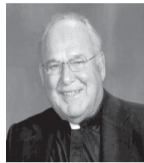


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The Bollettino... Moving Forward

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Public Relations Committee has been looking for ways to streamline the effort required to format the Bollettino and keep expenses down. First, for efficiency, beginning with the January 2011 issue, only electronic submissions of branch articles and photographs will be accepted for publication. There is a lot of time and effort in converting any handwritten articles and printed photographs into the format required for printing the paper. During the Public Relations workshop at the 2008 convention it was mentioned that sending articles or photographs by email in the future would be the only acceptable method. Several of you have made the adjustment and we thank you. For those of you that have not, you will need to have either someone within your branch, a family member or a neighbor help you send your article and associated photographs by email to the Bollettino Editor. The December 2010 issue will be the last time that any handwritten articles or printed photographs will be accepted for publication. If you have any questions with how to send an article or photograph, please contact Michelle Feldman, the Bollettino editor, and for any other concerns, please contact me, Leonard Zasoski, Public Relations Chairman.

Leonard Zasoski
Public Relations Chairman

Annual Convention Pays Tribute to 2010 Award Winners

Pope John XXIII Award
Winner: Della Spinelli

Della Spinelli, a member and orator of Branch 380, Thousand Oaks, California, has been awarded the Pope John XXIII award for 2010.



As a member of Branch 380 since 1985, Della has held a very active role within the branch, but it is her work to shut down all Planned Parenthood offices in the area, and push all levels of government to overturn Roe v. Wade, by action and

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Grand President's Award:
Charlene Drobeck

In reading the many letters of testimony, you immediately realize that Charlene Drobeck is an amazing person. She is definitely a role model and mentor to many. She became a member of the Federation in 1984 and immediately became involved. She chaired numerous committees and served as president of her branch many times, served as president of the Los Angeles District, as branch

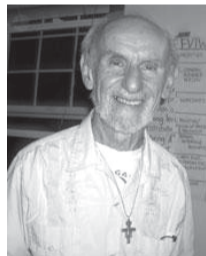


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Mother Teresa Award:
Father Louis Vitale

The 2010 Mother Teresa Award has been bestowed upon Father Louis Vitale.

Father Louis Vitale was born on June 1, 1932 to Italian parents Louis and Louise Vitale in the Los Angeles area. Fr. Vitale has a PhD in Sociology with a focus on the Sociology of Religion and social movements from the University of California, Los Angeles. Fr. Vitale is a retired US Air force Officer and



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The Family of the Year
Award: The Leonard Family

The Edward Leonard Family, of Branch 36 in Monterey is a perfect fit for the Family of the Year award. The families (three generations) are life long parishioners at San Carlos Cathedral Parish in Monterey, Ca. The fifty year marriage and birth of 5 children and six grand children is a fairytale story of a blessed life. Ed and Bella were sweethearts while attending San Carlos grammar school and Junipero Memorial High School. They have both volunteered for so many wonderful charitable causes. Ed is world renown for his "head chef" activities. Bella is always present with her beautiful smile

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ICF Launches Redesigned Website



Take a look! The ICF website has a new look and many new features. Under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, the website has been designed for a more contemporary look. The website has more pictures, more information about the federation, and new pages, all created to attract more members. You'll want to show your friends the Pictorial History page with

photographs from as early as the 1930s. And you'll notice a newly designed *Bollettino* Highlights page.

Current members will find many useful aspects to the new design. There is now a Members Area with many features that members will find useful. All forms – scholarship and awards applications and more – can now be filled out on your computer and printed out. As in the past, the ritual and by-laws books are available online.

From the ICF website, members can link to ICF's Facebook page, which features a calendar of events. You can find out about Bishop's Days, Installations, and other branch events as well as socialize with other ICF members.

More features will follow soon, including an online store on the website. The PR committee would like to thank Arthur Bloch of Hypersphere and Michelle Feldman for all their help with the new site.

Grand President's Message



I believe that we need all three to lead successful happy lives: Commitment, Faith and Family.

Our Faith is what we believe in, our theological belief in God and the trusting acceptance of His will.

Family: the word family embodies so much and has so many feelings and emotions associated with it—love, fellowship, dreams fulfilled and troubles shared, emotional, physical and spiritual support.

In our personal lives, we strive to do all of these things right, and for the most part, we are successful. On those odd occasions when we aren't, our disagreements are underpinned by mutual respect and a willingness to listen and resolve our concerns. That should be our commitment to one another.

In our Federation lives, we should try to do the same thing. We have so much to share and offer each other. One problem that many of us have is the ability to connect with other members of the branch and district. This disconnect is the cause of many of our problems in the branch. We make assumptions because we have the same culture, the same religion, the same common ground, and because of this, we think we know how everyone in the branch thinks or feels, or what they want. I would suggest that we look at that assumption and realize that others have different perspectives than our own.

What are some of the ways to connect with members of your branch?

1. Availability—choose to spend time with other members. Show them that you care.
2. Listen to others—be an active, not passive listener.
3. Questions—ask questions. You will find out new information about these people that you never knew, which will give you a different perspective about them.
4. Thoughtfulness—look for ways to help other people.
5. Communications—have open lines of communication. If something is bothering you, bring it up and discuss it.

These are some of the ways to connect with people in your branch. There are others: being open with them; being likeable; being humble by thinking of you less and about others more; and adaptability, getting more into their world.

Connecting with others can be a very positive experience for you and your branch. Make the commitment to try it.

Committed to Faith and Family

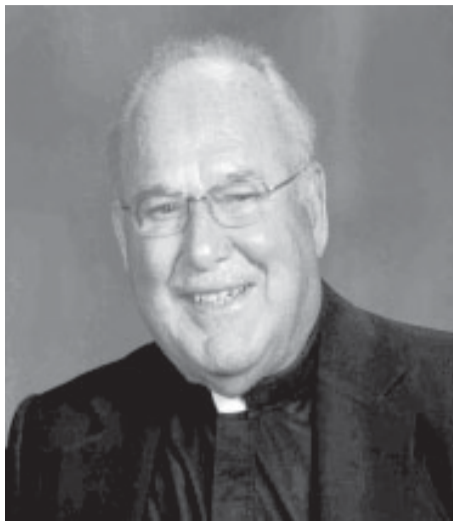
Convention Theme for 2010

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
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“**COMMITMENT** is the secret to a good and happy family. “Un promisso e un debito.” A promise is a debt! Commitment is an act of the will not of the heart. We may feel bad, or sad, or hurt but we stay committed. Commitment is LOVE. Jesus tells us to “love our enemies, do good to those who do evil to us, bless those who curse us.” We may not like some people, but Jesus tells us to love everyone. It is easy to love some we like, but loving someone we don’t like takes a lot of effort. Therefore, that act of love is more valuable in the eyes of God because it does, in fact, take more effort. It is an act of the will and that can be difficult.

FAITH is also an act of the will. We believe in Jesus and in what Jesus said not because it makes sense, or because we can prove it to be true. We believe in Jesus and what He told us, (we have Faith) just because He said so. That is FAITH.

This commitment and Faith is the glue that holds a **family** united and strong. There may be troubles and storms in family life, but



commitment and Faith to Jesus is absolutely necessary for happiness in the family. Jesus is a member of every successful family. We draw our strength, courage, consolation and love from Jesus in all the ups and downs in life, especially family life.

May this Convention in 2010 inspire us to be **COMMITTED TO FAITH AND FAMILY.**

Father Vitale

navigator who served in the Korean War.

Fr. Vitale has been a dedicated Franciscan priest since 1963. Fr. Vitale has taken his vows seriously and lives his life following in St. Francis’s footsteps. He has served as the provincial superior of the Franciscan friars from 1979-1988. After that he served as pastor at St. Boniface Catholic Church in San Francisco for 13 years. Father was able to raise \$13 million dollars to upgrade and save the church from the city’s mandated demolition because of seismic inadequacies.

Fr. Vitale has worked domestically and internationally for decades as an activist for the homeless, for human rights, and for peace and non-violence. Father Vitale helped found the St. Anthony’s center next to St. Boniface in the tenderloin district of San Francisco; it feeds thousands of meals a day to the homeless there. He also founded the Gubbio Project making St. Boniface a sanctuary for the homeless in the tenderloin. He has returned dignity and human decency to the homeless, allowing them shelter and protection during the day. They are allowed a holy place where they can stretch out and sleep in the pews. “Sacred Sleep” is what it’s called. Fr. Vitale only sees their hearts and exhaustion, not drug highs, alcohol, filth, or mental deteriorated individuals.

Fr. Vitale is the co-founder of the Nevada Desert Experience, a faith based anti-nuclear group movement to end testing and Pace e Bene, a non-profit organization, which is dedicated to non-violent living, service, and action.

In the 1960’s-1970’s he participated in the United Farm workers movement and continues to work on national welfare rights campaign.

Currently, Louis is involved in trying to raise awareness about issues of torture and the United States’ involvement in it. He has worked tirelessly for a world without war and injustice. He has been arrested more

than 200 times, and has served jail time for his protests of human rights and abuse.

To that end, Fr. Vitale was arrested alongside Fr. Stephen Kelly, SJ at Fort Huachuca in Arizona in November 2006 in protest to torture.

Fr. Vitale and others were also arrested in protest to UAV attacks in Pakistan at Creech Air Force Base on Wednesday, April 9, 2009.

He is registered to join the Gaza Freedom March at the end of December, a non-violent political campaign to end the blockade of the Gaza Strip.

“Mother Teresa spoke once about young women seeking to join her community. She said, ‘If a young woman applies saying that she wants to serve the poor, I do not accept her. If a young woman applies saying that she wants to become poor, I will seriously consider her.’ If Fr. Vitale had applied to the Missionaries of Charity Brothers, Mother Teresa would have welcomed him with open arms, because Fr. Vitale not only helps the poor, he lives poverty. No one lives more faithfully to St. Francis’ call to absolute poverty than Fr. Louie,” according to Fr. Vitale’s nomination from Branch 108.

Newest Life Member Elect

Congratulations to Dante Galeazzi for being voted by his peers as the newest Central Council Life Member after the June 2010 Central Council meeting. His election to life member status will become official at the Convention.



BOOK REVIEW

VINCE PIRO

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Italians in Los Angeles (CA)

Marge Bitetti

Arcadia Publishing, 2007. 128 pp.

Los Angeles’s Little Italy

Mariann Gatto

Arcadia Publishing, 2009. 128 pp.

Since our annual convention is in Los Angeles this year, I have decided to review books about Italians in Los Angeles. Both part of the Images of America series, these books give a photographic history and impression of Italians in southern California. As one would expect, Italian immigrants and their descendants have made a large impact on the second largest city in the United States.

According to the publisher, Arcadia Publishing, “Over 568,000 Italian Americans live in the Greater Los Angeles area 95,000 within the city itself making the Italian American population in Los Angeles the fourth largest in the United States. Unlike many other American cities with a nuclear Little Italy, the Italian American community of Los Angeles has extended in all directions, gracing the entire region with its rich gifts and talents in art, architecture, banking, engineering, literature, cuisine, winemaking, and film. Italian men and women of knowledge, courage, and insight have embraced these industries to make life better for future generations.”

In *Italians in Los Angeles (CA)* by Marge Bitetti, a brief foreword and introduction provide the reader with a historical and cultural overview of Italians in Los Angeles. Of course, we all know of the famous Italian Hollywood actors and directors, from Frank Capra to Leonardo Di Caprio, but Italians had immigrated to Los Angeles decades before the movie industry began. As the author notes, “The Gold Rush of the 1850s brought many people to California seeking silver and gold. Those that did not find gold in the soil discovered the richness of climate for farming and other opportunities in the southern part of the state. The train depot at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles was an entry point for thousands of people who came West.” This migration west continued with the invention of the automobile, which made travel more affordable, and “a large number of Italian Americans, including war brides and second and third generations, settled in Greater Los Angeles after the end of World War II.”

Marge Bitetti’s book is arranged thematically with chapters on such topics as Family, Faith and Devotion, and Organizations. A few of the chapters cover historical periods with a chapter devoted to The Beginning and another to The War Years. Each chapter contains a brief introduction and is full of photographs that illustrate the lives and culture of Italian Americans in Los Angeles and surrounding communities.

For example, in the chapter titled Beginnings, Bitetti includes photographs from different families’ archives and the Library of Congress, including a picture of immigrants on Ellis Island who eventually migrated to Los Angeles. In lengthy captions to each photograph, the author gives some



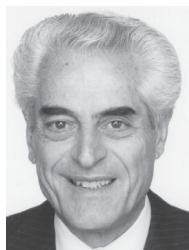
history of Los Angeles Italians and their descendants. For example, the reader will learn that the Italian Hall on Olvera Street in the El Pueblo section of the city was central to the many activities and events held in the Italian American community. “. . . It was the site for social gatherings, dances, weddings, and meetings of the Italian Mutual Benefit Society.” One will also learn of the first brick home in Los Angeles. Named after its owner, the Pelanconi House was constructed between 1855 and 1857. Antonio Pelanconi operated a winery on Olvera Street with Giacomo Tononi and Secondo Guasti.

Los Angeles’s Little Italy by Mariann Gatto “presents a history of Los Angeles’s Little Italy during the 100-year period following the arrival of the city’s first Italian pioneer in 1827, a topic that has been examined by fewer than a handful of historians over the past 50 years.” The author explains that chronicling the history of Italians in Los Angeles is difficult and feels that it is can be “likened to chasing ghosts.” She writes that “although Los Angeles possesses the nation’s fifth-largest Italian community today, little physical evidence of the original Italian enclaves remains. Historic Little Italy is masked by Chinatown and Olvera Street. As a result of redevelopment and the construction of the Hollywood and Golden State Freeways, the homes, buildings and streets that witnessed the Italian history were destroyed. In some cases, the entire enclave was erased from the map.” Gatto goes on to clarify that the besides the physical destruction of early Italian neighborhoods, the Italian community, “humble and progress-minded, educated and prosperous, seldom took time to preserve its history or ensure that it received adequate representation.”

Gatto’s book includes chapters on The Pioneers, Settlement and Acculturation, Religion and Culture, and The Italian Hall, each full of photographs that illustrate the lives and culture of Italians and their descendants in Los Angeles. Similar to Bitetti’s book, *Los Angeles’s Little Italy* contains a brief introduction to each chapter, which provides the reader with a context for the pictures that follow. Many of the photographs receive generous captions, providing the reader with a historical overview of Italians in Los Angeles.

The reader will lean that “best known for its Mexican history, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Italians owned or operated one-third of the buildings that today comprise El Pueblo Historical Monument.” This bit of a fact reminds me of the long and rich connections between Italian and Mexican cultures throughout the state. (For example, in the small town of Hornitos, off of California State Route 49, one can find one of the first Ghirardelli Stores in the old Mexican-style plaza and a cemetery full of Italian and Mexican/Spanish surnames.)

Italians in Los Angeles (CA) and *Los Angeles’s Little Italy*, will provide the reader with many interesting and fascinating details and illustrate the important influence and history of Italian Americans in Los Angeles.



SAINTLY STORIES by Clem DeAmicis

The Venerable Matt Talbot

This is the story of a drunk named Matt Talbot. He was born in 1856 in the poverty of Dublin's inner city. He was one of 12 children raised in a Catholic family, a family which had a very hard life and moved nearly a dozen times in the course of 18 years. When he was 12 years old, Matt took his first job as a messenger boy in a firm of wine merchants and within a few months, his father noted that he was becoming a daily ale drinker. So he got him another job in a whiskey warehouse. Matt, now a fledgling drinker easily switched from drinking ale to drinking whiskey. He did not attend school regularly; however, he did receive a few lessons in religion, writing, reading and arithmetic at a school run by the Christian Brothers. At 17, Matt took a job as a bricklayer's helper. It was a relatively well paying job and Matt, who was sponging off his parents, could spend all his wages on liquor — and he did so. He grew from an alcoholic teenager to an alcoholic adult, and often awoke on the pavement after a not-so-friendly whack and roust by the local constable.

Like a confirmed addict, Matt's day began with a drink of liquor and that diet continued throughout the day and into the evening. He could afford his liquid diet when he had an occasional job, but when he had no source of funds, he stole and sold the stolen goods to maintain his habit.

One day, when he was 28 years old, he stood in front of his favorite pub with the intention of greeting his cronies as they passed. With each greeting, he solicited them for "a few bob" for a pint of ale to tide him over. His "friends" looked right through him or turned away so they could avoid eye contact with him; none spoke to him nor did anyone give him anything. Matt was stunned; he walked away a wounded man. He continued to walk that day, wandering what appeared to be aimlessly but interi-

orly something was brewing. All his biographers agree, this was the most important day of his life. Apparently, during that "aimless" walk, Matt made a quick review of the highpoints of his wretched life and then he took a big step — he took the "pledge" and vowed that he would abstain from alcohol.

Within a few days, and after quite a bit of cajoling of local employers, Matt got a job at a local lumberyard. Additionally, he took on a mentor, who set him on the road of daily mass, prayer, service, penance, fasting and almsgiving. The program was not an easy one: it was modeled after the lives of monks who lived in Ireland during the sixth and seventh centuries. Matt stuck with it — one sober day at a time — for the next 41 years of his life. To his neighbors, acquaintances, and coworkers, Talbot the drunken sot became Talbot the reformed. He never forgot his struggle with his addiction. He was once quoted as saying: "Never be too hard on the man who can't give up drink, for it's as hard to give up the drink as it is to raise the dead to life again."

Matt lived the last years of his life in a lone and most austere manner. After working hours, he would shut himself up in a cold, bare, dark, uncomfortable little room and would practice innumerable self-mortifications: he slept on a mattress made of rough wooden planks; his main food was stale bread, and he knelt while he read, sang and prayed. He was a daily communicant, went to Mass several times a day, and prayed the Rosary. Additionally, he donated nearly all of his wages to charity, to the poor and to the missions. Matt Talbot died in 1925, on his way to church, his second Mass of the day.

When Matt died, he was known by a handful of people. However, after several books were written about him, thousands worldwide learned of him and a movement was undertaken to recommend him for canonization because of his holiness. He was declared Venerable in 1973, which means that the Church believes that Matt lived a life of heroic virtue and had the personal qualifications necessary to become a saint. It is widely rumored that Pope John Paul II, realizing how desperately those stricken by addiction need a saint, would have liked to canonize him, but the Church requires a verifiable miracle as a result of Matt Talbot's intercession in order to have raised him towards canonization. To date, none has been authenticated.

Charlene Drobeck

deputy and as district deputy and served in many leadership roles in her parish and community. Presently she is serving as Branch President, Los Angeles District Deputy and Los Angeles District Secretary. She served on the Public Relations Committee of the Central Council and is currently helping to coordinate the 2010 Convention in Los Angeles. She founded the Los Angeles District Adopt a Seminarian Program. She has been totally involved in the district's events such as Bishop's Day and Installations, to mention a few. Many of us have seen her at convention after convention, giving of her time and talent and always with a smile on her face. Reverend Higgins, pastor of Saint Raymond's Church in Downey writes, "Charlene loves her faith, the ICF, her community and whatever she does is based on love and faith". He continues, "Charlene leads by doing, by listening, by patience and understanding, through laughter and

team playing, and because her husband Steve, is always there by her side ready to do whatever is needed." She is credited with the success of her Branch 362 of Downey. It is so evident that she not only supports the works of the Federation but also reaches out to meet many needs in her parish and community. Her good friend, Theresa Shaw writes, "She has been a member for 26 years and is just as enthusiastic and dedicated as the first day she joined." Charlene has been instrumental in developing the ICF booth at the San Gennaro Festival in Hollywood. She is a perfect example of how one can balance family, work and ICF. To quote Roselynn Jarrett, a Central Council member, "Twenty six years ago our ICF fire became much brighter because we were blessed with Charlene Drobeck". The Italian Catholic Federation is proud to present the Grand President Award to Charlene Drobeck.

Della Spinelli

prayer that has become her cause.

"Her degree of dedication, energy, and resilience in being a cornerstone of charitable works for our ICF branch, parish, and community as a whole is nothing short of remarkable and awe-inspiring," said Laurie Sanders Coffman. "She is of course one of the most moving and inspiring mentors that any individual, colleague, family, or organization could have. Any one touched by Mrs. Spinelli's presence, smile, efforts, kindness and service contributions will find themselves so very blessed with her grace and spirit that it motivates others to follow in her footsteps."

Della has helped to organize, publicize, promote and fundraise for events for the Life Centers of Ventura County. Every year she has been instrumental in making the annual Life Centers Dinner Dance a huge success. She sold tickets, collected donation items for the silent auction, and donated many items as well. Her personal donation to the live auction is a dinner party for which she cooks a gourmet dinner for eight in her home. In past years, this items, a true labor of love, has raised up to \$1,000 for this cause. The Life Centers is a pregnancy support and education organization, where all of its services are free of charge.

"Della's life is a true example of how as Christians we should live our faith by taking care of each other and reaching out to others in need," Branch 380 President Lou Mages said. "She gives of herself completely to make this world better for so many."

Della is also a member of the St. Paschal Baylon Respect Life Committee. She participates and publicizes various pro-life events, hands out literature, attends the "Cenacle of Life" prayer group which prays the rosary to end abortion, prays the rosary on a regular basis outside of a local abortion clinic, volunteered to take signatures for a petition to support "Sarah's Law" which if passed would require family member notification prior to a minor's abortion. She has participated in the Ventura County 40 Days for Life program in which volunteers carry pro-life signs and pray near a local abortion clinic — Della did this two to three times a week for 40 days.

In her spare time, Della has been a volunteer for the Conejo Valley Women's Resource Center which is a non-profit medical clinic and pregnancy resource center. Many of Della's significant contributions have been done while she was working full time as an ICU nurse at Los Robles Hospital. She just recently retired from this position.

In addition to her work with the Life Centers and Women's Resource Centers, Della donates her time and money to Relay for Life, a fundraiser for cancer research. Every year, Della also cooks for the Feed the Homeless project, which feeds dozens of adults and children in the community.

Della and her husband, Gino, received an award on February 15, 2009 at the 8th Annual "Partners in Service" Banquet sponsored by Catholic Charities of Ventura County. This award honors outstanding volunteers within partner parishes that support Catholic Charities. She has also received the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation Award in 2002 and the First Humanitarian Award from the Los Robles Regional Medical Center in 2000.

This doesn't even touch on the work that Della does within her own branch and parish.

Branch wise, Della has been president in 1988 and 1989; corresponding secretary in 1991; recording secretary in 1993; 1st vice president from 1999-2001; and sentinel in 2008.

Della drives and accompanies sick ICF members to doctor's appointments, and provided in-home care for numerous months to a very sick parishioner. She visits sick ICF members in the hospital and at home, and prepares meals for members who have lost a family member or are homebound.

At St. Paschal Baylon Church, Della has sponsored many candidates for the parish RCIA program and has organized and instructed RCIA classes.

"From the very beginning, Della's natural affinity for hospitality has made her a leader in this aspect of this ministry, serving the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of others," said St. Paschal Baylon RCIA Director, Michael Lynch.

Della has been the chairperson for Operation Christmas Child Project at St. Paschal Baylon for eight years. This program provides shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for thousands of children all over the world. Last year she led this project and sent off about 700 shoeboxes.

"Through her charitable works in support of the Life Centers of Ventura County, Catholic Charities, and Relay for Life, Operation Christmas Child, Cooley's Anemia, and many more, she is truly helping others in every way she can," said Branch President Lou Mages. "She inspires us with her commitment to her Catholic faith through her participation in RCIA, numerous respect life events, church choir, Mother Cabrini pilgrimages, and Orator of Branch 380. Further, by serving as an officer in many positions within our branch, organizing events, increasing membership, caring for sick members, as well as empowering members to take on leadership roles, she has built Branch 380 to what it is today."

"How can we not recognize and honor an exceptional member like Della Spinelli?" Lou wrote of Della. "It is our duty in the Italian Catholic Federation to bring the message of Jesus' love to our members. Della represents this love in infinite ways by her words, actions, and unlimited giving of herself."

Congratulations Della Spinelli.

ICF Welcomes Lou Mages

Join us as we welcome Lou Mages to our much needed position of Field Operations Director.

Lou is highly motivated and ready to go to work. He wants to hear from you if you have a new branch lead, if your branch is faced with a serious challenge, or if you need help

to increase your membership.

Call the office for Lou's phone number or email him at fod@icf.org.

The Field Operations Director Committee,

James Jones

Jane Dianda

Bob Basuino

Roselynn Jarrett

Nina Malone



and welcoming guests warmly. To quote Vicar General Peter A. Crivello, "They are truly a family that contributes a great deal to the spirit of generosity and sense of community within our local ICF branch. They have all served in leadership positions and have contributed much to the success of Br. #36." Whenever there is an ICF event, the Leonard family is there, helping in any way they can. Chuck Della Sala, Mayor of Monterey, says, "The spirit of volunteerism and community involvement was passed on to Ed by his father George, who helped to start the Annual Lenten Fishery Fund Raiser". Bella, in addition to raising her children, founded the "Time to teach Catechism" and has been involved for 10 years. They have helped so many causes; free

dental care for the poor in Guatemala, Ecuador and Peru, Habitat for Humanity, Saint Anthony's Soup Kitchen, and Relay for Life, Meals on Wheels, and the Boys and Girls Club. Their contribution to Branch 36 in Monterey has been exceptional in so many ways. Ed is known as the "menu planner" for so many fund raisers. He is the chef extraordinaire for the Annual ICF Golf Tournament Dinner. The Leonard family was honored by the Italian American Cultural Center Foundation this past February. They generously share their resources, talent, and time to make the world a better place. The Federation thanks you for your support and involvement and we are honored to present the Family of the Year Award to the Leonard Family.

Young Adult Leadership Award : Jean Bridges

Jean Bridges, member of Branch 380, Thousand Oaks, California has been awarded the Italian Catholic Federation's Young Adult Leadership Award for 2010.

Jean has been a member of the ICF since 2005 with her husband her two young children. Currently Jean is the co-1st VP for the year 2010, but during her short time span as a member of Branch 380 Jean has also been on the Membership Committee from 2009-2010; on the Bake Sale Committee from 2009-2010; on the Heritage Committee from 2008-2010; was a Trustee from 2008-2009; was the Raffle Basket chair for St. Joseph's Table in 2009; and on the Scholarship Committee.

"In spite of the responsibility of raising two very young children, she has taken on increasingly greater challenges each year and is currently a 1st VP and serves on two committees," said Branch Orator, Della Spinelli. "Her membership in both the Heritage and Membership Committees highlights her commitment to the branch and to ICF and its good work. Jean has presented wonderful programs in her work with the Heritage Committee and is equally dedicated to retaining and growing our membership."

Throughout the branch, Jean has become well known and appreciated for her heritage presentations at the general meetings. Jean developed multi-media meeting heritage presentations and media entertainment for ICF children during regular monthly meetings. Jean provided an edited copy of the heritage presentation to Central Council Heritage Chair, Nina Malone, to be used for their 2009 convention heritage presentation.

According to Branch 380 President Lou Mages, ICF Branch Chaplain and Pastor of St. Paschal Baylon Parish, Fr. Dave Heney, publicly acknowledged her meeting presentations, as topics for other parish organizations to use similar resources for their educational and entertaining value.

"From the onset her personality has shown a tremendous glow of friendship and cama-



raderie and immediately she had a good sense of mixing with everybody and showing an ability to carry a very sensible dialogue," said Branch 380 member Romano W. Montanari.

Jean has also been an active volunteer at the annual Branch 380 Family Christmas party, and at the St. Joseph's Table Bake sale, helping with pricing and sales.

"Jean's enthusiastic spirit and admirable work ethic provides the model for other members of Branch 380, Thousand Oaks," Lou said. "Her dedication to her young family is a springboard for the Branch's draw of young families to join ICF. Branch 380 is the building block of the District. With members like Jean, we have reached out to other branches to encourage membership growth due to their inquiries about the successes of Branch 380."

"Jean is a very positive person and is strong in her convictions to see that our ICF branch remains viable within the parish," said Anne Interrante, Past District President of Santa Barbara/Ventura and Past President of Branch 380.

Congratulations Jean Bridges.

JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Gary Aleccia	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
7/2	Nelida Mills	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
7/3	Joe & Jo Macaluso	4	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$40
7/4	Roger Roman	395	Stockton, CA	\$100
7/5	Lucy Orsi	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
7/6	Branch 215		Fremont, CA	\$30
7/7	Betty Kievlan	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/8	Roberta L. Craig	303	Rancho Mirage, CA	\$30
7/9	Frank Buccola	326	Temple City, CA	\$30
7/10	Fred Voris	54	Gustine, CA	\$30
7/11	Arline Norsworthy	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/12	Casey Carothers		Arcata, CA	\$30
7/13	Carla Wagner	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
7/14	Mary Row	209	Forestville, CA	\$30
7/15	Jeanne M. Miller		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/16	Robyn Piro	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/17	Vickie Lorenzi		Mariposa, CA	\$30
7/18	Patricia McNeal	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/19	Mark Scott	217	Glendora, CA	\$30
7/20	Betty Burns	185	Fresno, CA	\$30
7/21	Edith Lopopolo	308	Fresno, CA	\$30
7/22	Maria Herron		Mount Shasta, CA	\$30
7/23	Branch 178		Altadena, CA	\$30
7/24	Shirley Zwiers	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
7/25	Jonathan Luu		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
7/26	Carrie Grisenti	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/27	Miria Garfagnoli	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
7/28	Alba Arosio	428	Jackson, CA	\$30
7/29	Celeste Radanovich		Los Gatos, CA	\$30
7/30	Richard Manfredi	70	Sanger, CA	\$50
7/31	Mary Ann Borrelli		Gustine, CA	\$30

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AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Pauline Iacono	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
8/2	Jackie Brasesco		Crockett, CA	\$30
8/3	Marlene J. Rotolo	5	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/4	Mary H. Mazzo	354	Templeton, CA	\$30
8/5	Steve Gallo		Martinez, CA	\$30
8/6	Branch 406		Orange, CA	\$30
8/7	Marilyn Canetta	14	Rodeo, CA	\$30
8/8	Nathan Thomas		Fairfield, CA	\$30
8/9	Emma Moretti	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
8/10	Ruben Rodriguez	195	Calumet City, IL	\$30
8/11	Phyllis Rybensky	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
8/12	Sue Beard	54	Gustine, CA	\$30
8/13	Josephine Oliva	351	Menlo Park, CA	\$30
8/14	Maria J. Pricolo	308	Fresno, CA	\$30
8/15	Shelly Mineni		Merced, CA	\$50
8/16	Concetta Dolcimascolo	392	Norridge, IL	\$30
8/17	Norma Steffen	7	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/18	Jim Boles		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/19	Gerry Damico	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
8/20	Luci Witherspoon	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
8/21	David Kennedy		Oakland, CA	\$30
8/22	Don Lee Gaudino	102	Sun Valley, CA	\$30
8/23	Herbert & Dorothy Drazba	375	Dolton, IL	\$30
8/24	Mary Perrone	217	Redlands, CA	\$30
8/25	Deana Hoffmann		Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
8/26	Gloria Mercurio	36	Monterey, CA	\$30
8/27	Zachary Compton		Downey, CA	\$30
8/28	Kelley Geyer		Tracy, CA	\$50
8/29	Anna Spencer	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/30	Madeline Torre	38	San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/31	Nellie Todero	163	Santa Clara, CA	\$30

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