



# BOLLETTINO



## Aloha! Fresno Convention a Success



Congratulations to the newly installed Central Council Officers: (top row, l-r) Immediate Past Grand President Bob Basuino, Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi, Grand Treasurer Deborah Rodondi, Grand Trustees Lisa Crudo, Denise Antonowicz and Nina Malone, Grand Sentinel Franklyn Lopes, Jr. (Front row, l-r) Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen, 1st Grand Vice President Andrew Pappani, Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., and Grand 2nd Vice President Vince Piro.

**Michelle Feldman**  
Editor

Labor Day Weekend seems to come faster each year! Although situated in the heartland of California - Fresno - the spirit of the Islands swept through the annual Convention, and "Aloha" became the catch phrase. The 86th Annual Convention took place in Fresno, California from September 1 to September 5, 2016. With the

theme, "Called to Be Merciful," the delegates and members of the ICF arrived in Fresno ready to have some fun, reconnect, and help shape the future of the ICF.

The Fresno District, along with Convention Director Roselynn Jarrett and her committee and Fresno District President Allen Watts, hosted a wonderful gathering at the DoubleTree by Hilton Fresno.

The Thursday Night Dinner was hosted by the Fresno District at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno, where guests were encouraged

to wear Derby attire as the theme was "A Night at the Races."

On Friday, friends and family gathered to register, play Pedro, and battle it out on the bocce courts. The Live to Give Committee also hosted the ICF's 5th Annual Convention Blood Drive. There was also a tour of the Forestiery Underground Gardens Tour and Table Mountain Casino Tour.

The Pedro winners were:

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## Welcome Branch 446, St. Joseph!



The newly initiated members of Branch 446.

The Italian Catholic Federation welcomes to the family new Branch 446, St. Joseph, in Upland, California.

The Branch's inauguration date was August 21, 2016.

Central Council Member Emeritus Pat Mages was the mistress of ceremonies for the day's festivities. Nan Judge and Annie McCarthy who are Co-Branch Deputies presented the branch with its new banner.

Initiating the charter members was Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. Officer Installation Marshals were Maria Di Paolo

and Lou Mages.

The new branch officers are: President Maria Amat; 1st Vice President Jasmine Hite; Co-2nd Vice Presidents Terry and Danny Urias; Recording/Corresponding Secretary Betty Cavanaugh; Financial Secretary Teresa Canchola; Treasurer Danny Centurioni; Orator Adrian Macias; Trustees Rakan Amat, Joe Canchola, and Noreen Lowry; Co-Sentinels Jackie Macias and Rosie Scarpelli; Chaplain Fr. Timothy Do; and Co-Deputies Nan Judge and Annie McCarthy.

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Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. with Branch 446 President Maria Amat.

## Grand President's Monthly Message

by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

(As per Bollettino tradition, the October issue reprints the new Grand President's acceptance speech from the Convention.)

Aloha - Good Morning,

Monsignor Cardelli, Reverend Fathers, Officers and Members of the Central Council, Brothers and Sisters of the Italian Catholic Federation, my family and friends.

It is, again, an honor to be standing before you today as the Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation. I have been truly blessed to have been able to be a part of this great organization for the past 25 years plus and to have my two sons and future daughter-in-law involved in carrying on the great traditions of the Federation and creating traditions of their own.



To my fellow officers and members of the Central Council, thank you, again, for your vote of confidence by electing me to the position of Grand President.

I wish to thank Roselynn Jarrett and her committee who did an outstanding job of planning a successful convention here in Fresno 2016. This is Rose's first year as our Convention Director and I would like to thank her for all of her efforts in putting on a great convention. Along with Rose and her committee, I wish to thank Allen Watts and the Fresno District for taking on the challenge as the host district for the convention. If you have ever hosted a convention in the past, you know all the planning and preparation that takes place prior to and during the event. The Fresno District is over three hours of travel between the farthest branches and they have done a great job of coming together as one to make this convention a success.

We talk about the family connection with being in the Italian Catholic Federation and I can tell you that this is one of our greatest attributes in promoting our organization. With that being said, my family has been my biggest support system during the past year. My lovely wife, B.G., has my heart and soul for the past 33 years. Her determination and love of the Federation has kept me motivated and on track with all of my endeavors. I am very proud of my sons, Andrew and Joseph. They are third generation ICF members who have become involved on their own because they, too, see the benefits of the ICF for their parishes and community. They know that giving back feels good and that it is a part of who we are as a family.

My connection to the ICF started as a  
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# Fun-Filled Fresno ICF Convention

**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
ICF Spiritual Director  
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The opening ceremony on Friday was clever, creative and fun. This set the mood for the whole convention. The theme of the ceremony was Hawaiian. Everyone was asked to dress in some Hawaiian fashion. Aloha was the word used over and over again. In the Hawaiian language, it can mean hello or goodbye. It also means love and affection. This fits the theme of the convention very well, "Called to be Merciful," which means to be kind every day, in every way.

The convention went smoothly and efficiently. Delegates were into the Aloha spirit throughout the convention. One could feel the friendly camaraderie throughout the sessions.

Memorial Mass on Saturday morning was offered for deceased members of the ICF and members of their families. May God accept them into His peace.

The workshops and general sessions were occasions to connect and reconnect



Msgr. Cardelli and Marie Antonowicz, better known as "The Dancing Chicken."



On Monday, all officers of the Central Council were installed during a prayer service. They are — each and every one — generous and passionate about our mission. Our Grand President, Leonard Zasoski, Jr., spoke enthusiastically about his vision and future plans for the ICF. He closed the convention with a true Aloha spirit and a universal Call to be Merciful. May God bless the ICF.

with delegates from far and wide. It was encouraging to see so many first-time delegates. Also, quite a number of young people were serving as delegates. This is a refreshing and hopeful sign for the future of the ICF. Even a few children and young people were present at the convention, undoubtedly being groomed for future office.

## 2016

### Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, \$2,500 + \$250 Seller's Prize**

Richard Romagnoli, Br. 32, Fresno, CA

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, \$1,500 + \$150 Seller's Prize**

Luigi Massanti, Br. 50, San Francisco, CA

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, \$1,500 + \$100 Seller's Prize**

Spence and Catherine Burton, Br. 127, Petaluma, CA

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$1,000 + \$100.00 Seller's Prize**

Eldora L. Sabbatini, Br. 32, Fresno, CA

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$1,000 + \$100 Seller's Prize**

Deacon Joseph Pepe, Br. 169, Ventura, CA

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize**

Dan Waligora, Br. 36, Monterey, CA

**7<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize**

Ines Noia, Br. 5, Santa Clara, CA

Special Drawing for Branches that sold more tickets than last year: 2 prizes of \$250 each.

Branch 121, Forest Park, IL -- \$250

Branch 230, San Diego, CA -- \$250

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
9/1	Mauro & Judy Romagnoli	210	Riverside, CA	\$30
9/2	Marco Calgario	290	SSFrancisco, CA	\$50
9/3	Ron Gatti	352	Danville, CA	\$30
9/4	Joan Lampe	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
9/5	Mary Sue Ferretti	27	Madera, CA	\$100
9/6	John Canata	47	Mountain View, CA	\$30
9/7	Sandy Mihal		Grover Beach, CA	\$30
9/8	Fr. James Catalano		Madera, CA	\$30
9/9	Dick Silva	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$30
9/10	Donna Di Grazia		Claremont, CA	\$30
9/11	Sandra Del Real	39	Le Grand, CA	\$50
9/12	Sandy Mihal		Grover Beach, CA	\$30
9/13	Tom Lawson		St. Joseph, MO	\$30
9/14	Roberta Franchini	213	San Bruno, CA	\$30
9/15	Amy Randazzo	47	Mountain View, CA	\$30
9/16	John & Cindy Iavarone		Napa, CA	\$30
9/17	Anna Boffa	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
9/18	Anna Arnaudo		Monte Sereno, CA	\$30
9/19	Pat & Bob Prager		Long Beach, CA	\$30
9/20	Josephine Del Papa	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/21	Al Cimino	121	Broadview, IL	\$30
9/22	John Musgrove	343	San Leandro, CA	\$50
9/23	Andre & Raechel Duurvoort		Alameda, CA	\$30
9/24	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	352	Danville, CA	\$30
9/25	Allen Watts	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/26	Denise Blum		Tucson, AZ	\$30
9/27	Violet A. "Lona" Bertoli	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
9/28	Ava Buscaglia		Crockett, CA	\$30
9/29	Branch 154		Richmond, CA	\$30
9/30	Branch 70		Sanger, CA	\$30

### UPCOMING:

#### 2017 Bishops' Days:

- Oct. 11 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 16 Blessed Sacrament  
San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 23 Fresno
- Nov. 6 Las Vegas  
Los Angeles  
San Diego
- Nov. 9 San Bernardino
- Dec. 4 Reno

### General Fund Donations

Donations received by September 10, 2016

Laura Trovato

In honor of the wedding anniversary of Donna and Richard Pfaff

### Scholarship Donations

Donations Presented at Convention -

1st Year

The Antonowicz Family

Grand Total: \$1,000.00

Donations received by September 10, 2016

Scholarship Donations - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Year

Deborah Rodondi

In memory of Marie Pariani

Ed and Jo Bertaccini

In memory of Dr. Bob Ramonda

Giulia Gallego

In memory of Charles Arthur Larson



## Relief Fund Established for the Earthquake in Italy

On August 24, 2016 an earthquake, measuring 6.2 hit Central Italy. Its epicentre was close to Accumoli, in an area near the borders of the Umbria, Lazio, Abruzzo and Marche regions.

As of September 16, 2016, the death toll stood at 297 people. Many buildings and landmarks with cultural heritage significance were damaged or destroyed.

The Federation has started a relief fund for the people who were devastated by the earthquake in Italy. \$250 has already been donated from the Central Council funds. We encourage all Branches and Districts to donate to this relief fund to help the people of Nepal who were affected. Individual Donations are also welcomed.

Please send your donation to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make

all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Italy Earthquake Relief on the memo line. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to Catholic Relief Services. The deadline for donations is XXX, so we can forward the money on to help the victims and their families as soon as possible.

Catholic Relief Services is the relief and development arm of the Catholic Church in the United States and they are assisting a sister agency in coordinating the relief efforts. They are working to provide food, shelter, water and hygiene kits.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who were impacted by this terrible disaster.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.

## Grand President

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teenager in the Spring of 1973 when my father and mother became charter members of Branch 281 Bakersfield. My father has long since passed on and I think of him often. He was also a dedicated member whose time was cut short because God had other plans for him in heaven. My mother, Marian, who couldn't make the trip this weekend is here in spirit. I know this for a fact because I have spoken to her on the phone every day with convention updates. She is still very active in our branch. She has stated that the ICF is what has kept her going for the past 32 years since my father has been gone. The ICF is her extended family. I hope I have half her energy when I am her age.

I wish to thank my branch, number 281 Bakersfield and the Fresno District for their support they have given me throughout the years. I was asked by a member of a new branch that opened this past year if being the Grand President gained me greater respect from my branch members. I told him that I was still expected to help clean-up after an event and mop the kitchen, just like family. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Nettie Descalso-Del Nero has been a friend and mentor for so many years. She always had a positive outlook on the future of the Federation and her support means so much to me. Thank you, Nettie.

Our Strategic Plan has been a catalyst for moving the Federation into the future, ensuring that the ICF will be there for the next generation. Not all goals outlined in the plan have been met to date, but that is expected. If we had not pursued an aggressive strategy for updating the organization and set our goal too low, we would not move forward. We are moving forward, and with all of your help, we will succeed.

All committees at the Central Council level are a vital part of who we are and what we do to help us achieve our goals as an organization. I will again be challenging all committees to explore new ideas and to engage you, the membership, for your input as to how we can do things better, more efficient and look for ways to engage our youth for greater participation in the Federation and our activities.

I asked you, the membership, last year to let us know your ideas. Many of you have responded with great ideas and we have been able to make changes to help strengthen the ICF. We have updated the website to make it more user friendly with forms that can be filled out online, we will be creating a professionally made video to give to perspective members on why, the ICF, along with a modernized tri-fold handout to entice potential new members to join the Federation. We may not always be able to make all the changes that you wish, but we will listen and consider them with an open mind.

As of this time, the following Central Council members have agreed to be a Chairperson for the various committees:

Task Force will again be headed up by Vince Piro. Vince has been a vital part of this committee the last several years overseeing the creation of the Strategic Plan. The Task Force Committee will be charged with working on membership retention. They will be working with the Membership Committee and Workshop Committee to address retention at the branch level, to keep our existing branches active and strong. This may entail similar training that was used for the Strategic Plan.

Expansion will be chaired by Anne Interrante. Expansion is also a vital part of seeing that the Federation is there for the next generation. Opening five (5) branches this past year with over 300 plus new and vibrant members and families is a great indicator that we are wanted and needed in parishes and that new members see the benefits of belonging to this great organization.

The Deputy Program will be overseen by the Andy Pappani. Andy will be asked to meet quarterly with the District Deputies by conference call so that we can keep a better connection between Central Council and the branches. If we find out early that a branch is struggling, there is so much more that we can do to help.

Public Relations will again be headed up by Lauren Kilcullen. Lauren has been working hard on the upgrade to the website and she is very interested in your input regarding the new website and what future additions would help you at the branch level. She is also looking into more advertisement for the Bollettino to help defray cost. If you know a business looking for more exposure for their



Grand President Leonard Zasoski and his wife BG at the opening ceremony of the Convention.

company, please contact Lauren.

Ways and Means will be under the guidance of Lisa Crudo. Lisa has worked very hard on several projects this past year to raise funds to support us financially. The majority of the money raised by Ways and Means helps our organization by providing added funds that, in turn, enables us to give 100% of the funds raised donated to our charities. This is because we cover the cost for operating our charities from the general fund. Lisa will continue to be a great asset for this committee.

The November *Bollettino* and the ICF Website will have a complete list of the committee chairs for your reference. Please contact any of our committee chairs with ideas that you may have that will improve our organization.

We had some very deserving award recipients this year. Recognizing the members of our organization and others in the community has always been a highlight of the convention. Being able to present the Mother Teresa Award, now the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award, on the day of her Canonization as a Saint was even more inspiring.

We owe it not only to ourselves but to the next generation, our sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and others in our parish community to keep the fire lit that our forefathers started over 90 plus years ago. That fire was started within the Italian Catholic Federation in the hope of keeping the Italian Catholics close to their faith. Today there are many nationalities that proudly represent our great Federation. They have the same desire to become part of a greater family, help others and stay close to their Catholic Faith.

When we have the light of Christ in our Hearts, our good deeds will shine for others to see, and that, in turn, might be the difference that brings them closer to God. It is my hope and prayer that that all members of the ICF let that light shine for all to see.

And lastly, remember that when things happen in your life, good or bad, it is not just coincidence. It is happening for a reason, a reason that we might not have a clear view of at the time, but looking to the Lord will open our eyes and hearts to the reason.

A hui hou, Hawaiian for "Until we meet again," in Sacramento 2017.

May God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation and give us the guidance and wisdom to move into the future.

*Thank You,*

*Leonard Zasoski, Jr.*

## Gifts of Love Donations

### Donations Presented at Convention

Branch 4  
Branch 33  
Branch 48  
Branch 169  
Branch 173  
Branch 281  
Branch 291  
Branch 308  
Branch 374  
Branch 380  
Branch 390  
Branch 395  
Branch 413  
Branch 425  
Andrew Zasoski  
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. - In Memory of Ed and Shirliann Swertfager  
**Grand Total: \$4,300.00**

### Donations received by September 10, 2016

Branch 127  
Branch 229  
Branch 327  
John and Noreen Gillio  
In memory of Chuck Tapella  
Fran Kostelnik  
In memory of Charles Tapella  
Ronald Regan  
In memory of Charles Tapella  
Anne and Charles Malmquist  
In memory of Charles A. Tapella  
Dean and Jeanette Hudson  
In memory of Bert Berry  
Prudence H. Brown  
In memory of Chuck Tapella  
Officers/Members of Br. 368  
In memory of Chuck Tapella  
Marilyn Larson  
In memory of Charles "Chuck" Tapella  
Mary T. Wacker  
In memory of Chuck "Charles" Tapella  
Officers/Members of Br. 291  
In memory of Jean Minicucci  
Officers/Members of Br. 291  
In memory of Viviana Rae Van Bellegem  
Officers/Members of Br. 291  
In memory of Elaine Denton  
Suzanne Wehde  
In memory of Chuck Tapella  
Frank and Donna Anselmo  
In memory of Charles Tapella  
Linda Grevera  
In memory of Charles "Chuck" Tapella  
James Tapella  
In memory of Charles Tapella  
Fran La Torre  
In memory of Jo Ann La Torre-Filiaut  
Officers/Members of Br. 368  
In memory of Ernest Chiono  
Eva Stern  
In memory of Robert Ramonda  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get well wishes for Jackie Butler  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get well wishes for Virginia Fuentes  
Mr. and Mrs. Russ Vento  
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio  
Mrs. Joanna Van Blaricom  
In memory of Darlene Rotta  
Mrs. Joanna Van Blaricom  
In honor of the birthday of Fr.  
Alphonse Van Guilder  
Rose and Don Arnaudo  
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio  
Natalie and John Canata  
In memory of John Wedemeyer  
Jim Castelli  
In memory of John Wedemeyer  
Josie Galante  
In honor of the 66<sup>th</sup> birthday of Angelo Bellomo



# Thank You For Cooley's Anemia Donations

Dear Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Apostolate Chairman Leonard Rossi, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

It was wonderful meeting you/seeing you all at the 86th Annual ICF Convention in sunny Fresno. Thank you for adopting the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Program as your national charity and for choosing Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) to be your partner in these efforts. We will put your generous donation of \$75,000 to good use and look forward to reporting on the success of the program. We are incredibly grateful for your support and realize how difficult fundraising is – we sincerely appreciate the endless hard work and time that you pour into your many events for thalassemia.

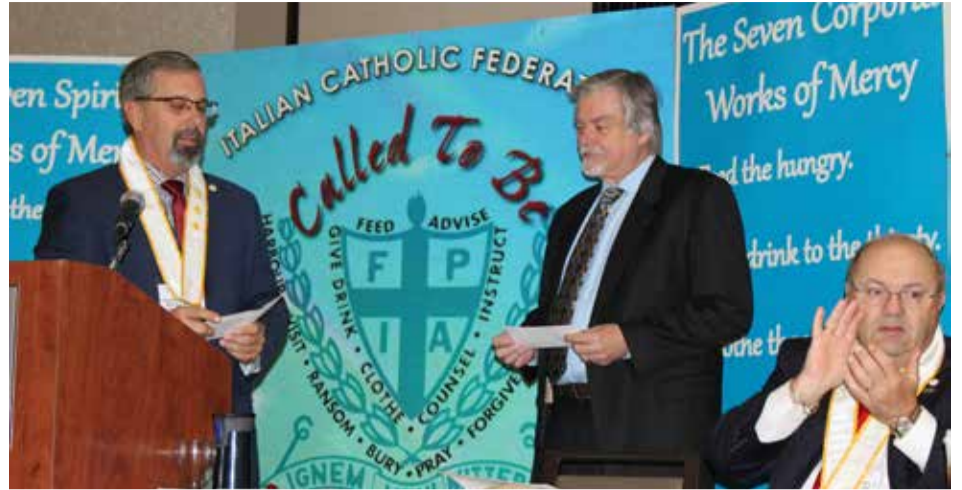
I must say that it was very important for me to sit in on your general meeting and get a feeling first hand of what ICF is all about. I was particularly moved by the awards that were given in recognition of service by members. It made me think of a favorite bumper sticker "We support random acts of kindness". I think we are all on the same page with respect to helping others. Laurice did a great job in preparing me, but see you all in action really brought this home.

We are also delighted to have Laurice actively involved in our program. I think she will bring a new dimension and direction to our project. This, frankly, was the first thing I thought of when she and I spoke, before I knew there was a financial component. She knows how much we value

community involvement in these endeavors so I think this will be a great three-way collaboration.

The median survival age for thalassemia major in 1975 was about 15 years. 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, but there are too few adult providers with the special expertise required to manage them. Thalassemia is so rare in the United States that adult providers do not have the opportunity to develop adequate knowledge to provide quality care to patients. To conquer this obstacle, CHLA is developing adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives. Of course, parallel to this is the importance of making sure that every patient in the country, whether pediatric or adult, has access to the specialized centers of excellence. There are only about eight major thalassemia centers in the United States. Consequently, countless patients are managed in smaller community practices, as they do not live close enough to a major center.

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



Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. making the Cooley's Anemia presentation to Dr. Thomas Coates.



Laurice Levine introduced those at the Convention to her and her husband Matt's newest arrival, Benjamin Levine, during her speech Sunday at the Convention.

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. We plan to utilize some of the funds from the ICF to expand this co-management program; patients' longevity and their quality of life depends on the success of this endeavor.

As you know, educating the community about thalassemia is a priority for us and we are pleased that Laurice will be continuing her role as ICF liaison. Therefore, if your branch is interested in learning more about thalassemia and our program at CHLA, please contact Laurice Levine at (360) 860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com to schedule a visit.

The strong sense of community and friendship at convention is palpable, and it means so much to us to be involved. Thank you again for your warm welcome and kind hospitality. We appreciate your support and generosity.

Sincerely,

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS  
ICF Thalassemia Outreach



Grand President Leonard Zasoski making Ben an honorary Grand President at the Convention.

Dr. Thomas Coates  
Section Head for Hematology  
Director, Sick/Hemoglobinopathy Program  
Children's Center for Cancer and Blood  
Diseases  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

## Cooley's Anemia Donations

### Donations Presented at Convention

Branch 4  
Branch 5  
Branch 18  
Branch 25  
Branch 33  
Branch 48  
Branch 103  
Branch 154  
Branch 169  
Branch 173  
Branch 184  
Branch 191  
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Branch 281  
Branch 285  
Branch 291  
Branch 308  
Branch 362  
Branch 379  
Branch 380  
Branch 390  
Branch 395  
Branch 413  
Branch 425  
Branch 434  
Daniel Centurioni  
Andrew Zasoski  
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. - In Memory of Leonard Zasoski

**Grand Total: \$12,366.50**

### Donations Received by September 10, 2016

Branch 108  
Branch 127  
Branch 229  
Branch 237  
Branch 261  
Branch 327  
Branch 382  
Branch 403  
LA Archdiocese District BBQ  
Annette and Dave Novi  
Get well wishes for Marc Teglia  
Roland and Katherine Codiga  
In memory of Emily Freeman  
Bob and Elaine Osorio  
In honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Don Arnaudo  
Bob and Elaine Osorio  
Get well wishes for Rose Arnaudo  
Mary Saccullo  
In memory of Bert Berry  
Anna Barberi  
In memory of Bert Berry  
Joe and Peggy Fortino  
In memory of Bert Berry  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Gene Marks  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Shirley Togliatti  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Rosemary Maida  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Mary Coelho  
Ms. Gloria M. Rodenborn-Garcia  
In memory of Robert Ramonda  
Rose and Don Arnaudo  
Get well wishes for Kathy Santos  
Rose and Don Arnaudo  
Get well wishes for John Gillio  
Josie Galante  
Get well wishes for Sal Bellomo  
Josie Galante  
In honor of the 66<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sam Bellomo  
Mr. Charles P. Gullo, Jr.  
In memory of Mae Ferraro

# Congratulations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship Winners

<u>Student</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Donated by</u>			
				Kristina Neri	Lawrence Picetti	Scholarship Fund
				Dino Piazza	Bishop Leo T. Maher	Scholarship Fund
				Samuel Eric Rieta		Scholarship Fund
<b><u>2nd Year Scholarships (\$500.00)</u></b>						
Julie Cates			Br. 354 - Paso Robles			
Paul S. Cook			Contra Costa District			
Michela Besagno			Br. 14 - Crockett			
Isabella Costa			Br. 154 - Richmond			
Emma Young			Br. 352 - Danville			
Emilio Alaniz			Br. 432 - Brentwood			
Aliva Chegia			East Bay District			
Catherine Weatherly			Br. 32 - Fresno			
Nathaniel J. Schultz			Br. 250 - Clovis			
Peter J. Comaroto	Jeffrey Tucker		Br. 173 - Burlingame			
Justin Shumate			Br. 28 - Gilroy			
Gabriella Bertaccini			Br. 191 - San Jose			
Victoria Leoni	Steven Cresci		Br. 127 - Petaluma			
Stephanie Bribiesca			Br. 139 - Manteca			
Dwight Jackson			Br. 139 - Manteca			
Isabella Lawrence			Br. 390 - Tracy			
Ted Lin-Cereghino			Br. 395 - Stockton			
Kristina Udell			Br. 425 - Green Valley			
Robert H. Chapman	Gladys Re	Norbert and Inger Bischofberger				
Nicole Strupeni	Gladys Re	Norbert and Inger Bischofberger				
Alisa R. Lerario		Joseph and Rita Bratta, Br. 418, Itasca				
Andrea Sandri	Mary-Jo Di Muccio	Friends of Mary-Jo Di Muccio, Br. 408, Sunnyvale				
Darian Ginsberg	Andrew Santo Palumbo	Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach				
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# Convention Blood Drive: Another Success



By the Live to Give Committee

The Live to Give Committee and the Central California Blood Center would like to extend their deepest appreciation and gratitude to all who donated or attempted to donate blood at the Live to Give 5th Annual Convention Blood Drive. Because of your selfless act of donating blood, we ended up with a total of 28 units of blood. 127 units have been collected over the past 5 years at convention. Every year more people show up, roll up their sleeves, and donate life. Many were first time donors as well.

Donors received a goodie bag which included a \$5 Starbucks card attached to a blood drop which read "Every Drop Counts"; a pack of lifesavers which said, "Thank you for donating blood today... You are a LIFESAVER"; vampire blood hand sanitizer; and other goodies. There was also a raffle with terrific prizes and the blood bank gave away t-shirts. Who thought donating blood could be so much fun?!

If you missed the blood drive and still want to donate blood, contact your local blood bank. If you care to donate in honor of a loved one or to celebrate a friend's milestone, you can get a card from the ICF office and a letter of acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree. Your donation will also be recognized in the Bollettino, just the same as all the other donations. What better way to celebrate life than to give life?

Many people think that they cannot donate blood due to their older age. This is a myth - age does not disqualify you from donating. To find out if you qualify to donate you can contact your local blood bank or contact the Live to Give Committee.

Planning blood drives is a great way for your branch to get involved with the Live to Give Committee as well as to replenish an ever diminishing blood supply. 95% of people will need a blood transfusion at

some time in their lives, yet only 5% of people (4% in the Bay Area) donate blood. Wouldn't it be terrible to be bleeding out in a car accident only to find that the hospital you urgently get admitted to ran out of blood? Sadly, this happens, but it does not have to if we all do our part and plan a drive or give blood. The Live to Give Committee and your local blood bank are happy to help you.

Blood Donors, thank you for your contributions to this very important program and for donating blood and giving the gift of life. God Bless each of you.

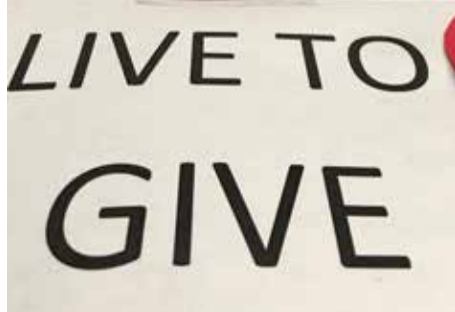
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For questions about donating blood or planning a blood drive please contact

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## New Branch

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Attending the inauguration were members of the Central Council and the local expansion team including: Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., and his wife BG; Central Council Member Emeritus Pat Mages and her husband Lou; Central Council Member Anne Interrante and her husband Richard; Central Council Member Emeritus Maria Di Paolo, and Central Council Member Emeritus Angelina Iarossi-Armenio and her husband Tony.

Fr. Jerry Ochetti, ICF Diocesan Chaplain for San Bernardino and previous pastor of St. Joseph, was instrumental in the formation of Branch 446.

There was ICF representation from the San Bernardino, Los Angeles Archdiocese, Orange, and Fresno Districts. In addition,

there were members from Branches 210 in Fontana, 217 in Redlands, 67 in Los Angeles, 380 in Thousand Oaks, 281 in Bakersfield, 379 in Huntington Beach, and 218 in Arcadia. There were a total of 100 guests present.

The dinner reception included chicken parmesan with spaghetti, manicotti, mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread and cake. Door prizes included Italian gift baskets, gift cards, cannoli cake with Italian cookies, hand-crafted wood and tile cross, hand-knitted blanket and more.

For more information on the branch and its meeting times please contact Maria Amat, email: maria.alamat@gmail.com, phone: 909-843-0663

## Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi  
Grand Treasurer

**G**reetings! Convention just ended, and it was great to see so many of you. It was a wonderful weekend. Those of you that missed it, plan on coming to next year's convention in Sacramento. Exciting things will be planned for it.

I know in last month's article I promised you the pumpkin gnocchi this month. I really wanted to make it myself first before I shared with you, so I promise that it will be in the November issue of the *Bollettino*.

Carrot Cake is a favorite of my family and this recipe is delicious. We adjusted it to be a four layer cake for extra goodness and moistness. When I was living in Virginia, I spent many weekends visiting my brother in New York City. He loved this cake and on many occasions would request that I bake one and bring it to him. Since I would never consider saying no, I would pack it up carefully and place it at my feet on the flight to New York. Not only did the cake survive the flight but managed to stay together for the usual wild taxi ride through the city.

This would make a great addition to your dessert table for the holidays!

### Carrot Cake

Blend 1 ½ cups vegetable oil with 2 cups sugar. Beat well; add 4 eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition.

Sift together:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder

- 2 tsp. baking soda
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 ½ tsp. cinnamon
- Add dry ingredients a little at a time to oil and sugar mixture, beating after each addition.
- Add: 3 cups finely grated raw carrots
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- Mix well. Bake in two 8 inch cake pans (I use round) 45 minutes at 375 degrees.

### Frosting:

Cream together 1 (6 ounce) package cream cheese, ¼ cup soft butter or margarine, 2 tsp. vanilla and 1 (16 ounce) box confectioners sugar.

NOTE: To make it extra yummy, cut each 8 inch cake in half...making it a four layer cake. This allows the frosting to moisten the whole cake.

In November, we will have pumpkin gnocchi from the kitchen of an ICF member. 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.

Buon Appetito!

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- 4th Dorene Campanile Branch 173, Burlingame
- 5th Harvey Gross, Br. 343 Castro Valley

Between the tours and competitive spirit it was finally time for the Convention to begin. The members gathered in the banquet hall for the official Grand Opening.

The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Grand Trustee Denise Antonowicz and master of ceremonies Allen Watts, Fresno District President. Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli welcomed everyone to the Convention and expressed his enthusiasm over the upcoming weekend.

The Boy Scout Troop 223 from St. Anthony in Fresno presented the colors, and Life Member of the Central Council Nina Malone performed the National Anthem.

Receiving a warm welcome, Grand President Leonard Zasoski entered along with his wife BG, both dressed in Hawaiian attire.

Allen Watts welcomed everyone to Fresno and presented a gift from the district to Grand President Zasoski.

Grand President Zasoski continued by welcoming one and all to the Convention in the pursuit of new ideas to share with each member and delegate's branches back home.

During the Roll Call of the Districts, the lights were turned off and each member used a mini-flashlight set on the tables. When your district was called you flashed the light on the ceiling. It was a great display of lights and colors.

As per tradition and for the fun of those in attendance, the Central Council candidates were waiting to meet the delegates and members in attendance during, "Meet the Candidates." The hotel's atrium was a-buzz with conversation and camaraderie as the candidates discussed their plans for the future of the ICF. It was a great start to the Convention.





# Friday at the Convention





With an early morning start on Saturday, September 3, the delegates were ready to attend workshops that discussed the Strategic Plan; History of the ICF; Spirituality; an Open Forum; The Deputy Program; FUNraising; and Convention Planning.

During the business session the Young Adult Leadership Award was presented to Paul S. Cook and the Family of the Year was presented to the Shimshock Family.

The credentials committee reported that there were 184 delegates and 24 Central Council Life Members and Members Emeritus.

Marlene Farber from Branch 161, Larkspur, was voted in to the Hospitalization Committee.

Although all candidates running for the Central Council gave speeches, there was not a need for an election as all members would be voted in. Congratulations to all of the newly elected members of the Central Council.

The delegates and members were given a relaxing period to return to their rooms before the Saturday night cocktail party and banquet.

Once inside the banquet hall members took their seats as the Mistress of Ceremonies, Central Council Life Member Emeritus Lady Jody Balestrieri welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

The evening was filled with inspirational and light-hearted remarks from all dignitaries in attendance. These included Fresno District President Allen Watts, Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli and Vice Consul General of Italy Edward Fanucchi.

After the dinner, Grand President Zasoski then presented the Pope Saint John XXIII award to Jim O'Connor.

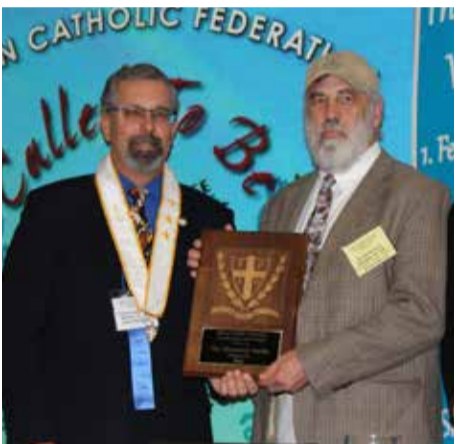
Mr. O'Connor was honored to receive this recognition for his work in helping babies and children in hospitals, and as a consistent blood donor.

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# the Convention





# Sunday at

At the Sunday session the following Central Council Candidates were voted into the Central Council: Denise Antonowicz, Lisa Crudo, Teresa Helfand, Anne Interrante, Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Andy Pappani, Vince Piro, Deborah Rodondi, and Leonard Zasoski.

Grand President Zasoski presented the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award to Rev. Msgr. Craig Harrison.

Grand President Zasoski also presented the Grand President's Award to Cecelia McGhee of Branch 48, Modesto.

Presentations and awards were later given out from the Apostolate/Charity Committee, Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee, Heritage Committee, and Ways and Means Committee.

Grand President Zasoski also made the presentation to Dr. Thomas Coates of Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Laurice Levine. Laurice had a special guest with her, her new son Benjamin made his official ICF debut!

After a busy morning, Grand President Zasoski concluded the morning business session, where the current and newly elected Central Council members then retired to lunch to vote on the officers of the Central Council.

The Concelebrated Mass was very well attended and the Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno, was the main celebrant of the Sunday Mass. Helping to concelebrate the Mass were -

Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire - Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton;

Reverend Monsignor Daniel E. Cardelli - Spiritual Director of the ICF;

Reverend George Aranha - Santa Clara Valley ICF District Chaplain

Reverend Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti - Los Angeles ICF Archdiocesan Chaplain;

Reverend Charles Fanelli - Chicago ICF Archdiocesan and District Chaplain;

Reverend Monsignor John Coelho-Harquindeguy - Fresno ICF Diocesan and District Chaplain; and

Reverend Joseph Tabigue, C.R.S.P. - San Diego ICF Diocesan and District Chaplain.

Later in the evening the Sunday Banquet featured an '80s Prom with music that spanned the ages and a photo booth. Prom King and Queen were awarded, as well as best dancer and best dressed. Lots of dancing and conversation filled the night. The evening concluded with the Convention Raffle and drawing.





# the Convention





# Sunday Night Prom









# Monday at the Convention

After three fun and inspirational days together, it was time for the annual Convention to come to a close.

At the prayer service, conducted by Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, the new Central Council members and officers were installed. The new 2016-2017 face of the Central Council is:

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
- Grand 1st Vice President Andrew Pappani
- Grand 2nd Vice President Vince Piro
- Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen
- Grand Treasurer Deborah Rodondi
- Grand Trustees Denise Antonowicz, Lisa Crudo, and Nina Malone
- Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi
- Grand Sentinel Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. spoke of his first year as Grand President and his desire for the ICF to continue the great strides it has made in the previous year. For more on his speech see the Grand President's Address.

With one last recital of "Noi Vogliam Dio" the Convention came to a close.

Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged until everyone can meet again at the 2017 Convention in Sacramento, California.





# Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

During the past few months, we were busy with plans, activities and meetings. Calumet City Commander of Community Policing, Bill Siems, gave an excellent presentation on safety in the community. We learned of the police department's Identification Bracelet Program for Emergency Medical Assistance. Several members and guests obtained the free bracelets.

Guest Speaker Cassandra Holbert of the Thorton Township Office shared information to help Illinois homeowners save money on their property taxes.

One of our social events, attended by members and guests, was a Gary South Shore Railcats Baseball Game with a fireworks display afterwards. A great time was had by all!

In August, we discussed future activities and the need for more communication and activities between the Calumet City Parishes of Our Lady of Knock and St. Victor. A generous donation was made to St. Victor for tabernacle candles and altar wine. Members made plans to attend the Towle Theater in Hammond to see the play "Soccer Moms" as our next social event.

Prayers and condolences were offered for Martha Nowakowski, George French, Rose Cano and Frances Meyers who lost loved ones. Carmen Gambino, recovering from strokes, was remembered in our prayers.

Finally, on a happy note, we shout out a big Congratulations to Martha Nowakowski who lost 54 lbs.! Way to go, Martha!

Frances Meyers

## River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer Br. 358

In this monthly *Bollettino* our officers and branch members will be featured. Here are some of the dedicated people who have been in service to ICF for the past 20 years or more.

Dr. James Izzo, President - conducts every monthly meeting with grace, dignity and formality.

Judith Schweikert - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - conducts her position with prestige and responds to requests of our members. She also writes for the monthly bollettino

Vicky DeGrazia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - one of our steadfast members who is knowledgeable with our branch 358 who submits important ideas and also provides wonderful treats after all our meetings along with Divina Miceli

Leonora Gillette, Secretary and Treasurer, dedicated and outstanding in her position. Leonora is very knowledgeable of the by-laws of the Chicago Central council and Chicago events. She also writes for the bollettino.

Deputy Eugene Gillette, Orator. Eugene closes our meeting with a prayer and special reflections. Dedicated to ICF, Gene is also president of our Chicago District Council

Cathy Neri, Correspondence Secretary. Cathy publicizes branch activities, distributes notices, submits ideas and writes for the monthly Bollettino

Janet Trammel and Cathy Pope are the trustees. They work with Dr. Izzo and Leonora on all functions and activities

George Nicolletti - Staunch member - very knowledgeable of the ICF by-laws and central Council in California. George answers the many questions posed by our board members.

All members work diligently at yearly functions.

Please keep our sick members in you daily

prayers, especially Frank and Teresa Cairo.

Ciao,

Caterina Renzi-Comisky

## Chicago

Our Lady Mother of the Church,  
Br. 439

In August, ICF Branch 439 celebrated its fifth year of installation! The anniversary milestone was celebrated by members after the Branch's General Meeting with a variety of food, cake and other refreshments. We are currently planning for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Dinner Dance, to be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison, IL. The event will be honoring Mel Gonzales from the Lydia Residential Treatment Program located in Chicago. This program provides a structured, therapeutic environment for children and adolescents with serious behavioral issues, many of whom have been traumatized by abuse or neglect. Mel has dedicated over 22 years of service helping and mentoring children in the program. ICF Branch 439 members and their families and friends are looking forward to celebrating this special event and supporting the Lydia Home Association!

Anna Tamburello

President, ICF Branch 439

# Fresno

Fresno

District Council

The 2016 Convention in Fresno, CA, was a giant undertaking. We hope everyone had a delightful and enjoyable time in Fresno. The weather was very cooperative. There are many to acknowledge. "The Nite at the Races" was coordinated by our District President, Allen Watts. The food was a group effort with appetizers by Debbie and branch 39, Merced. Robyn and her branch 39 crew mixed the spinach salad, while Fred and Gerrie arranged the remainder of the meal with many workers from branch 417. Kudos to the cooks and staff for their tireless efforts.

Much thanks and appreciation goes to Robyn Piro for her thoughtfulness and expertise with the Novelty Booth. Much gratitude is extended to the many assistants from throughout the district for their tireless efforts and excellent customer service. Every branch in the Fresno District provided cookies for the Sunday morning General Session. Bless the bakers and thank you for your support.

Central Council and Rose Jarrett deserve a big round of applause for the effort put forth for a very successful convention. See you in Sacramento in 2017.

The Fresno District Bishop's Day is October 23, 2016, at St Mary's Church in Sanger.



Branch 27 President Jim Cavallero and Father James Catalano on Chaplin's night.



The Fresno District did a great job hosting the Thursday Night Dinner at the Convention. The theme was "Night at the Races."

Branch 70 is the host branch. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at St Mary's, with a meal being served after mass. The menu includes antipasto, minestrone soup, spinach salad, chicken parmesan, pasta, bread and butter, and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$25. Please contact your branch president for more information.

## Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The August 9th meeting was a potluck and members and guests were treated to many delicious home-made entrees, salads, and desserts. Thanks to the August committee, chairmen: Emily and Adolph Mayorga and the committee: Rick and Janet Farinelli and the extra helpers Jerry and Angie Kelzer, and Gary Cavallero. Thanks guys for the extra hand, it is appreciated. We also honored our Chaplin, Father James Catalano, who has a very long association with the ICF. He gave a short talk on his memories of ICF in the Bay Area when he was a child and his parents were members. He reminisced about meeting one of the co-founders, Luigi Providenza, when he came to their house to sign up his parents! Our Branch Deputy Mabel Willmon was present to initiate 4 new members into branch 27. Our new members are: Bob and Ann Rolan, Patty Farinelli and Andrea Perez. A great big ICF

welcome to all our new members. Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention! Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

## Los Banos

Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> was the occasion for our breakfast meeting at Country Waffles café. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

On Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> our branch held its annual potluck at the lovely home of Rick and Terri post. It was a wonderful affair with an array of delicious food for all to enjoy – a great evening of camaraderie. Our thanks to the Post's for hosting this evening.

We are sad to lose member Rita Toscano our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

Convention raffle tickets have been sold. Delegate Pam Ohlendick will be attending the Fresno Convention this year.

Continue to pray for our sick members. Next meeting will be a dinner meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ciao,

Germaine Orlando



From Branch 27 Left: Branch Deputy Mabel Willmon, Bob Rolan, Ann Rolan, Patty Farinelli, and Andrea Perez.





Branch 39 (seated) Stephanie Lucich, Gina Pugliese, Janet Pugliese, Lori Sutton, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Maryellen Mazzei  
(standing) Millicent Piro, Terrie Rhodes, Robyn Piro, Nick Pugliese



Anne-Marie Bandoni, Maryellen Mazzei, Lori Sutton, Robyn Piro, Stephanie Lucich and Christine Belluomini from Branch 39.



From Branch 39, Kristi Chanterie (in glasses) with Nettie Descalso-Del Nero.

**Fresno**  
**Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32**

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on this year's ICF convention, especially, Roslyn Jarret. We also thank the Fresno District for putting on a fantastic "Nite at the Races". Elaine Lencioni gives a special Thank You to all the branches in the Fresno District that baked cookies for the Sunday morning delegate meeting.

Branch 32 was so proud of winning first place in their member category for Heritage. We thank George Pisching and Paulette Volpa for their contributions.

Those attending the convention for our branch were delegate Corinne Abate, and members, Claire Pisching, Richard Romagnolio, Beverly Magana, Elaine Lencioni, and me.

Escrip (shares cards) are coming soon, more information to follow.

Keep our members who are not feeling well in your prayers: Julius Abate, Eleanor Andreotti, Millie Puma, Peggy Barbato,

Upcoming Events October 1 -- Yard Sale - Call Elaine if you can help or have items to donate.

October 25-- Fresno District Bishop's Burse

hosted by Sanger, Br. 70. Call Claire for more information.

*Patricia Vivenci*

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

Aloha! The 2016 ICF National Convention in Fresno was well attended and very informative.

Rich Zanarini's Mother celebrated her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 22. Many happy returns to her!

Rachel Schultz left in mid-August to attend Ave Maria University in Florida. She began her studies in Elementary Education to pursue her desire to become a teacher.

Mark and Dee Schultz, celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Nicole Lang received an award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Fashion Retailing and made the President's Honor list for Cal Poly.

Shirley Mitchell's grandson, Jake Pizzo, graduated from Bullard High School and is now attending the Jesuit University in San Francisco. He was voted outstanding pitcher of the year by the Fresno Bee with 84 strikeouts and 12 wins and 2 losses. He also was voted County Metro Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year.

Birthday greetings to: Geraldine Goodwin (9/26); Vincent Rodriguez (9/28); Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez (9/30); Sarah Stanziale (9/7); Jessie Budd (10/20); Shirley Mitchell (10/17); and Teresa Weatherly (10/17).

Here's to Halloween, bonfires, making s'mores, wearing moccasins, drinking hot cocoa and cuddling. Happy October!

*Ciao!*

*LeAnne Lavagnino*



Branch 39 at the Convention: (back row) Millicent Piro, Terrie Rhodes, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Lori Sutton, Janet Pugliese, Maryellen Mazzei, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Stephanie Lucich, Mabel Willmon, Robyn Piro, Gina Pugliese  
(Front row) Debbie Piro, Nick Pugliese, Vince Piro

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

Our September meeting was a lively evening of delicious food, Convention recapping, and much-needed discussion at the home of Cynthia and Dana Munn. Big thanks to our wonderful hosts!

Additionally, thank you to the delegates and all who contributed their time and efforts into the Fresno Convention. I'd like to especially thank Allen Watts, our District President, and Grand President Leonard Zasoski, who spent countless hours planning, organizing, and running the Convention, with the gracious help of Rose Jarrett, the Convention Director.

The October meeting will be Wednesday, October 13th, taking place in our parish hall. It will be hosted by Crystal and Allen Watts. Come enjoy dinner and a meeting with us, with a spooky surprise to follow!

Also, mark your calendars now for November 10<sup>th</sup>! The November meeting is especially important for a few reasons: not only is it our exciting Turkey Bingo event, but Kristen Watts and Joey Zasoski will also be rallying the troops to help make our Christmas party a success once again.

*Baci e abbracci,*

*Kristen Watts*

**Fresno**  
**Holy Spirit, Br. 417**

On September 1<sup>st</sup>. Branch 417 hosted the Thursday convention dinner at Holy Spirit (Fresno) Catholic Church's Logan Hall. It was a good time for all.

We would like to thank the many who made it possible. Father Pat and his staff of Holy Spirit helped greatly in the setup of the hall and finding last minute needed tables. Martha Perry and Francie Manzanares were great help in providing Life Teen members to be our wonderful servers. Many attendees at the dinner remarked on the teen's great attitudes and service.

Sanger President, Kay Lopez, and her mother Josie helped to get folks on the bus to arrive to find the delicious and beautiful appetizers made by Merced branch that also did the tasty salad and manned and set up the raffle table. The raffle items were supplied by the district branches. Thank you to all the branches.

Of course we cannot forget Allan Watt, President Fresno District, and his crew who gave us the enjoyable horse races.

I also need to thank Branch 417 for their work. Rose Ann Allen, Georgette Gosney,

and Mary Forestiere cleaned shrimp and later helped to set up the hall with Pat Duncan, Jo Grieco, and Maria Parisi. The next day they also came to serve and were joined by Pam Lamonica, Debra Meyers and Linda Scambray. Fred DeRienzo, the cook, was assisted by Vito Grieco and Frank Parisi to prepare a great dinner.

Paul and Jo Soligian of St. Anthony provided nectarines for all to eat or take home with them to remember the fruitful San Joaquin Valley.

We especially thank the great cleaned up crew: Maria and Frank Parisi. Georgette Gosney, Rose Ann Allen, and Elaine Lencioni(Br. #32).

On Friday two excursions were held. Jennie Campopiano(Br.#250) and Kerin Cavallero(Br.#27) were bus guides for the Forestiere Underground Gardens. On the next excursion, Father Pat led the Jubilee of Mercy Prayer and gave a delightfully informative history of St. John Cathedral and its art. Then we enjoyed wine tasting and a tour of A. Nonini winery. We finished with a peaceful trip to the Shinzen Gardens.

*Submitted by Branch 417 secretary, Gerry DeRienzo*

# Los Angeles

**Archdiocese District**  
**San Pedro**

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

Our Sept 22nd potluck dinner meeting was well attended. We welcome back our President Neal DiLeva and 1st VP Ana DiLeva from their vacation to Italy. You were both missed!! Thank you to all who helped and organized our potluck. No one went hungry!

At this meeting Nancy Donato branch delegate read her convention report. All 4 delegates enjoyed the convention and returned revitalized after attending a variety of informative workshops.

Pauline announced that there is still room to join us on our turnaround trip to Pechanga Casino on Oct 13th. Cost is \$20.00 for members and \$23.00 for non members Bus leaves at 9am Call Pauline for reservations 310 832 0563

Our next branch meeting will be on Oct 20th at 7:30pm. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Being an officer is very rewarding and fun. It is a wonderful





(Above) Branch 237 had 46 travelers to the Ronald Reagan library.



(Left) David Poncia and Gina Di Pietro with deputies Theresa Shaw and Connie Bohannon at the convention banquet/

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to HIS purpose" Romans 8:28

Respectfully

Micheal Bohannon Roa

**Downey**

**St. Raymond, Br. 362**

It has been a very successful month. We luckily won a big award and all has been well. Our bingo went well and thanks to all who came. We look forward to our next Bingo and our upcoming Christmas Party! Thank you and God Bless.

**La Canada Flintridge**

**St. Bede, Br. 374**

Jesus said, "I want you to go out into the world and baptize people in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Father David Heney, pastor of St. Bruno Church in Whittier, noted to members of Branch 374 the Italian Catholic Church, and parishioners at St. Bede Roman Catholic Church in La Cañada Flintridge last week. He was awarded the Mother Theresa Award by the ICF at its annual convention in 2015.

Presenting to old friends who knew Father Dave from his days as associate pastor at St. Bede (1986-1989) the engaging priest quoted from Luke 10 the practical words of Jesus who sent out 72 disciples to begin the process of changing the world.

He provided a formula of 4 steps:

When you walk into someone's house, say Peace and then sit down to dine with them and eat whatever is offered. Father Dave pointed out that the food was more likely not Kosher and the fishermen were orthodox Jews, making this command Jesus telling the Disciples that the Kosher laws no longer applied. The priest made a strong point that it is not enough to simply say "peace" it requires a peaceful facial expression and body language that sends a clear message of peace.



Father David Heney, pastor of St. Bruno Church in Whittier.

"If you are a disciple, people have to see the message in your facial expression; they have to feel the message of peace," he said. The first thing people see is your face.

Heney said that disciples of Jesus must learn what moves people and discover their value and work at understanding the values of their community. "Be positive, don't wait to be welcomed and eat what is put before you.

"Do something useful to help to cure the sick (God's third key point). Helping the sick requires doing practical things to ease their pain, and the first is to demonstrate the first rule: proclaiming and offering genuine gestures of peace." Finally Father Dave pointed out the fourth rule set down by Jesus: Proclaim the rein of God and believing and sharing the truth about everlasting life and getting into heaven. "As a disciple of Jesus, these four messages are critical elements of being a Christian", he said. He added, "You can begin now to change the world through your own actions." He made a point of saying the closing words of the Mass are "Ete Missa Est", which translated is Go forth and spread the word.

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**San Gabriel Valley Region**

**Arcadia**

**Holy Angels, Br. 218**

Hope everyone had a great summer. We are approaching our fall season and several events are upcoming. The October meeting has already occurred as it was very early this year. We will be in charge of a sausage/meatball sandwich booth at the fiesta this year. November 13th – There will be a special mass that morning for members who wish to attend. Our regular meeting is also on the 13th. We will have election of officers for the coming year. Please think about becoming a board member. Also, at this meeting, we will have a short program honoring all veterans.

Our Christmas Boutique is Nov 19th (setup after 3:00). Sandwiches will be sold after the 5:00 Mass. Sunday, the 20th, the tables will be set up for display of the items for sale from 6 am to 2 pm. We will also sell sandwiches and baked goods that day. We will need your donations of baked goods and help with setting up and selling.

Hope to see everyone at our meetings and these events.

Lolly M.

**Claremont**

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

The Convention in Fresno was a success with new and interesting subjects at the workshops.

There were many, many new delegate this year, bring new ideas for fun-raisers and interesting questions at the open forum. Many of the branches are looking for ways to maintain their membership as well as how to get new members. The open forum with

CC president help with suggestions for this.

September 25 was our first Spaghetti Dinner of 2016-2017 year. It was successful thanks to the support our branch and church members. In late November we will continue with our Annual Boutique and Bake Sale for the support of the local charities and school needs.

November 9, 2016 is the Bishops Banquet at St John's Seminary. We will be honored with Bishop Brennan, our new bishop. At this time we will visit with the future priest, missionaries and deacons in the catholic church. This is a great experience so please try to join us.

The new year event are still on hold as to fun-raisers, retreats and meeting ideas, so I will keep you informed in future articles.

Pray for all you members and friends in need.

God Bless

Andrea Linn, Corr. Sect.

**Monterey**

**Santa Cruz**

**Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21**

Hello Branch 21! F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote about autumn: "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." And that might also be said about retirement and our own Father Joe Occhiuto who has retired from Holy Cross as Pastor. As a sendoff, Branch 21 honored him as our Chaplain with a lovely dinner at our August general meeting. More than 70 members attended to wish him well and to present him with a basket overflowing with his favorite goodies. One of the evening's highlights was everyone singing "Happy Trails" to Father Joe, with the lyrics stylized by Roseann Costabile to fit his personality. He will be missed.

Last month, Branch 21 delegates attended the annual ICF Convention in Fresno. This year's conventioners were Branch President, Richard Puccinelli, Rebecca Rosser, and Patty Morelli. They reported that the convention was well run and chock full of great information. Our delegates came back re-instilled with vigor and purpose with the ICF tradition.

This year we celebrated 21 members at our annual Nineties Birthday Luncheon; and one member, Aurelia Bozzo, is 101! The tables were decorated with beautiful flowers donated by Benito & Azzaro Garden Chapel; the food was deliciously prepared by Gary Castiglioni and his helpers; the dedication was well read by Norma Wilson. So many helped to make this a lovely day and we thank you all so much.

On a sad note, we would like to send our heartfelt sympathy to ICF members Eugene and Paula Panelli and their family whose beautiful son recently passed away. Though we know that Gino is in God's loving care now, it seems much too soon.

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opportunity to work with interesting people and to give back to our parish and community. Please consider running for an office.

**Upcoming events**

Nov 6th 65th annual Bishop Day and Chaplains Recognition Luncheon St. John Seminary. We are working on obtaining a bus. Luncheon tickets \$20.00 Call Neal for more information 310 433-1044

Nov 13th to 16th Trip to Golden Nugget Las Vegas Cost will be \$180.00 per person double occupancy. \$260.00 single occupancy Side trip to strip and or outlet mall Call Pauline for reservations 310 832 0563.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

**Gardena**

**St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237**

Joining us last month was our Scholarship recipient Samantha Marcon. She is attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, we all wished her well.

We recently took 46 parishioners from St. Anthony and our sister parish St. Catherine to the exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Library, the Splendors of the Vatican. It was a day of history and faith. Thanks to Rose Moore, our special events coordinator for arranging this amazing trip!

October 8th, we held our 47 Annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance. It was a great night of food and fun for all. This event is the main fund raiser for the branch and are able to donate to several scholarships and charities. Thanks to all who always help to make this a success!!!

The convention was wonderful. Rose was our delegate this year and she sure learned much about the ICF. She was joined by president Connie and co-presidents of our new branch 444, Gina DiPietro and Dave Poncia for many of the events of the weekend. Gina and Dave received a baptism of fire into the ICF!!!

Dates to remember:

October 16th - General Meeting

December 18th - Quarterly Mass and Christmas Party.



Two up-coming events are the Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Halloween Dinner Dance on the October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call Norma Wilson or Roseann Costabile for information and reservations. We also hope to see you all at one of our general meetings, which fall on the first Tuesday of each month. May God bless us one and all.

*Patty Morelli*

*Secretary Branch 21*

### Salinas

#### N.S. Del Sasso, Br. 25

Branch 25 hosted Bishop's Day and the Annual Central Coast District Picnic, and the District's 50th Anniversary, on Sunday, July 31, 2016. The event was a great success and included a chicken BBQ and raffles for beautiful gift baskets donated by each Branch and Central Council Members. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Garcia and Deacon Ron Panziera. The Convention Choir was accompanied by Past Grand President, Leonard Rossi, on the accordion. Following the Mass, ICF Grand President, Leonard Zasoski, Jr., presented the Central Coast District Officers and the Branch Presidents with a Certificate commemorating their 50th Anniversary. The Bishop was presented with two donation checks towards tuition costs for the seminarians by the Grand President the District President. Over 130 ICF members and guests attended including four seminarians from the Diocese. Branch 25 is grateful for the generous food and beverage donations from Branch 25 members and community business', and to Joe Massolo for hosting the event at his ranch. The date for next year's District Bishop's Day and Picnic will be Sunday, August 6, 2017. District/Branch 25 President, Julie Richards, attended the Conference in Fresno in September. Branch 25 will again have a "Pizza Booth" at the Sacred Heart Church Annual Festival on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Plans are underway for our Annual Polenta Lunch to be held at Sacred Heart Church in November 9, 2016. Our prayers and condolences go out to Thelma Frontani, whose brother passed away in early August.

### Monterey

#### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Convention is over and our delegates, Co-President Carrie Griffin, Ed Leonard, Bella Leonard, and Robert Huffer are back with renewed enthusiasm and ideas to try out.

Branch 36 will be hosting the Central Coast District Meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop on Sept. 17. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and attending the workshop presented by Central Council.

Festa Italia Santa Rosalia's Coronation Ball

was held August 27 at The Monterey Marriott, the Grand Marshall this year is Anthony Russo (Sandie), the Queen is Kiele Migotti and 1st runner up is Gabriella Graziano. This ball is always beautiful and I love seeing the fathers' escort their daughters', also looking so sweet and dressed up were the younger young ladies who are in the Junior Queen Court, and the little ones who are Princesses. I hope this tradition never ends and we need to give them our support every year.

I am so sad to report we have lost so many wonderful members since the last issue of the Bollettino, they are, Jennie Riso, Frances Carpino, Anne P. Burk, and Bartlo DiMaggio, our deepest sympathy to their families.

July 31st Central Coast District Bishop's Day and Annual Central Coast District Picnic celebrating 50 years was hosted by Br. 25 held at JM Ranch, to go there is more like going to a resort with all of your friends, and Julie Richards is the perfect hostess. Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Garcia celebrated mass at 10:00 am, after mass presentation of the Spiritual Bouquet and the Seminary Burst were given to Bishop Garcia.

#### CALENDAR

October 6 - Dinner Meeting

November 3 - Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting - Please bring canned goods and staples for Church pantry

December 3 - Adult Christmas Dinner Dance

December 11 - Children's Christmas Party

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us. Let's think about what God has blessed us with, and what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally. I hope you have a blessed day.

Written by Erma Bombeck after she found out she was dying from cancer.

*Peace be with you,*

*Bettye Sollecito*

### Castroville

#### Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51

Congratulations to Fresno Branch 417 for hosting a fabulous convention. Aloha!

Thank you to Roselyne Jarrett and her committees for making this year's convention successful, enlightening and entertaining. High fives to all of you!

At our August 30<sup>th</sup> Potluck/Meeting, President Paul discussed the activities he has planned for the next few months. The Christmas Party this year will be a combination fundraiser and dinner, all the details are still being worked out, more information to come.

Please keep in your prayers Carl Armento, Wilma Cursi, Carrie Holbrook and Alice



Branch 21 wishes Father Joe Occhiuto a happy retirement!

Soliven.

August birthday greetings to Denise Amerison, Pauline Bigby, Stefani Cortopassi, Dave Pecci, Carmen Rossi and Pat Stefani. September birthdays Randall Amerison, Diane Ausonio, Art Carbonel, Daniel Carbonel, Wilma Cursi, Toni Hibbs, Michele Pecci, Sal Seeno, Susan Seeno, Greg Stefani and Hugo Tottino. October birthdays Natalie Carbonel, Kevin Cortopassi, Paul Cortopassi and Linda Grier.

"Called to be Merciful", was the theme for the convention, let us try to be merciful by including acts of kindness, compassion and forgiveness in our daily lives.

*Ciao,*

*Leonora Barlow*

### Capitola

#### St. Joseph, Br. 227

Because many of our officers will be in Reno for the Columbus Day festival, the meeting scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. See you in November when we will hold election of officers for 2017.

Thanks to our delegates, Bob Montonye, Vicky Howell, and Nancy Prevedelli, for representing our branch at the Convention in Fresno and congratulations to Franklyn Lopes, Jr., who was elected again to the Central Council.

Members at our September meeting were treated to a delicious Chicken Marsala dinner prepared by Jane and Rick Kotila and Liz and Mike Rios. Many thanks to them. It is always appreciated when our members step up to the plate when volunteers are needed to cook.

Please offer your prayers for the following members who are facing health issues of great concern: Franklyn Lopes, Sr., Peggy Danna, Jerry Huch, and our South Carolina member, Trudy Locatelli, whose husband, Phil Smith, is undergoing post treatment after brain surgery.

A very, very belated Happy Anniversary to our Orator Bruce Dunn and his wife, Jean, who celebrated 55 years of marriage in June.

In closing, let's wish Buon Compleanno to my uncle, Frank Locatelli, who will be celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 28. Frank is a founding member of our branch.

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

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

Our first Fall Fundraiser Dinner was a



Happy 101st birthday to Aurelia Bozzo!

big success! We served a delicious tri-tip dinner to over 200 customers, and all net proceeds will benefit our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. Our next Fall Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and we'll be bringing back our popular fish fry dinner. Then on November 12<sup>th</sup> we'll be serving up one of our famous spaghetti dinners. Please join us if you're in the area for one or all of our delicious dinners!

We look forward to a recap on the National Convention from our delegates at our next General Meeting at the end of September. At our October meeting, we'll be holding Officer elections, so we encourage all members to attend to cast your vote! We will not meet in November, so our members can enjoy Thanksgiving with their family and friends, and our December meeting will be our Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Is it just me, or did this year fly by at record speed?

Please continue to keep our entire ICF Family in your prayers, especially those members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time. We especially send our

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Jack Kress, Ben Marsalek and Justin Ward did an excellent job working the pit for Br. 291's Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser.



Members of Branch 354 enjoying a summer day out together.



Branch 291 recently held a tri-tip dinner fundraiser. Our friendly servers piled high our customers' plates with delicious tri-tip, beans, salsa, salad and garlic bread. L-R: Jane Baker, Giovanna Schaefer, Karen Beaudin, Kirstin Marsalek, Anne Orlando, Gigi Carroll and Joanna Van Blaricom.

prayers to Marjorie Rodarte who recently lost her sister, and travelled to Costa Rica to be with her family, and to Margi Carducci, whose father recently passed away. May Christ's peace be with Marjorie and Margi and their families during this sad and difficult time.

*God Bless you all!*

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*

**Paso Robles**

**St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354**

Summer has gone by quickly, and it's time for making plans for events in the remaining months.

We enjoyed Salinas Branch 25's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with Mass offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Garcia, followed with a BBQ at President Julie's ranch in Chular. Despite the low attendance, our August branch meeting was both enjoyable and informative. We again discussed and finalized plans to celebrate our own branch's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with luncheon and a meeting at the San Antonio Winder. Something

different for us.

Former members of our club, Joseph & Amenia Pannone have donated \$675.00 to Gifts of Love and Cooley's Anemia in their name and in memory of Deb & Steve Harley and Joseph Pannone, in addition to \$200.00 in memory of both Norma Brenton and Alice Mastagni who were loved and respected for their dedication to our club.

Thank you and congratulations to President David Zanini, David Kudija and their helpers who raised \$1,940.00 parking cars on a Sunday during the Paso Robles Mid State Fair.

We are again making plans to attend the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey on September 11. Always wonderful entertainment and great food. Dancing too!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to club members Lucy Olsen, Joan Ryder, Danielle Brescia and David Stron.

We pray for all of the victims and injured in the Italian earthquake and those affected by fires and floods. Comforting prayers are also asked for our dear member Tony Salvia.

Irma Zanini and Father Roberto have just returned from the convention. We will be anxious to hear from them.

"Memory is the diary that we carry about with us." Oscar Wilde  
*Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary*

**Oakland  
East Bay**

**District Council**

Aloha! For those of you who missed it, that was the greeting at the Convention in Fresno. You also missed some wonderful workshops, that we hope to bring to the district, and lots of fun. What a great time to be together when Mother Teresa became Saint Teresa of Calcutta. We are also pleased that Lisa Crudo was re-elected to the Central Council. Time to plan ahead for next year in Sacramento.

It is also time to think about what you can do for the district, hint, election of officers is on the horizon. Find out what being an officer means, look at your talents, say a prayer and volunteer. Remember, mentoring is part of the process that comes with being a new officer.

Looking at the near future, the district will celebrate our 80th Anniversary on Oct. 14th at Aqua e' Farina in Hayward with no host cocktails beginning @ 6 P.M. Hope to see many of you there.

Also coming up will be our quarterly Communion, hosted by branch #40, at Sacred Heart Church at the 10 A.M. Mass; date to be decided.

Looking forward to 2017, there is a 15 day Hawaiian cruise planned, sailing out of San Francisco on April 23rd.

And we, the district, would like to thank the DeNurra family for once again hosting the district picnic, what a fun filled day.

Please keep Dave Botta in your prayers.

*Happy Halloween to all!*

*Pat Grasso, District Secretary*

**Alameda**

**Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10**

Many thanks to Lisa Crudo for taking photographs of the Branch 10 90th Anniversary Dinner of May 21. The photos appeared in the July issue of the Bollettino.

Pat Pasquelli, former president of both Branch 10 and the East Bay District Council, has retired from her job in Alameda and will be honored at the district's 80th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, October 14, at Aqua e Farina restaurant in Hayward.

We are preparing for our annual and very popular Ravioli Dinner, which is scheduled

for Saturday, October 22 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall in Alameda. The evening begins with social hour with no-host bar at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00. The menu also includes salad, vegetables and dessert. Prices are \$8.00 for young persons under 12 and \$20.00 for all others. Contact Branch 10 president Dave Rose, [buncle@earthlink.net](mailto:buncle@earthlink.net) or (510) 703-2781, for reservations and additional information.

Two other Branch 10 events are scheduled within the next two months. A Mass celebrating Mother Cabrini will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12 in Saint Philip Neri Church in Alameda. We will also host our annual Christmas party on Friday, December 9. More details regarding the Christmas party will follow in the November issue of the Bollettino. We are also considering another dinner at C'era Una Volta Italian restaurant in Alameda and another bunco party.

Twelve member and friends of Branch 10 attended Late Nite Catechism on August 27 at Holy Names University in Oakland. Our seats were located near the front of the auditorium, and we were easy targets for the the ribbing by Sister and her good-natured questioning. Sister rewarded cooperation and correct answers rewarded with small prizes from her classroom. Kimberly Richards, the actress who portrayed Sister, graduated from Holy Names High School in Oakland.

We thank Fran LaTorre of Branch 215 in Fremont for her ongoing service as our deputy. Fran attends our monthly meetings and keeps us updated regarding the happenings within the East Bay District.

**Oakland**

**Santa Rita, Br. 40**

Our thanks to Lawrence Francis for representing Branch 40 at the ICF Convention in Fresno. An award was given to Branch 40 for achieving a 28.9% over all increase in memberships. Welcome to our new members. All members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the first monday of the month. Location is the Sacred Heart Center at 7PM. Come share ideas, plan events and meet other members. The 2017 ICF Calendar is available now for purchase. For just \$25 you get a full year, 365 chances to win between \$30-\$100. Please contact Claire Ramirez at 510-724-9790 if you are interested.

Upcoming:

Oct 3rd: monthly meeting 7PM

Oct 9th: Branch 40 Anniversary Dinner

Nov 7th: Monthly meeting 7PM



Dec ??: Christmas Party. More information to follow.

Happy Birthday to Gino Chegia, John Coresi and Marisa Poggi. God Bless.

Remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing members of our branch, especially; Rita Avery, Irene Crosetti, Rosalie De Santi, Marisa and Tom Poggi, and Chris Zanata. God Bless.

Thought: "Celebrate life every day without resentment or regret".

Ciao,

M.A. Francis and L. Francis

## Fremont

### St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

It is hard to believe that Fall is almost here. Where did the Summer go? The 2016 annual ICF Convention in Fresno was a success. Branch Trustee James McGee was able to attend the convention along with President Fran. James has created a video of ICF history on You Tube. If you go to <https://youtu.be/1bQRe81LxTx> you can view this video. Thanks James for making this available.

The District Picnic held on 9/17/2016 at the home of Al and Deanna DeNurra in Pleasant Hill was a lot of fun. It was great to see Ken and Claire Chiatello as well as Clem and Yvonne Brum join in the fun. It is one way the East Bay District can say thank you to all the officers and members of the 6 District branches. Thank you Father Duda for the wonderful Mass.

Sadly the Bingo Salad Luncheon originally planned for 10/13/2016 had to be canceled. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall is undergoing renovations and key members who organize and contribute to the running this event have either undergone surgery or are anticipating surgery or committed to family events out of town. President Fran and Nadine are researching other possible fundraiser ideas and any information gathered will be shared at upcoming branch meetings.

October is the time for election of branch officers. President Fran wishes to express again her gratitude to the members who have served as branch officers during 2016. A nomination committee is being formed and President Fran will be contacting prospective nominees to confirm they wish to be nominated for a branch office. If for any reason you cannot make it to the October branching meeting, please email or send by U.S. Mail a note to President Fran stating your willingness to accept a nomination for a branch office.

Your acceptance must be in writing.

St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Oakland is the host parish this year for the Diocese of Oakland's Chautauqua Celebration. The Chautauqua Celebration recognizes the many ethnic cultures that make up the parishioners in the diocese. The Pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole has asked Branch 91 to represent the Italian culture at this celebration. Branch 91, in turn, has asked the other 5 branches in the East Bay District to join them in the procession, Mass and luncheon to be held on 10/8/2016. Let's make sure that there is a nice showing of ICF members at Chautauqua.

The East Bay District will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary on 10/14/2016 at Farina e Acqua Italian Restaurant on Main Street near B Street in Hayward. We will also use this occasion to honor our recent past District President, Pat Pasquinelli. The cost is \$35.00 and a good time is promised for all. Please come and celebrate the East Bay District's 80 years of carrying out the aims and ideals of the ICF and be there to say thank you to Pat Pasquinelli for her hard work and calm, positive leadership.

Don't forget these following dates:

10/9/2016: Br. 40's Anniversary Dinner at Fratellanza Club, Oakland

10/23/2016: Br. 91's Anniversary Dinner - St. Lawrence O'Toole

Weather permitting, bocce ball will continue to be played on the 3rd Sunday of October at the track of Our Lady of Guadalupe Grammar School. Players gather at 2:30 p.m. and play begins at 3:00 p.m. Please call Jack Navarra if you plan on playing bocce. He can be reached at (510) 656-0258.

The last Mass for Deceased Members of Branch 215 falls on 11/13/2016. This happens to be the Feast Day of St. Frances Cabrini, one of the patron saints of the ICF. President Fran asks all members to join her at Corpus Christi Church, Niles District/Fremont at the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Father David would love to meet more of the members of Branch 215 and this is the perfect opportunity to make the branch even better known to Corpus Christi Parishioners.

Last, but not least, congratulations to all members with October birthdays or anniversaries. Also, keep in your prayers the men and women of our armed forces.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Fran LaTorre*



(Above) Branch 13 officers, Tom, Paul, Rosemary, and Mary Cook celebrate at the convention in Fresno that Paul was selected as the ICF 2016 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient. Also, kudos are in order for both Rosemary and Paul having received ICF 4th year and 2nd year scholarships, respectively!

(Right) 2016 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient Paul Cook from Br. 13.

## Livermore

### St. Filomena, Br. 285

In July, with our thanks again to Joe Buonsante, we had our bocce ball tournament and pizza lunch. It's an Italian form of exercise, bocce - wine - pizza. The rest of the summer was lazy, lingering days - a quiet time for Branch 285. For some members, it's a time for wandering. Others love that summer means each day has more light to read by. But the end of summer was signaled by our annual picnic. This year, Sheila Selover and Bob Butler hosted our event at Bob's home in Pleasanton. Salute and grazie mille Sheila and Bob.

We've added three new members to the Branch 285 family, Joy Furtado, and Julie and Norman Risorto. New members bring new ideas, the lifeblood of ICF so thank you Joy, Julie, and Norman.

The fall signals a new start to our regular monthly meetings and presentations. For lovers of the history of Route 66, John Deus of the Stockton Coldani family, made a presentation about his Route 66 motorcycle trip from Chicago to Santa Monica, the terminus of Route 66. John, his brother, and two Harley mates made the 2,000 mile trip. It was a fascinating journey with the "Over the Hill Gang." We did "Get our kicks on Route 66" vicariously with John.

We were again happy to support our churches with their fund raisers. In late September, we had our annual ICF Branch 285 coffee and desert booth at St. Augustine's Church picnic. In early October we had our ICF 285 Pizza Stand at St. Michael's Church festival. Our thanks to our sponsor, the Pizza Guys of Livermore. All proceeds go to the church ministries.

For almost four years now, Marco Del Viscio has been a member of Branch 285. Marco is from Milano and here on job assignment. He has been a great help at our events and a personal help to me as a much appreciated second bartender at events. Everyone at Branch 285 thanks Marco not only for his helpfulness, but for his warm Italian amicability. Hopefully, he will be with us for another year.

Come join us for our events or meetings - together we are the Italian Catholic Federation family.

*Ciao, a presto.*

*Chuck Meier*

## Castro Valley

### Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Just getting back from a very inspiring



convention, many of us are full of energy that we can funnel into work for and with our branch. As we learned at the convention, there is still a need to bring in new members and share branch responsibilities with them. We had our first chance to do this with the OLG fall festival, the next chance will be with election of officers. Time to do self-survey; what am I interested in doing, what talents do I have, where can I find out more about these things? Remember, mentoring is part of learning new things about the ICF. There is one phrase that Reverend Monsignor Harrison shared with us that is important for all to remember, JOY, meaning Jesus, others then you.

Time to congratulate Lisa Crudo on being re-elected to the Central Council, way to go girl!

We were so blessed to be at the convention in this year of Mercy when Mother Teresa became Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

All was not work and no play, there was fun to be had from Thursday night at the Races, Friday's opening Aloha party through Sunday's retro prom. There were many old friends to see and new friends to meet. Plan now for next year in Sacramento!

Hope all who attended had a fun day at our district picnic, thank you, the DeNurra family.

Remember, we are one of the oldest districts in the ICF and will celebrate our 80th anniversary with dinner at the Aqua e' Farina on Oct. 14th. Let's have another fun filled evening.

Peering into the future, after elections in Oct., we will be looking for all you super bakers to help make our Bake sale in Nov. a real success.

*Meanwhile, Happy Halloween to all,*

*Pat Grasso, Branch Secretary*

## Contra Costa

### District Council

The Contra Costa District has not met for a few months, and our main focus at that time

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Branch 14, Crockett Delegates at Fresno Convention enjoy a night out.



Congrats to the 1st and 2nd place bocce winners of Crockett branch #14 tournament. Everyone had a great time.



Fun day at the Crockett Branch 14.

was the convention. Roselynn Jarrett did an excellent job in handling the many tasks that made it so successful.

Our District Night of Recollection will be Wed. November 16th. Just a reminder to put that date on your calendar. We will give further details.

Contra Costa District will be meeting at St. Isidore Danville October 27, 2016

As a faithful ICF member we need only to do justice, and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. We all deserve a pat on the back for our efforts.

**Martinez**

**San Martino Br. 13**

Branch 13 officers, Tom, Paul, Rosemary, and Mary Cook celebrate at the convention in Fresno that Paul was selected as the ICF 2016 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient. Also, kudos are in order for both Rosemary and Paul having received ICF 4th year and 2nd year scholarships, respectively!

Tickets are now on sale for Branch #13's Annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday, October 22, 2016, 6 PM No Host Cocktails, 7 PM dinner of chicken, sausage, and polenta at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, (enter hall on Henrietta Street) \$20 per person, \$8 for children 6 to 12 years old, and FREE for children under 6 years old accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets available by calling 925-229-2665. Raffle prizes and donations requested and accepted at any time. St. Catherine has a 4:30 PM Saturday Mass, so, you can attend Mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday! Hope to see you there.

*Ciao from Martinez,*

*Roberto*

**Crockett**

**San Carlo, Br. 14**

Our Branch picnic was truly lots of fun. Good food (of course!), good friends, and a friendly, competitive bocce tournament! Special thanks to Rich Del Agostino for doing a great job barbequing all those hot dogs and to John Valentini (aka Val or Johnny V) for organizing and supervising the tournament.

October. Already! October brings thoughts of crisp autumn days and nights, and for foodies, the October 22nd Polenta Dinner. Always a sellout, and always a fun, social evening.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Our regular meeting is on Tuesday, October 11th, although it is anything but regular, because it's the night we are encouraged to dress in costume. Be prepared to meet strange-looking, fun-loving members. You can come as yourself, too, but you won't be eligible to receive a Best Halloween Costume prize or have your picture in the November Bollettino.

Doesn't a Taco Bar sound perfect for dinner at our October meeting? And the cost is only \$5.00! Mass is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and the meeting is at 7:30. We will elect new officers at the meeting. Give some thought to running for an office; it doesn't require much time and is a rewarding experience.

If you would like to help those less fortunate, please bring canned goods to the October meeting for the Food Drive. Happiness comes from helping others.

Circle November 8th. Enjoy a complete turkey dinner at our regular meeting.

Long, chilly winter days and nights will soon arrive, so take the time now to enjoy the brilliant colors of autumn, and throughout all the seasons, remember to keep a song in your heart and in your soul.

*Ciao,*

*Diane Bottini Thomas*

**Pittsburg**

**San Domenico, Br. 72**

Another ICF Convention is history. I represented Branch 72 at the convention held in Fresno over the Labor Day weekend. Roselynn was the convention director and did an excellent job. A big thanks goes out to her and to her committee as well. I would also like to thank the Fresno District for the fun filled Thurs. night welcome dinner and for the other things that they did. Helen was branch 72 alternate and took the train to Fresno with me and took part in the many festivities. I will give a report at our meeting.

On Sept 10th we had our annual bus trip to Monterey for the Italian festival and the Santa Rosalia parade. Once again Joann was chairperson and did a great job. Joann makes it seem easy. It is not! A lot of planning goes into the bus trip. We would also like to thank the members of the Brentwood and Pleasant Hill branches who joined us. Everyone had a great time.

On Sept. 18 th we joined the Contra Costa District at the Communion Breakfast. Mass was celebrated at St. Catherine's in Martinez. Breakfast followed in the parish hall. We thank chairperson Walter Costa and all those who attended.

Save the date of Wed. November 16. We will join the District for the Night of Recollection. I will mail details soon.

No meeting in Sept. Watch for your newsletter with the date of our October meeting, election of 2017 officers and Halloween party.

Happy Birthday to all members born in October. Helen will celebrate her 50 th birthday on October 25.

See you all soon.

*Sempre Avanti,*

*Patty*

**Richmond**

**St. Raymond, Br. 154**

Alicia Treviño and Lorraine Acuña were our delegates to the Fresno convention Sept 01-05 2016, the theme was, "CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL." All who attended the convention brought back reports of a most interesting time. Workshops were informative; the resolutions debated, passed or nixed the banquets delicious. We look

forward to next year: Sacramento.

A big Thank You to May Barbano, who is our Heritage chairperson, St. Raymond branch received an honorable mention certificate for our participation in the heritage program. Good job, May!!

The district communion breakfast was announced for September 18, 2016 at 10:30 am at St. Catherine's in Martinez.

To date we have several people signed up to attend the Polenta dinner on October 15, 2016 at St. Jerome's Hall. Please get your reservations in soon. The phone number is 510-472-9646. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A NEW NUMBER TO CALL.

On the agenda for November is the Mass for deceased members, November 14th, 2016

Pasta dinner of soup and salad to follow, Cost is \$8.00 Call Tony Reeder for reservations, 510-472-9646.

Calendars are here and for sale. Please see Dee Yonke to place your order, who knows you might win!

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*Lorraine*

**Danville**

**San Isidore, Br. 352**

Another of our first-year scholarship awards was presented at our August meeting. Recipient Nicolas Magagnini and his parents joined us at our monthly dinner meeting, and, in addition to pasta & meatballs, were treated to our infamous Branch hospitality. All the best at the University of Oregon, Nicolas!

Our September Picnic & Bocce Ball Tournament social was a huge hit! Good food, good company, good wine, good weather & some very enthusiastic bocce players made for a great day of camaraderie on the courts. A special thank you to Cathy & John Kedzie who brought 16 of their closest friends with them! What a fun time! We might have a few new members in that group. Did I hear someone say, "let's make this an annual event?" I think it was the "east coast" transplants.

Next, it's on to our Fall Harvest Dinner! Join us on Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Isidore's Monsignor Cardelli's Center Gym. Chef Angelo, and his kitchen apprentices, will be whipping up his special chicken & polenta menu for the crowd. Cocktails begin at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. This is one of our major fundraisers, so be ready to compete for raffle





Members of Branch 352 enjoying a friendly Bocce Tournament.

& auction items! Get your tickets early – and if it’s anything like the Bocce/Picnic turnout, be ready to enjoy a wonderful evening! Contact Marianne Bordogna at [marbo2000@yahoo.com](mailto:marbo2000@yahoo.com) for more information.

Ciao

Branch 352

**Brentwood**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Br. 432**

It’s that time of year when all of Branch 432’s efforts are being put into the preparation for the FESTA d’ ITALIA, the annual car show and pasta feed. The date is September 26th. It will be held in the IHM Community Center and parking lot. The time is 6-9 PM and the cost is \$15.

This year will be the seventh year of the FESTA. Each year it grows, in both, popularity and revenue. It helps underwrite much of the money the Branch donates to its various charities. None of this would be possible without the time and effort of the many Branch members who contribute to its success. One of those contributors of their time and effort is Anita Camera.

Anita, with her husband, Ed, joined Branch 432 eight years ago with the thought of making new friends and putting their talents to work for the benefit of others. Not only did they accomplish that but they helped set the tone for the continued success of the Branch. In her eight years as a member Anita has served on the Board three times, been secretary twice and First Vice President. Although all of the positions have been fulfilling and rewarding nothing has been more satisfying than the success of the FESTA d’ ITALIA. The inaugural of the event was in Anita’s second year. Since then all of her efforts have gone into making the FESTA more successful than the previous year.

Thank you Anita and Ed, God Bless you both



Anita Camera from Branch 432, proving that the beat goes on.

for the selfless giving of yourselves to the ICF. Nothing can make you a failure without your consent. Nothing can make you a success without your hard work.

*la vita è buona*

**Pleasant Hill**

**Christ the King, Br. 442**

The early evening weather was warm on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>. A perfect time to gather after 6pm mass at Christ the King Church and mingle with our Church community. Branch 442 hosted a wine and appetizer event for the parish. To drink, we provided some tasty Italian red and white wines, Italian sodas and iced bottled water. Juliette led a team of volunteers to shop and prepare large platters of cold cuts, cheese and fruit. The parish community lingered after mass, nibbling on the Italian delicacies and sipping the wonderful drinks; the air was filled with laughter and even some Italian song (thanks Tony!)

What could ever top such a nice summer evening? Well, I will tell you, the next morning ICF Branch 442 followed up with a coffee and biscotti event after the 9am service. Homemade biscotti cookies, hot Peet’s Coffee, along with ice water and juice. Again the parish community took advantage of the time to taste the wonderful cookies and mingle a little longer with each other before the day ahead. It was truly a great weekend of fellowship. Thanks to all who helped and attended!

The Branch 442 Convention team all had such a wonderful time at convention!! They really enjoyed all the people they met, all the activities, worship, dinners, meetings. Plus, they learned so much about Cooley’s Anemia and got some great ideas to bring to our chapter. Congratulations to Branch 442 Bocce Team (Juliette, Ann, Diana and Joan) who won the Bocce Ball tournament and were



Branch 442 hosted a wine and appetizer mingler for its parish.



undefeated at the Convention!!!

*Scenes of ICF brought to you by:*

*Paul M. Nuti*

*Past President Branch 442, 2013-15*

forward to installation of officers upcoming and then the holidays!

*Ciao,*

*Miranda*

**Orange**

**Irvine**

**St. Thomas More, Br. 423**

August saw our annual branch picnic take place. Plenty of great food was provided by the members to go alongside the hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the branch. Our annual bocce ball tournament was once again a smashing success as Frank Giannantonio and his partner Darren came away with the championship. We held a sausage and meatball sandwich sale in mid September, always a big hit with the parish. Looking

**Sacramento**

**Sacramento**

**St. Mary, Br. 45**

Our Branch put on a Monte Carlo Night Dinner on September 11<sup>th</sup>! It included a Pasta Dinner, Games and Opportunity Drawing!

We also participated in the Mangiamo Dinner at St. Clare Church on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Joining with the Blessed Sacrament District of the ICF in support of future Priests. Proceeds for this event support our Seminarian Fund. St. Mary’s Branch 45 provided Salad and Bread





Congratulations to Branch 442 Bocce Team (Juliette, Ann, Diana and Joan) who won the Bocce Ball tournament and were undefeated at the Convention!!!

for the event.

We have a new member join Branch 45, Mario Mandy! Plus transfer members from Branch 419, Paul Rossotti, Randy Taylor and Ann Zacharias! Benvenuto to Branch 45!!

Janine Orsi and Maria Keller attended the ICF 2016 Convention in Fresno.

Bonnie Lally won a cash prize in the July calendar raffle! Congratulations!

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Leda Costamagna who passed away August 27<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92. Leda was a Branch member for 25 years and was an integral part of our events, always bringing a large group along with her. She will be greatly missed.

Upcoming events include Chicken and Polenta Dinner at St. Mary's Giovanni Hall on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Save the Date! This will be our election of officers meeting for 2017!

Our Christmas lunch will be held at Espanol Restaurant on December 11, 2016, for Branch 45 members.

Belated September birthdays! Buon compleanno to Ivana Berton, Elaine Savarino Myers, Desmond Dumonchelle, Rev. Francis Quinn, Bonne Lally, and Adele Viglione!

Buon compleanno to our October members! Lisa Morrison, Gail Davis, May Perri, Daniel Mazza, Kimberly Ebert, Faye Petrocchi, and Giuseppe Scimeni.

Ciao!

**Roseville**

**San Vito, Br. 73**

Plan to set aside the evening of 12 November for attending Branch 73's polenta/chicken dinner. Also on the menu are salad, roll, and dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children six to twelve, and at no cost for those younger. These are available through 5 November from Giuseppina Novi (783-3816), Rosemarie Presti (791-1726), and Arlene Roe (782-3073). Members are asked to bring a prize for the raffle, but these should

not include any alcoholic beverages. If these are included, the organization must obtain a license four times more costly than the one needed to have a bar.

Branch 73 was involved in the Mangiamo Italiano dinner sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament District at St. Clare 16 September. Tony Barsotti was the cook, and Bruno Novi was in charge of the bar. At least fifteen who attended obtained tickets through Branch 73.

In the months of September and October, we especially extend buon compleanno to our four nonagerians, Violet Carter, Aldo Frediani, Rosina Genessi, and Vadon Ross. A voi quattro auguri di ogni bene e la speranza che arrivate a cento anni.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti gli altri soci della sezione 73 nati nel mese di ottobre.

*Robert Delpippo*

**Auburn**

**St. Joseph, Br. 342**

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, our Branch came together with many community members to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of our now retired chaplain, Fr. Brennan. Although retired, Father still attends and supports many branch events and we thought it was very appropriate to honor a very special man. He has been with us since our branch was started and we were so glad to be able to bring over 200 guests together on this wonderful afternoon. Thank you to all who attended and helped to plan this special day.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, our branch will be hosting a luncheon at the Elk's Lodge featuring Laurice Levine who will be speaking on the subject of Cooley's Anemia. This is our ICF National Charity and we hope that all of you will be able to join us in supporting Laurice as she shares her journey with this disease, medical advances that have been made, and how the ICF provides support. Please be watching your email for more info on this event.

Ciao!

*Pam Andersen*



Branch 342 wishes a Happy Birthday to Fr. Brennan! And Board Members present Father Brennan with a card and gift.



**Roseville**

**St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438**

Our members and St. Clare parishioners got down and Rocked and Rolled at our Sock Hop in Aug. We served delicious hamburgers, french fries and large onion rings. Our soda jerks served yummy root beer floats. So many people dressed in the 50's attire as they danced the night away with D.J. Mike Leahy. When you hear the retro music it makes you go back in time remembering the good old days. It was so nostalgic to see all the decorations through out the room. I was the chair lady for this event. I enjoyed putting this event together. It turned out to be a fun and very successful night. I would like to once again thank all the members that helped decorate and the kitchen crew. Oh yes thank you knights for tending the bar. And last but not least a big thank you to Frank Ducato and Judy Del Grande. It would be fun if we did the 60's and 70's. Stay tuned.

We had a lot of activities for the month of Sept. The Ministry Fair, the Giants and Cardinals Game, and the Mangiamo Dinner. I will be giving you the highlights in the next Bollettino.

Please remember all of our sick members in your prayers. David Brill it's good to see you



Branch 438 -- Michael and Sandra enjoying the Sock Hop.

on the mend.

*Your Reporter,*

*Yvonne Perry*

**San Diego**

**San Diego**

**St. Therese, Br. 261**

We recently lost a charter member of our Branch – Dr John Gagliani...John suffered from alzheimers and died at 90 years of age..

John was born in Lucca, Italy.. Attended the University of Pisa obtaining a PHD in Chemistry.. He moved to NYC where he attended NYU... He also worked at the then



Branch 438 -- The girls having fun at the Sock Hop.





Branch 438 The Cirimele's doing soda jerk duties.

famous Mama Leone's Italian Restaurant – washing dishes...

He devoted most of his working life to NASA doing pioneering work in the areas of plastic heat shielding and fire insulation.. He received over 60 patents in these fields...John was inducted into the NASA Hall of Fame and his name appears in the Who's Who of American Science...

John was a Bocce player.. We suggested that he write a set of Bocce Rules for our ICF... His one page of rules have been in use for over forty years...

John's avocation was the derivation of American words... I can still hear him calling me – "Veek" – ( for Vic)...to diagnose a word....

John leaves an adoring wife – Pia – and three adult children...

RIP John... You were a great American! Dio ti benedica!!

*Vic Tallarida*

# San Francisco

San Francisco

**Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1**

Dear Members,

Please note these upcoming events ;

Oct 23 Branch Mass ICC 10:30am

Nov 2 Spuntino and Raffle 6:30pm Cash

San Francisco

**Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38**

Our August meeting was very enjoyable. Our Scholarship recipient Robert Matos and his parents, Joe and Linda attended our meeting. Robert addressed us and spoke about his interest in Theatre Production, which will be his major in college. He will first attend College of Marin and then transfer to a college specializing in Theatre. He's already experienced putting on a production in high school where he produced, directed, and even had a small part in. Robert sounded so enthusiastic and excited to begin his career! In his thank you note, to our branch, Robert said, "Stay tuned to one day see my name on Broadway in NYC!" Robert, we're SURE one day we'll see your name in lights...keep up the good work...we'll always be watching for your success..."ROBERT MATOS!"

We are so sorry Rose Mangini could not make



An old photo from Branch 261 with Dr. John Gagliani.

the trip to this year's Convention in Fresno as she had hoped. She injured her back severely. Rose was so looking forward to attend and had already made all her plans. We're looking forward to George Pagni, our district deputy, who will be at our September meeting, to give us all the Convention news! I understand George visited the "Underground Garden" in Fresno, a tourist attraction that Maria Gloria had highly recommended at our last meeting. We are anxious to hear all about his visit. At our last meeting, George gave some very good advice "Sempre Avanti...Forward!"

Fr. Al Mengon...you have been amazing! Because of your Saturday wedding

responsibilities you keep popping in and out of our meetings. We wonder if you know if you're "coming or going!" We appreciate what you do. You are a very caring Chaplin!

REMINDER: Our October 15 meeting will take place on the third Saturday of the month (due to the Columbus celebration at SSPP Church). "TRICK OR TREAT" is our luncheon theme. It will be a SURPRISE, and the luncheon is FREE to our members!

Ciao.....Ci Vediamo il 15 di Ottobre at 12:00 Noon!

*Mara Amato*

San Francisco

**St. Elizabeth, Br. 258**

On Friday, September 9th, we had our 45th Anniversary luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. We all enjoyed the delicious food and visiting with great friends.

On Monday, October 17th, we have a trip planned to Cache Creek Casino. Good luck to all.

On November 18th, we will go on a tour of K.Q.E.D. We will have lunch at the Frattellanza Club in Oakland. We are looking forward to this trip.

We all enjoyed our cruise to Canada and New England on the Celebrity Ship.

For all our September and October Birthday celebrates, we wish you Joy and Happiness on your Birthday and throughout the year ahead.

Please remember our ill and deceased

members in your prayers.

Please remember these dates:

September 23rd: Mass

September 24th: Meeting

Ciao:

*Eva Perata, President*

San Francisco

**St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

In the last Bollettino report I neglected to mention that Regina Irwin would also be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She had a wonderful party with over 70 guests celebrating with her. Joe and I were among those guests and I must say that it was an honor and a great pleasure to be there.

Congratulations and blessings to Carol, Joe and Regina, Branch 365's Nonagenarians. You make us proud.

Last month's Saturday meeting was cancelled because there would be very few members in attendance.

Dates to remember,

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - Election of officers

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Plan branch calendar for 2017.

December Christmas party.

*God Bless,*

*Ann Basuino*

San Mateo

Burlingame

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

For those of us who attended the Convention we had a great time and there were many fun events planned along with the meetings.

Sunday's Mass was beautiful with many visiting priests and the Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno. Most Reverend Armando Xavier Ochoa D.D. The weather really cooperated as it was not the usual high temperature.

Autumn will be here on the 22nd of September and we have a full house of events planned for the rest of the year.

10-13-16 OLA. Branch Meeting 6:30P.M. -- "Make your own sandwich" and election of Officers. (flyer to be sent)

Dates to Remember:

10-15-16 Semi Annual District Mass; All Souls Church S.S.F 5:15 P.M. Refreshments to follow

11-4-16 Chaplains Night Basque Center in South San Francisco. Branch 7

11-15 Branch 173 OLA Anniversary Dinner Basque Center - S.S.F.

11-19-16 Branch 173 Pedro Tournament

Please keep Father Frank Murray, Marc Teglia and Family, Lorraine Rollandi and all of our branch members who are in need of our prayers.

*God bless,*

*Rosalind C. Emery*

South San Francisco

**St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Thanks to all the ICF 2016 Convention Committee members who put together an enjoyable Fresno Convention. Out Branch delegates enjoyed the work shops, activities, parties and dinners. It was fun visiting with branch representative, meeting new members and Council Officers. Our President, Barbara Gabriel has lots to share with our local branch members about updated committee information and ideas on how to help expand our membership.

Our September meeting agenda will include a discussion on our Branch 2017 activities. You are encouraged to bring new ideas to this meeting to discuss what you would like to see happen this coming year. Consider attending next years convention in Sacramento. It's an opportunity to see all that the Federation is doing throughout the state, what other branches and districts are doing - And to do the CHICKEN DANCE!

Jackie and Joyce are happy to see the interest in our Fund raising event - Day at the Races- October 20th. Don't forget to send in your money for your tickets. The deadline for ticket purchase is October 8th. Remember, this is your opportunity to support our Branch activity. We need to work together to help us grow and stay strong.

Happy Birthday to our October members and Well wishes to everyone.

*Joyce*

San Carlos

**St. Charles, Br. 327**

Aloha! Having just returned from the ICF Convention in Fresno, I just want to say that as a non-delegate I thought that the Convention was wonderful. I attended a couple of the workshops and they were very informative, well-done and interesting. The Masses and singing were beautiful and up-lifting. A week-

*Valente Marini Perata*  
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Branch 327 President Tom Malaspina at Fresno Convention accepting Honorable Mention award for Apostolate and Charity service.

end well spent.

During the awards program, Tom Malaspina accepted on behalf of our branch, a Certificate of Honorable Mention in recognition of our branch performing outstanding Apostolate and Charity service. We achieved 2nd place - branches with 51-100 members.

Our August branch meeting was well attended. A lasagna dinner was prepared by Carmel Dufault and Virginia Malaspina. And for dessert we served an Italian Rum cake in honor of Beverly Andreozzi, a Charter member of our branch who was moving to Prescott, AZ to be closer to her immediate family.

Save the dates:

Saturday, October 15 - Semi-Annual District Mass, 5:15pm, All Souls Church, 479 Miller Avenue, SSF. Refreshments to follow. Hosted by Branch 7

Thursday, October 20 – Day at the Races – Hosted by Branch 213 – Golden Gate Fields, includes Prime Rib Dinner, parking and racing program. \$55. per person. Joyce James 703-3609 or Jackie 992-3505 for more information

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – Mass/Installation of 2017 officers and lunch. More information to follow.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

### Millbrae

#### St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our representative to the ICF Convention, Carolyn Cannizzaro, reports that she thoroughly enjoyed the Convention, the meetings were interesting, and she was very enlightened by the beautiful Masses. There were plenty of activities, and she met wonderful ICF members from all parts of California.

Our recent fundraiser Polenta Dinner was a success. Chairman, Eunice Danli reports that we had over 60 in attendance, and the meal prepared by Lorrie Kalos Gun and her kitchen crew was delicious. The raffle, headed by Paul Larson, was also very profitable, thanks to the generous donations by our ICF members.

At our next meeting on October 4, we will have a KFC dinner preceding the meeting. For reservations, please send your check, \$10 per person, payable to ICF#403, to Rose Marie Morando, 706 Clearfield Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030, by September 29, 2016.

Rose Marie Morando

## Marin

### Larkspur

#### St. James, Br. 161

Our President Marlene Farber attended the Convention over Labor Day weekend. She will report on it at our next meeting.

Marlene Farber has thirty-five 2017 calendars. They make great gifts for hospitality, birthday or Christmas. Daily raffle winners range from \$30 to \$100, it is quite a bargain for \$25 and the branch gets to keep \$5 for each calendar. Call Marlene Farber if you would like to buy one.

Our next meeting will be October 18 in which we will have Nominations of Officers. Our deepest condolences to the family of Bettina Strongoli, Lee Ceccotti and Elinor Franchetti who recently passed away. They were all longtime members of our branch. They will be missed.

Our get well wishes to everyone who isn't feeling well.

See you at the October 18 meeting.

Happy Halloween!

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

## San Jose

### Santa Clara Valley

#### District Council

Thank you Janet Glaubke & committee for hosting the district meeting and serving refreshments including Rice Pudding. District President Denise Antonowicz, acknowledged guests and dignitaries and thanked Branch 5 for their hospitality. Each branch reported their delegate counts and named delegates that will be attending the convention.

Denise reminded branch presidents that the host branch should choose a pre-meeting restaurant, provide for light refreshments in addition to a having someone give a heritage talk. Denise added that the ambiance at the pre-meeting dinner was special to this district and cited Marie Rose as initiating the practice.

Bob Basuino thanked Marie Greco for the beautiful district mass honoring Our Blessed Mother with flowers. Marie reminded everyone that the statue used was loaned from Michelle Antonowicz who had rescued it while in LA.

Denise thanked Mike Rossi and Anne Ferrari for their work on branch expansion program. There were five new branches established this year with 350 new members as of last convention count. Pat Cordich regretfully reported that the District Golf tournament had to be cancelled and suggested that branches could still give scholarship donations for a "No-Golf" Golf Tournament.

Br. 184 will have a float in the September 10 Santa Rosalia Parade in Monterey. Marie Antonowicz says the "Chicken" may also make an appearance. Eileen asked members for stories related to organ donor program.

Mike Nunziata

### San Jose

#### Holy Cross, Br. 4

It's hard to believe Summer is just about gone. Hope you all had a great one!

Congratulations to all of the Officers elected to Central Council at Convention. You all know the Branches look to you for guidance and leadership!

Oct 5- Dinner Meeting Sausage & Pepper sandwiches. Nomination and Election of officers

Nov 2- Fundraiser: Polenta, meat sauce, with our Famous Salad Bar. Wine, soda and coffee are included.

Get your family and friends together so we can make this a big success! All proceeds from this function go to Our Parish. \$ 20.00 for adults

This is the time to bring new toys, books, gift cards for Children's Hospital. The Children are always Very grateful and always happy with their gifts. There will be more on this later.

Dec 7- Branch Christmas Party- More details later

To All our Sick Members, you are always in our prayers. May each day be better than the day before.

To all of our members, remember, a card or phone call can make the day of a sick person.

"Memories shared by friends are a blessing of the heart"

Ann Fitzgerald

### Santa Clara

#### N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Good news everyone. Recently, three new members were added to Br. 5's membership. Please make an effort to get to know them and make them feel very welcome.

Br. 5 Board Officers will continue in their positions for the year 2017. They were re-elected at the August meeting by the membership. Keep Br. 5 strong and in good standing by renewing your membership when you receive your letter for 2017.

Airline chicken with red roasted potatoes will be served to all, at the October 27, 2016 dinner/meeting. Cost: \$10.00. Call Bea Cunha for reservations.

Bishop's Day Mass is scheduled for October 16, 2016 at Church of the Resurrection on Hollenbeck in Sunnyvale at 11:30AM. All are welcome.

Upcoming events: Dinner/Meeting – November 17, 2016; Christmas Potluck with Knights of Columbus – Date to be announced.

A dinner/dance, on January 14, 2017, complete with entertainment, provided by a well-known group who performs in the style of the Andrew Sisters, is not an evening you will want to miss. Information will be out soon.

God bless you all and ciao.

Marlene J. Rotolo

### Gilroy

#### Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Convention news: Andy Pappani was elected as First Vice President of the Central Council. Branch won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for Heritage, and an honorable mention for Apostolic and Charity.

Upcoming events: October 16, Bishop's Day Church of the Resurrection, Sunnyvale. Mass at 11:30 am followed by luncheon at Mariani's in Santa Clara. If interested in attending call Gennaro Filice.

October 17: regular dinner meeting 6 pm Cullen Hall.

October 23: quarterly mass Sunday 11 am.

November 6: Scholarship breakfast and bake sale.

November 14: regular dinner meeting, the board cooks our thanksgiving meal, 6 pm Cullen Hall.

Please do your best to attend our breakfast. Bring your friends and family for a great breakfast of eggs, sausage, and pancakes and

all the trimmings. We also need baked good for our sale, so get out your best recipes and remember nothing that needs refrigeration. We give out a total of 5 scholarships per year, so support our efforts to give these students from high school or St. Mary schools a hand up. If you can help set up the hall or serve, contact a board member.

Calendars for 2017 are now on sale.

Happy Halloween, All Saint's Day and remember our loved ones on All Souls Day.

Ciao,

Anna Barberi

### Los Gatos

#### St. Mary, Br. 184

Polenta with chicken sauce will be served on Oct. 29 at St. Mary's ICF Dinner Dance, "Bewitched." No host cocktails start at 6 P.M. with dinner served at 7 P.M. The music of Reno Di Bono will be played for your dancing pleasure from 8 to 10 P.M. Please join us, if you dare..... Call Donna at 408 265 7902 or Denise at 408 356 2543 with any questions.

There will be a Pilgrimage at St. Frances Cabrini on Nov. 13. Procession will start at 10:45 A.M. in the parking lot, then we will enter the Church for Mass at 11:30. Lunch and fellowship will follow. Please join us for this iconic celebration of St. Frances Cabrini. St. Frances came to the U.S. from Italy in 1889 to work among the Italian Immigrants of New York. She became the first American citizen to be canonized and was made a saint by Pope Pius XII. She is the Patron Saint of immigrants.

President Denise Antonowicz suggests having dinner together before each meeting. Sept. 8 was a potluck. You'll get an email with info for the Oct. 13 meeting.

Delegates Marie and Michelle Antonowicz returned enthusiastically from the Convention in Fresno. They proudly announced that our branch was awarded honors in two areas, "Apostolic and Charity", as well as "Heritage". We are in the category of 51 to 100 members, but we make ourselves known.

Keep the victims of the recent earthquake in our beloved homeland in your prayers. They suffered greatly.

Sincerely,

Lucy Amico

### San Jose

#### St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

By the time you receive this article, the Santa Clara District BBQ and Mass will be history, our winners at our annual "Day of the Races" will have deposited their winnings in the bank, the Convention will be over and our Delegates are back, are inspired and looking forward to next year.

Our next fundraiser will be our October Fall Dance. Debbi Pero is in charge and she and her committee came up with a great theme; "Halloween", with costumes, plenty of ghosts and goblins, a pumpkin carving contest and great decorations. Date, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Essig Hall.

Also on October 16th, please attend Bishop's Day. See Denise Antonowicz for details.

Please mark your Calendars for Saint Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage on November 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San Jose. Everyone is welcome. We start our procession at 10:45 AM, saying the Rosary, attending Mass at 11:30 AM and having lunch in Essig Hall after Mass. This is an important way to honor our Patron Saint on her Feast Day. God Bless you all.

Jim Jones





Branch 408's Pat Look at the membership table during the June Blood Drive.

### San Jose

#### Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Hip, hip, hooray! The city of San Jose has finally stamped all the inspection papers approved for our new hall. It's been a long time coming. We got to have our September meeting in the hall for the first time. Hip, hip, hooray! The hall is beautiful!

Our thanks go to Ed and Jane Wendler, Marcello and Mary Ridi, and Mary's mother Rose Traina for their wonderful back-to-school themed pot luck dinner. At our meetings we eat really well!

We found the Convention reports of our delegates Mike Nunziata, Robyn Schlice, and alternate Joyce Robba to be informative and entertaining. Of her first ICF Convention Robyn said she had a great time. Unfortunately, Mike got sick and couldn't attend all the festivities so Joyce Robba had to take over for him.

We join branch member Noellia Chiono in mourning the loss of her husband, Ernesto (Ernie Chiono), whose funeral was on August 9 at Santa Teresa. He was a fine man and a vet from the war in Vietnam.

We are praying for several members of our branch who are having health problems. It is so hard to see our friends struggling physically. We love them all.

It is time to thank Barbara Ruffner for being our treasurer for seven years. She is frequently the last officer to finish her work after our meetings. Thank you so much, Barbara! You are a gem!

*Blessings on all.*

### Sunnyvale

#### Resurrection, Br. 408

We welcome Fr. Noel Sanvincente to our Parish. May God Bless him and Keep him.

ICF Br. 408 will helping with the Installation Mass and Reception of Fr. Noel as Pastor

at the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday 22 October. Please consider volunteering or making a donation to support this event. See Patricia Look for Food Service Volunteering Sign-ups. We are expecting more than 500 attendees for this function.

This Installation Mass will be held just a few days after ICF SCVD hosts Bishop McGrath at the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass on the 16th of October for the SCVD 2016 Bishops' Day. The 11:30 AM Mass will be followed by a very nice Italian Buffet Luncheon at Miriani's in Santa Clara on Sunday October 16th.

Our July Blood Drive was held on a Sunday and was a big success! Thank you for your Prayers and Support. We look forward to our next Mobile Blood Drive on Saturday 1 October. Please Pray for donors.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for John Parker's wife Barbara, Betty DeVille, Donna DeFrancisci, Paul Blefari, and Edith Novak.

### Morgan Hill

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

Our branch was so fortunate to have our July dinner at George Guglielmo's Winery. The food could not have been any better. We enjoyed a spectacular meal of delicious barbeque steak, salad, corn on the cob and yummy Tiramisu. We had the opportunity to purchase wine, soda or water which added to the ambiance of the evening.

The weather was perfect and an enjoyable, memorable evening was enjoyed by all. George, thanks so much for all the effort and time you put into this event. Gratia!

For our August dinner we were treated to a wonderful meal of Eggplant Involtini, along with home grown tomatoes sliced to perfection, green beans and an assortment of desserts donated by some of our members.

On August 28th, our parish St. Catherine's hosted a ministry of all our different organizations. It was very interesting and we had a great turnout.

There was food, prizes, drinks and great hospitality. I helped for a few hours, but Giulia put in many hours to represent our Branch. Thanks, Giulia.

*Good health and peace to all.*

*Donna Basilin*

### San Jose

#### Transfiguration, Br. 445

President Donna Pfaff reported that the Convention in Fresno was a huge success, both highly informative and inspirational.

The branch is co-sponsoring Oktoberfest, its first fundraising event.

"Welcome to the Beer Garden" will be held at Transfiguration church, Saturday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. Dinner menu includes German sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, red cabbage and dessert. \$25 for adults, \$12 for children under 12. For tickets or more information, call Donna Pfaff 408-265-7902. All are welcomed.

*Richard Pfaff*

## Santa Rosa

### Napa

#### San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our Branch will hold its Quarterly Mass and Meal the end of September. Eight members will be attending Bishop's Day at St. Eugene's Sunday, September 18.

Our delegates really enjoyed the Convention in Fresno. There was a lot of good information given at the workshops to bring back to our Branches.

Our next meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Ciao,*

*Juliann*

### Healdsburg

#### San Francesco di Sales, Br. 52

Wishing you a happy Autumn! Our delegates enjoyed the annual convention in Fresno and they presented their reports at our September 13<sup>th</sup> Harvest Potluck meeting. It was a true potluck, and we shared good food, conversation and conviviality. Thank you to the Central Council members and ICF office staff for coordinating an excellent convention. The workshops and meetings were all informative, and the award winners were inspiring. Congratulations to three of our Branch



Branch 103 Cooking team Diane Klauber and Anna Montez.

members who were recently recognized for their civic volunteer work in Healdsburg and beyond: Nancy and Karl Seppi were presented with the Healdsburg Museum's Pioneer Award for their contributions to the community at large. Mel Amato was recognized at a ribbon-cutting for his work in saving our historic Memorial Bridge. Upcoming events: October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. is our Golf Tournament at Tayman Park; the \$100 per player entry fee includes golf fees and cart, prizes, dinner and fun! Call John Torres, 707-433-4404 for more information. October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> is an overnight Reno Fun Trip, traveling by bus to the El Dorado Resort Casino. Call Susie Garcia, 707-433-2414, for reservations. Our first polenta dinner of the season is November 12<sup>th</sup>; Scott Cavallo is our chef. This popular event is a sell-out. Call Mary Madden, 707-431-0438 for reservations; pre-sale tickets only. Branch 52's Christmas party and meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. We will also be hosting our District's meeting and party on December 11<sup>th</sup>. *Happy Halloween!*

*Marie Butler for Lauren Kilcullen*

### Sonoma

#### St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Back from vacation in September, the members welcomed the new Branch Chaplain from St. Francis Solano Church, Deacon David Gould and his charming wife, Carlin.

President Wurst and the Branch's newly formed Membership Committee met to make plans for a membership drive to begin later in the year.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11. Since "Bollettino" deadlines are early for our branch, for your information, the meeting following will be on November 8. For dinner reservations, call Lila at (707) 996-3448. Menus will be a surprise!

*Saluti,*

*Marie-Therese Denning*

### Eureka

#### St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our August 9th meeting began by celebrating Marian Griffith's birthday. Marian is our past president and now our secretary. Thank you Marian for all you continue to do for our Branch 145.

President Joe shared with us that our local St. Vincent de Paul dining facility is currently serving 300 plus meals a day. They are in great need of food or monetary donations. Any help you can provide is a great way to give back to our community. Also Betty Chinn continues to need peanut butter and jam. She makes hundreds of sandwiches daily to feed the homeless. Thank you to all who



Branch 103 Deacon David Gould and Mrs. Carlin Gould.

will consider giving to either of these causes.

Our Mezzo Agosto picnic was so much fun. As always the food was wonderful, the weather was beautiful, and we all had a great time sharing wine and visiting. Thank you to the cooks who barbecued the chicken, you did a magnificent job!

Future dates for your calendar are the spaghetti fundraiser for our local scholarship on October 8th. Please consider helping as it is a big event with a limited crew. Somehow we always manage to put it together.

The SOI chicken and polenta will be October 30th at five p.m.

November 5th will be another biscotti sale. Our proceeds usually go towards the Christmas brunch in December.

One last date is November 17th. We have been invited to participate in the coastal clean-up from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. You are to meet at Samoa at the south spit.

Please pray for all members especially those who have passed.

*Peace and Good Health to all,*

*Nancy Paoli*

### Sebastopol

#### St. Michael, Br. 209

This month's article is a kind of "catch up" since I was unable to submit an article for the August/September Bollettino. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, my computer decided to break down for five days and, therefore, I missed the article due date.

Our September meeting featured an "End of Summer Potluck" which, as usual, provided us with an abundance of tasty dishes. At that time, upcoming events included Bishop's Day on September 18th at St. Eugene's Cathedral in Santa Rosa and hosted by Branch #198. Other upcoming events included our ANNUAL RAVIOLI DINNER scheduled for Saturday, October 22 in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall. Cost of tickets is as follows: \$18 - Adults; \$9 - Children 6-12 years of age. Please call Lona Bertoli (707) 527-1021 for tickets.

On December 3, 2016, Branch #209 will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Members are working diligently with plans to make this a truly beautiful celebration. Branches will be receiving information for making reservations. When you receive this information, please respond in a timely fashion because seating is limited.

Upcoming:

October 22 -- Annual Ravioli Dinner

November 1 -- Board Meeting

November 8 -- Regular Meeting

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!!

*Ciao,*

*Lona Bertoli*





Summer fun at Branch 390.

# Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

It turned out to be a great day for the district picnic. The weather was very comfortable that day, we visited with old friends and had a great steak dinner with all the trimmings. Some members enjoyed playing bocci ball.

It was a very nice convention the work shops were very informative and the Sunday Mass was beautiful. I was very surprised and grateful to receive the President's Award. Thanks to everyone that wrote letters on my behalf.

The bake sale will be Oct 1-2, 2016. Our bakers will be just finished furnishing cookies for the St. Stanislaus Fall Festival then will start baking for our bake sale. Thanks to all our members that help by baking and selling.

At the October 12, 2016 we will be electing the officers for the coming year.

On October 23, 2016 we will have our annual mass and breakfast. We will attend the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church then the members will go to breakfast.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, October 9, 2016 and November 13, 2016 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:

Oct 1-2 at the church - Bake Sale after all the masses

Oct 12 - 7:00 pm Meeting - In the hall at 7th and K Streets, Modesto

Oct 23 - 8:00 am Mass and Breakfast

Nov 6 - 1:30 pm District Meeting Br. 139 Tony's Kitchen

Nov 9 - 7:00 pm Meeting - In the hall at 7th and K Streets, Modesto

*Cecelia McGhee*

## Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

We are mourning the passing of Branch member Fred Golisano, who passed away several weeks ago. Fred, a beloved I.C.F. member for a number of years, will be remembered for his friendship, his willingness to help with any project, his pride in his Italian heritage and his sense of humor. At a recent Branch meeting, we had a moment of silence in his memory and Central Council member Dante Galeazzi gave a moving "Farewell" reading. Fred was a native of Rochester, New York and is survived by his wife, Marion, and family.

At our latest meeting, we donated \$2,000 to our Bishop's Seminarian Fund; Julian Coit won the \$100 drawing and, in turn, donated it to the "Pajamas For Charity".

President Frank Re has appointed a Nominating Committee chair, who will provide a list of nominees for the various offices with elections being held at our October meeting.

That meeting will also hear reports on our booth at the Parish Harvest Festival and our annual Polenta Feed.

*Ciao,  
Mariano*

## Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

St. Bernard's Church Fall Festival commences on September 15-18 weekend. Our booth will be selling pizza and lemon slushes and all funds raised go to support both our church and school. Everyone is welcome to this event!

Stay well and be happy!

*Ciao for now,*

*Betty Hollars*

## Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

We met Sunday, August 25. The tentative schedule for the rest of this year and through May of 2017 was laid out, and with a few tweaks was voted on and accepted.

We are contacting our neighbor parishes of St. Mark's and St. Odilia's, to request if we can extend an invitation to their parishioners to join Branch 434.

On October 29, at the 5:00 pm our members will attend Mass together. The Mass will be in remembrance of our members that have gone home to our Heavenly Father.

We are planning an Open House recruitment meeting at our regular meeting on Nov. 27.

*Ciao,*

*Mary Casey*

# Tucson

Green Valley

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Our pizza party marked the resumption of Br. 425 activities following the annual summer hiatus to escape the desert heat. We are thankful for the safe travel enjoyed by many of our members. Plans are well underway for our first fundraiser in early November... a "take out" pasta & meatball dinner.

A report on the combined efforts of the three Tucson Branches, 433, 434 and 425 who are attempting to assist the Casa Grande faith community with the establishment of a new Branch.

The report on the Fresno Convention promoted an in-depth discussion as our Tucson District is slated to host the 2019 ICF Convention.

*Barbara Barton reporting*



# Convention Fun!



Members of Branch 390 at the Convention.



# Happy 5th Anniversary Branch 439!



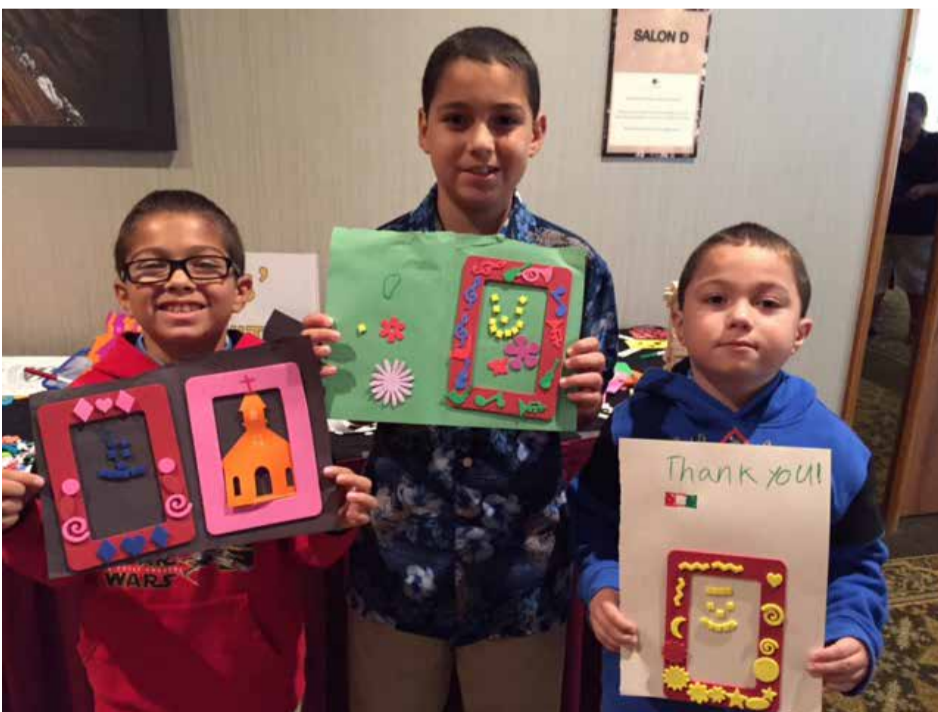
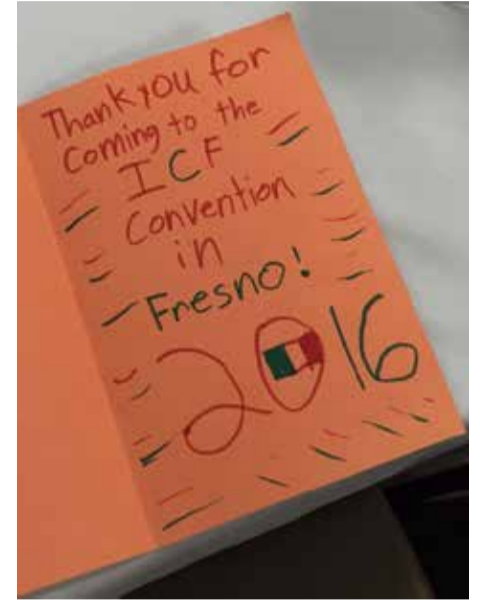


# La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

*Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett  
Central Council Life Member*

"The ICF kids enjoyed themselves at the convention. Thank you for making cards for our clergy in attendance. What a surprise for them to walk into the Chaplains' lunch and see your thank you cards at their seats.

Keep thanking our clergy whenever you see them."





# Convention Fun!



**Italian Catholic Federation Facebook Page**  
 Use #icf2016convention to allow other members to see your pictures. Maybe your photo will be featured in our next *Bollettino*!

# Holiday Message For December Bollettino

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year's messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. These can be sent in already designed and sized, or the text may be faxed or emailed and we will create the design. The deadline is November 10.

These are the choices and prices for the ads:

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16. Convert a room or basement to a living facility for an aging parent, relative or caregiver.
17. Set up transportation arrangements for when you are no longer comfortable driving.
18. Create a set aside to pay real estate taxes and property insurance.
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