



# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION



## 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Convention

Costa Mesa, California  
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# BOLLETTINO



ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



Labor Day Weekend 2023

### Clergy, Members and Friends:



**A h o y !**  
Welcome aboard the 92nd Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation!

that bring together the ICF's values of faith, culture, charity and fellowship. It has been all hands on deck as the convention committee planned an agenda that will help you navigate the course of award presentations, workshops, sessions, masses, and social activities - designed to create a meaningful and memorable convention experience.

Being at the helm as your Convention Director for the past eight years has brought me great joy. This convention will be my final voyage. The journey started in Fresno, then continued on to Sacramento, San Diego, Tucson,

Santa Clara, Las Vegas, and will conclude here in Costa Mesa. There was also the unexpected detour to the deserted island by the name of Zoom, as we docked for ICF's first virtual convention. Each year, the committees and I had a goal of creating a wave of excitement among delegates that would ripple through each branch. Just as past Convention Directors, and my dear friends, Steven Fuentes and the late David Botta guided me; I will work with our new Convention Director, Lauren Kilcullen, to mentor her as she takes on this role.

In the months ahead we will cel-

brate our centennial year. As we approach this significant milestone, consider our motto, "Ignem Veni Mittere" which translates to "I came to Light a Fire." Our fire was ignited in 1924, but it is up to us to keep the light of our fire vibrant and strong. This year's convention theme, "Be the Light," reminds us to be the messengers of the ICF's mission. Like a lighthouse, stand tall, provide guidance, and light the way to the next generation of the Italian Catholic Federation.

**Bon voyage!**  
**Roselynn McNeal**  
**Convention Directors' Chairperson**

## Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

This is my last message to you, as your Grand President. As I have mentioned in previous messages - hard to believe 2 years have gone by. I have truly enjoyed working with you and having opportunities to visit your Districts. You will still hear from me in the *Bollettino*, as I will continue with the recipe articles.



I am very excited about ICF National Convention and the fact that I can finally share with you that Friday night we will be kicking the convention off with a dinner/dance. Yes, you are reading this correctly. We have been able to bring back the dancing. What a way to start the weekend.

Last week (as you are reading this it will now be last month) was the Annual ICF Golf Tournament put on by the Ways and Means Committee in Santa Rosa. Everyone had a great time, the food was good, raffle prizes and silent auction amazing, the weather was perfect, and the golfers did not do too badly either. I was extra blessed as my nephews Tony, Ricco and Kevin with nieces Gia and Rebecca were in attendance. Even better, I had a few extra days that I relaxed at the Russian River before coming home last night.

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## Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Recipients - Fr. John Hardin, O.F.M. & Sr. Margaret Keaveney, D.C., FACHE

The Franciscans Friars have been serving the needs of the people in Santa Barbara since 1786. They welcomed the Daughters of Charity when they arrived in 1858. Today the Franciscan Friars at Old Mission and the Daughters of Charity at St. Vincent's continue a collaboration that has grown from mutual support of each Communities' individual ministries to a co-sponsored ministry. Fr. John Hardin and Sister Margaret Keaveney followed in the footsteps of Jesus and Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) in successfully addressing a real need in the community, together, and establishing the Fr. Virgil Cordano Center in 2019...rooted in the Gospel and the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church. Faithful to the traditions of St. Francis of Assisi and St.

Vincent de Paul, the Center provides a place of welcome and support for the human and spiritual well-being of our sisters and brothers in need with dignity and hope for a better future.

Fr. John Hardin - brings extensive leadership, financial management, and pastoral experience to all of his endeavors. He has served as the Provincial Minister of the Friars of the West Province, Associate Treasurer of the St. Barbara Province of the Franciscan Friars, been a member of the Province's governing body, served as interim Executive Director of St. Anthony's Foundation, Executive Director and as a member of St. Anthony Foundation's Board of Directors.

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## Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient - Katharine A. La Corte



First Year Scholarship. Katie is known for her academic and artistic abilities but also for her big heart. She is able to reach out and assist others with love and care and be a positive influence. All of these qualities exemplify the attributes that make Katie so worthy of the Young Adult Leadership Award and a role model for the future of the ICF.

Jerry Farrugia, President of Br. 218, Holy Angels Parish, stated "Katharine is always available to volunteer for various Branch fundraising events. In 2017, I asked Katharine to take charge of the Branch Toy Drive to benefit the patients at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles 1st Annual Christmas Party, which was organized by Laurice Levine for the Thalassemia patients. She has continued since then, even during the pandemic."

According to Laurice Levine, "Katie is responsible and reliable - she follows through on her commitments with immense passion and enthusiasm."

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## Grand President's Award Recipient - Ritamarie Downey



Ritamarie was born in Beachwood, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland); the 5th child of immigrant parents, Mario and Rosaria Contini. Her parents were involved in their parish and the Italian Culture. Her dad organized an Italian cultural club, Il Cenacolo, which met monthly to discuss faith, heritage and how to help others in the community. In 1963, her dad and the family were honored at the White House by President Kennedy for his work on heritage and scholarships for the Italian immigrants to attend college.

The family moved to Thousand Oaks in 1980 and they joined the ICF at St. Paschal Baylon parish. She married and had a family and when her daughters were at Royal High School, she spent many hours sewing and creating flags for their Dance Guard. Ritamarie raised money for them to attend the Nationals in Dayton, Ohio and they won 1st place. As a young girl, Ritamarie was active at school and church with drama and dance. She received the best actress award from the Catholic Diocese for the parts of Anne Frank and Helen Keller.

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## Family of the Year Award Recipients - Antoinette and Angelo Pecora Family



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Br. 36, Celebrating Hawaiian Nights



Br. 445 Molise and Family Heritage



Br. 390, Debbie Mello has her food



Branch 291 members recently provided a huge selection of desserts for the 21st Ordination Anniversary for our parish priest. Pictured here are the hard-working ladies who set-up the dessert table that day: Annie Subia, Amy Spain, Margo Ochoa, Theresa Aston and Joanna Van Blaricom.

### 2023 ICF Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa was a great success! See p. 42





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Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the **250 max word count** requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

**Limit photos to 3 or 4** and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as:

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

**Deadline for the October Convention issue is September 10, 2023**

Include district name, branch number and branch name in all submissions.

*Thank you!*

**Message from our Spiritual Director**

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

This year's convention is about being the Light for others. It should not be surprising that this became a symbol of Jesus, Christianity, and the Church. Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. This passage can then be connected to the traditional image of the Church as a ship, making Jesus the light on the lighthouse. The lighthouse can be a literal representation of navigation. Its light says, "Beware of the rocky shore!"

However, a lighthouse can also symbolize one's navigation through life. Perhaps you have an important person in your life who has acted as your lighthouse – and has guided you through difficulties. Remember lighthouses are not just stone, brick, metal, and glass. There is a human story at every lighthouse; that is the story I want to tell. Keeping in mind that God built lighthouses to see people through storms. Then he built storms to remind people to find lighthouses.

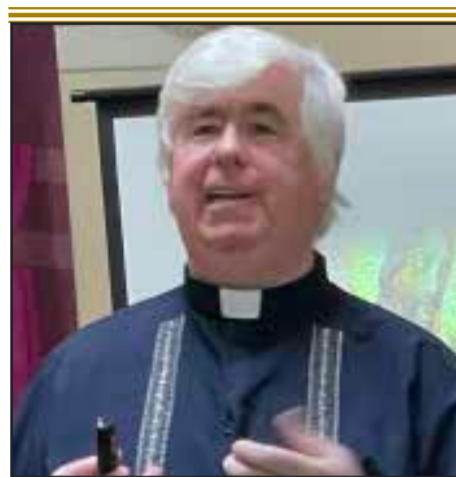
Every lighthouse has a signature light pattern. Sailors memorize the rhythm of each signal. The string of lighthouses along the coast serves as

a map to let the sailors know their location. They carefully watch the patterns to navigate from one light to the next until they reach their destination. In the same way, we must fix our eyes on Jesus' pattern and follow His directions.

The Branches of the Italian Catholic Federation are like those lighthouses, helping others to follow Jesus, our lighthouse, into the safe harbor of God's presence. As beacons to the world, we are not to hide the light and hope within us. We are to be Christ's light-bearers, letting His Light shine through us, pointing the way to salvation. God works through us to tell the world about Christ. Let us witness the world like a lighthouse on a stormy night. Let us send out our beacon of light and hope from our Branches to a mysterious world. Let us unite with Jesus to guide those who are lost to safe passage. We just may be the lighthouse in someone's storm, leading them to the only One who can save.

The lighthouse is a beautiful image, one that has always given comfort to the Christian soul trying to navigate the sea of life to reach the Eternal Harbor.

Remember learning that Sunday song at school "This Little Light of Mine." The little light is our faith, and letting it shine was sharing it with others.



Father Christopher Bennett  
ICF Spiritual Director

Let your Light Shine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

May you and our faith family of the Italian Catholic Federation, be filled with the Light of Christ. I promise to remember you in my prayers, even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.

*Fr. Chris*



**Gifts of Love Program-- Accepting Applications**

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to face the challenges in our world and our daily lives, we send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We pray for God to bring healing to our world and to help us to find the value in kindness, respect and helping others.

The Convention theme that was chosen this year "Be The Light" is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. We are one family in the eyes of God. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need, by bringing them hope, by bringing light into their lives and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards.

As of the end of June, we have received \$733,282.86 in donations and granted awards of \$692,060.41 since the inception of the program. We know these are also difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to

contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital 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 continue to mention the program and also, when possible, to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins. The application form is available on the ICF Web site ([www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)). Applications should

either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, e-mailed to the ICF Office at [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org) or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF 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](mailto:davia902005@live.com).

*God Bless You, Teresa Helfand*



Mission Statement of the Italian Catholic Federation:

"Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values, encourages apostolic and charitable works, and celebrates our Italian-American heritage and all the heritages of our communities."

**CONVENTION BINGO**

Westin South Coast Plaza  
Friday, September 1  
2pm - 4pm

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

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

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Please make your reservations on the branch headcount form.

**Give blood.**  
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.  
**American Red Cross**

**Italian Catholic Federation  
American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Laguna Room at Westin South Coast Plaza  
686 Anton Blvd  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**Friday, September 1, 2023  
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment,  
Sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Use Sponsor Code: ICFC  
Or call the Red Cross at 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)  
Or contact Laurice Levine at (360) 860-2023 / [llevine430@aol.com](mailto:llevine430@aol.com)

Want to know if you are eligible to donate?  
Call the Red Cross Donor Support Center at 1-866-236-3276

Photo ID Required to Donate

Give hope, get a free tee! Come give 9/1 thru 9/18 for a NEW Red Cross shirt, while supplies last.

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**Cooley's Anemia Donations**  
(Report as of July 31, 2023)

Branch 1	Branch 435
Branch 21	Santa Clara Valley District
Branch 27	Italian Catholic Federation
Branch 32	In Honor of Katharine A. La Corte -
Branch 111	2023 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient
Branch 173	Officers/Members of Br. 1
Branch 215	In Memory of Jeanne Macchello
Branch 237	Bernice C. Filice
Branch 343	In Memory of Mario Fiorio
Branch 362	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Branch 408	In Memory of Mario Fiorio

**Convention: Helpful Tips**

**Dining Options:**

**NO-HOST BREAKFAST OPTIONS**  
\$ Lobby grab and go (coffee, muffins, sandwiches)  
\$\$ The Great Room (lobby sit down restaurant) M-F 6-10:30am, Sa-Su 6-11:30am

**NO-HOST LUNCH OPTIONS**  
\$\$ Costa Peruvian Cuisine  
1 minute walk from meeting room exit  
\$\$\$ Water Grill (Seafood)  
1 minute walk from front desk exit  
\$ \$ Boudin SF  
5 minute walk from front desk (at the mall)  
\$ \$ Claim Jumper  
5 minute walk from front desk (at the mall)  
\$ \$ Din Tai Fung  
7 minute walk from front desk (at the mall)  
\$ \$ Lobby grab and go (sandwiches and salads)

Walking times were tested at an average walking pace.  
There is a pedestrian bridge to the mall. Exit the front desk doors, the bridge is to the left of the courtyard. There are more restaurants at the other end of the mall but a bit further of a walk.  
Those with cars can be at other local restaurants within a few minutes. We have a 90 minute lunch break on Saturday. Please plan accordingly.

**Suggested Convention Attire:**

**Thursday Dinner Dance** - Smart Casual  
**Friday Opening Ceremonies, Dinner and Dancing** - Beach Chic (think beach cocktail party, not swim attire)  
**Saturday Banquet** - Semi-formal  
**Sunday Banquet** - Business casual  
**Sessions:** Business casual (Banquet room temperatures may take time to adjust. It can sometimes feel cool until people start entering the room).

*Benvenuti*  
**Welcome**

**FIRST TIME ICF DELEGATES**

Please plan to attend an orientation for new delegates. Here, you will learn more about what to expect during the convention and have an opportunity to ask questions.

**Friday, September 1  
5:30pm - 6:00pm  
Mesa Verde Room**

**ICF General Fund Donations**  
(Report as of July 31, 2023)

JoAnn Schiro  
In memory of Russell Vento



# 2023-2024 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## Denise Antonowicz Branch 184, Los Gatos Branch 5, Santa Clara Branch 36, Monterey



"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." -Mother Teresa

My name is Denise Antonowicz. I am currently Grand 1st Vice President, Past President of Br. 184 Los Gatos, and Treasurer of Br. 5 in Santa Clara. I am so happy to see you. To be able to greet you and see how excited we all are is what we've needed. The last few years have changed the way we met, how we conducted business, and how we raised funds for our charities but the one thing that I saw again and again was the caring nature of our members. We called each other, we offered to help in any way we could, and we prayed for each other and for the world. It was a time when we needed that special hello. Now we're actually able to hug each other and let's face it, we're a group of huggers. We can once again greet our ICF family with that smile that was hidden for so long. We need to be a part of this close-knit community.

Our organization has weathered other setbacks. We are all struggling but together we can work through our problems because we have the support of each other and the Central Council.

So, thank you for your caring, loving nature and especially for your support. May God bless you all, my family and may God bless the ICF.

## Rosemary Cook Branch 13, Martinez



As a life-long active member of Branch #13, I've served in various officer and chairperson roles in the ICF, as well as in my parish and community. I have been entrusted with a position on the Central Council for the past two years, and since then have expanded my leadership positions and lent my talents to the

the Federation in new ways. As a Central Council member, I've served on the Apostolate/Charity, Gifts of Love, Hospitalization, and Public Relations committees. I've had the opportunity to connect with ICF members, review and award grants for charitable causes, write articles for the Bollettino, enact changes to the website, and participate in projects to improve the Federation. These roles granted me insight into the large-scale impact of the organization, and the continued efforts needed to sustain it. Since I am drawn to stimulating ideas and challenges and am invested in the future of the ICF, I'm motivated to pursue another year on the Central Council to help further these initiatives.

I'm grateful for everything the ICF has given me: the 2012 Young Adult Leadership Award, four years of scholarships, and the 2020 Family-of-the-Year recognition alongside my parents and brother. Additionally, the ICF provides a connection to my Italian heritage rooted in my Catholic faith and numerous occasions to serve my community. The Federation-wide involvement in Thalassemia research is also dear to me as a thalassemic and carrier of the trait.

Family, faith, service, and culture are integral parts of my identity, celebrated and cultivated through the ICF. As a Central Council member, I'll continue giving back to the organization with a focus on ushering in a new generation of young members and families who can uphold traditions while re-imagining the organization for an ever-changing world. I thank you for your consideration when voting.

## Lisa Crudo Branch 343, Castro Valley



I was elected to the Central Council at our 2012 Convention in Reno, and these last 11 years have been quite a learning experience.

Last year I was privileged to have been elected as Grand Treasurer of the Central Council. It has been an eye-opening experience and one which makes me proud to serve. But we still face many challenges ahead.

During my time on the Central Council, I have served on, and chaired, several committees: Hospitalization, Apostolic/

Charity committee, Scholarship, Finance, Ways and Means, (on which I have had the pleasure of supporting the ICF in planning many wonderful fundraising activities) and also the "Live to Give" committee. I am also currently serving on the Convention Directors committee. I was elected by my fellow Central Council members to the Executive committee. I have also served as a Grand Trustee.

These past 11 years have flown by and I am looking forward to many more years of service, helping our organization renew and grow again in strength, spirituality and charity.

It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, been a positive resource for you all.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Central Council member for these last 11 years. I look forward to many more. It has been a great pleasure meeting and spending time with all of you.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Sincerely,  
Lisa M. Crudo

## Lauren Kilcullen Branch 52, Healdsburg



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

Once again, this year, I took on the challenge of chairing the ICF Golf Tournament and Dinner. With the cooperation and hard work of the rest of the Ways and Means Committee, this event raised over \$4,200 for our General Fund. It was a fun day that was enjoyed by golfers from around the ICF!

The ICF is a second family to me and the continued resiliency of the ICF and its members is burning bright in our parishes and communities. We continue to be the "go-to" group in our parishes when pastors need something done. Pastors know that the ICF is a constant presence that is always willing to help.

Let's continue with this spirit and grow even stronger.

Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me, and I continue to 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.

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

## Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Branch 227, Aptos Branch 21, Santa Cruz



As we meet in Costa Mesa, 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 2nd Vice President of the Central Council and Chairman of the Heritage Committee. I am also Chairperson of the Mentor Program, as well as serving as President of Br. 227, Aptos and a member of Br. 21, Santa Cruz. I have owned Stewart's Floral for the past 24 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 99 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 and meaningful Convention and may I ask for your continued support as a member of the Central Council.

God Bless you all.



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## Pat Mages Branch 380, Thousand Oaks



Welcome to the 2023 ICF Convention in Costa Mesa! I look forward to reconnecting with the 'seasoned' members and meeting with those new to the convention.

A special thanks to you and Branch 380, for supporting me for the past 14 years as a Central Council Member. It has been a pleasure to serve and represent you. Can you believe that it was 99 years ago that the ICF began? And next year, we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary! These past 3 years have challenged us all, but we are still here and moving forward.

My family consists of Lou, my husband; daughter, Stephanie and husband Kevin, sons Louis and Konrad; daughter-in-law, Danielle, daughters, Annelise and Kit; and Macaroni, our 3 year-old Cavapoo dog.

For over 37 years, I've advocated for survivors of family/domestic violence; currently with the Port Hueneme Police Department. I'm also a Special Ed Para-Educator with the local school district.

I've been a member of Br. 380, for over 32 years, and held the offices of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President and Trustee. I'm Past President of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope St. John XXIII Award.

My Central Council duties have included: Grand Trustee; Chair of: Gifts of Love; and Membership; member of these committees: Executive; Live to Give; Strategic Plan; Ways & Means; and Public Relations. My goals include: increase general membership involvement and input in the various committees; of course, increased membership; member retention; and last, but not least, enjoying the ICF Family through Faith, Service and Food!!

Let's continue to work together to meet the challenges and needs the 21st Century has presented us. We Got This!



## Kenneth Marshall Branch 103, Sonoma Branch 342, Auburn



I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, started with Branch 12 in Napa, California about 2009/2010. I started as Sentinel and then worked my way up to becoming Second Vice-President.

I helped out with setting up the hall for dinner meetings, cooking dinners and I spent time helping with the Branch's major fundraiser - the Beer Booth - at the Napa Fair. I attended many of the District's functions. I then started dual membership with Branch 103 in Sonoma, California. When I started with Branch 103, I started as First Vice President and I worked my way up to Branch President. I am still involved with the Santa Rosa District.

I have recently become a member of Branch 342 in Auburn. I am the First Vice President and am taking part in the Blessed Sacrament District.

I am a Central Council Member and I feel I can help grow the Italian Catholic Federation. I am looking to open Branches in other States and continue to expand the Federation.

I am always willing to help and willing to take any open officer's position for the good of the Federation.

Thank you and God Bless.  
Kenneth Gene Marshall

## Vince Piro Branch 39, Merced



This year's convention theme - "Be the Light" - is inspirational to us all. Rather than be the light under the bushel, we are called to shine in our service for the Lord and for the ICF. I would like to serve again on the Central Council as a "light" that assists our branches in these challenging times. I would like to work with branches in order to increase the ICF's membership, open new branches, and serve our parishes and communities.

## Theresa Sabatella Shaw Branch 108, South Pasadena



My name is Theresa Sabatella Shaw, a member of Br. 108 in South Pasadena, and I'm running for re-election to the Central Council. I've been part of the Convention Committee and the Gifts of Love Committee and I've seen first-hand the dedication and love that your elected Central Council members have for our ICF, and I'm proud to be part of this group.

We need organizations such as ours to flourish and let people have the opportunity to give back - to know that there is good in the world and we can all be part of it.

During the pandemic, Br. 108 in South Pasadena was alive and thriving through the efforts and support of our members and our parish. It wasn't easy and it was a very emotional time.

Having been a member since 1978 and having held many offices in my Branch, the Los Angeles Archdiocese District, and now at the Central Council level, and having been on more committees than I can count, I feel more than ever that we need to keep our organization alive and growing. It takes every one of us to do this. Imagine if every member brought in just one new member - we would automatically double our membership. When we do this, we need to keep these new members engaged. When they have an idea, take careful thought and see where it can be implemented in your Branch. Let them take the lead, with help, of course, and see where it goes.

There are so many wonderful, dedicated ICF members who have become my lifelong friends. We all enjoy working together while helping to support so many worthwhile causes and keeping our faith at the forefront. We do this to give back... to make a difference.

Please support me for CC again this year. I will work with all of the CC and Branches to help keep this great organization going and growing. Put me to work. Let's brainstorm ideas. Let's keep the positivity growing.

Grazie!

I promise as a Central Council member to renew my efforts to work hands on with branches and districts so that they can grow and thrive.

Over the past two years, as Past Grand President, I have worked to promote the Federation, working with the Workshop committee to provide leadership training to districts and branches and serving on the Membership committee to support branches as they work to gain new members. I have also served on the Executive Committee of the Central Council as we tackled tough topics and worked to create a vision for the ICF moving forward.

If elected, I plan to continue to work on promoting the ICF with new and innovative ways to advertise this great organization. I would like to thank you for all the support over the last years as I served as an officer of the Central Council, and I humbly ask you to elect me to the Central Council again.

## Perry Shurko Branch 362, Downey



Hello fellow Italian Catholic Federation members. My name is Perry Shurko and I am running for reelection for a seat on the Central Council. I am a member of branch #362 St Raymond Downey. I joined the ICF in 2007 and hold the office of branch president. Other offices I currently hold are Los Angeles Archdiocese District president and Grand Trustee of the Central Council.

As a member of the Central Council, I am chairman of the Membership Committee, and I serve on the Expansion, Finance, By Laws and Convention Committees. I also oversee the ICF Exhibition booth at the Religious Education Congress held each year in Anaheim. This year I am working hard to get the first Southern California Region golf tournament put together and hopefully it will be a huge success.

I have enjoyed my time serving all of you as a Central Council member and I hope to serve you for another year. Enjoy this convention and thank you to our hosts from the Orange District.



### GP Message---Continued

Deborah Rodondi *continued from p. 1*

Those of you down south that are golfers and non-golfers looking to enjoy an afternoon out - consider supporting our 1st Annual Golf Tournament in Temecula.

Last night Branch 91 in Oakland, via Zoom, held their fundraiser raffle for the beautiful ICF cross made by Jo-Ann and John Donovan (you have seen pictured in the *Bollettino*). What a wonderful surprise when they pulled the ticket with my name on it and what an honor to be the proud owner of something so special and original. Thank you, Jo-Ann, and John and Branch 91.

October is the month for election of officers, so it is not too early to start thinking about your officers for 2024. Sometimes it is challenging to find individuals willing to run for some of the offices, but if you as branch members show your support and assistance to that person it is so much easier for them to accept an office.

October is also a month for many Columbus Day—Italian Heritage events. On Sunday, October 8th, some of us will be in San Francisco at the annual Columbus Day Parade. Thanks to Jim Friebel as, once again, he will be supplying and driving the flatbed which we will transform into a float that morning. It is usually great weather, and we share the day with the Blue Angels (Navy jet demonstration team) flying over thanks to Fleet Week. Of course, Reno has a fun filled Columbus Day weekend with great food and entertainment. Check out your local papers for some events near you. Last night I got a notice in the mail that South San Francisco (where I live and my grandparents - BJ and Rose - made their home when they married) is having their 1st Italian Heritage Day at the end of September with local entertainers and food. Can't wait to attend.

Not to be forgotten, next year is the Italian Catholic Federation's 100th Anniversary. The Ways and Means Committee has been working on a photo book covering our 100 years; they hope to have a prototype ready for viewing at convention and will be set up to take preorders for the book. Galas are being planned for San Francisco, Chicago and LA areas - so be sure to check out the information on the event in your area and plan to attend. Next year's convention will be in San Mateo (my District). Between the convention committee and the District, we plan to have a great time. I have been in contact with some of Father Bandini's family and hope to be able to put together a display for next year.

A Happy "milestone" Birthday to my Aunt Rosemarie Gregori (August) and to my dear friend Kathy Trevizo (September). Again, thank you for your support, your kind words and your friendship - YOU are why the Italian Catholic Federation is still strong 100 years later.

**THANK YOU!**

# 4th Nov

Testimonial for

## DEBORAH RODONDI

**Basque Cultural Center**  
**559 Railroad Avenue - So. San Francisco**

\$60 per person  
**Soup, Salad, Rolls & Dessert**  
**Choice of Rack of Lamb with Scalloped Potatoes & Vegetables or**  
**Breast of Chicken Chasseur with Vegetables & Rice**  
**5:00 pm No Host - 6:00 pm Dinner**

**Mail Reservation form and**  
**1 check per Branch (made to ICF)**  
**no later than October 23, 2023 to ICF Office**  
**8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621**

*See page 7 of Bollettino for Reservations Form.*

**"God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us."**

**- St. Pope John Paul II**

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### ICF Convention Community Outreach

Ten years ago, the ICF honored Chef Bruno Serato with the Pope Saint John XIII Award, recognizing his efforts to begin a program to feed pasta dinners to underprivileged children in Orange County. Named Caterina's Club (after his mother), his program is based out of Orange County and now serves over 25,000 hot, nutritious meals each week to children in 104 locations. This all started by providing one hungry child a plate of pasta. Let's help feed SoCal children by...

This can be achieved if each convention attendee brings 5 pounds of dry spaghetti in their suitcase.  
 The donation station will be located in the delegate registration area.

Have extra room in your car or luggage? Consider asking members to bring spaghetti to a branch meeting to contribute to the convention fundraiser.

### RESERVATIONS FORM

FOR THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT DEBORAH RODONDI

Nov. 4, 2023

Name	Br. #	Lamb	Chicken

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**and Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00  
 A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**PLEASE MAIL FORM AND CHECK NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23, 2023 to:**

Italian Catholic Federation  
 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
 Oakland, California 94621

*Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.*

We also gratefully acknowledge  
 the following partial donations  
 that made additional scholarships  
 from the  
**ICF Scholarship Fund possible**

**Convention Game.**  
**Contra Costa District:** The Talbott Family - In Memory of Pauline Cardoza.  
**East Bay District:** Br. 91, John and Carolyn Cardinali (Br. 285) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon, Jo-Ann Maggiora Donovan (Br. 91) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon, Jo-Ann and John Donovan - In Memory of Bob Anello, Jo-Ann and John Donovan - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz, Jo-Ann and John Donovan - In Honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Judy Felan, Jo-Ann and John Donovan - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Annette Maggiora, Roger and JoAnn Dorn (Br. 10) - In Memory of Holly Raineri, John and Jeanette Zugnoni (Br. 10) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon.  
**Fresno District:** Br. 417, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora (Br. 308) - In Memory of Rose Cerbo and Antoinette and Angelo Pecora - In Memory of James Alfred Landry.  
**Los Angeles Archdiocese District:** Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District - Thank You to Lauren Kilcullen for Los Angeles Archdiocese District Installation, Officers/Members of Br. 362 - In Honor of Perry Shurko, Mary Ann Brewer-Nolan (Br. 179) - Convention Bowl-A-Thon, Pat and Lou Mages (Br. 380) - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz.  
**Blessed Sacrament District:** Mark Neuburger and Arianna Smith - Merry Christmas Wishes for Mary Perata and Eva Perata.  
**San Mateo District:** Br. 130, Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - In Memory of Adolfo Del Carlo, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Barbara Landucci, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Deanna O'Regan, Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Tony Rivellini and Dorene Campanile - In Memory of Grazia Aloise Valdetara.  
**Santa Clara Valley District:** Officers/Members of Br. 5 - In Memory of Angie Souza, Officers/Members of Br. 184 - Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz, Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Bob Acquistapace, Bob Basuino - In Memory of Ed Bertaccini, Robert J. Basuino - In Memory of Bob Cowden, Diana Berry (Br. 28) - Thank You to Frank Angelino, Diana Berry - Thank You to Marianne Peoples, Sal and Denise Campagna (Br. 28/ Br. 184/Br. 435) - In Memory of Janice Jones, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Memory of Edward Bertaccini, Giulia Gallego - With Gratitude to Craig Noah, Giulia Gallego - In Honor of Eva Stern, Amelia Moore (Br. 191) - In Memory of Ed Bertaccini and Richard and Donna Pfaff (Br. 184/Br. 445) - Get Well Wishes for Denise Antonowicz.  
**Santa Rosa District:** Br. 145, Br. 209, Larry and Carmen Kilcullen (Br. 52) - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz and Lauren Kilcullen (Br. 52) - In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz.  
**Stockton District:** Br. 48 and Br. 413.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Everyone in the Federation owes a big **THANK YOU!!** to Andy Pappani, Vince Piro and the workshop committee for developing and printing "How To" manuals for each branch officer. These manuals are really excellent and I would urge every District President to get copies and make them available to all the branch officers in their district.

The time and effort that was spent to develop these manuals shows their commitment to making the Italian Catholic Federation a better organization.

Fraternally,

Robert Acquistapace  
 Past Grand President



## Heritage -- My Longtime Heritage Partner

Louise Vento

Heritage has always been important to me since we joined the Italian Catholic Federation #391



St. Martin of Tours. My beloved husband and longtime heritage partner Russell J. Vento passed away on July 6, 2023, in San Jose, California. You may remember him from past conventions. We always had a heritage booth at the conventions with displays and sold books. In 2015 it was an honor to receive the Grand President's award. We participated in the conventions until 2019 when his health issues prevented us from attending.

Russell was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 24, 1931, and moved to California in 1944. We were married on his birthday and were married 68 years. We have a son Dan (Denise) Vento and a daughter Chris (Sean) Porter. 4 Grandsons Steven (Mary) Vento, Patrick (Nicole) Vento, Michael (Lindsey) Porter, Kyle (McKenzie) Porter and 6 Great Grandchildren Reyna Vento, Zoe Vento, Westley Vento, and Harrison Vento, Olivia Porter and Mia Porter.

Russell worked for FMC Corp. for 28 years. He retired at the age of 55 and he loved to travel. He went to work in the travel industry as a Group Specialist sending may travelers to Italy, Sicily, Europe or on Cruises. He enjoyed playing golf, Traveling the world and watching Giants baseball. His favorite hobby was his Lionel trains.

Contribution in his memory can be made to the ICF Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund.

May he rest in peace.



## Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of July 31 2023)

Branch 32  
Branch 73  
Branch 173  
Branch 362  
Fran La Torre  
In Memory of Georgette Benn Leake  
Madeleine and Al Banfield  
In Memory of Gina Descalso Renner  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get Well Wishes for Jo Bertaccini  
Vic and Pat Arnaudo  
In Memory of Jeanne Macchello Charles P. Gullo, Jr.  
In Memory of Russ Vento  
The Antonowicz Family  
In Memory of Russ Vento  
Italian Catholic Federation  
In Honor of Ritamarie Downey - 2023 Grand President's Award Recipient  
Eva Stern  
In Memory of Russell Vento  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get Well Wishes for Mike Nunziata  
Bob and Elaine Osorio  
Get Well Wishes for Mike Nunziata  
Cory and Teresa Helfand  
In Memory of Russ Vento  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Rosemarie Gregori

## In Loving Memory

(Report as of July 31, 2023)

Norma Martinetti Branch 026  
Nanette C Ontis Branch 039  
Gina Descalso Renner Branch 039  
Lillian Schilling Branch 045  
John R Mondavi Branch 082  
Ernest Anderson Branch 108  
Phyllis F Grimaldi Branch 111  
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Sonia H Wagner Branch 291  
Susan E Cowell Branch 352  
Louis F Avilla Branch 390  
Russell J Vento Branch 391



## Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

Received as of July 31, 2023:

### IN MEMORY OF:

Norma Martinetti  
Monica Mary Baker  
Gina Descalso Renner  
Perla Legaspi  
Gina Renner  
Anita Marciochi  
Gary Podesto  
Russell Vento  
Russell John Vento  
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Jo Bertaccini  
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Bob Basuino  
Sue McMillin  
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### IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

\*\*\*A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Jacob Jay Ross - Los Angeles.\*\*\*

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

## Family Recipe--Strawberry Fruit Pizza

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

I have been hosting the ICF Executive Meetings at my home and serving lunch as a thank you for the committee's hard work and dedication. A few months ago, 1st Vice President Denise Antonowicz brought this dessert and of course I had to have the recipe. It is easy to make and looks festive and refreshing. Hope you enjoy it!

### Strawberry Fruit Pizza

A sugar cookie crust, cream cheese filling and topped with strawberry goodness. This is a perfect summertime treat!  
Prep time 45 minutes  
Cook time 15 minutes  
Total time 1 hour  
Serves 12

Ingredients:  
16-ounce refrigerated sugar cookie dough (1 package)  
8-ounces cream cheese, softened (1 package)  
2 cups Cool Whip  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup powdered sugar  
21-ounce strawberry glaze pie filling (1 can)  
16-ounces strawberries, hulled and sliced



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spray a 12-inch pizza pan with non-stick cooking spray.
3. Roll out cookie dough onto the pan and bake for 10-12 minutes, or until barely golden brown. Let cool completely.
4. In a mixing bowl, beat together cream cheese, cool whip, vanilla extract and powdered sugar until well combined and spread over cooled cookie crust.
5. Top with strawberry glaze pie filling and arrange sliced strawberries.
6. Cut into slices and serve.

This makes such a festive display that I would add blueberries for our patriotic holidays.

The glaze can be found in a plastic tub in the refrigerator section made by Marie's (they also do salad dressings). For a better deal it can often be found at the 99-cent store.

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](mailto: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.

Remember a good Italian cook measures with their eyes and heart!

*Buon Appetito!*

*We don't own our Family History. We simply preserve it for the next Generation.*

*- Rosemary Alva*

## What is a Virgo

Carmen Kilcullen – Apostolate-Charity Committee

Let's have a little fun this month and talk about one of our zodiac members, VIRGO! Virgo is the 6th sign and ranges from August 23 to Sept. 22. Virgo is represented as a young maiden carrying a sheaf of wheat.



Virgo persons are known for qualities of practicality, sensibility, friendship and loyalty. Virgos make friends and like to contribute to things larger than themselves. They are productive people but are sticklers for things done right and maintain high standards in whatever they do. Sounds like you?

Virgo persons are the least compatible with Sagittarius. Interesting, since I

am a Virgo and have been married to my Sagittarian husband for 63 years! Speaking of myself, this Virgo will be 90 on September 5th. Happy birthday to all you Virgos out there!!!

Saints who are born under the sign of Virgo:

- St. Rose of Lima – Aug. 23
- St. Monica – Aug. 27
- St. Augustine -Aug. 28
- St Gregory the Great – Sept. 3
- Mother Teresa- Sept. 5
- St Peter Claver – Sept. 8
- Birth of Our Blessed Mother – Sept. 9
- Our Lady of Sorrows – Sept. 15
- San Gennaro -Sept. 19
- St. Matthew – Sept. 21.

It's Convention time. I hope to see many of you there. Should be fun!

*Your fellow Virgo, Carmen*

## EMPOWER THE HERMITAGE TO GO SOLAR



Support our monks by donating today

The Camaldolese monks dedicate their life to living in silence, solitude and community prayer as traditional monastic practices from founder Saint Romuald in 1023. They welcome guests who want to experience the transformative experience of their charism.



New Camaldoli Hermitage

62475 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920  
831.667.2456 | [www.contemplation.com](http://www.contemplation.com)

The Camaldolese monks run a retreat house off the grid in remote Big Sur, CA. They are converting their source of energy into solar. The conversion to solar energy is a project that will cost more than \$1.5 million. Your support to their cause is appreciated.

## Great Entertainment Line Up for the 90th Festa Italia to Return to the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on September 8-10, 2023

Monterey, CA. July 2023. Don't miss the award-winning 90th Festa Italia, celebrating Monterey's Italian heritage and cultural traditions. Join us for this special festival honoring the local fishermen of Monterey, both past and present. This event's free entertainment line-up, described below, is unrivaled!

Come share in the event that revels in the sights, sounds, food, and culture that make the Italian experience so special. The celebrated festival draws locals and visitors from the Bay Area and beyond. It features three days of authentic Italian cuisine, great music, dancing, fun and friendship. Savor the tasty food offerings (for purchase) including Calamari, Steak and Sausage Sandwiches, Pasta, Arancini, Cannoli and more. Browse the array of Italian

and Festa Italia-themed merchandise and craft vendors. NEW this year will be an array of special 90th Anniversary Festa Italia merchandise.

The first Festa Italia in Monterey was celebrated in 1933 when a statue of Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Sicilian fishermen, was donated to the San Carlos Cathedral. Sicilian fishermen would pray to their patron saint for a safe journey and bountiful harvest. It is important that we remember our cultural heritage and pass it on to future generations. Festa Italia celebrates these traditions and keeps our stories, old and new, alive to ensure that our heritage is never lost. Everyone is welcome to join in at this fun, festive event! The 2022 Festa Italia won the **Reader's Choice Award for Best Community Event** in the *Monterey Herald*.

*"A good day starts in the morning" - Italian Proverb.*

### FESTA ITALIA AT A GLANCE:

What: **90th Festa Italia** held by the **Festa Italia Foundation**, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Festival Entry Cost: **Free**

Where: **Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey**

When: **Friday – Sunday, Sept. 8-10**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 8TH – 3 P.M. TO 9 P.M.**

- The Money Band

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 9TH – 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

Opening Ceremonies and Procession to Old Fisherman's Wharf for the traditional blessing of the fishing fleet followed by entertainment and all event activities.

- Mike Marotta Band including Dave Marzetti, Erasmo Aiello, Rachel Marotta, vocalists, and Dennis Murphy and Paul Tarantino

- Tarantella Dancers Anthony Lane Band Pasquale Esposito

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH – 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

- Mike Marotta Band and friends • Anthony Lane Band

- Pasquale Esposito

**Bocce Tournament** – Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9th and 10th at the bocce courts at the Custom House Plaza –

Tickets are sold for raffles for a variety of prizes (need not be present to win) Information: (831) 594-1500 or email [mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org](mailto:mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org); [www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org](http://www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org)



## The Countless Ways ICF Funds Have Supported Cooley's Anemia

Laurice Levine

The ICF has donated \$2,262,754 to Cooley's Anemia (thalassemia) since it was adopted as the National Charity in 1982, under the direction of then ICF Grand President David Botta. The funds have been used in a wide variety of ways.



Early on, before the Federal Government supported research for rare diseases such as Cooley's Anemia, the ICF was instrumental in supporting research that led to improved medication and technology. The advances made are the reason patients are able to survive into adulthood. Now that government grants fund research, money can be put toward psychosocial care for patients and families.

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, they are now surviving well into adulthood and 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, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (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 ten specialty 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
- Patient travel to the hospital and to summer camp.
- Thalassemia Newsletter "In that Vein."

If you would like to be on the mailing list please contact Laurice Levine.

- Christmas Party (they have been "parties in a box" since 2020 due to COVID)

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

**For More Information:**  
Laurice Levine  
LLevine430@aol.com

ICF is Going Green!



If you prefer to read the *Bollettino* at the magnification of your choice, in full color, on your computer or portable electronic device, and like the idea of saving a tree while helping us save printing costs, visit this link to sign up:

<http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>

## Membership Committee Report

Perry Shurko  
Membership Chairperson



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT OF THE I.C.F. 2022-2023



Branches with 100% Retention (Zero Cancellations)	
District	Branch
San Francisco Area	#01 San Francisco
Los Angeles Arch	#169 Ventura, #237 Gardena, #362 Downey
Fresno	#185 Fresno
Santa Rosa	#103 Sonoma
Chicago	#220 Elmwood Park, #121 Forest Park
Orange	#406 Orange
East Bay	#215 Fremont, #285 Livermore
San Mateo	#19 Colma
San Bernardino	#217 Redlands

New Family Memberships			
#10 Alameda	#32 Fresno	#36 (6) Monterey	#39 Merced
#45 Sacramento	#47 Mountain View	#52 (3) Healdsburg	#144 Arcata
#227 Aptos	#250 Clovis	#291 Arroyo Grande	#332 Novato
#432 Brentwood	#442 Pleasant Hill		


Increased Membership		
50 or Fewer Members	51 - 100 Members	101 or More Members
Br. # 32 Fresno 15%	Br. #111 Montebello 13%	Br. #438 Roseville 5.5%
Br. # 73 Roseville 32%	Br. #442 Pleasant Hill 17%	Br. # 332 Novato 28%
Br. # 145 Eureka 35%	Br. #446 Upland 104%	Br. # 352 Danville 14%

Overall Report	
As of 6/30/2022:	6,595 Members
As of 6/30/2023:	6,226 Members
<i>(A net loss of 369 Members or 6%)</i>	
New Members:	543
Reinstated:	49
Transfer In / Out:	46 / 46
Non-payment:	237
Deceased:	167
Cancellations:	557
Delinquent 6 - 8 months:	705
Delinquent 9 - 12 months:	2

#### Membership Committee

Perry Shurko - Chair, Pat Mages, Ken Marshall, Maria DiPaolo, Patty Jarrett, Andy Pappani, Vince Piro, Teresa Helfand, Mike Rossi, Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT  
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

Presents

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI  
PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON

**"CELEBRATING THE 77TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF  
MOTHER CABRINI'S CANONIZATION"**

at

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
3801 Scott Rd., Burbank, CA 91504

**DATE: Sunday, November 12, 2023**

MASS/BENEDICTION: 11:30 AM. PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM. LUNCH: 2:00 PM

COST: \$20.00 / Adults & \$8.00 / Children under 12  
*"Each paid ticket includes on Raffle Ticket for a Special Raffle Prize."*

MENU: BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA SALAD, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA  
WINE AND DESSERT (Catered by Jouni's Catering)

RESERVATION(S) DUE BY: OCTOBER 19, 2023

CONTACT: ANDREA LINN SEND CHECK TO: ICF c/o ANDREA LINN  
T. 909-762-1392 4095 Fruit St. Sp 342  
E: [andjlinn@gmail.com](mailto:andjlinn@gmail.com) La Verne, CA 91750

I wish to reserve \_\_\_ Dinner(s) at \$20.00; \_\_\_ Dinner(s) at \$8.00 (Under 12)  
Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*"All proceeds to help fund the ongoing operations and development of the Cabrini Chapel and Library."*

*(Please make checks to Italian Catholic Federation); memo: Cabrini Pilgrimage 2023)*



*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*  
- MARGARET MEAD

## Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

by Carmelo Sabatella

On June 17, Eagle Scout Felipe V and his team painted the doors, wood trim, security grilles and railings and added additional flowers to the planters in front and on the side of the Cabrini Chapel and Library buildings.

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House schedule below. Additional dates will be scheduled during the year. If you or your branches would like to visit the Chapel and Library, group visits can be arranged by email: [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com) or telephone: 626-372-7812. If you would like to make a donation to help maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the

Mother Cabrini Shrine at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).  
Chapel Store: DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini by Lucia Mauro now available. Call 626-372-7812 or email at [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com).

**SAVE THE DATES**

- Sept. 10th - Open House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.
- Nov. 12th - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*  
-Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President, ICF, LAADC  
-Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee  
E: [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com);  
C 626-372-7812

The first South San Francisco Festa Italiana 2023 will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Orange Memorial Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will showcase South San Francisco and Italian history and culture. It is a free, fun family event.

Attendees will be treated to on-stage entertainment performances and the Italian cultural dance troop, the Tarantella. Attendees can sip Tuscan wines, "Manga" Italian cuisine, view cultural displays, and stroll amongst Italian exotic vehicles and cars from yesteryear.

South San Francisco Mayor Flor Nicolas and Italy's Consul General Sergio Trozzi will address the crowd to highlight the day's events. Guests can also choose to participate in a Bocce Ball Tournament (prior sign-ups are required) and enjoy the Festa's Family Fun Kid's Zone with face painting, story reading and much more! Youngsters can also participate in the SSF Youth Soccer Goal Challenge!

The entertainment lined up includes:

- Rudy Colombini & The Unauthorized Rolling Stones, who have brought the excitement, energy, and all the hits of a live Rolling Stones show to stages across the country. They have had the honor of opening for the Rolling Stones and Elton John.
- Sonamó is a San Francisco Bay Area band that delivers a dynamic, passionate blend of Italian melodies with hefty doses of funk and Latin jazz. Sonamó's founder Giuseppe Pinto first moved from Italy to the United States in 2010.
- Ron Sfarzo & The North Beach Band bring traditional music of Italy to life while delivering many more favorites to their audiences.

## Scholarship Donations

(Received as of July 31 2023)

- 1st Year Scholarships:**  
Bob and Kathy Acquistapace  
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen
- 2nd - 4th Year Scholarships:**  
Harry and Kathleen Hill  
In Memory of Norma Martinetti  
Antoinette and Angelo Pecora  
In Memory of Anita Pinasco Marciochi  
Italian Catholic Federation  
In Honor of Angelo and Antoinette Pecora  
- 2023 Family of the Year Award Recipients  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
In Memory of Russ Vento  
Deanne and Pix Perry  
In Memory of Russell John Vento  
Roselynn and Aaron McNeal  
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carmen Kilcullen  
Bob Basuino  
In Honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Kathy Acquistapace  
Roger and JoAnn Dorn  
In Memory of Freda Greer  
Deborah Rodondi  
In Memory of Russ Vento  
Deborah Rodondi  
In Memory of Joseph Sangiacomo

Ron is a San Mateo County native and the group loves performing for the local community.

The Festa is a presentation of a partnership between the City of South San Francisco, the Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco, and the California Law Enforcement Columbia Association with contributions from several brother and sister Italian organizations throughout the area. It is an opportunity to showcase, celebrate and share the rich Italian history and culture of the peninsula.

South San Francisco has a rich Italian history, and the city has evolved from "The Industrial City" to a biotech hub while not shedding its original identity. It has become a diverse make-up of cultural communities that love to share their history. This will be the first Festa Italiana for South San Francisco and the only such event on the peninsula.

Inquiries can be sent to [festa.ssf@yahoo.com](mailto:festa.ssf@yahoo.com). For updated information, go to FESTA ITALIANA 2023 - SSF | California Law Enforcement Columbia Association ([wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com))



# Tips for Donating Blood

We hope you have signed up to donate blood and save lives at the ICF convention. If you have not and would like to do so, please contact Laurice Levine at Llevine430@aol.com. For those of you donating we wanted to give you some tips for a successful and smooth donation:

### Before Your Donation

- Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods (red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals and raisins).
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Hydrate well in the days before your donation and drink an extra 16 oz. of water right before you donate.
- Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods (if there is too much fat in your blood, your donation cannot be tested for infectious diseases and the blood will not be used for transfusion).
- If you are a platelet donor, do not take aspirin for two days leading up to your donation.
- Recruit a friend to donate blood with you!
- Remember to bring your donor card and driver's license.

### During Your Donation

- Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow.
- Let the person taking your blood know if you have a preferred arm and show them any good veins that have been used successfully in the past to draw blood.
- Relax, listen to music, talk to other donors or read during the donation process.
- Enjoy snacks and drinks in the refreshments area immediately after donating.

### After Your Donation

- Drink an extra four (8 ounce) glasses of liquids and avoid alcohol over the next 24 hours.
- Remove the wrap bandage (if you had one put on your arm) within the next hour.
- Keep the strip bandage on for the next several hours.
- To avoid a skin rash, clean the area around the strip bandage with soap and water.
- Do not do any heavy lifting or vigorous exercise for the rest of the day.
- If the needle site starts to bleed, apply pressure to it and raise your arm straight up for about 5-10 minutes or until bleeding stops.
- If you experience dizziness or lightheadedness after donation, stop what you are doing and sit down or lie down until you feel better. Avoid performing any activity where fainting may lead to injury for at least 24 hours.
- Call the blood bank if questions arise or to report if you required medical care after donating blood.
- Continue to eat iron-rich food. If you donate frequently talk to your doctor about taking a multi vitamin with iron to ensure that you replenish your iron stores. For more information on blood donation and iron: [www.redcrossblood.org/iron](http://www.redcrossblood.org/iron).

Thank you for giving the gift of life!

Source: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



ICF 1958 Oakland Convention-Los Angeles Float

## Welcome New Members (Report as of July 31, 2023)

<b>Branch 010</b>	<b>Helen Yee</b>	
<b>Branch 014</b>	<b>Carmela C Medina</b>	
<b>Branch 036</b>	<b>Charles L Clifton</b>	<b>Gabriella M Clifton</b>
	<b>Joseph M Mendoza</b>	<b>Elizabeth Pelley</b>
	<b>John Pelley</b>	<b>Jerry Pieroni</b>
	<b>Valerie Pieroni</b>	<b>Evan J Russo</b>
	<b>James A Russo</b>	<b>Kristin M Russo</b>
	<b>Ryan D Russo</b>	<b>Letty Stracuzzi</b>
<b>Branch 039</b>	<b>Dominic G Giampietro</b>	<b>Robert Tomasetti</b>
<b>Branch 045</b>	<b>Robin Malle</b>	<b>Linda Mc Kenna</b>
	<b>Michael Mc Kenna</b>	
<b>Branch 048</b>	<b>Daniel L Lara</b>	<b>Susan Lara</b>
<b>Branch 052</b>	<b>Clayton Bishop</b>	<b>Erica Bishop</b>
	<b>Jackson Bishop</b>	<b>John Bishop</b>
	<b>Juliet Hallier</b>	<b>Rev Nicholas Mancini</b>
<b>Branch 067</b>	<b>Irene Perez</b>	
<b>Branch 073</b>	<b>Sylvia M Bianchi</b>	<b>Claudia Borzilleri</b>
<b>Branch 108</b>	<b>Patrick Borzilleri</b>	
	<b>Peter B Revilla</b>	
<b>Branch 111</b>	<b>Wanda L Petersen</b>	
<b>Branch 127</b>	<b>Leo P Capovilla</b>	
<b>Branch 130</b>	<b>Ronald A Agostini</b>	<b>John J Jones</b>
<b>Branch 139</b>	<b>Amy Letter</b>	<b>Bonoventura Letter</b>
<b>Branch 145</b>	<b>Daniel Bugarin</b>	<b>Santos Bugarin</b>
<b>Branch 179</b>	<b>Sophia Bugarin</b>	<b>Belinda Christensen</b>
	<b>Jim Christensen</b>	<b>Melissa Christensen</b>
	<b>Carol De Tora</b>	<b>Ben Galizio Jr</b>
	<b>Patricia Morales</b>	<b>Christine N Pasillas</b>
	<b>David R Pasillas</b>	<b>Richard Paulus</b>
	<b>John Sugar</b>	
<b>Branch 184</b>	<b>Marie Firato</b>	<b>Suzanne Meyer</b>
<b>Branch 198</b>	<b>Mildred Patrick</b>	<b>Janice C Shaffer</b>
	<b>Melissa M Stoufer</b>	
<b>Branch 217</b>	<b>Eugene J Di Cesaris</b>	<b>Eva A Di Cesaris</b>
<b>Branch 218</b>	<b>Barbara J Inescu</b>	
<b>Branch 227</b>	<b>Jason R Hope</b>	
<b>Branch 229</b>	<b>Michela Di Bella</b>	<b>Salvatore Di Bella</b>
<b>Branch 246</b>	<b>John Cefalu</b>	<b>Rose Cefalu</b>
	<b>William Holman</b>	
<b>Branch 250</b>	<b>Sharon Arnold</b>	<b>Rachel Bejarano</b>
	<b>Michael Caglia</b>	<b>Dina Camoroda</b>
	<b>Carol M Rice</b>	
<b>Branch 285</b>	<b>Ron Page</b>	
<b>Branch 291</b>	<b>Anita Caracci</b>	<b>Kathleen T Fisher</b>
<b>Branch 332</b>	<b>John G Loughran</b>	<b>Yvonne J Vaughan</b>
<b>Branch 352</b>	<b>Joan Billeci</b>	<b>Kathy K Mallegni</b>
	<b>Jennifer O'Dorney</b>	<b>Michael M O'Dorney</b>
	<b>Edward Perez</b>	<b>Eileen M Perez</b>
<b>Branch 374</b>	<b>Anthony V Costanzo</b>	
<b>Branch 391</b>	<b>Louis Diodoro</b>	<b>Jean Misko</b>
<b>Branch 413</b>	<b>Thomas A Dutil</b>	<b>Brandon Mc Hardy</b>
<b>Branch 438</b>	<b>Jen Carano-Cole</b>	<b>Charles Cole</b>
	<b>Wayne A Silvernagel</b>	<b>Naomi Wehri</b>
	<b>Thomas Wehri</b>	
<b>Branch 442</b>	<b>Anne Rainero</b>	<b>Dave Rainero</b>
<b>Branch 444</b>	<b>Dylan Johnson</b>	
<b>Branch 447</b>	<b>Roman Lucido</b>	<b>Sandy Lucido</b>
	<b>Valentina Lucido</b>	<b>Vince Lucido</b>
	<b>Maggie Shannon</b>	<b>Peggy Stark</b>
<b>Branch 449</b>	<b>Diane Ameng</b>	<b>Joe Ameng</b>
	<b>Jim Conrad</b>	<b>Diana M Huffman</b>
	<b>Grace Jaworski</b>	

## JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Loraine Terra	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
7/2	Gwen Gorman		Salinas, CA	\$30
7/3	Cathy Caropreso	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
7/4	Marilyn Cuthill		Rocklin, CA	\$100
7/5	Lynda Vallorz	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/6	Robert J. Buckley	362	Downey, CA	\$30
7/7	Kathleen Thomas	14	Port Costa, CA	\$30
7/8	Katrina Healy	28	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/9	Audrey Gaia	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
7/10	Nic & Mike Migliore		San Anselmo, CA	\$30
7/11	Karen Rosson	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
7/12	Margaret Woosley		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/13	Nicole Herron		Eureka, CA	\$30
7/14	Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
7/15	The Marsalli Family	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$50
7/16	Tony Spagnolo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/17	Jacque Wright		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
7/18	Philip McDermott		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/19	Lin & Gloria Cardelli		San Mateo, CA	\$30
7/20	Shannon Mooney		Sacramento, CA	\$30
7/21	Dorothy Cassani	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/22	Rev. Roberto Vera	354	Soquel, CA	\$30
7/23	Mike Iacovitti	362	Downey, CA	\$30
7/24	Heidi Ambiel	227	Aptos, CA	\$30
7/25	Robert Pignati		San Rafael, CA	\$30
7/26	Karen Raccanello	332	Novato, CA	\$30
7/27	Mary Murphy		Merced, CA	\$30
7/28	Mary Ann Lauro	115	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	\$30
7/29	Carmen Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
7/30	Raquel Hurlbut		Napa, CA	\$30
7/31	Lauren Bilich-Johnson		San Ramon, CA	\$30

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## AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Greg Taddei		Sedona, AZ	\$30
8/2	Judith Hocking	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
8/3	Anne Crisp	13	Concord, CA	\$30
8/4	Terrie Rhodes	39	Merced, CA	\$30
8/5	Donna Cervelli	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
8/6	Rev. Michael Hendrickson	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
8/7	Yvonne Dorr	209	Monte Rio, CA	\$30
8/8	Most Reverend Jaime Soto		Sacramento, CA	\$30
8/9	Amato Ghilarducci		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/10	Debbie Fidalgo-Powell		Modesto, CA	\$30
8/11	Laura Hohn		Tracy, CA	\$30
8/12	Peter & Diane DeFrank		Riverside, CA	\$30
8/13	Richard Faria		Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
8/14	Doug Whitaker	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
8/15	Drebra Stevens		Everett, WA	\$30
8/16	Gina Foster	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
8/17	Vivian Hunt		Salinas, CA	\$30
8/18	Josephine Grant	103	Sonoma, CA	\$30
8/19	Kristy Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/20	Fr. Michael Mahoney	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
8/21	Billy Joe Brown		Citrus Heights, CA	\$30
8/22	Jo Bertaccini	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/23	Betty Wolfe	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
8/24	Frank Salomone	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
8/25	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
8/26	Monica Barnes		Concord, CA	\$30
8/27	Kevin & Laura Kobliska		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/28	Chris Houle		San Martin, CA	\$50
8/29	Jerry Delfino	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/30	Joe Reeder		Richmond, CA	\$30
8/31	John Carlo	210	Yucaipa, CA	\$30

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## MARIN AREA



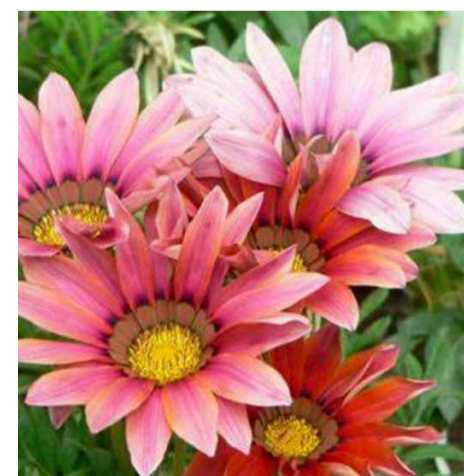
Br. 332, Bingo and Pedro kept the guests busy at Br. 332 picnic.



Br. 332 enjoying the picnic at Stafford Lake. Buon Appetito!



Dave and George entertaining the guests at Br. 332 picnic.





## Branch Reports

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### San Francisco Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Thank you for purchasing ICF Raffle tickets.

President Vic is planning a Get together in September or October at his house and invitations will be sent.

*Cordiali Saluti  
Diana Cresci*

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

It is hard to believe that it is August already.

Our Branch 258 hopes the Convention will be a successful one.

Please return your raffle ticket stubs with your check as soon as possible so we can send our check to the Central Office. Our Branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold. Tante Grazie!!

We went to our Over 50 Club Luncheon on June 8th. It was a combined Mother's and Father's Day. It was at the Basque Restaurant. We all enjoyed the delicious food and visiting with our members. Thank you to our club for the nice treat.

A Memorial Mass was said by Father Charles for our member and officer Jane Cunningham at St. Elizabeth's Church on June 19th. This was delayed due to Covid. A luncheon was held after the Mass at the Boulevard Restaurant. We enjoyed the delicious food. Jane was an officer for many years. Jane you are being missed by all of us. God Bless you.

A BIG 99th Birthday to Mary Perata on August 10th and Rena Fazzini, our good friend and member, on August 24th. Many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health!! Have a Great Day.

A BIG 105 years to Al Oneto on September 23rd. Many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health!! Have a Great Day.

Happy Birthday Wishes to everyone celebrating in August and September.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please take care of yourself and others.

*Ciao,  
Eva Perata, President*

### SAN MATEO District

#### Burlingame

#### Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Our Branch had a busy June and ended it with a very successful Ravioli Dinner. We need to thank many of our members and those who helped sponsor our dinner: John Crosby (Wine), Keith and Connie Aguilar (Ravioli) and Raymond's Bread. Your donations were greatly appreciated!

Our members were worker bees before and after the dinner and they were: Dorene Campanile, Bob and Bea Tomasello, Anthony and Donna Cervelli, Jim and Lucy Witherspoon, Dan and Gerri Rolandson, Brenda Wemiz and family, Maria Camicia, Mary Ann Camacho, Lori Clyne, Rosalind Emery and Donna Ruiz. A special Thank You for your assistance and for your donations to the raffle.

Our 4th of July Celebration was postponed and will be celebrated at our August meeting on 8-10-23. For our 7-13-23 meeting it will be Members Appreciation — No Charge — Appetizers & Dessert.

MISC. INFO: Convention Raffle tickets need to be turned into Lori Clyne by JULY 31st. If not mailed yet, please bring to our July 13th meeting.

SEPTEMBER meeting — 9-14-23 will be "Make your own sandwich instead of scheduled Pizza dinner.

NOVEMBER 12TH Sunday Chaplain's Luncheon Branch 403 hosting at 1:30 p.m. at the Basque Cultural Center. (More details to follow)

Honoring the 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ICF the convention will be held at the Marriot in San Mateo in 2024. The San Francisco District will be in charge and the San Mateo District has been asked to assist in the planning as the SF District only has two branches and needs our assistance.

Please keep praying for our Branch and others who have asked for our prayers: Mary Bodisco, Anita Cecena, Carmela Gigliotti, Melanie Yeager, Kathy Treviso and Jackie Barnes (Branch 19).

*God Bless,*

*Roz Emery*

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

ICF CONVENTION: Welcome back to our delegate, Joyce James, and alternate, Barbara Gabriel. Hope you had a great time in Costa Mesa, and we look forward to your convention report at our September 12 meeting. Thanks to all our members who sold

their convention raffle tickets and returned stubs and money by the due date.

Let's hope for a winner from our branch!

We were happy to welcome Annette Novi as our guest at our last dinner meeting. Annette was our deputy/mentor some years ago, and it was great to see her again.

Tentatively, we plan to have a guest speaker at our October meeting. She will speak on scams and how to avoid being ripped off by these scammers.

Hope everyone had a great summer and look forward to seeing you on September 12 at our meeting.

#### Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti. Fourteen of our members attended the delicious Ravioli Dinner fundraiser at OLA, Branch 173 on June 25th. It was a good turnout & everyone had a wonderful time. Several of our members even won raffle prizes! (See photo)

Our next branch meeting is a lasagna dinner on Tuesday, October 3rd at the parish center. It includes salad, wine, dessert & coffee. The social begins at 5pm, with dinner beginning at 5:30 and the meeting to follow. The cost is \$15. Interested branch members should send their checks (payable to "ICF BR. 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030 by Friday, September 29th.

Our very popular & "deliziosa" Polenta Dinner fundraiser is back!! It will be held on Sunday, October 22nd at St. Dunstan Parish Center. It includes antipasto, salad, polenta, chicken & sausage, wine, dessert and a no-host bar. Cocktail hour begins at 4pm, and dinner at 5pm. This event is open to all branches, family & friends. The cost is \$45. Interested persons should mail a check (payable to "ICF BR. 403") to Rose Marie Morando, 706 Clearfield Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030. Includes the names of your guests, your address or email, a phone #, and who you would like to be seated with. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, October 17th! For questions, leave a message with Eunice Danli at (650) 692-3740.

Remember, Grandparents Day is September 10th!

*Adonna Amoroso  
Corresponding Secretary*



### MARIN

#### Novato

#### Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

August is our Branch's vacation month, a well-deserved rest for our dedicated officers, for our chefs, and for all the volunteers that make our monthly dinner meetings such wonderful events. Thank you to all and Buon Riposo.

We were delighted to report to the membership at the end of this fiscal year, that our Branch was able to donate \$3800 to various groups, including the Federation scholarship program and Federation charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of Loretto School and Parish, and Project Dresser. We are grateful to all who support our Branch's activities.

Our Branch would like to thank our four convention delegates: Larry and Marilu Mazzotta, and Anthony and Sonia Alioto. We wish them, and all the attendees, a very successful convention, and we hope that many new and innovative ideas will be shared for the good of the entire Federation.

This month's "shout out" goes to Dave Garbarino, our wonderful musician who entertains at every dinner meeting. His gift of music is a real highlight for the members, who can often be heard singing along to both the American and Italian classics. For many of us, it's a walk down memory lane, remembering our parents and grandparents singing those tunes. Grazie, Dave, sei un vero tesoro.

Wishing everyone a happy end to summer fun. Fall is knocking at the door.

**Deadline for  
October Issue of  
the *Bollettino* is  
Sept. 10.  
Send your articles  
& photos:  
editor@icf.org  
Be sure to include  
branch name and  
number.**

### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE

#### District

#### Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

On June 17, President Carmelo S. Joined National Branch 67 members in person and via Zoom in a branch meeting that included Fr Gianantonio Pastor of St Peters Italian National Church. We look forward to working with Fr. Gianantonio as we continue developing the Branch; And will start scheduling our future NBR 67 Meetings in person and via zoom at St Peters Italian Church.

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us at ICF-NationalBranch67.org and complete the application process. ICF may be just the place for you as we are multi culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

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

*May they rest in peace.  
Keep safe and Stay healthy,  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA  
Past President, ICF Branch 108  
ICF National Branch 67  
C 626 372-7812 E Cas1810@aol.org*

#### SAVE THE DATE

- August 19th Next ICF N Branch 67 Committee Meeting from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in person and via zoom. Contact us at the following email: cas1810@aol.com if you would like to join us at the next meeting. ICF Members, guests and Visitors welcome. Zoom link will be forwarded one week prior to meeting. Questions? Call: 626-372-7812.

- November 12th Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon at St Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504. See Cabrini Flyer.



### South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

On July 9th, ICF LAADC held its annual Cooley's Anemia Picnic at Holy Family

Church Connolly Hall. Members enjoyed lunch and listening to guest speaker Laurice Levine update members on Cooley's Anemia's latest successful treatments on Laurice and the committed work Children's Hospital is doing on behalf of a possible Thalassemia cure in the near future. Laurice thanked ICF again for supporting this worthwhile cause and the reason why she is here today with her Husband and Son. Members and guests ended the day with an indoor Bean Bag Bocce tournament. Congratulations to winning team from Branches 108 and 111!

#### SAVE THE DATES

- Aug 31 to Sept 3rd - ICF Annual Convention at Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa.

- Sept. 10th - Mother Cabrini Chapel Burbank Open House 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- Nov. 12th - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon at Cabrini 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 95104

We continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of the present crisis and to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy,  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA  
Past President, ICF Branch 108  
C 626 372-7812 E cas1810@aol.com*

#### Montebello

#### Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a safe and healthy summer! Our September General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elizabeth DeLorenzo and Giuseppina Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

The 2023 Bishop's Day and Chaplain's Recognition Mass & Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Look for more details in our Branch 111 September 2023 Newsletter.

It was great seeing many of you at our Branch Picnic on Sunday, July 30th at the Sanchez Adobe Park and Museum in Montebello. The foods, salads,

desserts, etc. were all delicious. The weather was pleasant too and everyone had a wonderful time eating, relaxing, playing bocce & socializing.

We are planning our Branch 111 Christmas Dinner for Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in Montebello. Please reserve the date; more details will follow later this year.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless!  
Frank Salomone  
ICF Branch 111 President*

#### San Pedro

#### Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Thank you to all members, their families and friends who turned out to help our branch achieve a successful fiesta. From preparing meatballs and sausages, setting up, working at the booth, and most important cleaning up. It takes many hours and many helping hands to make it all possible. What an amazing team we are!

Our next general meeting will take place on Thursday Aug 10th at 7:30 p.m. in parish center.

Up for discussion will be our annual St John Joseph of the Cross dinner dance.

Mass in honor of St John Joseph of the Cross will be on Saturday August 19th at 10 a.m. Procession to grotto will follow with lite refreshment served in auditorium. Dinner dance will begin at 6 p.m. Menu consists of Prime rib, pasta, salad, vegetables and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Ciaramitaro band. All this for \$45.00 a person. Call Neal DiLeva for tickets. 310 433-1044

Our next turnaround casino trip will be on August 24th to Morongo. \$40 per person Please call Pauline for reservation 310 832-0563 Bus will leave at 9 a.m. from Boys and girls club.

Please note when writing a check out to branch please write out Italian Catholic Federation. Bank will not accept abbreviation of ICF

Thank you for supporting all of our fundraisers and good works of our branch.

ICF convention will be held on Sept 1-3rd. Representing our branch will be Robert Hohman, Carmen Uzeta, and Giovanna Gioiello. We wish them an inspiring and fun trip. We are looking forward to a full report.

Our General meeting on Sept 21st will be our potluck meeting. Meeting will take place in auditorium. Please contact Letitia at 310 832-0140 and let her know what tasty dish you are bringing.

We are sad to report the death of Dr.

Michael Smith. Dr Smith joined the branch in 2010 and will be missed. Our condolences also to Alex Iacono for the loss of his Mother Sandy and to member Anthony Mascolo on the loss of his wife. May they all Rest in Peace.

*Have a blessed rest of your summer.  
Anita Gioiello Trujillo*

#### Glendora

#### Br. 179, St. Dorothy

St. Dorothy Branch 179 held their 1st – EVER Pasta Cookoff on Thursday, June 15. What a fun night! Eight pastas were judged by professional chef Steven Moortgat, our pastor Fr. Ron Clark, and member Mary Ann Brewer-Nolan. There were a few duplicates, but the clear-cut winner of the \$25 Cosmos Bistro gift card was Jan Daigneaull for her creamy pasta with sausage and white wine sauce. Congratulations Jan! After the judging, everyone enjoyed dinner with all the pastas, plus salads and desserts. Not only was it a fun evening, but we welcomed a couple new members, and sold raffle tickets. This will definitely be an annual event!

On Sunday, June 11, members loaded 11,880 pounds of clothing to gross \$4,158 for our ministry. Thanks everyone for all the hard work!

There is no general meeting in July. Instead, members will meet in Finkbiner Park, Glendora, to listen to the Air Force Band, on July 2.

*Happy Independence Day!  
Patricia Auriemmo  
Trustee*

#### Arcadia

#### Br. 218, Holy Angels

At a recent meeting, ICF Branch 218 at Holy Angels Church in Arcadia, was pleased to recognize Katharine La Corte upon hearing the news she will receive the 2023 Young Adult Leadership Award at the ICF upcoming convention in Orange County. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities, possesses enthusiasm, talent, energy and vision. The goal of the award is to guide the Federation in the decades ahead by good works and to encourage the younger generation to become Federation members. *Congratulations, Katie!*





SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

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Br. 445 Hawaiian Night. Front Row (left to right) our June and July Anniversary couples: The Langs 6/27, The Howells 6/13 and the La Scolas (7/7 with 60 years!).



Br. 445 Happy 70th Anniversary Kiss



Br. 445 Buon Compleanno Joanie and Jennifer



Br. 191, Jim and Frank enjoying a good time at the BBQ



Br. 191, Marie Antonowicz at the BBQ having a grand time!



Delegates Debbie and Julie for Branch 191



Br. 191, "guys checking out the chicks!"



Branch 391 Lipari Family with Steve Lencioni and Rose Clarke



Branch 391 Scholarship Winners with Rose Clarke and Steve Lencioni



Br. 368 Bocce Ball, Ann Cordoni, Mary Ridi, Tina Souza-Dutra



Br. 368 Men's Barbaque, Tom Myers, Zachary Schroeder, Mike Cordoni, Tom Bouska



Branch 391 Lencioni Family--Cathleen and Mathew Lencioni, Annual Summer Barbecue



Branch 391 Steve and T.J. Lencioni, Annual Summer Barbecue



Br. 368 Men's barbaque. Tom, Sharon Bouska

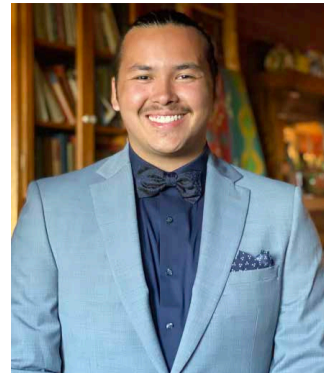
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	Siri Panetta Central Coast District	Nicolas Arcangeli Br. 21, Santa Cruz	Christine Gastello Br. 25, Salinas	Grace Gastello Br. 25, Salinas	Eva Rossi Br. 26, Hollister
	Anna Gorman Br. 36, Monterey	Lauren Bronfeld Br. 51, Castroville	Danny Casagrande In Memory of Otto Ambiel Br. 227, Aptos	Madison R. Casagrande-Fragola In Memory of Michael & Anthony Ponza Br. 227, Aptos	Patrick Morrissey Br. 227, Aptos
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Gian Ciapponi Br. 352, Danville	Helen Rago Br. 352, Danville	Ava Hawkinson Br. 432, Brentwood	Mason Hill Br. 442, Pleasant Hill	Mikayla Parker Br. 442, Pleasant Hill	





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Antonio Arevalo  
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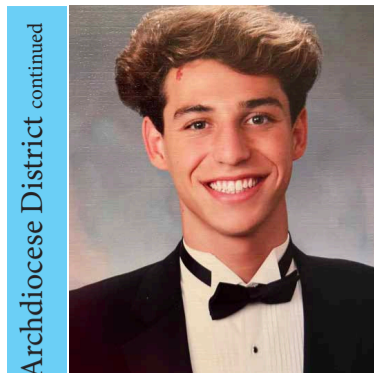
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Jenna La Monica Johnson  
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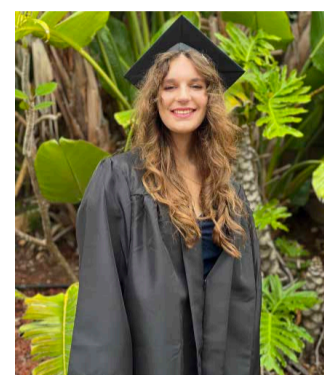
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Steven Rubly  
Scholarship Fund



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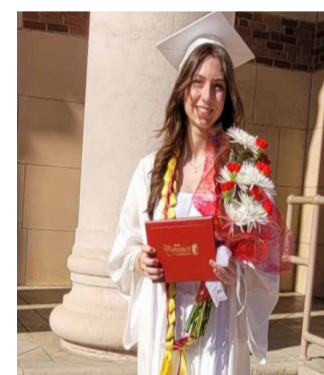


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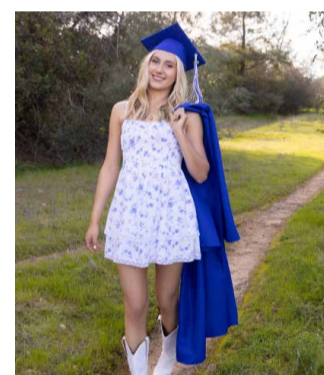


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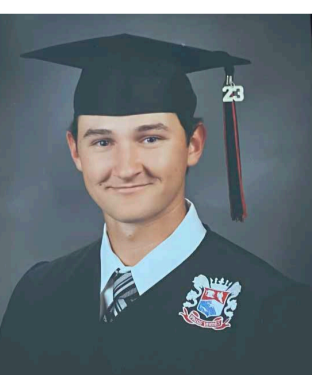
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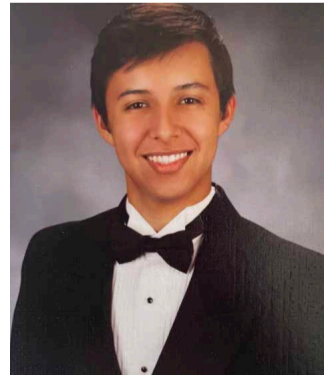


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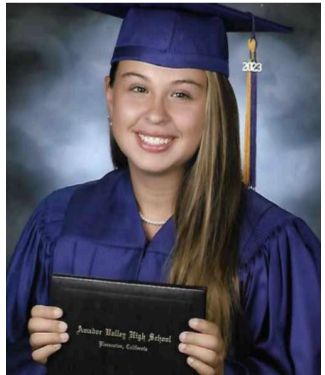
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San Mateo District



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Br. 7, South San Francisco



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In Memory of Betty Wuestefeld  
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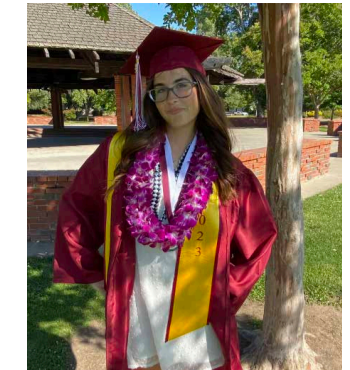


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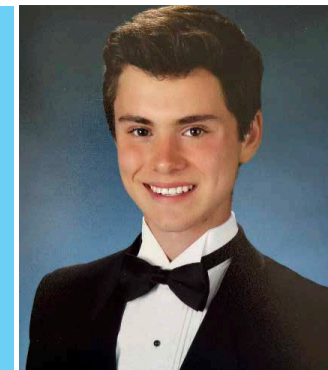


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Br. 198, Santa Rosa



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In memory of  
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In memory of  
Wilma & Bert Royeton  
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Br. 184, Los Gatos



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Br. 191, San Jose



Joseph Silacci  
Br. 368, San Jose



Jeff Abbott  
Br. 391, San Jose

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Isabella Israel



Jack Cunial  
Br. 139, Manteca



Caiya Alexandria Sims  
Br. 390, Tracy

Individuals



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The Antonowicz Family -  
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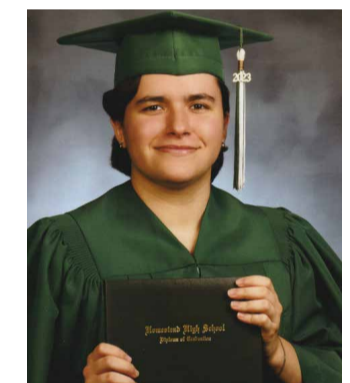
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Megan Lawrence  
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Br. 408, Sunnyvale



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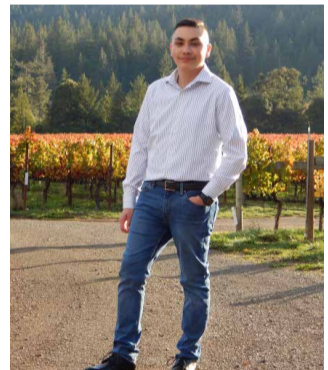


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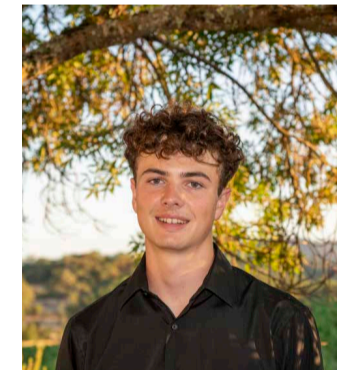
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Br. 52, Healdsburg



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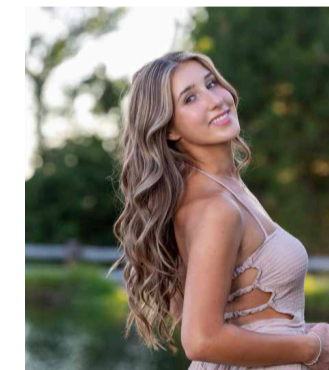
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Tom Scesa - Br. 54



Abigail Pikas  
In Memory of Frank & Helen Scesa  
Kathleen Scesa Dorr and  
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In Memory of Robert Grassilli  
Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Gianna Jean  
In Memory of Marie Grassilli  
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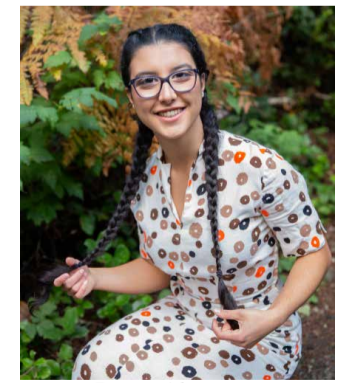
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In Memory of John Orlando  
Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21



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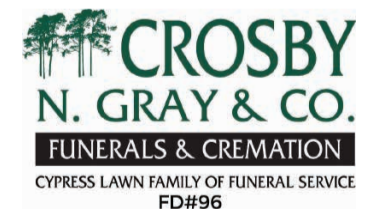
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### CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Br. 51, Lauren Bronfeld scholarship



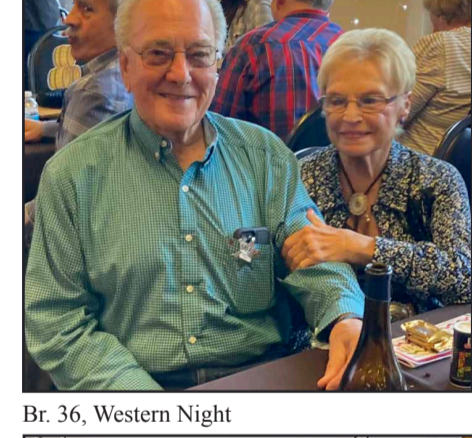
Br. 51, Linda and Renee Oani--new members



Br. 36, Hawaiian Nights



Br. 36, Hawaiian Nights



Br. 36, Western Night



Br. 36, Western Night



Br. 36, Hawaiian Nights



Br. 36, Western Night



Br. 291 Branch College Scholarship to Member Ella Parish, attending Oregon State University this fall. Pictured here L-R are Jim, Roxanne & Ella Parish, Br. 291 President, Pete Gallagher.



Br. 291 Branch College Scholarship to Member Eli Marsalek, attending Boston College this fall. Pictured on the balcony of Kevin McCarthy's office in Washington D.C., where this summer he participated in a Bank of America internship working with Habitat for Humanity.



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

Hope you had a great summer and are ready to actively participate in another successful ICF year! Looking back, we had the most successful Feast of St. Joseph/Auction event ever, and significant income from the Italian classes. We also had a lovely Mass and Luncheon at the LCCC Country Club, many interesting speakers at our meetings, a lovely summer evening get together and live entertainment at the Barbera home and gained 10 new members! Welcome to our newest member, Anthony Costanzo.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, September 19th you will notice a new room table arrangement. This is to encourage better interaction and camaraderie between members. We also will hear a report about the convention and the meeting sessions from our delegate, President Phyllis Harb. No doubt she will have learned a lot and will be implementing some ideas throughout the year.

At the October 17th meeting, in keeping with our heritage programs, we will celebrate Columbus Day with an interesting presentation on our American hero.

The board is planning a trip for fall 2024. How many of you would consider going on a New England/ Canada cruise to ports such as, Newport, Boston, Bar Harbour, St. John, and Halifax during leaf foliage season? We are anxious to hear your input. In the past, our branch has sponsored many such travels and is now ready to explore new ones.

Save the Dates:

Tuesday, September 19th- 6:00 p.m. General Meeting-Convention Report  
October 1st- Bishop's Banquet- St. John's Seminary, Camarillo- 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by lunch with seminarians. \$30.00- Free bus available.

October 2nd- Golf Tournament- Temecula

Tuesday, October 17th- 6 p.m. General Meeting- Columbus Program  
October 22nd- Opera at St. Peter's Church

Sunday, November 12th- Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, and luncheon-11:30 St. Xavier Church, Burbank

June 29, 2024- L.A. District ICF 100th Anniversary Gala- Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

*Diane Restivo*

### Simi Valley Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima

The Knights of Columbus expressed appreciation to the many ICF, Br 443 members who volunteered at the Chili Cook-off and Car Show on June 24 at St. Rose of Lima.

Come and join us at Branch 443's Annual Bocce Picnic on Saturday, September 9, 2023 3 to 7 p.m. Eat delicious food and play Bocce. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12.

We will provide a special main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

We will see you at Rancho Tapo Community Park [Lemon Park] 3700 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

*Peace and Blessings,  
Josephine M. Perini*

### Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Marianne Canetti, one of our original members has been released from the hospital and is recovering at a 4-pack nursing home in RPV. She suffered a stroke in February & is slowly recovering. Please continue to pray for her and the challenges she faces. Marianne has been instrumental in organizing meetings, working behind the scenes and arranging to have guest speakers. We hope she returns as soon as possible.

President Hany Francis and his wife Carol will be representing our Branch at the ICF Convention September 1st at the Western South Coast Plaza. Happy Birthday to our President, Hany Francis from your members, "Cent Anni"!

Plans have been made for our Annual Picnic in the Park, July 22, at 11:00 a.m. Bruno Vieri, our Treasurer reports we are financially solvent and doing well.

We would like to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Alejandro Enriquez to our Parish. We Pray that our Pastor Msgr. David A Sork recovers from knee replacement surgery quickly. Congratulations to our Scholarship winner, Arrianna Funicello. All our membership wish you the best on your educational journey and your future be unlimited. Until we meet in July, Mother Cabrini pray for us. Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us.

*Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen*

### Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

Manhattan Beach and ICF Branch 447 are both enjoying the beautiful summer weather we have been blessed to have!

Most recently we came together on July 30th to enjoy the wonderful Concerts in the Park that are held every Sunday at the amphitheater in Manhattan Beach's Polliwog Park. As we listened to Kenny Metcalf as Elton John, we shared the beautiful evening, the music, a wonderful potluck spread, and each other's company. Thank you to all who came and participated in our summer celebration of fellowship and fun.

### Oakland

### East Bay District Council

We had a very successful testimonial for our "past District President" Lisa Crudo, at the Speisekammer German restaurant in Alameda. We were lucky to have our current Grand President, Deborah Rodondi with us and the gift we gave Lisa, was an ICF necklace, made by our current District President Jo-Ann Donovan.

We are happy to report that our Chaplain, Fr. Mario has recovered from his accident and will be able to attend the Convention in September.

More good news is that we were able to donate to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship funds. We always feel good when we are able to support those who need help with their education.

We had a very nice Mass and luncheon arranged by Branch #285 for our District Communion. It was nice to see that we had representatives from all the branches there, although a few more are always welcome.

Glad to hear that all of the Branches are able to send delegates to the Convention. It is interesting to see how the Convention works in governing us, something we all should learn about even in just attending a Convention.

To all those attending the Convention, stay alert and vote smart!

*Pat Grasso,  
Dist Sec.*

### Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We welcomed 50 guests to our barbecue of hamburgers, watermelon, corn and delicious pies on Saturday evening, July 21, at Saint Philip Neri School in Alameda. We were visited by Barbara Wilson of Birthright of San Lorenzo, who returned to her office with a good amount of gifts and baby bottles filled with folding money.

Many thanks to the representatives of three other East Bay branches who attended, including one of the chefs, James McGee. Others making up the hardworking crew were Jeanette "The Boss" Zugnoni, Jim Lee, Karen Harrington, Sheila Ewart, co-chef Bob Lubeck, Ernie Poggi, Martha Alvarado, Anna and Dave Rossi, Russ Goodman and friends and our ever-helpful priests, Father Joseph and Father Paul.

Next up is our annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street in Alameda. Prices are \$35.00 for adults, including hosted bar, and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. For reservations contact Ms. Terry Greig, terrygreig3@gmail.com or 510-504-0498, by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24. Payment in advance by check make payable to ICF Branch 10 and mailed to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

We very much appreciate that Grand President Deborah Rodondi ventured to Alameda on June 24 for the retirement luncheon for Lisa Crudo as President of the East Bay District. The officers of the District kept the site, Speisekammer German restaurant, one of Lisa's favorite places, a secret from Lisa until the day of the festivities.

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*John Zugnoni  
Branch 10 publicity*

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### Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

"Summertime, and the living is easy." (Sing!)

For Italian Catholic Federation Members..."Summertime" is also busy: traveling, enjoying get-togethers with family & friends, District Communions, Branch meetings, Fundraisers, Convention, etc.!

Our Branch 50th Anniversary was celebrated in style at Pastas Restaurant in Pleasanton! Lovely décor and gracious hosting by Patty Brick, Virginia Williams, Toni Manzetti, Anna Yocham and President Carlotta Schauer made it a joyous time for all the old and new members attending! Our long-time mentor, Karen Rossi, made it especially sparkling!

Bocce Ball and delicious finger foods were enjoyed at Hacienda Clubhouse in June by our members and friends! Grazie especially to Anna Yocham for setting this up!!

East Bay District Communion was celebrated July 30th at St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton...Many thanks to President Carlotta Schauer, Patty Brick, Elaine Meier, and Committee for planning & hosting! A delightful time of faith and fellowship for all at mass and reception.

Italian Heritage Night July 21st at A's vs. Astros game was exciting for many ICF members attending!

Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, August 26th at 10:30 a.m. was fun! Branch 285 joined Golden Friends of St. Michael's, Livermore in making this happen! Grazie to Carlotta Schauer, Elaine Meier, Patty Brick & Virginia Williams for facilitating this fun event!!

We are looking forward to full report on ICF Convention by Br. 285 Delegate, Judy Wellbeloved. It is sure to be delightful!

Prayers for strength for the journey for all who are facing health issues.

Wishing all our members blessings of health and wonderful birthday, wedding, anniversary and baptism celebrations!! This year is a very special one for Anita Gandolfo who celebrated her 100th birthday on July 15th!!! Imagine the stories she can tell from July 15, 1923, to July 15, 2023 and continuing on!

We welcome our newest member, Ron Page! We look forward to seeing Ron and all of you at our next meeting Sunday afternoon, September 17, when Moreno and Nancy Navarini will be presenting, Italian Music Scene!

*Stay cool!  
Arrivederci,  
Philomena Colonna Buonsante*



### Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We have been busy planning fundraisers for our branch and trying outdoor dining to try to get more people involved in our meetings. The outdoor dining was fun, but we could have fed more people. On the other hand, here's hoping that more people will gather for our activities.

First on the agenda is our Bingo and Meat Ball Social. We will eat a good pasta dinner with meat balls and salad with dessert and drinks; then play 5 games of Bingo with prizes for young and old. So far, we are doing well with the tickets. Hope everyone has fun.

Next, we have okayed a Manicotti sale for after school starts. Parishioners and school parents can place their order and pick-up their 10 Manicotti, heat and eat. What could be easier!!!

In the meantime, many are getting ready for the Convention. This year we will send 3 delegates and one of them is a younger person who will have first-hand knowledge of how the Convention works.

This is a good thing for all the younger members to have a part in the function of a convention and its workings. They can hear the new ideas and learn why some old ideas need to be let go and decide on which way to vote. Here is to all who are going!!

*Happy Convention!  
Pat Grasso,  
Branch Sec.*

### CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings,

Here is the latest from the Contra Costa District Council.

On July 21, our district enjoyed the Italian night festivities and baseball game hosted by the Oakland A's. Members from the East Bay District joined us. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Bruce Pedrotti, our district vice president, who organized the event.

Fast forward to our National Convention. We will gather at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in beautiful Costa Mesa, CA. from Thursday, August 31 through Sunday, September 3. We begin with the welcome dinner in Huntington Beach hosted by the Orange District. We will end with Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by the Bishop of Orange. There will be a variety of events in-between. We offer support and best wishes to Rosemary Cook from branch 13 Martinez who is running for re-election to the Central Council. Thanks to the convention director, Rose McNeal, and her committee for planning every detail.

Our next District Meeting will take place Thursday, September 14 at Christ the King parish hall in Pleasant Hill. Save the date Thursday, October 26 for our annual district evening of recollection, also to be held at Christ the King, at 6:30 pm beginning with dinner.

*Fall blessings to all!  
Patty Jarrett  
Past President/District mentor.*

### Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

We toast our recipient, DeLaSalle graduate, William Hayr, whose scholarship was provided in memory of deceased members, Marina Ellis and Sheila Grilli.

Blessed Carlo Acutis was a fifteen-year-old English-born Italian-Catholic youth and website designer who is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles and cataloging them onto a website which he created before his death from leukemia on Oct 12, 2006. He was noted for his computer skills and deep devotion to the Eucharist which became a core theme of his life. He was beatified on Oct 10, 2020. ICF members and were treated to the touring exhibit which he created and designed entitled "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" held at St. Catherine of Siena as part of the parish's 150th anniversary. You can also view them on Carlo's official website: <https://carloacutis-en.org/index.html>

In this year of the Eucharistic Revival, all are invited to take part in the Diocesan Congress on one of the following dates: Fri, Sep 8 for youth (Spanish), Sat, Sep 9 for adults (Spanish), Fri, Sep 15 for youth (English), Sat, Sep 16 for adults (English). Register at the [www.oakdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival2023](http://www.oakdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival2023) You won't want to miss the inspirational speakers from around the country.

Upcoming branch meetings are on Patriot Day, Mon, Sep 11, Indigenous People's Day, Mon, Oct 9 and on the Feast Day of our co-patron St. Francis Cabrini, Mon, Nov 13. Join us over zoom beginning at 5:30pm.

Branch#13 wishes delegates a productive and fun-filled convention; and God's richest blessings to member Rosemary Cook as she vies for a position on Central Council.

*Arrivederci,  
Mary Cook*



### Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Hello Everyone,

Our next meeting will be September 12th and we will be celebrating our 96th year as a branch with our traditional Johnny V. BBQ dinner! Please come and join us for a fabulous dinner. Thank you to Johnny and his crew for putting on a great dinner for the branch.

Please keep Tara Kaja and Raquel Gutierrez in your prayers for the loss of their stepfather, and send healing thoughts to Wanda Abbondanza, Jim Thomas, Helen Petersen and Lois Ramos.

I am looking forward to hearing all about Convention this year. Safe travels to our delegates Pat Botta, Dee Carone and Vonda Lesti-Egan and thank you for representing our branch.

See you all at our Branch Picnic on August 13th at Louise De Tomasi's house! The fun begins at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Donna. Thank you to Louise for hosting and opening her home to all our members.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Hope to see you all soon.

*Ciao,  
Donna Hoffmann*

### Richmond Br. 154, St. Raymond

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our June fundraiser and meeting. We still continue to have no meeting space due to the remodeling and construction going on at Salesian High School. We are hoping that all work will be completed in time for our August BBQ afternoon meeting. You will be notified by email of any upcoming meetings in August should we have to reschedule or cancel due to the remodeling. Please make sure that Lorraine has your email. You can send it to her at [Raine527@yahoo.com](mailto:Raine527@yahoo.com).

Please don't forget to send in your raffle tickets. If you haven't sent your stubs and check, you are LATE. However, you can still send them in ASAP and before convention.

We thank Branch 214, and President Roberta Healy for the lovely mass card and Mass for Toni Reeder. To Marilyn and Carol Darling, we thank you for your generous donations in Toni's memory. Your donations will help fund our scholarship program.

It's not too early to be thinking about running for a branch office for 2024. **YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU!**





### Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

In Pleasant Hill, Branch 442 helped celebrate the annual Christ the King Parish Festival by sponsoring the traditional Salami Throwing booth. The booth was a very popular game for every age, but particularly for the youth. Many were amateur pitchers who burned up dozens and dozens of tickets to bring home the prized salami. The efforts were both fun and profitable as a fund raiser for the youth of the parish. Many thanks to all the volunteers who manned the booth for 2 days' worth of fun.

During our summer break from business meetings in July, many of us attended our Quarterly Mass and Brunch on Sunday, July 16th. We attended the 10:30 mass followed by a delicious brunch at Ann's Sunshine Cafe restaurant in Pleasant Hill. It was a very hot day, but we all enjoyed celebrating mass and having a meal together.

Several members attended the Italian Heritage Night at the Oakland A's game on July 20th. It was a very fun night with attendance by many from our district. The weather was perfect, and the beer was cold! They even played some popular Italian music too.

Our next big event will be our 10th Anniversary Dinner on September 30th. Please keep the date open to volunteer and attend. We will start our planning asap.

Saluti a tutti e Dio vi benedica! Diane Delucchi Christ the King Branch 442, Pleasant Hill

### BLESSED SACRAMENT District

#### Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

We hope everyone is happy and healthy and enjoying these warm summer months!

Branch # 438 has a busy August ahead! We look forward to a fun "Indoor Picnic" at our August Branch meeting. After dinner, there will be presentations on the various Board positions as well as the most recent Quarterly Report. We ask everyone to please consider serving on next year's Board. It's not only much appreciated, but it's a very rewarding experience for all who step up to the plate.

On August 19th, we'll be having our joint Bingo Fundraiser with the Blessed Sacrament District for the second time this year. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00 and will include a delicious pulled pork luncheon and 10 Bingo games. Topping off the afternoon will be a raffle for many beauti-

ful gift baskets and prizes. Come try out your luck and enjoy a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship!

Pat Brown and Irene Perez will be Branch 438's delegates at this year's ICF convention. We wish them and all the attendees much success as they come together for this important event.

Mark your calendars for our September Branch meeting on September 15th and our annual ICF membership drive on September 16th and 17th. Let's grow our ICF family!

Speaking of our growing family, we welcome our newest Branch members, Wayne Silvernagel, and Tom and Naomi Wehri.

*Many Blessings!  
Anne Finn*

### SANTA ROSA District

#### Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Upcoming events:

Harvest Potluck: Tuesday, September 12: Come and enjoy the delicious food prepared by some of the great cooks in our branch. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The branch will provide bread, wine, sodas and water. 6:00 p.m.: Meeting with reports from our Convention Delegates. 6:30 p.m.: Dinner. Call Marie Butler for reservations: 707- 431-2750.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Santa Rosa Bishop's Day: Sunday, September 17 at St. Eugene's. 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by lunch. Price: \$25.00. Call Lauren for reservations: 707-595-3111.

Polenta Dinner: Saturday, October 28. Note the change of date. More info, next month. Richard Passalacqua will be cooking the polenta.

We wish our delegates a safe and fun trip to the ICF Convention on Labor Day weekend and look forward to hearing their reports in September.

We wish our youngest members a great start to the new school year!

*Lauren*

#### Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Eureka branch June pizza potluck meeting to honor our two Colivas College Scholarship recipients went very well.

Both of our 2023 awardees and their families attended. And Emily Nalley (a 2022 awardee) attended with her

grandparents and my longtime friends Sam and Sharon Pennisi.

Thank you to everyone who attended. The pizza was delicious. We had six pizzas left over. Those pizzas and 1 and 1/2 gallons of left over ice cream was donated to the Rescue Mission in Old Town.

Special thank you to Lora Canzoneri for the table decorations and Bob Renzo for the salad.

Attached is a photo of the recipients, the scholarship committee, and Jerry Colivas's daughters Chris Titus and Karen Towns. You can find the photos on the district page.

Italian American heritage night at the Humboldt Crabs baseball game on June 30th resulted in a Crabs come from behind victory and a lot of fun for ICF members in attendance. Italian sausage with peppers and onions, Peroni beer, Chianti wine and biscotti were all on the snack shack menu. ICF members Joel and Lora Canzoneri did a great job decorating the stadium with Italian flags and bunting.

Summer bocce play is ongoing. Join us on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for two hours of fun at the Redwood Fields bocce courts in Cutten.

Our next ICF meeting will be on Tuesday August 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Pinochi Room at St Bernard Church Parish Hall.

#### Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our scholarship dinner meeting held on July 15 was an absolute success, with donors and recipients present it was a great evening. President, Doreen O'Rourke and Scholarship Chairman, Bob Acquistapace did a great job along with many others.

Many thanks to Butch Bondi, Ryan McCalmont, Terry Jenkins, Mike and Marge Milano, Gene Zingarelli, Steve Azevedo, Augie Comalli, head chef Tom Saksa and all-around helper Thomas Nguyen.

Our next meeting will be Pizza Night in the Parish Life Center on September 11. Plan to attend and bring a prospective member.

*Wishing a happy Labor Day to all.  
Ciao,  
Robert Acquistapace*

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### FRESNO District

#### Fresno Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

We dispensed with the July meeting due to the summer's heat. Meeting on the patio at St. Alphonsus is out of the question in the San Joaquin Valley.

Father Oscar has been transferred to the Catholic Church in Avenal. Sorry to see him go. We welcomed newly ordained Father Jorge Cruz to our parish. He's energetic, friendly, and very spiritual.

At our June meeting we discussed the future of Branch #32. Sadly, we decided to move forward with seeking C.C.'s help to prepare to close our branch. Finances was not a factor in this decision; however, attendance has diminished and the work force to host activities is non-existent. At our last meeting motions were made, seconded, and approved to donate an additional \$5,000 to local charities.

Please continue to pray for Sally Caglia, Lupe Avila, Isidra Murillo, Josie Reyna, Erna Bonetto, Eddie & Patricia Vivenzi, Vicki Teore, and Cle-Estria Lett. Congratulations to Dominic Ficher for graduating from high school with Honors. Nono (Eddie) and Nona (Patricia) are very proud of their grandson. Mom and dad are also proud. (Manny & Monica Ficher)

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen!

*Monica Ficher  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer*



### Gustine Br. 54, N.S. Del Pettoruto

Greetings from Branch 54!

Hoping everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer with family and friends. Branch 54 has been busy planning the annual celebration for Our Lady of Pettoruto. This celebration is deeply rooted in the heritage of the branch 54 community and beyond. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration with us. This year the mass for Our Lady will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday August 27, 2023, at Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles 370 Linden Ave, Gustine, CA 95322. The celebration dinner will follow the mass at the G.P.S Portuguese Hall 500 3rd Ave, Gustine, CA 95322. Tickets for the event are available at the door or in advance with any Branch 54 member. Adults are \$20. Children 6-10 are \$10. Children 5 and under are free. A new addition this year is the sale of the famous Borrelli pasta sauce. To go sauce containers are \$10. Hope to see you there to celebrate with Branch 54!

*Ciao!*

#### Sanger Br. 70, Sant' Antonio

Greetings from Branch 70!

Our branch held a meeting in August that was well attended by most of our members. President Kay Lopez presented two scholarships to very deserving students of Sanger High School. Paula Brizuela and Ivan Llamas each received one of the \$500.00 awards. Our congratulations to them both.

Happy birthday wishes from our group go out to Josie Lopez and me this month.

Our chaplain, Father John Bruno, was on vacation in Italy to visit his family. We have him in our prayers for a blessed trip and safe travels.

We send wishes to all those heading to the Convention.

*That's all for now.  
God Bless.  
Orsolina Casella*

#### Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Greetings from frigid Clovis, where we are enjoying cool, triple digit weather!

Belated birthday greetings (May), to Jeanette Couch, and Linda Stockwell; June celebrants Mary Fontes, Wes Johnson, and Rueben Silva; and to our July celebrants, Father Michael, Madeline Conatser, and LeAnne Lavagnino!

We did not have an article in last

month's Bollettino as your editorial staff were in Europe, cruising the Rhine River, with several side trips including Denmark. The trip was particularly meaningful to Angelo and LeAnne as they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary and LeAnne's birthday.

The annual picnic was well attended as members enjoyed good food and games, including bocce ball.

Little known Pope's department: Little is known about this Pope, and what is known for certain is not very flattering. He became pope in 896: suffered from severe gout, and just 15 days after taking office he died.

Please keep all members in your prayers, particularly Verona DeLuca, Doug Duke, Isabel Ronzano, and Jeanette Couch. Let us know if any other members are ill and in need of our Lord's comforting embrace.

Thought for the month: "Quiet days are like the sunshine on a smooth and tranquil sea,

Bringing beauty, gentle blessings, and a still serenity." (Anon)

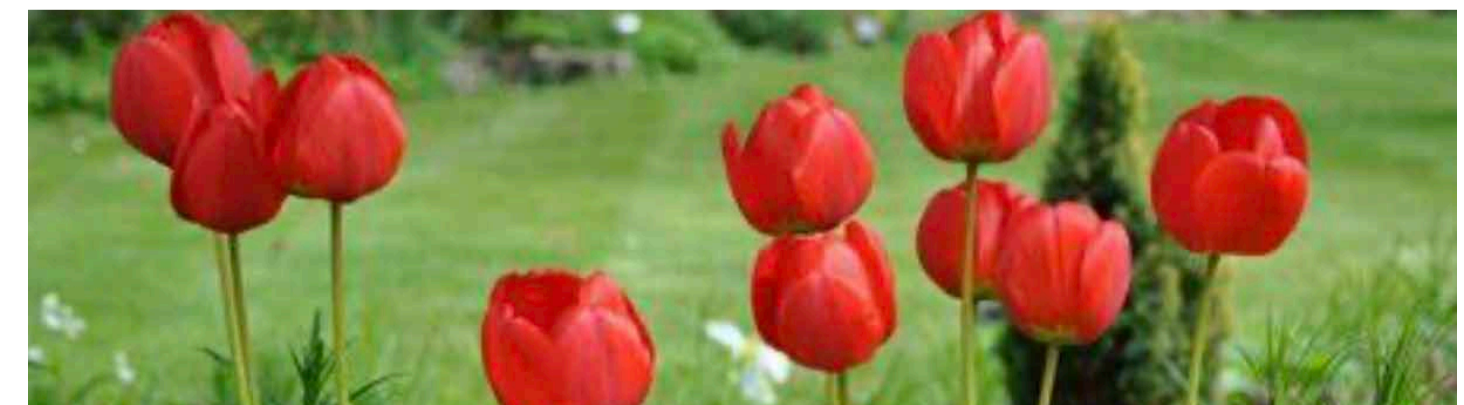
*Ciao,  
Teresa Turinatta*

#### Bakersfield Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Branch 281 started off July with our ever-popular Bocce Ball tournament. Our teams were on FIRE both literally and figuratively as the temperature crept past the century mark. In the end team "Sweatfagers" (Appropriately named!) prevailed, taking home some gift cards to popular restaurants. It was good to see a lot of familiar faces as well as some new ones. All who participated or came out to cheer the teams on had a great time. A special thanks to the Watts and Zasoski's for organizing and getting everything set up. It was a fun day!

Finally, we are wrapping up our raffle ticket sales, a great way to support ICF with minimal effort and a chance to win cash! The winners will be announced at our annual convention held Labor Day weekend in Costa Mesa. Good luck to all and have a happy and safe summer!

*Theresa Amarante*



### Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

Hello members.

In keeping with tradition, we break for summer. There was no July meeting.

Last month I promised pictures of the June meeting. Well, I didn't take any. And since we don't have a Secretary, I can't remember what happened. Bernie once again prepared a fabulous meal of tri-tip. Jo Soligian's Butter and pilaf was to, as usual, over the top.

As you know the convention is on Labor Day. Open the Bollettino for more information. There is one Bylaws proposal for us consider: Dues increase from \$36.00 per year to \$39.40 plus \$2.40 for the Apostolate Fund. Think about this I will vote as you, the members, desire.

As the Summer drags let's take time to consider the future of our club. We are at 53 members. We need new leadership and more members to push the club forward. Think about becoming a leader. Think about becoming Secretary. Think about being President. I would like very much to pass the gavel.

I believe the days of Lent Dinners and any club dinner involving club labor are a thing of the past. The Parish mandate that all St. Anthony affiliated ministries and club members working with or around children or elderly (60+) must be fingerprinted and take "Safe Environment" training has decreased our pool of club volunteers. I encourage all members to participate in the training and become certified.

See you August 9th. The second Wednesday of the month.

*Jay Newsome, President*

*Alone, we can do  
so little;  
together, we can  
do so much.*

*-Helen Keller*

### CENTRAL COAST District

#### Santa Cruz Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Convention time, again, Tutti! The annual ICF Convention is a meeting of minds, some of which have come from as far away as Chicago. This year our Branch delegates will be Bill and Monica Crowley and we pray that it won't be too warm in sunny Costa Mesa as they sponge up new ICF ideas.

In July, our Branch partnered with Knights of Columbus and the Hispanic and Pilipino ministries for a BBQ to raise money for Holy Cross church repairs. It was spearheaded by Fr. Mani and 160 people attended to enjoy delicious tri-tip and carnitas. We thank all who helped to make this event a success.

We had our Annual 90's Birthday Celebration at Holy Cross Hall. We will be celebrated 22 members who are 'nonagenarians' (90+ years old). Incidentally, we have several members who will be centenarians on their next birthday (100 years old). Wow! We want to honor these folks and show them a good time, so come and enjoy the fun.

On Sunday, November 5th, we will welcome Bishop Garcia to celebrate Bishop's Day. The mass will begin at 10:30 and, afterwards, Branch 21 will host a soiree in the Hall. We hope to see you there and volunteers that would like to help with set-up, the food, or desserts are encouraged to call Roseann.

Our next General Meeting will be on September 5th beginning at 4pm in the Hall. This will be a chance to hear reports from our delegates about the Convention. Come and enjoy visiting with good friends, sharing a bite together, hear Norma Wilson give an interesting heritage report, and perhaps bring new ideas for our Branch's future events. In the meantime, may God bless you and keep you nestled in His Heart.

*Patty Morelli  
Trustee- Branch 21*





### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 444, Marianne Canetti



Br. 179, Judges Mary Ann, Chef Stephen, Fr. Ron with winner Jan Daigneault



Br. 179, 8 Pasta Entries--Let the Judging Begin



Branch 218 at Holy Angels in Arcadia participates in parish ministry by providing coffee & donuts after all the morning masses.



The "world famous" ICF Branch 218 meatball and sausage sandwiches are being prepared by members to sale to the eagerly awaiting parishioners at Holy Angels Church in Arcadia.



Br 115 Neal Di Leva & wife 1st V.P. Anna Di Leva with Cole Buzon at Ordination to Deacon



Br. 115 members attended the Ordination to Deacon of Cole Buzon at Christ Cathedral

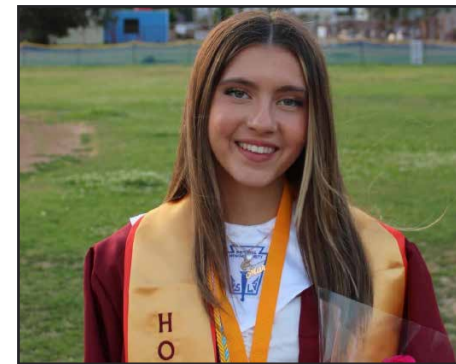


Br. 115, Seminarian Cole Buzon Ordained Deacon at Christ Cathedral in Garden



Members of Holy Angels ICF Branch 218 sailed into the summer season with an enthusiastic Hawaiian themed meeting. Leis and Hawaiian music set the scene for a scrumptious Hawaiian luncheon. Laughter and good cheer joins us all in friendship.

### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Maria Tadian - Winner of ICF 111 Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School \$500 Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship



Elijah Huerta - Winner of ICF 111 Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School \$500 Salvador Sam Pace Scholarship



Rafael Romero - Winner of ICF 111 St. Benedict School \$500 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship



Ziggy Hernandez - Winner of ICF 111 St. Benedict School Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship



2022 Bocci and Dinner event. Br. 443



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2022 Bocci and Dinner event. Br. 443



Br. 67, (L to R) Perry S, Lou M, Fr Gianantonio, Francesca T, Eugene S and Carmelo S, (via zoom: Joe M (NJ) and David D (Ohio))

ICF LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ, June 17th Branch 108 held its annual Wine and Beer Tasting in Connolly Hall. Thank you to ICF members, students from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary HS and parishioners who helped make this annual fundraiser a success.



Br. 218, Katharine La Corte is pictured with ICF Branch President, Jerry Farrugia.



Cole Buzon Br 115 adopted seminarian Ordination to Deacon



**LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)**



Br. 447, The music was wonderful and the fun, food, and fellowship was even better!



**Monterey  
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia**

Hope everyone is having a great summer, getting some rest and having fun with your family/friends. "Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly." Van Morrison

Congratulations to our Delegates, Joe/Sharon LoMonto, Elaine/Richard Valentine, George Leonard, who will be attending 2023 ICF Convention in Costa Mesa. Congregations and best wishes to all our candidates and delegate attending the convention this year.

June 22: Hawaiian Night at the Moose Lodge was fantastic with 230 dinner reservations. It was a very festive event with a Teriyaki Chicken dinner, Hawaiian dancers and all guest received a Hawaiian Lei. Elaine Valentine, President Br 36, presented Fr. Omnar Solis a donation of \$25,000 to San Carlos Cathedral.

July 20: Western night at the Moose Lodge

BarBQ Chicken, Tri tip salad, bean vegetables garlic bread and desserts.

Nice to see many hats, boots, and western wear. Winners that won a raffle prize got to spin the wheel of fortune, and other attendee got a surprise too. We thank Mark Arellano, administrator of the Moose Lodge of Monterey, for making our event very special and fun.

We welcome our new members, Andrew Obeso, Joseph Mendoza, Gabriella & Charles Clifton, James & Kristin Russo family, Jerry & Valerie Pieroni, and Letty Stracuzzi to our Branch 36 family.

Calendar:

August 24, 2023: Fiesta Night at the Moose Lodge.

September 21, 2023: Viva Las Vegas Night at the Moose Lodge.

October 26, 2023: Halloween Party Night at the Moose Lodge.

Reservations can be made at MontereyICF.org or by mail to ICF 36, PO Box 2286 Monterey, CA

Price: \$25.00 member

\$30.00 non-member

Please continue to pray for our members who are ill, in the hospital, homebound and our members who need extra prayers.

The good we do today become the happiest of tomorrow.

*Elaine Valentine  
President Br 36*

**Castroville  
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena**

First, I would like to apologize to our branch for not getting anything submitted for the July issue of the Bollettino. I guess the month got away from me! That being said, I'd like to wish a Happy Belated Birthday to our July members — Sally Reynolds and Branch 51 President Cindy Stefani.

Catching up on the latest news, our branch had two very special things occur at our meeting on May 20th. We awarded our annual scholarship to Ms. Lauren Bronfeld, the niece of members Frank and Carmen Rossi. She is a wonderful young lady, and we wish her the best of luck in her future. We also were excited to welcome two new members to our Branch 51 family, Linda and Renee Oania. We are so happy that they have decided to join us!

We are having a BBQ fundraiser on August 20th. The menu includes, barbecue chicken, a bean salad, bread, and a dessert. We are doing pre-orders only and everything will be takeout. If anyone is interested in ordering, please contact our President, Cindy Stefani, at 831-578-1995.

Happy birthday to our August members - Stefani Cortopassi, Joseph Huynh, Carmen Rossi, and Patricia Stefani. May your day be blessed with love and happiness.

*Stefani Cortopassi*

**Aptos  
Br. 227, St. Joseph**

Lovely weather, fine food, and good company. It was all there for the Annual Picnic. Thanks to barbecuers Ken Olson, Rick and Nate Kotila, and to Jane Kotila for doing the shopping, the prep work, and staying on top of all that needed to be done. Heidi Ambiel was her usual efficient and helpful self. Louie Albanese and Deb Michelotti helped with the beans and clean-up. Also helping with clean up were Richard and Valerie Vote and Dan Casagrande. Dottie Smith handled the reservations (never an easy job) and check-in. Vicky Howell conducted the raffle, assisted by Deb Michelotti. President Franklyn Lopes thanked all those who donated raffle prizes. Father Dat of Holy Cross Church led us in grace before the meal and then stepped right up to help in the serving line. It is always nice to see so many friends from Santa Cruz Branch 21

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our former member, Gary Podesto, at his home in Bozeman, Montana. Gary served as Vice-President of our branch and was a wonderful cook who fed us many great meals, especially at Thanksgiving. I still use his bread stuffing recipe. Our

condolences to Janice and the rest of his family.

Chefs Manny and Magdalena Martinez are preparing Chile Verde for the August meeting.

Remember to bring canned goods to the meeting for the Resurrection Church Food Pantry

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Convention.

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

**Arroyo Grande  
Br. 291, St. Patrick**

Branch 291 Delegates, Keely and Dave Sanchez, are looking forward to attending the ICF National Convention in Costa Mesa and bringing back lots of information and ideas for our Membership. We pray everyone attending the convention has safe travels, stays healthy, and enjoys a fun and productive weekend!

We recently awarded Branch Scholarships to four very qualified Br. 291 Members. High school graduates Eli Marsalek, Ella Parish and Charlie Ward each received a \$500 College Scholarship from our Branch. Eli will be attending Boston College. Ella will be attending Oregon State. And Charlie will be heading to Baylor University this fall. We also awarded 8th grade graduate, Lilly Reynolds, a \$500 Catholic High School Scholarship. Lilly graduated from St. Patrick School and will be attending St. Joseph's High School this fall. Congratulations to these very deserving students!

Our ICF "bakers" recently provided a huge selection of desserts for the 21st Anniversary celebration of the Ordination of our parish priest, Fr. Beto Vazquez. Thank you to all our members who once again showed their huge generosity!

Please continue to keep the following members in your prayers as they continue to heal from recent surgeries, illnesses or injuries: Margaret Franco,

Abby Gallagher, Sylvia Nasholm, Jim Schiller and Jim Scudder.

*Ciao!  
Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary*

**Paso Robles  
Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima**

CONGRATULATIONS to Class Valedictorian Bella Ciampi who is the winner of the Saint Rose Catholic School Eighth Grade Scholarship, compliments of Branch 354. Bella will be attending Mission College Preparatory High School in the fall (my alma mater—yikes, 62 years ago). Beware Bella, the story goes that late at night in the MCP library, and downstairs where the cafeteria was, you can hear footsteps of the 17 nuns who taught there, and the faint rattle of their rosary beads. Bella and her parents, Debbie and Mark Ciampi are hard-working members of our Branch, and are always helpful in our fundraising activities.

On June 24th three of our Branch members attended the Central Coast District Meeting hosted by Hollister Branch 26 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Tres Pinos. The meeting was very informative, followed by lunch, a raffle and an opportunity to share what Apostolate work is going on in the district branches.

What is ICF without the generosity of members providing and serving food in celebratory times, and in times of sorrow? First, our members assisted in setting up the Parish Hall and providing food and fellowship for two parish families who have lost loved ones. Then, in celebration of their two-year anniversaries at Saint Rose, we joined with parish members in providing a Parish potluck for Father Jason Taganahan and Deacon David Vargas. Blessings to both of these wonderful servants of God.

*Yvonne Maddalena  
Recording Secretary*

**WINE & BEER TASTING**  
SPONSORED BY THE ICF BRANCH 108

Monday, June 12, 2023 • 4pm - 7pm  
108 ICF Branch 108, 10800 Santa Monica Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230

WINE	DETAILS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WINE: 100% Pinot Noir, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 100% Merlot, 100% Chardonnay, 100% Sauvignon Blanc, 100% Riesling, 100% Pinot Grigio, 100% Prosecco, 100% Champagne</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BEER: 100% Pilsener, 100% Lager, 100% IPA, 100% Stout, 100% Ale, 100% Craft Beer</li> </ul>
<p><b>\$40</b> (12 drinks) Includes a 4-ounce glass of wine and a 4-ounce glass of beer.</p>	<p><b>\$25</b> (6 drinks) Includes a 4-ounce glass of wine and a 4-ounce glass of beer.</p>

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Deadline for October *Bollettino* is September 10th. Send articles & photos to editor@icf.org

ICF Branch 108 Wine and Beer Tasting



ICF 1934 Drill team-Br. 12--Mario Gattavara Drill Master



## SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

### Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Branch 28 did not have a monthly dinner meeting in July but is at this writing looking forward to our family BBQ picnic potluck. The picnic will be held on August 19th in the courtyard next to Cullen Hall at Saint Mary Parish. Our tried-and-true barbecue team Vince Saso and Joe Fortino will man the grill and member John Matteucci will provide his signature chili beans. Members are providing appetizers, salad, and dessert. A get together with no business meeting, just a casual convivial barbecue get together for members.

ICF Branch 28 will be participating in the Saint Mary Parish Fiesta on the Parish grounds on September 10th. Clubs and organizations within the Parish will share information with the public and each other regarding their mission and goals. ICF Branch 28 will make available to attendees cookies and brownies in addition to their mission statement of: Promoting and supporting the Catholic Faith and its values; Participating in apostolic and charitable works; Celebrating our Italian heritage and all the heritages of our communities.

To date Branch 28 has collected 107 pounds of spaghetti with more member spaghetti donations each week that will be delivered at the upcoming convention to provide pasta dinners for underprivileged children.

In our July President's letter to members Branch 28 recognized with "Certificates of Appreciation" our first installment of members with outstanding loyalty, longevity, and service. Members honored were John Matteucci, 49 years; Joanne Maggiora, 48 years; David Maggiora, 48 years; James Simoni, 48 years; Viola Carr, 45 years; Andrew Pappani, 42 years; Richard Bozzo, 40 years; and Mary Patane, 40 years. Our deepest gratitude and thanks to all.

*Peace and God Bless,  
Kim M. Filice*

### Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

On July 30, ICF Branch 47 held its second Grab-N-Go Pasta Dinner where parishioners pre-ordered a pasta dinner, with our special delicious meat sauce, pasta, and red wine. We were able to greet new and returning parishioners and let them know that ICF is growing and looking for new members.

As part of our fund-raising event, we were delighted to have the Gillio Family donate two beautiful handmade crosses that we were able to have blessed and then raffled off. We also filled a basket full of Italian goodies to raffle off.

On September 24, we will be hosting Hospitality Sunday at St Joseph Parish to recruit new members. Upcoming in October 12, we will have a fun bus trip to visit our Capital in Sacramento. *God Bless.  
Julie Wester Secretary*

### St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

While reading the Bollettino, I was really impressed with the many varied stories and articles it contains. They are interesting and informative. I am grateful to everyone who works to give us a newspaper that goes out to all to read and enjoy.

I feel like Covid took a big chunk out of our lives — both families and in Church. We are trying to put the pieces back together, but it is a process. I only hope members will come to our meetings and join in to make our branch the social and giving place we enjoyed.

From our Corned Beef Dinner, we were able to send a donation for Cooley's Anemia, as well as fund a \$400 scholarship, and budget for two second year scholarships. We are a social, spiritual and charitable organization!

The Santa Clara Valley District is hosting a Mass and BBQ at Vasona County Park on August 6, Mass at 2:00 p.m. Contact Deanna Meyer at (408) 230-9105 if you wish to attend.

Our next Quarterly Mass is scheduled for October 15 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us, sitting together on the Blessed Mother side of Church, then for coffee and doughnuts after Mass.

A couple projects are in the planning stage right now. On August 25 we hope to have a drive through sausage sandwich lunch. Then on Veteran's Day, November 11, by popular demand, we will host our Polenta Dinner. Please save the date. We look forward to seeing some old familiar faces as well as some new faces.

*Ciao for now, stay safe this summer,  
Lucy Amico*

### San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Summer Greetings. As our Branch celebrated Father's Day in June, we saw 2nd Vice President, Jamie Portillo conducting our monthly meeting. Sausage and Pepper sandwiches were served for lunch, and our salute to our fathers... Our raffle basket contained all the items to make a Father Happy! Thank you, Jamie, for a job well done.

Our July 22nd fundraiser in the Bocce Court was great fun. Whoa! Was it hot out there. The BBQ chicken was a summer delight, thanks to George, Larry, and Tony our resident cooks! These three braved the miserable heat over those hot coals, to make sure our BBQ was a super success. We cannot thank them enough. The spinning wheel with prizes all around, had folks lining up to have a chance at that wheel. Raffle

baskets were located at the next table, not too far to win more treasures. The heat aside, people were having lots of fun, comradery, and good friendships all around. We accomplished our goals. Thank you for all who worked, thank you for all who attended. It was greatly appreciated.

In less than 30 days our Convention will be held in Costa Mesa (Aug 31st to Sept 3 ). Our Delegates Debbie Piro, President, and Julie Midwin, Orator, will be representing our branch. It will be an exciting time for both of them. The learning opportunities in the workshops, the social activities (dinner dance, Bingo) and the formal convention banquet awaits our delegates. Our Branch sends Debbie and Julie with good wishes and rewarding experiences. A safe and enjoyable trip for both of our Delegates.

*Happy Labor Day  
Ciao,  
Shirley Catania Sentinel*

### San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

At our July 12th meeting the men cooked and served dinner. Dinner included barbecued hamburgers cooked by Mike Cordoni, and Zachary Schroeder. John Gillio provided succulents as table decorations. Salads and wonderful desserts, setup, and clean up, were completed by many other members. Thanks to all that helped.

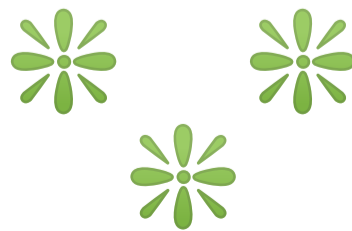
Our chapter will celebrate its 40th anniversary on October 1st with a mass at 11:30 a.m. and reception to follow. A brick commemorating the 40th has been purchased and DTBD to place in front of Avila Hall.

Mary Ridi will be returning from Italy at the end of August. Joyce Robba has done a great job filling in for Mary. Ice cream social will be on August 9th.

Please add members Mike and Lorraine Nunziata, Paul and Jacque Butler to add your prayer lists. Tina Sousa-Dutra and Maria Greco will be our delegates to the ICF convention on Friday September 1st in LA. Monte Carlo Night is scheduled on October 28th with more information at the August 9th meeting. Our 40th Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 1st. We will have Mass at 11:30 a.m. with a reception to follow in Avila Hall.

Bollettino is online <https://www.icf.org/about/news/bollettino/> If you have photos or articles that you would like to put in the Bollettino, send them to me in a text. 408-826-1043, or email at myers.tr@gmail.com If you need help doing this, ask me.

*Thank you,  
Stay cool in August and September.  
Tom Myers*



### San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In July, Steve, Cathleen, Mathew and TJ Lencioni hosted their annual summer celebration of sausage and hotdog, chili, fruit and home-made cookies. Our Branch Orator, Sr. Jane Garrison, opened the festive barbeque with a prayer.

During our June meeting, President Steve Lencioni and our new Scholarship Chairperson, Rose Clarke, introduced our Scholarship winners, Megan Lawrence, Jeff Abbott, Eleanor Crema and Lucas Lipari. Congratulations to these wonderful students.

Our branch is looking for a member to join Steve in serving as our delegates for this year's ICF Convention, which will be held in Costa Mesa, CA during the Labor Day weekend. If you are interested, please contact Steve. Please submit your convention raffle ticket stubs to Tina Rossi if you haven't done so.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner; 2023 ICF Quarterly Masses—September 10 and December 10, 2023; Italian American Heritage Festa—Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6, 2023; District BBQ picnic—August 6, 2023, at Vasona Park. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Mass will be said by Fr. George at 2 p.m.

*Janis Patellaro*

### Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

We look forward to the ICF District Picnic to be held on Sunday, 6 August at Vasona Park with a Mass in the Park Presided by Fr. George Arahna at 2 p.m. We will have Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for \$20 person. A Mass with Fr. George is always Memorable, and the District Picnic has always a Fun Event. We look forward to seeing you there.

No Branch Meeting will be held in August as we prepare for the ICF Convention. Patricia will be our Delegate to the Annual ICF Convention which will be held in Anaheim, CA over the Labor Day Weekend.

Our Branch donated over 55 lbs to the Spaghetti Drive to feed hungry children in the Anaheim Area.

Our next ICF Blood Drive will be held Sunday, 17th September 2023 in the Farana Center.

Please Pray for our Members who need our Prayers: Laurice Levine, Donna Richey, Al Chantelope, and Dori Blefari.



### Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

Hello folks,

Once again, we are very grateful for the Guglielmo Family hosting our Summer Steak Barbecue. A wonderful meal of Steak, Pesto Pasta and Garlic Bread. The delicious salad was provided by Rich and Joan Della Maggiore, and Tommy Palmer a wonderful dessert of Tiramisu. Also, not to forget a huge thank you to all our helpers. This event never disappoints!

Branch 435 will be hosting the Santa Clara Valley District meeting on Tuesday, July 11. Desserts will be served with a report from Loretta Wilson.

Member Donna Basilin will be moving to Colorado to be near family. Some of her volunteer work included being a greeter at our Business/Dinner Meetings and writing this Bollettino article. She will be missed.

Please pray for member Gloria Subocz. She has been very ill, and we ask for her continued recovery.

*God bless all and have a wonderful summer.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Sorci*

### San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Our June meeting was a tribute to Hawaii and Texas with Hawaiian decor, members wearing Hawaiian print clothing and a chili cook-off (3 types) thanks to Jim Falcone (steak), Andy La Scuola (pork) and Yolanda Garcia (turkey)!

Many thanks also to those who decorated and provided cornbread, salads and desserts.

When asked if there were any June wedding anniversaries: Barbara and Bill Howell said their 70th! Bill took the microphone; said something sweet to Barbara; announced they were awaiting their 8th great grandchild and gave Barbara a kiss!

Phil Lang came forward. He shared that he and Joan dated in high school. Life took them on different paths; they reconnected and married 30 years ago on June 13th (Joan's birthday)!

Seated (left to right) in the front row of our group photo were our June and July Anniversary couples: The Langs 6/27, The Howells 6/13 and the La Scolas (7/7 with 60 years!).

June Heritage report was Italy's newest and second smallest region - MOLISE. Included was a photo board of Jan's travels to Molise's seaside town of Termoli in 2016. There she attended a cousin's wedding; met many Italian cousins and visited the hilltop town of Casacalenda where her grandmother was born...truly a dream

come true!

Happy August Birthdays: Karen Fierravanti, Madelyn Scocca, Joe Adragna, Phil Lang ... September Birthdays: Marie Adragna, Janie Falcone, Robin Ledbetter, Reyne Rafoth, Kathy Samaripa - Buon Compleanno a tutti voi!

Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary 8/7 to Janie and Jim Falcone!

*Until next month stay safe and well,  
;-) JanMarianelli Stumhoffer*

## STOCKTON District

### Modesto

#### Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We had a few quiet weeks but starting but starting with the convention, September became a busy month for us. We will be sending two delegates to the convention this year. Nancy Souza and Cecelia McGhee. They will be giving us a report on the convention at our September 13, 2023, meeting.

St. Stanislaus Church will hold the Fall Festival September 22 thru 24. We help baking cookies for the Country Store, cakes for the Cake Walk, selling tickets to the events and helping where they might be needed. There will be rides, music, food tent, live and silent Auctions and Chicken Dinner. There will be plenty to do each day.

Our next project is our Bake Sale October 7 to 8 at the J Street Church after the masses. Our bakers will be busy making cakes, biscotti, pies, banana bread, Tiramisu. Thanks to all our bakers who go all out to make our bake sale a success.

Linda Isola who was a Member of Branch 48 for many years passed away June 26, 2023. She participated in are events until she became house bound. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Upcoming events.

September 1-3, 2023--Convention  
September 13, 2023-- Br. 48 Meeting  
St. Stanislaus Church Fall Festival  
October 7-8 Bake Sale

*Have a great Summer.  
Cecelia McGhee*

**Deadline for October Convention issue of the Bollettino is Sept. 10. Send articles & photos: editor@icf.org**

### Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

The summer months seemed to pass quickly. Hope you were able to enjoy them and escape those blazing hot weekends.

Some members attended the June 28th branch social at the Italian Athletic Club. It was a pleasant evening of bocce, generous portions of shrimp scampi with sides, and conversation with IAC members. The IAC hosts a dinner every Wednesday with open bocce. The menu is posted on their website (stocktoniac.com). You can gather a group of friends to giocare e mangiare.

During the July 22nd St. Anne's Fest, celebrating the feast day of our church's patron saint, parishioners cooled off at our ice cream table. Thanks to Elisa, Chris, Lori, LuAnn, Grace, Tom and Susie for braving the heat to serve the tasty, sweet treat.

Fall will soon arrive along with some festive ICF events. Mark your calendar, and invite a friend to come with you:

Sept. 26th member meeting, it's all about salami...salami tasting and salami toss game demonstration.

Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st Salami Toss Booth at St. Anne's Harvest Fest to raise funds for our school. To volunteer for a shift, contact Elisa or email icfstanne@gmail.com.

Oct. 24th member meeting

Nov. 4th Polenta Dinner Dance Fundraiser, chair and committee members needed.

Nov. 28th Holiday Cookie Theme member meeting

After hearing the Convention report at the Sept. branch meeting, pray that all branches are inspired to put the new ideas into action. St. Francis Cabrini, pray for us. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

*Patty Litts, President*

### Manteca

#### Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

After a delicious dinner of "stufato" prepared by Capocuoco Tony Queirolo, President Birdie Nieri led us in the ICF Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. Dino Cunial offered the prayer.

Guests David Pellegri and Mark Griffith were introduced, and Ron Agostini was welcomed as our newest ICF member.

Our branch will donate \$100 to Cooley's Anemia when Birdie attends the Grand Convention in Costa Mesa. Her attendance at the annual convention will be an opportunity to pick up new ideas to bring back to Manteca.

We will have a good representation on

August 20's Stockton District picnic/BBQ in Escalon. Potato and macaroni salads, courtesy of Ida Queirolo and Birdie will be our branch's contribution.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi and branch vice-president Ida attended this year's Bishop's Burse in Lodi and were pleased to report that nearly \$10,000 was received by Stockton Bishop Myron Cotta for his seminarians. "Passato presidenti" Marilyn Amaral and Anna Mello, with "tesoriera" Michelle Harmon will begin planning for next year's event, which will be hosted by our branch.

Branch 139 joined with the local council of the Knights of Columbus to help with our parish's celebration of the retirement of one priest and the farewell to another priest who is leaving the parish.

Vice-president Vero Oliveri read the Federation Anthem's words to us in Italian as we adjourned the meeting.

Grazie to Anna for her contributions to this report.

*Ciao, Mariano*

### Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

"Be The Light" convention looks like a great event. Our delegates will be Serena Martocchio, Lucy Orsi, Annette Elissagaray and myself, Betty Hollars. If you are attending, please look for us so we can have a nice chat and share our ICF activities over the past year. I myself, as a first-time delegate, am looking forward to attending everything and meeting a lot of you.

Our most recent dinner brought in a nice profit to round out the "season" of returning in-house dinner meetings, after the many months of take-out only. The support and participation at our dinner meetings allowed us to contribute to the current renovation of Father Fleming Hall, which is a huge summer undertaking, but long overdue. As you know, we have been using the hall for all ICF dinners and meetings for all these years free of charge, so it's time to give back. A huge thank you to Annette Elissagaray for her hard work in the renovation... and Chuck Tusso too.

We take the months of July & August off and plan to resume our monthly dinner meetings in September. Our ICF booth at St. Bernard's Fall Festival booth will sell pizza and ices so visit us there and enjoy the fun!

For those of you at the convention — see you at Bingo!

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch though pictures and stories on our Website. Check out the Heritage section and please submit yours to Steve.

[www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)  
*Stay healthy, happy and safe.  
Ciao, Betty*



### CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. #13 president, Tom Cook, experiencing the Eucharistic miracle collection of Bl. Carlo Acutis in St. Catherine of Siena parish hall.



Br. #13 celebrates member, Teresa Porriner, on her 87th Happy Birthday!

Documented Eucharistic Miracle of Blanot, France, 1331.



Br. #13 members Anne Crisp and Mary Cook together with Br. #19 member Joanne DeSantis met in San Francisco for a little summer theater.



Big thank you to our members, from Crockett 14 who help get the hall ready for our meeting. Smile

### STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 395 ICF Members at Quarterly Mass July 2023



Br. 82, Social: Lorenzo and Grace at Italian Athletic Club Bocce Dinner



Br. 82, Social at Italian Athletic Club Shrimp Scampi Dinner



Br. 82 Social: Patty, Domenico, Lorenzo, Jackie at Italian Athletic Club



Branch 442 at the A's Game



Br. 390, Chuck & Marilyn Tuso with family and friends



Br. 390, Steve and Anita Ridolfi with friends



Br. 390, Stan and Eileen Morri and family



Br. 390, The Meatloaf out of the oven



**Stockton**  
**Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM**

Buona Estate (Happy Summer) ICF Members!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and had a wonderful Independence Day Holiday. We are blessed to have had a mild summer thus far and here in the valley, we get wonderful Delta breezes. Our branch is taking a break in July, and we will resume our meetings on August 10 when we will hopefully have an initiation for our new members. On July 9, our branch held our Quarterly Member's mass together and afterwards had a social hour in our Holy Grounds Coffee Shop. At Presentation Church we are blessed to have our own coffee shop! On August 20, we will be participating in the Stockton District picnic at Escalon Community Park in Escalon. It is always a fun day.

Upcoming Events:  
August 10 – Branch Meeting  
August 20 – Stockton District picnic  
September 1-3 National Convention

Tanti Aguri,  
Josephine Weber, President, Br. 395

**SAN DIEGO**  
**District**

**San Diego**  
**Br. 246, St. Charles Borromeo**

With Summer in full swing, our Branch members are slowing down a bit to enjoy family, friends, and of course the wonderful San Diego weather. We continue to remain connected with each other by celebrating Mass together on the second Sunday of each month.

We will be serving a BBQ Chicken and Rib Dinner in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall in September or October. Details are in the works - stay tuned.

Have a Wonderful Summer!  
Ciao-Joe Fontana, Branch President



**RENO**

**Reno**  
**Br. 135, St. Albert**

The meeting and potluck on June 11, 2023, attended by 21 members and guests was a celebration for our Central Council scholarship recipient, Rachel Lee, who graduated from Bishop Manogue High School in Reno. She will be attending the University of Nevada in the fall. Attending with Rachel was her mother and father, Steve and Angie Lee and her sister, Samantha Lee. Also attending were her grandparents, John and Mary Anne Sorci from Morgan Hill, California who are members of ICF Branch 435 in Morgan Hill.

In May and June the Branch awarded scholarships to graduating eighth graders of the three Reno Catholic elementary schools.

They were Jullian Tucker from Our Lady of Snows Catholic school, Abigail Garner from Little Flower Catholic school and Emma Kaye Rammel from St. Albert the Great Catholic school. They will be attending Bishop Manogue High School.

President, Charlyne Pacini will be attending as the delegate to this year's convention, August 31-September 3 in Costa Mesa, California.

As July was a vacation month for the members of the St. Albert, Reno Branch, we will be having a picnic in President Charlyne's backyard in August or September. The Branch will furnish the hamburgers and hot dogs and some drinks. Everyone else attending should bring a side dish, salad, dessert or wine.

Ciao  
Charlyne Pacini

**SAN MATEO DISTRICT**



Branch 403 members at OLA's Ravioli Dinner

**Italian Catholic Federation 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Annual SoCal Charity Golf**  
**Tournament**



**Location: Temecula Creek Inn**  
**44501 Rainbow Canyon Rd,**  
**Temecula 92592**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, 2023**

**Shotgun Starts at 8 AM**  
**Registration Fee: \$200**  
**After Deadline: \$210**

Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament  
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621  
Make check \$200 per Golfer, write Golf in memo line

**SIGN UP DEADLINE** For more info, contact Perry Shurko  
**Friday, October 13th** Cell: 562-804-0230  
Email: p\_shurko@yahoo.com

**ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!**  
**So Cal Region Golf Tournament**  
**Rescheduled for Saturday, October 28th.**

The So Cal Region Golf Tournament was rescheduled for October 28th. Avoid the summer heat of Temecula and sign up for the October event.

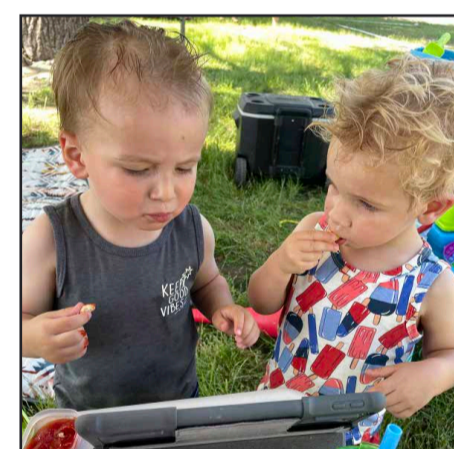
Please come out and support ICF by either playing golf, sponsoring a hole and / or joining us for the Italian buffet lunch and raffle.

Thank you for understanding.  
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**FRESNO DISTRICT**



Br. 281, The winning Bocce ball team (Minus Allen Watts)L-R Lea Swertfager, Anne Richards, Betty Zasoski, Andrew Zasoski.



Br. 281, Little Arlo Zasoski & Ben O'Neil enjoy a bite to eat at the Bocce Ball tournament.

**SAN DIEGO DISTRICT**



Branch 246 Members Tracy Walter, Adeline Woodward, Joe & Dierdre Fontana, Margerita Cianflone, and Jennifer Campbell at ICF mass



**Not a Golfer? We have the**  
**Perfect Opportunity for You!**

**The Italian Buffet**  
**Great Raffle: \$50 per person**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check \$50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line  
Make checks payable to  
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament  
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, 2023**

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**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Even if you can't attend the tournament or banquet, you can show your support of the ICF with one of our Sponsorship Opportunities

**Hole Sponsor (Have your name next to the tee box): \$100**  
**Closest to the pin Sponsor : \$50**  
**Raffle Donations (Donate a basket) : Minimum \$50 value**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sign up deadline is October 13<sup>th</sup>. We cannot guarantee a sign will be Produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, 2023**

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## 2023 ICF Golf Tournament in Santa Rosa

On Friday, July 28, 24 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day in Santa Rosa playing in the ICF Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. The day began with breakfast burritos and coffee before the golfers headed off to tame the course. Twenty-one hole sponsorship signs decorated the course. We thank everyone who sponsored the event.

After the tournament, the golfers joined 18 others for a delicious BBQ lunch at Iron and Vine, the restaurant at the Golf Course. Attendees enjoyed socializing before lunch. Beautiful raffle prizes, donated by members, were on display and many tickets were sold.

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and the cooperation of those putting on the tournament and lunch. We were tired the next day, but happy with the results. Over \$4,200 was raised for the ICF General fund!

The foursome led by Lee Williams won the tournament with a low score of 68! Jeff Wallahan won the closest to the pin contest. Unfortunately, no one had a hole-in-one to win the trip to Hawaii.

Everyone enjoyed the day and is looking forward to the 2024 tournament.



Foursome led by Lee Williams who won the tournament and Jeff Wallahan winner of closest to the hole.



Foursome led by Leonard Rossi



Foursome led by Tony Rodondi



Foursome led by Mike Weiner



Fivesome led by Larry Kilcullen

**Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness. – William Wordsworth**

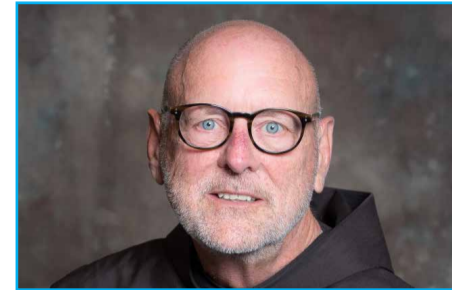
## SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Front row (l to r): Br. 145, Eureka - Colivas Scholarship Review Committee Members: Nancy Paoli, Gene Senestraro; Jerry Colivas's daughters: Karen Towns & Chris Titus. Back row (l to r): 2022 recipient Emily Nalley, Arcata High attending UC Davis. 2023 recipients: Matt Letter, Fortuna High School attending Shasta College, Zoe Macknicki, Arcata High attending Penn State University Berks County campus.

## Fr. John Hardin, O.F.M. & Sr. Margaret Keaveney, D.C., FACHE Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Recipients *continued from p. 3*

**Father John Hardin, O.F.M.** was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi and was solemnly professed into the Franciscan Order in 1985. He was ordained to the Priesthood in 1986. His work with St. Anthony's Foundation in San Francisco may have been the springboard for his inspiration to address the needs he saw in Santa Barbara after he moved there.



**Sister Margaret Keaveney** - has the unique ability to engage decision makers to define the barriers and stigma that many individuals face gaining access to services and to find ways to remove them. Sister Margaret has spent

her life's work in such capacities as Provincial, President or Chairperson, supporting the needs of the disenfranchised and often forgotten in our midst. Sister Margaret was the recipient of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal from Pope Benedict. This medal is known as the "Declaration of Honor of Cross of Honor" conferred by the Pope on lay women or men, or members of the clergy, for exemplary service to the Roman Catholic Church.

Sister Margaret was born in Boston, Massachusetts, professed her religious vocation to the Daughters of Charity in 1978 and is a seasoned healthcare and



human services Executive with over 30 years of experience in acute care services and 10 years in sub-acute services. She is a Pioneer in managed Medi-Cal full risk contracting with an outstanding record of government advocacy at federal and state levels, resulting in millions of dollars of new funds allocated to Disproportionate Share Hospitals for operations and construction. Sister Margaret shows proven effectiveness in creative solutions to urban social problems, unemployment, plight of the elderly, and homelessness. Sister Margaret has led the effort to develop tax credit financed apartments for low-income families and seniors, opened clinics in the greater Los Angeles Area and started Ministry Services and a Health System within the Daughters of Charity.

Congratulations to Father John Hardin, O.F.M. and Sister Margaret Keaveney, D.C., FACHE the Recipients of the Italian Catholic Federation Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award - 2023.

## Antoinette and Angelo Pecora Family Family of the Year Award Recipients *continued from p. 3*

Angelo and Antoinette Pecora, who have been married for over 50 years, have not only devoted themselves to their marriage and family, but to their church, school and local communities. They raised a beautiful family of three children and are now very proud of their grandchildren. Heritage and Faith have always been in the hearts of Angelo and Antoinette, whose families were immigrants from Italy, and this has been their foundation throughout their lives. They have both held several offices in ICF Branch 308, worked with ministries in the Church and started many events to encourage and foster a family community among members and parishioners. In 1999, Angelo was awarded the Benemerenti Medal by Pope John Paul II for his many years of dedication and service to the Catholic Community of Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Fresno.

Susan Mencarini wrote - "The club (Branch 308) was in need of a new President and Angelo volunteered... He and Antoinette (who became our Treasurer) hit the ground running and got the club back on track and then some; and not single handedly. They had a knack for getting others on board to help. One of the biggest changes was an amazing dinner at every meeting. The membership grew, morale improved and slowly the spirit of the organization returned. Antoinette became President and Angelo became chief cook and bottle washer and our heritage expert... The Italian pillars of food, faith, family, and fun were alive and well... We don't know what we would do without them. I can't think of anyone who exemplifies the spirit, goals, and lessons of the Italian Catholic Federation than Angelo and Antoinette Pecora."

St. Anthony of Padua Church, wrote - "It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Angelo and Antoinette Pecora, who have presented themselves as outstanding lay members of the ICF in which they showed outstanding commitment and dedication in furthering their goals of the Federation. They have a servant's heart and have been attending and volunteering in several areas at the church which include: Ushering, Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, Core Leader of the Silver Angels Ministry, Knights of Columbus, and many more that are too numerous to mention. They both use their passions and talents to bless others, which is a great example of Godly character."

"Finding leaders is always a challenge," wrote Dr. Jay Newsome. "Angelo and Antoinette Pecora are pillars of ICF Branch 308, Fresno. Antoinette's father, Paul Tricarico, was a founding member and the first President of our Branch in 1975 and Antoinette was the first Financial Secretary. Due to health issues, Angelo is unable to provide his cooking skills but he is still active in the club as our Heritage Chair. After stepping down as President 2 years ago, Antoinette took on the roll as Br. 308's liaison to the parish. The Pecora's have been my mentors during my years with the ICF. I have always admired Angelo's cooking skills and his unfiltered non-nonsense approach to resolving issues and problems. Antoinette has helped guide me during my time as President and as parish liaison made my life as President easier."

Congratulations to Angelo and Antoinette Pecora the Recipients of the Italian Catholic Federation Family of the Year Award - 2023.

Monsignor Rob Wenzinger, Pastor of

## Katharine A. La Corte Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient *continued from p. 3*

She is keenly aware of her community and is dedicated to helping serve those in need - especially children who have health challenges and those in foster care - essentially children who are often forgotten... I am heartened that there are young adults like Katie, dedicated to making the world a better place with her kindness, compassion, dedication and hard work."

John D. McEntire, Jr., CHEA Drug Awareness Program Chair, Duarte Elks Lodge #1427, shared "Katie has also demonstrated her talent and leadership qualities in other ways. Katie earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This award is only given to those who aspire to transform an idea and vision for change into an actionable plan with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. California Hawaii Elks Association was pleased to present Katie with a certificate and American Flag recognizing the talent and achievement needed to be awarded the Girl Scout Award at a special event held on Flag Day."

Sharon F. Durall, Maxson School Counselor, wrote, "Ms. Katharine has shown dedication, motivation, care and commitment to her work and her work with the students. Her personality has revealed what it says on God's Word, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." I am excited that God will continue to use Ms. Katharine for His Glory and any reward and recognition that comes her way, she will truly be so very deserving."

Congratulations to Katharine A. La Corte Recipient of the Young Adult Leadership Award - 2023.



## Ritamarie Downey Grand President's Award Recipient *continued from p. 3*

parish, "Rita and the Federation have hosted innumerable events to promote the ICF and have raised money for different causes and ministries at the parish. She is incredibly generous with her time and resources and is a wonderful organizer."

Among her accomplishments, Ritamarie has worked to collect gifts for Children's Hospital, helped with a dinner and fundraiser for the Master Chorale's upcoming concert trip to Spain and even organized a celebration for the retirement and birthday of the Facility Manager.

Lou Mages, the Mentor of Br. 443 stated, "I endorse Ritamarie, President of Br. 443, who has successfully guided the Branch and the members from the beginning, through new growth issues, the shut down by the pandemic, and now, the recovery of Branch activities

and new memberships. On several occasions, when the church hall was not available for ICF activities, Rita would hold the events at other locations like the K of C Hall or in her home, if necessary. She made things work out, and she was successful."

Josephine Perini, a member of Br. 443, wrote that "Rita is very devoted to her family. She continues to give of herself to help others only looking for a smile in return..."

Rita and her husband, John, work the Knights of Columbus Bingo and Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show to help raise funds for the community and the church.

Congratulations to Ritamarie Downey the Recipient of the Italian Catholic Federation Grand President's Award - 2023.



# I.C.F. 92nd Annual Convention Agenda

## Costa Mesa, California • Aug. 31 - Sep. 3, 2023

### THURSDAY, August 31, 2023

#### 6:00pm

Social. . . . . Sts. Simon & Jude Church  
"That's Amore" Dinner Dance

#### 7:00pm

Dinner

### FRIDAY, September 1, 2023

#### 7:00am-2:00pm

Blood Drive. . . . . Laguna

#### 1:00pm-2:00pm

Delegate Registration . . . . . East Galleria

#### 2:00pm-4:00pm

Bingo. . . . . Mesa Verde  
Presented by the Ways and Means  
Committee

#### 4:00pm-6:00pm

Delegate Registration . . . . . East Galleria

#### 4:30pm-5:15pm

Heritage Workshop . . . . . Mesa Verde  
*Letters from Italian America and  
Journaling Family Memories*

In this workshop, Francesca Taylor and Eugene Salandra, Branch 67, will share letters and photographs from their Italian-American ancestors. Participants will then be invited to share selections from their own family letters. We will reflect on what these mean for heritage, family, and faith. Also to be shared are tips and practical suggestions for journaling and recording the memories of older loved ones. By listening to their stories, their experiences become a solid legacy for future generations.

#### 5:30pm-6:00pm

New Delegate Orientation. . . . . Mesa Verde  
Presented by: Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Denise Antonowicz and Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
President Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

#### 6:30pm-7:00pm

Meet the Central Council Candidates . . . .  
. . . . . East Galleria

#### 7:00pm-11:00pm

Opening Ceremonies Dinner Dance . . . . .  
. . . . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

*Dinner reservations required*

*Cash bar available*

- Call to Order by the Convention Director:

Roselynn McNeal,  
Central Council Life Member

- Mistress of Ceremonies:  
Theresa Sabatella-Shaw,  
Central Council Member

- Opening Prayer

- Presentation of Colors:  
Scouts of America, Troop 1134,  
Huntington Beach

- National Anthem

- Introduction of the Grand President:  
Deborah Rodondi, Central Council  
Life Member

- Welcome and Presentation

from the Host District:

Joe DiGrado, Orange District  
President

- Greeting from the Grand President:

Deborah Rodondi

- Roll Call of Districts

- "Be the Light" Inspirational Message:

Reverend Christopher Bennett,  
Spiritual Director

- Closing Prayer

- Federation Anthem:

"Noi Vogliam Dio"

Dancing to follow until 11pm.

### SATURDAY, September 2, 2023

#### 8:30am-9:00am

Final Delegate Registration . East Galleria

#### 8:45am-10:15am

Clergy Vesting Room . . . . .  
. . . . . San Juan (2nd floor)

#### 9:00am-10:00am

Memorial Mass . . . . .  
. . . . . Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

Reverend Christopher Bennett,  
Spiritual Director, Presiding

#### 10:15am-11:00am

Spiritual Workshop . . . . .  
. . . . . Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

*Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call  
attention to them shining-they just shine.*

You and I are like those lighthouse keepers. God's flame was lit on the inside of us when we first believed. Subsequently, we have two critical jobs to keep that light burning brightly. The first is to continually add oil to fuel the flame. The second is to polish the soot off the glass, so it is always sparkling clean. Join our Spiritual Director, Reverend Christopher Bennett, for one of his two workshops and learn how to keep your lighthouse shining.

#### 10:15am-11:00am

Open Forum . . . . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa  
*Sharing is Caring*

This open mic opportunity encourages Federation-wide dialogue. The Executive Committee will respond to your questions and hear your suggestions. Sharing your success stories will provide fellow members with ideas to bring back to their branches.

#### 11:15am-12:00pm

Spiritual Workshop (repeated) . . . . .  
. . . . . Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

Presented by: Reverend Christopher  
Bennett, Spiritual Director

#### 11:15am-12:00pm

Finance Workshop. . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa  
*Accounting that Makes cent\$*

The Finance Committee will help you navigate the world of ICF financial practices. Topics to be covered are: budgeting, accounting procedures, the duties of and the relationship between the financial officers, as well as checks and balances.

#### 12:00pm-1:30pm

No-host Lunch Break . . . . .  
. . . . . Refer to Dining Guide

#### 12:00pm-1:30pm

Chaplains' Luncheon. . . . . China Cove

#### 1:30pm-3:30pm

Convention General Session. . . . .  
. . . . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

*Assigned delegate seating*

- Call to Order

Deborah Rodondi,  
Grand President and Central Council  
Life Member

- Opening Prayer

- Pledge of Allegiance and Federation Salute

- Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, and Staff

- Adoption of Rules/Regulations

- Credentials Committee Report

- Welcome First Time Delegates

- Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Proposals

- Speeches of Central Council Candidates

- Central Council Election

- Attendance Drawing

- Closing Prayer

- Adjournment

#### 3:30pm-4:30pm

Teller's Committee:  
Ballot Tabulation. . . . . Viejo

#### 6:30pm-7:00pm

Banquet Social . . . . . East Galleria  
Music by: Opera Italia  
*Cash bar available*

#### 7:00pm-9:00pm

Saintly Saturday Banquet . . . . .  
. . . . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

*Reservations required*

- Welcome

Joe DiGrado,  
Orange District President

- Master of Ceremonies  
James Jones, Past Grand President,  
Central Council Life Member  
Emeritus

- Invocation:

Reverend Christopher Bennett,  
Spiritual Director

- Dinner is served

- Remarks from Local Dignitaries

- Presentation of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award to Reverend John Hardin, OFM and Sister Margaret Keaveney, DC, FACHE

by Deborah Rodondi, Grand  
President and Central Council  
Life Member

- Closing Prayer

- "God Bless America"

### SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

#### 9:00am-10:30am

Convention General Session. . . . .  
. . . . . Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

*Open seating*

- Opening Prayer

- Resolutions and Communications

- National Charity Presentation

- Response

- Committee Recognition:

Apostolate/Charity, Heritage,  
Membership, Scholarship

- Charitable Donations

- Central Council Election Results

- Convention Site Report

- Attendance Drawing

- Closing Prayer

- Adjournment

#### 10:30am-11:15am

Central Council Meeting. . . . .  
. . . . . Terrace Pavilion

#### 12:00pm-2:00pm

Awards Luncheon . . . . .  
. . . . . Santa Ana/Costa Mesa

*Reservations required*

- Welcome

Roselynn McNeal,  
Convention Director, Central Council  
Life Member

- Mistress of Ceremonies

Maria DiPaolo, Central Council  
Member Emeritus

- Opening Prayer

- Lunch is served

- Presentation of the Grand President's Award to Ritamarie Downey, Br. 443 Simi Valley

by Deborah Rodondi, Grand President,  
Central Council Life Member

- Presentation of the Young Adult Leadership Award to Katharine A. La Corte, Br. 218 Arcadia

by Deborah Rodondi

- Presentation of the Family of the Year Award to Angelo and Antoinette Pecora, Br. 308 Fresno

by Deborah Rodondi

- Closing Prayer

#### 2:30pm-5:15pm

Clergy Vesting Room . . . . .  
. . . . . San Juan (2nd floor)

#### 3:00pm-5:00pm

Concelebrated Mass and Installation of  
Officers . . . . . Terrace Pavilion (2nd floor)

- Mass

The Most Reverend Timothy E. Freyer,  
D.D., Presiding

- Installation of Central Council Officers

Installing Officer, Deborah Rodondi  
Past Grand President, Central Council  
Life Member

- Remarks by the 2023-2024 Grand President

- Convention Raffle

Presented by: The Ways and Means  
Committee

- Federation Anthem

Allen and Crystal Watts, Br. 281  
Bakersfield

- Adjournment