives, Diana Ferrari and Donna Smith, will update us on any new organizational changes.

We thank everyone for their hard work at the August dinner meeting, especially our chefs. It really takes a village to make our events successful so give yourselves a pat on the back.

With the convention upon us, please purchase the raffle tickets. We keep half the proceeds of the sales to help alleviate our delegates' travel costs. All tickets need to be accounted for by August 14.

We are still looking for a volunteer to help lead our opening meeting prayers. If you are interested in being the Branch's Orator, please contact President Diana.

Our Branch has a long history in South City and many families have been a part of our history at various moments in time. We would like to remember one such former member our community lost this summer, Lena Giudici. Lena was active in both the ICF and the now closed Sons of Italy Lodge. She was a wonderful lady and our City is a better place for having someone like her as part of it. May she rest in eternal peace.

One more day, one more time, one more sunset, maybe I'll be satisfied. But then again I know what it would do, leave me wishing still, for one more day with you. Keep in your prayers, my mom, Marlis Risso.

FHR

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Its summer and hope everyone is enjoying



Branch 327 Scholarship - Celeste Lennemann, Savina Bacci, Eric DeBrine, Jake York, President Carmel Dufault.

much needed vacations away or at home.

Again, we want to thank everyone who has donated time and energy. Several members donated truckloads of goodies that made the June garage sale a success. Although there was no meeting in July, another garage sale was held on July 19th to 22nd. Thank You all who participated.

Branch Schedule:

August 13: Monday, Korean BBQ Chicken dinner, dinner hosted by Deborah Rodondi. Meeting to follow. If you wish to supply dessert call Deborah and (650) 583-0805. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by the 9th at (650)755-0878 LEAVE MESSAGE or email cas94015@yahoo.com with reservation.

August 30-- Start of ICF Annual Convention. September 1st to 3rd: Annual Convention.

September 10: Monday, Pulled Pork dinner hosted by Joanne Alvarado. Meeting to follow. If you wish to supply dessert call Deborah at (650) 583-0805. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by the 7th at (650)755-0878 LEAVE MESSAGE or email cas94015@yahoo.com with reservation.

September 22: Saturday, Champagne Bingo, Kathy Trevizo, Chair Person. Call Deborah Rodondi at (650) 583-0805 for reservations. No one under 21 allowed.

Please remember our sick and lonely members in your prayers and may you walk with God this summer in whatever you do wherever you go

N. Thurman

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Our June meeting was in honor of the students who received well-deserved scholarship monies. Our annual pizza-bust dinner was held on June 19 with three of the six winners in attendance. In all, our branch gave five scholarships to St. Charles 8th graders who were accepted at area Catholic high schools. The five recipients were: Christian Galvez (St. Francis); Savina Bacci (St. Francis); Kolby Robinson (Notre Dame); Jake York (Sacred Heart) and

Connor Thompson (Sacred Heart). Also awarded a District scholarship at the high school level was Eric DeBrine. Thank you to Celeste Lennemann and her committee who take the time to read and assess all the applications to select the appropriate winners. And congratulations and good luck to all the winners.

To all our members who join us for our monthly dinner meetings, participate in our door-prize raffle, and help out with our St. Patrick's Day Dinner...it is because of you and your participation that we have the funds to give these scholarships out to the children and their families to help further their educations. Thank you!!!

Dates to remember:

Saturday, July 28 - Bishop's Day Mass, 5:00PM, St. Pius Church, Redwood City

Saturday, September 22 - District Mass, 5:00PM, St. Charles Church, San Carlos

Saturday, September 22 - Champagne Bingo, 1:00PM, Holy Angels Hall, Colma

Saturday, October 27 - Pedro Tournament, 9:00AM, Holy Angels Hall, Colma

Sunday, November 9 - Chaplains Night, South San Francisco Elks Club

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 21st. On the menu - tri-tip dinner.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

The ICF Convention will be happening soon, so we remind our members to return your raffle tickets with your check ASAP to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 7, with a KFC dinner. Save the date - Our popular Polenta Dinner will take place on Sunday, September 16 in the Parish Center with

no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. Cost is \$25 per person. Call Rose Marie Morando, 650-692-4029 for reservations.

We pray for a quick recovery for our refreshment guy, Ray Bianchi, who has been "under the weather" for a few months.

We welcome our newest member Paul Bourque.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Cari Amici e Soci,

Buon Estate e Buon Ferragosto!

We hope you will reserve a place for the Grandparents Day Brunch with your family, coming up on September 9 at McGinnis Park Club Restaurant in San Rafael. Brunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$30 per adult, \$10 per child under 8. Price includes buffet, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage, no-host bar. Contact Anna Biggio at sonoioann@gmail.com or (415) 388-1998.

In the meantime, continue enjoying your summer. See you in September.

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

Jeanne & Lucia

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

For Lent, Fr. George started a new routine which has become a steady practice. He rises an hour earlier and devotes the time for meditation and reading. District President Bausino started with usual introduction of dignitaries and then announced Jo Bertaccini is the recipient of the Grand President's Award and Monsignor Milani received the St. Teresa of Calcutta award.

Treasurer Lencioni reported the Luau grossed \$4550 and a net of \$1000. Steve also distributed District August 5 Picnic tickets. A dessert auction is planned, so please bring desserts for the auction. We also need raffle prizes worth \$50 apiece. Setup starts about 11 am. About 15 pop-up tents need to be set-up. Bring comfortable seating or stadium seats.

Join Branch 47 at San Jose Giants game on July 27, a Fireworks game. See Craig Noah for tickets.

Branch 191 Jim Jones said the Bocce Courts are opened on Thursday nights – everyone welcomed. Teams still needed for the Frank Guidace Tournament – July 7. Branch 391 also has a San Jose Giant game fundraiser on "Italian Night" - August 18. Eileen Fritsch gave a great presentation on organ donation at the June meeting. Branch 368 offers their famous Rib Dinner on August 11. Branch 445 – Jim Falcone says they are planning a "Price is Right" dinner and

show fundraiser.

Mike Rossi gave a comprehensive membership report highlighting the fact the ICF has lost 335 members and the importance of having membership drives.

August District Meeting ICF Branch 28 Gilroy Monday August 13, 2018.

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Hi to all members of ICF Br. 5. We are moving forward to be a great branch now and in the future. Let us continue to support ICF Br. 5.

Members received sad news of the death(s) of the following members: Larry J. Marsalli (Past Grand President and Life Member Emeritus), Elizabeth Marota, and William Steffan. Eternal rest unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Please remember all of our sick members in your prayers.

All members who have young adult students who will be a senior in high school should applied for an ICF scholarship in their counselor office during the months of January to March, 2019.

From ICF Br. 5 members, best wishes to all delegates to the ICF Convention during the Labor Day weekend.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

At our June 18th dinner meeting Pat and Louie Cordich organized and presented a wonderful tri-tip, corn, salad and garlic bread meal. Members of Branch 28 since 1991 Pat and Louie are the muscle and sinew of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation that is essential to the success of our branch. Pat over the years has worn many hats and taken on many officer responsibilities within Branch 28 in addition to assuming duties district wide. Louie is a Board Trustee that is willing to give unvarnished advice as to best directions for Branch 28 to pursue. And yet with a curmudgeonly exterior that cannot hide a heart of gold. On behalf of my husband John and myself, the entirety of the membership of Branch 28, the recipients of the benefits of the charitable fundraisers, we say in unison, thank you Pat, thank you Louie.

On June 17th Branch 28 sponsored "Friendship Sunday" that invited parishioners after morning masses to Cullen Hall for donuts, coffee, a baked goods sale and most importantly information regarding Branch 28's mission of charitable fundraisers for worthwhile causes.

Our annual summer picnic was held at Las Animas Park on July 14th with summer fare served up by our hard working first and second vice presidents, Joe Fortino and Vince Saso who then took on the raffle prize drawing. Thank you members for



Branch 28: Louie and Pat Cordich at June 18th dinner meeting.



Andrew Pappani addressing the congregation at St. Mary Parish on Friendship Day providing information about ICF.

your creativity and generosity in those raffle prizes.

As convention raffle ticket sales come to an end July 31st we extend many “thanks” for your support and good luck in the drawing!

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice

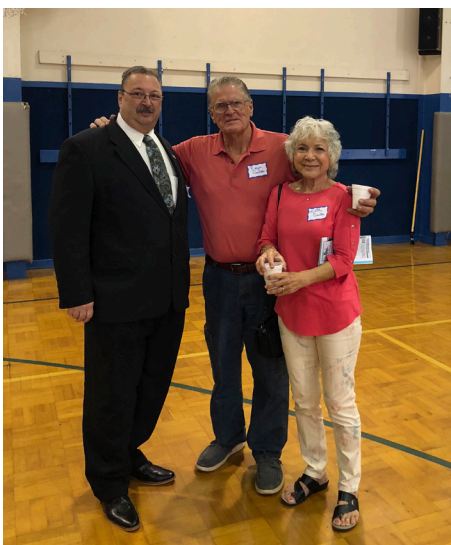
Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Congratulation to all the delegates in San Diego, prayers are coming from our officers and members for a successful convention. Our branch was honored in August to welcome to Laurice Levine to our meeting. Our branch hosted a potluck at the Antonowicz Family home and Laurice shared with us her life as a Thalassemia patient and what an impact the ICF has made on the research for this disease. THANK YOU so much for your inspirational words that fire us up to do even more for this worthy cause.

On Sunday, August 5th our branch attended the Santa Clara Valley District's annual BBQ at Vasona Lake Park in Los Gatos. As always, we had a great time, great BBQ, Bingo and dessert auction! The Mass said under the oaks was wonderful and Thanks to Father George Arahna and the Mass committee. A special thanks to our District Board for chairing the event. Great job as always!

Lastly, our prayers for the victims of the terrible fires and floods and tornados. And special prayers to our first responders. May



Branch 28: Andrew Pappani, Roger and Kathy Santos at the Friendship Day event.



Branch 28: Members Kathy Filice and Janice De Costa.

God wrap His arms around them and keep them safe.

See you at the Convention!

Denise Antonowicz

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Summer Fun from Branch 191

Summer has arrived, and Branch 191 has been taking full advantage of our beautiful weather. On Saturday July 7, 2018, our Frank Gudiac Memorial Bocce Tournament took place. Ten teams competed, and the play lasted till almost 545pm!! A sausage lunch was served, along with raffle prizes. A total of 65 people had fun in the sun. A great time was had by all. Next year start thinking of getting a team together from YOUR branch to participate. We want to see you there.

Speaking of the Bocce courts, we also have the third Thursday of the month as a fun raiser. The next fun raiser will be August 16th due to paving in the church parking lot, there will not be one in July. Hope to see all of you there, as it is a great way to meet new people, along with catching up with our members.

In the fall, we will have our annual dinner dance, “Bay Area Sports Teams”...along with a wine tasting, before the actual dinner. Please try to come and meet Branch #191!!! We are a great group. More details to follow.

Catch you at the Bocce courts,

Shirley Catania

Sentinel Branch 191



(Above) Branch 391's Mike Rossi and Brad Plecque, Scholarship Recipient funded by Los Gatos' Branch 184.

(Left) Stephen and Cathleen Lencioni and Sons from Branch 391.

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Thanks to the men of our branch for the Italian sausage dinner we all enjoyed at our July meeting. Thanks to the women of the branch for most of the appetizers and salads, and to the men again for passing out the ice cream bars. A feast for all concerned.

Another loud thank you goes to Elaine Osorio, who for years has been planning both our district Mass at Our Lady of Peace parish and the lunch that follows. Thank you Elaine, and thank you, Father George Aranha, for celebrating the district Mass with us.

We are sending a donation to St. Jude's Hospital in honor of Larry Marsalli, who passed away recently. Larry contributed a lot to his community and served as Grand President of ICF. He will be greatly missed.

Our branch is hosting a barbecue dinner on August 11 in our parish hall. We will be having baby-back ribs, beans with a special sauce, French bread, a fantastic salad bar, and desserts. The menu is the inspiration of Marie and Bill Greco and their daughter Anna Greco Gonzales, who have brought their homemade salad and other secret recipes to benefit our branch from Holy Cross branch #4, which disbanded after the fire in the church. Anna is 1st Vice President of our Santa Clara Valley District. We are delighted to have you with us, Bill, Marie, and Anna!

Blessings on all,

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Although there was no meeting in July, our branch celebrated the 4th of July with our annual hot dog barbecue and beans prepared by the Lencioni Family. Thank you, Stephen, Cathleen and Sons, for your continued support which is appreciated.

We presented a scholarship to Brad Plecque during our dinner. Thank you, Los Gatos' Branch 184, for funding this scholarship.

Reminders:

Don't forget to turn in your convention raffle ticket stubs and money to Tina Rossi as soon as possible.

Louise Vento is selling \$5 tickets for the SJ Giants' game on August 18, 2018, which is Italian Night.

Upcoming events: Convention San Diego—August 31-September 4, 2018;

Branch #391 Meeting—August 7, 2018, 6:30pm; Quarterly Mass and Communion—September 9, 2018, 8:30 am Mass.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Please pray for our new Pastor Fr. Phong. May God Bless him in his service to the Resurrection Parish Community.

He has asked for Br 408's help in hosting a Community Service Sunday and Pancake Breakfast on the 19th of August. We plan to serve after the 7, 8:30 and 10:00 AM Masses and to support our Chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Thank you to all of our Blood Donors from our summer Drive. Blood Donations are very important in these summer months and our Drive reportedly allowed a key surgery to take place at Stanford.

We wish our Delegate to Convention a safe trip and a productive time in San Diego.

Please pray for our members – especially for Richard DeFrancisci who passed on the 8th June, Edith Novak, Betty Deville who has moved to the Sacramento Area, and Carolyn O'Connor.

Morgan Hill

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

Summertime and the living is easy.... so we celebrated with an easy dinner, pizza. With four different pizzas from “My Pizza” and



Branch 408 members attending the Quarterly Communion Breakfast in August.

four different salads from our members and apple pie from Costco, we all were able to enjoy ourselves.

We also wished Happy Anniversary in June to John and Noreen Gillio on their 55th anniversary and to Bobbi and John Zaucha on their 60th anniversary. Way to go!

Josie Talamo, longtime Branch #435 member, is vacationing in Sicily.

Loretta Wilson's granddaughter, Kacie Wilson, is currently studying Italian in Lecce, Italy for the summer. Kacie attends the University of Oregon with a minor in Italian.

Our July meeting will be held at Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill with our annual steak BBQ prepared by George and Gene Guglielmo and their wonderful crew. This is always a well attended event set in the beautiful outdoor covered patio overlooking the vineyard. We also take this opportunity to present our scholarship winners with their ICF certificates. Each recipient gives a little talk about what they expect to do in college and how their scholarship will help them attain their goals. It's nice to see them and realize how our organization is benefitting them.

One of our 2017 recipients, Stephen Curry, was recognized for his outstanding achievements in Italian studies and language at UC Santa Barbara, presented by a representative of the Italian Consulate in Los Angeles. Stephen is the grandson of Frances Scalzo.

St. Catherine's bid farewell to Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez and welcomed our new pastor, Fr. Sergio Ovando. Fr. Jeronimo has moved on to St. John Vianney parish in San Jose and we wish him well. Fr. Sergio comes to us from St. Martin of Tours parish in San Jose.

Ciao!



Branch 445 plays The Price is Right!

San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

The "Italian" version of the hit show "The Price Is Right" was held in Tabor Hall on July 14th! Many thanks go to: our ICF Branch President and Artistic Director Jim Falcone; Set and Prop Director/Provider Jim Jones; Emcee Angelo La Scola; Announcer Richard Pfaff; Models Susan Echavarria, Anna Maria Falcone and Julie & Will Boggini; Crowd Warm-up Mary Grunthaner & Sheri Burns; Prize Committee Janie Falcone & Reyne Rafoth; And Kitchen Crew Carol Provenzano! We were honored to have in attendance, the ICF's Grand President, Andrew Pappani along with many members of other ICF Branches! Our "Sold Out" crowd enjoyed a delicious Prime Rib Dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus followed by a Fun Filled, energetic show with lots of very nice "Bid Packages" including a: BBQ Package; Kitchen Package; Rare Piece of Art; Bathroom Package; Summer Fun Beach Package; Indoor Outdoor Party Package; Fishing Package; Golf Package; Dinner Package; Car Package; and Cash! Our Showcase included: Gas Card; Puzzle and Board game; Fandango Movie Cards; DVD Movies; Blu-Ray Player and LCD TV and a Week at Bass Lake near Yosemite which was won by Jo Bertaccini. Any prizes not won were raffled off. And finally, we auctioned an "Evening With Frank Sinatra" Graciously donated by Ernie & Blessie La Scola of Holy Family Church. All proceeds went to our Parish.

Our District Picnic will be held Sunday, August 5th at Lake Vasona. There will be a 2:00 Mass followed by a BBQ. Tickets are \$15. Contact Jim Falcone at (408) 264-3076.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola



Goodbye

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I wouldn’t have stayed so long if the blessings didn’t outweigh the negative. There will always be negative, no matter where you are, and I am grateful to have learned so many life lessons while conquering the difficult aspects of this job. I learned that I am human and make errors, and the best way to combat that is to apologize and move on. I also learned that I cannot make everyone happy... ever. Just give up on that idea. Not everybody is going to like me, and I have to be OK with that.

The blessings, however, far outnumber the negatives. For one, and possibly the biggest blessing is that all of you here have become a part of my extended family. Isn’t that what the Italian Catholic Federation truly is? It is one big family. We may not always get along, and some members of the family may drive you totally crazy, but, in the end, your family is all you have.

Another blessing is this job has given me the opportunity to work from home and raise my children. When I started here I was in my late 20s and didn’t have any children, yet. Gracie entered our world the following April, and Nate was born in July of the next year. Just like that, I was a mom of two children. In order to get the paper to you every month, and still be a stay-at-home mom, I worked lots of long nights that turned into early mornings; lots of weekends; and relied on family and friends to stay with the kids for a few days a month so I could finish the paper. The years of sleepless nights meant that I could raise our children and be home with them. For me, that was crucial. We spent way too many years trying to have a family for me not to be there for our children, every little step of the way. It

has been my privilege and joy to be Gracie and Nate’s mom. Now, as they are 14 and 13 years old, it is time for me to work more out of the home and pursue a different career path that at the end of the day leaves me feeling happy and fulfilled.

When I announced I was leaving at the June Central Council meeting I was able to spend some time thanking some very important people without whom I could not have done this job. The truth is, there are so many of you that need to be thanked that I could fill this whole Bollettino with anecdotes. I could go on and on. I have so many stories to tell about how you have impacted my life, in one capacity or another. I remember even the littlest of moments, so don’t think that these moments will disappear from my memories.

It is now, officially, time to say good bye. It is time for me to begin writing the next chapter in story of my life. Don’t be surprised if you still see me around at special events or at future Conventions. The ICF, and its members, will always have a very special place in my heart.

Ciao I miei amici. Grazie a tanto a per tutti!



Congratulations to Branch 103’s scholarship winners.



Mass at St. Eugene’s Cathedral. Lunch following at Cattlemen’s Restaurant. Price: \$25.00. Please call Carmen or Lauren at 433-1210, if you would like to attend.

October 7: Golf Tournament at Tayman Park Golf Course. Chairperson John Torres promises a great time.

November 10: Polenta Dinner. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Get your tickets early, as it always sells out. More information, next month.

Please let President Richard know if you are interested in running for an officer position with the branch. Our branch is the 2nd largest branch in the ICF and to continue to grow and support our parish, school and other charitable activities, we need officers.

Good luck to our youngest members as they go back to school!

Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

We awarded our scholarship recipients with there scholarships at our June dinner meeting at Branch 103 in Sonoma to Emma Maggioncalda a graduate from Sonoma valley high school and Alyssa Schimm another graduate from Sonoma Valley High School.

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Getting excited in my trip to San Diego Convention. Sharon Hromek, Bea McQuaid, and Lucy Spingola will be my traveling companions and we’ll be meeting our President Dennice on Friday. We will arrive on Thursday and are looking forward to a fun convention. We will have a report at our Sept. meeting.

There is not too much to report at this time, other than we had our pizza/bingo nite and all that attended enjoyed themselves.

Our Branch picnic is to be held on Saturday, September 8th at President DiGirolamo’s home. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck

and we will have barbecued sausages and hot dogs provided by the Branch. Please call Dennice and let her know what you will bring as your potluck.

There is a tentative prawn/risotto dinner planned for September 15th at St. James Church Hall. Cost \$25. Make reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

September 10th - Regular Meeting

Get well wishes to Bruno Fomasi and to anyone else who is ill. Thinking of you, Lillian Ward, Barbara Crescenti and Kathleen Walker. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes to all celebrating this month.

Our prayers for all the homeless, people suffering from the fires, our service people and for our Country.

Our best wishes for a great convention and seeing all our old friends again!

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

Heritage Day, to be held on Aug. 5th after the 11a.m. Mass, will again feature homemade Italian Sausage. We will be encouraging new membership by offering a free meal to anyone who signs up!!

Our Central Council Scholarship winner Jacob Smith of McKinleyville, Christ the King Parish, will soon be off to Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He also received a baseball scholarship from Carleton. Go Knights!!!

The officer’s nominating committee will be calling on our members to fill open positions on our 2019 Officer Roster. Practice saying – Yes. Then it will be easy when you are called!!!

Congratulations to Msgr, Brady on celebrating his 59th year of Ordination, Fr. Michael Cloney on celebrating his 50th yr., and Deacon John Gai his 23rd. Thank you for your service to our Parish and Diocese.

Anne Eanne has make arrangements with a seamstress to make more bereavement

Santa Rosa

District Council

Hello from our beautiful valley where the grapes are ready to be picked and made into the wonderful Sonoma county wines.

September 16 is the date of our annual Bishop’s Day. Let’s have a good showing for our Bishop. Remember to send in your Seminary Burse Donation to Linda Sherman by Sept. 10

All branches will be gearing up for their fall and winter events. Try and support each other’s branches. Events can be found in the District calendar.

The Annual Convention is near. There are a lot of fun events, plus the serious business agenda that needs to be discussed. Lauren Kilcullen and Ken Marshall are our two candidates for Central Council, both hard workers and very dedicated to the organization. Spread the word!

Update - At this point, our house has a roof and work begins on the interior. We are pleased that so many of you are interested

in our progress.

Remember and pray for all the latest fire victims. We personally know what a trauma this is for them.

Peace and love to all. Pray, comfort and support each other in every way possible.

CK

Healdsburg

St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52

We hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer! We wish our Convention delegates a safe trip to the Convention and to return with new ideas for our branch.

Upcoming Events:

September 11: Potluck Dinner and Meeting. 6:30 PM in the small hall. We will have a short meeting where the delegates will present their Convention reports. After, we will share in the good food that our members bring. Please bring a dish of your choice. For reservations, please call Mary Madden: 431-0438.

September 16: Bishop’s Day. 10:30 AM



Branch 395 is excited to announce its new branch chaplain. Rev. Fr. Joseph S. Nguyen, who has graciously accepted to take on this role and he has already acknowledged his new given name; Padre Giuseppe!!

lanyards that we wear at member funerals.

Loretta Speziale, a member since 1965, is very ill. Please pray for her and her family. Larry DePeel recently took a fall in his home resulting in a broken hip. He is now in rehab as of July 6th. Heal rapidly, Larry. You are in our prayers.

Mark your calendar – Sept. 9 – Our next Chicken Polenta Dinner. Tell your friends.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

Rosemary

Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

It has been a little quite for us but things are beginning to get busy with the district picnic the convention and the St. Stanislaus Fall Festival are all coming up.

We have sold all our convention raffle tickets thank to the help from our members. We are always hoping for that win. Those of us that are attending the convention are looking forward to a great convention. Our president is excited because it is her first time to the convention and as a delegate.

We invite everyone to our St. Stanislaus Fall Festival the 21 thru the 23 of September.

There are dinners each day, a food tent,

children's games, live and silent auctions, entertainment and a carnival. Bring your family and friends and join us for a great time.

We want to welcome Roger & Karen Salstrom and their son Nick who transferred to our branch from #438.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays September 2, 2018 and October 7, 2018 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Refreshments for the September 12, 2018 will be furnished by Carla Wagner.

Coming up:

Convention Aug 31 - Sept. 3

Sep 12, 7:00 pm Meeting 7th & K Street Hall

Sep 21-23 St Stanislaus Fall Festival 1200 Maze Blvd.

Oct 6-7 Bake sale after all the mass until sold out

Oct 10 7:00 pm Meeting 7th & K Street Hall

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

We are mourning the passing of Bernice Bartolucci, who died recently after a brief



Branch 413 BBQ Picnic cooks resting.

illness. A beautiful lady, she enjoyed our branch meetings, its dinners and any activity celebrating her Italian culture. May she rest in peace. She will be missed.

Several of our members participated in the annual Festa Italiana held in Lodi last month. Anna Mello ran the Bingo booth.

The Stockton District picnic, held every year in Escalon, was attended by many of our members. This is always a fun event with opportunities to renew old acquaintances from other local branches and enjoy good food.

Plans have begun for conducting our October Polenta Feed. Ida Queirolo will be in charge.

Our June meeting had a large attendance, including Central Council representative Dante Galeazzi and Mentor Steve Ridolfi.

Ciao,

Mariano

Stockton

Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Hard to believe summer is wrapping up. Our members volunteered and attended the Festa Italiana in July. It was another huge success with delicious food, music and a day to celebrate everything Italian. One last summer activity will be our Stockton District picnic which will be held on August 19.

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More scholarship winners from our branch. We are pleased to provide second year scholarships to Grace Lin-Cereghino and Gina Daveggio, and a third year scholarship to Eric Chapman. We are so proud of these students and for what they have accomplished so far.

On behalf of Branch 395 we want to wish everyone a successful convention and thank the San Diego District in advance for all of their hard work.

Alla prossima,

Mary Ann

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Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413

Hello to all our ICF Family from the very hot area of St. Patrick's in Angels Camp, California! Summer has been a very hot one this year for our branch. We had our first BBQ Picnic on July 22 this year, and it was

fun! There were games, including Bocce for anyone who wanted to play. We had a Table Decorating Contest with a 1st place prize of \$25. Six of our eight tables were decorated for the contest, and the first-place winner was Juanita Orsetti. A prize of \$15 dollars was given to second place, and third place received \$10. The cooks, Jim Bertrand, Dwayne Brown, Anna Bertrand,



and Tom Dutil did an excellent job! Adults had a choice of BBQ Steak or half a chicken cooked in the barrel, with some beans, corn, salad, and garlic bread. Children twelve and younger had a hot dog and chips, but they could eat the beans, corn, and salad, too. Jon Singleton was our DJ and kept the music flowing.

We also had three members of St. Patrick's Youth Group helping us serve the food. Seth Bakke, Mary Soria, and Hayden Jeanor are their names, and they are three of our Branch Scholarship winners, too!!

Now, we are going to join our District for the August 19th Picnic. October is when the members will again gather to put on a delicious dinner. I will be putting in more information as we get closer to the date.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy Convention!

Ciao for now,

Annette Pachinger

Correspondence Secretary

‘OUR MISSION OF FAITH’ 2018 CONVENTION OPENING NIGHT

GOLDEN BALLROOM
7:30PM ITALIAN SINGALONG
8:00PM OPENING CEREMONIES
FOLLOWED BY A DELEGATE’S RECEPTION TO
MEET THE CANDIDATES IN THE TIKI PAVILION.