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A MESSAGE TO ALL MENTORS

What can you do as a Mentor to help the Federation?

- You can help Branch Presidents and their officers conduct business smoothly and efficiently by offering your support and knowledge.
- Give a Mentor Report and highlight ways that the Branch can support the I.C.F. Strategic Plan. The plan can also be found on the I.C.F. Website under the Membership Area.
- Submit a Branch Report to your District Mentor once a month, or if you are a District Mentor submit your report to me in a timely fashion. You can e-mail them to me at Ltek1965@comcast.net.
- Let me and the Grand President, Denise Antonowicz, know of any challenges a Branch is facing asap; such as declining membership, difficulty recruiting officers and problems with their parish.
- A Branch cannot vote to close on its own. Remind Branches that if they are considering closing, they must write a letter of intent to inform the Executive Committee of the Central Council, signed by the Branch President and Secretary, before any vote to close. The Executive Committee will then appoint a Central Council Member to work with the Branch to try and resolve the problems or challenges - even administrate the Branch, if necessary . and, hopefully, avoid closure.

Mentoring is a great skill and can be an enjoyable experience.

Please remember to be a POSITIVE influence and don't forget to send in your reports to me in a timely manner.

REMINDER TO BRANCHES & DISTRICTS

Dues for 2024 are due January 1, 2024.

Plan your **2024 Installation of Officers** if you haven't already done so. And, once you do, please call, and inform the I.C.F. Office of the date. Please remember to invite Central Council members.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/31/23

BY DISTRICT	As of 12/31/23	Gain/Loss since 6/30/23
Central Coast	1,126	+ 21
Los Angeles	810	+ 23
Santa Clara Valley	691	- 10
Fresno	637	- 12
Contra Costa	549	+ 6
Santa Rosa	483	- 26
Stockton	341	+ 7
San Mateo	327	+ 0
Blessed Sacrament	339	+ 16
East Bay	268	+ 0
Marin	189	+ 6
Chicago	156	- 9
San Diego	93	+ 2
San Francisco	75	+ 0
San Bernardino	96	+ 7
Orange	42	- 10
Reno	25	+ 0

Total membership as of 12/31/23 6,247
 New Members 200 Reinstated 10
 Cancelled/Non-Payment 128 Deceased 61
 Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months 5
 Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months 281

IN TOUCH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

100th Anniversary Galas

June 9, 2024: So. San Francisco

June 23, 2024: Chicago

June 29, 2024: Los Angeles

Read the Bollettino, in the coming months, for more details as the ICF prepares to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2024!

2024 CONVENTION:

The Convention Committee and the San Mateo District are already working on plans for the 2024 Convention in San Mateo. Please read my article in the December Bollettino with more information.

The **Convention Committee** will soon be asking that the Branches start early to submit names for the 5 awards to be given out at Convention: Pope Saint John XXIII, Grand President's, Family of the Year, Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Young Adult Leadership Awards.

When you receive the application forms, please read them completely. The Central Council needs all of the required material for the packet to be complete.

The Deadline to submit nominations for all of the Awards is **April 1, 2024.**

Convention Yearbook Submissions Reminder: In order to help with the timeline for the production of the Convention Yearbook, the **Deadline for Submissions is July 1.** The materials for the Convention Yearbook are part of the documents, for the Quarter ending 12/31/23, that are now available on the Website in the Officers' Portal. Please make sure that you point this out to the Districts and Branches, so that we can all meet this deadline.

WANT TO BE A MENTOR?

District and Branch Mentors are needed. Please ask your District and Branch members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience. Please contact Lauren Kilcullen for more information.

BOLLETTINO

The Bollettino E-mail Address is: editor@icf.org.

Reminder to get your articles in by the **10th of the month** for the following month's issue. All image and article submissions need to be sent in an editable electronic format. All Branch and District reports need to adhere to word count requirements (**no more than 250 words**), or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on the editor's judgement.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENTORS TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

- Membership Retention and Payment of Dues.
- Make sure that a list of the newly elected District/Branch Officers is sent to the I.C.F. office.
- Make sure each Branch has a published yearly calendar of events that has been given to every member and encourage each President to have Chairpersons for all Branch Committees.
- Encourage all Branch members to attend the District Installation of Officers. Insist that all Officers, or a Representative, attend the District Installation of Officers' Ceremony.
- Encourage Members to join the Hospitalization Program.
- Information on our Scholarship Program has been mailed to all of the high schools where the Federation is located. Encourage Branches to contribute at least one full scholarship if they have the means. Partial scholarship donations are also accepted and encouraged. Encourage members who have children or grandchildren who are high school seniors and meet the criteria to apply. **April 1st is the deadline for donations and applications.**
- Encourage Branches to increase donations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year. The need is great for our advanced Scholarship Program.

Happy New Year!