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ITALIAN  
CATHOLIC  
FEDERATION

# 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Convention

August 30-September 1, 2024  
Burlingame, CA

Art by Juliana Midwin, Branch 191, St. Frances Cabrini, San Jose, CA





# BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



## I.C.F. 93rd Annual Convention Agenda Burlingame, California • Aug. 29 - Sep. 1, 2024

### THURSDAY, August 29, 2024

**6:00pm**  
Social . . . . . Our Lady of Angels,  
. . . . . Burlingame

**7:00pm**  
Dinner  
Dinner Dance . . . . . Our Lady of Angels,  
. . . . . Burlingame

### FRIDAY, August 30, 2024

**8:00am-2:00pm**  
Blood Drive . . . . . Salon E

**12:00pm-6:00pm**  
Heritage Room open . . . . .

**1:00pm-2:00pm**  
Delegate Registration . . . . . Registration Desk

**2:00pm-4:00pm**  
Bingo . . . . . San Ramon  
Presented by: The Ways and Means  
Committee . . . . .

**4:00pm-6:00pm**  
Delegate Registration . . . . . Registration Desk

**5:30pm-6:00pm**  
New Delegate Orientation . . . . . San Ramon  
Presented by: Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Grand 1st Vice President

**6:30pm-7:00pm**  
Meet the Central Council Candidates . . . . .  
. . . . . Ballroom Foyer

**7:00pm-11:00pm**  
Opening Ceremonies Dinner . . . . .Salons F - J  
Dinner reservations required.  
Cash bar available.

**Call to Order** By the Convention Director:  
Lauren Kilcullen,  
Grand 2nd Vice President

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**  
Nancy Botta Carlos  
Br. 14, Crockett

**Opening Prayer**

**Presentation of Colors:**  
• National Anthem

**Introduction of the Grand President:**  
Denise Antonowicz

**Welcome and Presentation from the  
Host District:** Barbara Firpo,  
San Mateo District President

**Greeting from the Grand President:**  
Denise Antonowicz

**Roll Call of Districts**

**Inspirational Message:**  
Reverend Christopher Bennett,  
Spiritual Director

**Closing Prayer**

**Federation Anthem:**  
"Noi Vogliam Dio"

Dancing to follow until 11pm.

### SATURDAY, August 31, 2024

**8:30am-9:00am**  
Final Delegate Registration . . . . .  
. . . . . Registration Desk

**8:30am-1:30pm**  
Heritage Room open . . . . .

**8:45am-10:15am**  
Clergy Vesting Room . . . . . San Ramon

**9:00am-10:00am**  
Memorial Mass . . . . . Salon E  
Reverend Christopher Bennett,  
Spiritual Director, Presiding

**10:15am-11:00am**  
Spiritual Workshop #1 . . . . . Salon E  
Reverend Christopher Bennett,  
Spiritual Director

**10:15am-11:00am**  
Open Forum Workshop . . . . . Salons G - J  
This open mic opportunity encourages  
Federation-wide dialogue. Sharing  
your success stories will provide fellow  
members with ideas to bring back to  
their branches.

**10:15am-11:00am**  
Public Relations Workshop . . . . . Salon F

**10:15am-11:00am**  
Heritage Workshop . . . . .Heritage Room  
Bob Acquistapace and  
Carmen Kilcullen

**11:15am-12:00pm**  
Spiritual Workshop #2 . . . . . Salon E  
Presented by:  
Reverend Mario Rizzo,  
East Bay District Chaplain

**11:15am-12:00pm**  
Open Forum Workshop . . . . . Salons G - J

**11:15am-12:00pm**  
Technology 101 Workshop . . . . .Salon F

**12:00pm-1:30pm**  
No-host Lunch Break . . . . .

**12:00pm-1:30pm**  
Chaplain's Luncheon . . . . . Restaurant

**1:30pm-3:30pm**  
Convention General Session . . . . .Salon F  
Assigned delegate seating.

**Call to Order**  
Denise Antonowicz,  
Grand President

**Opening Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Federation  
Salute**

**Introduction of Central Council,  
Clergy, and Staff**

**Adoption of Rules/Regulations**

**Credentials Committee Report**

**Welcome First Time Delegates**

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

**Speeches of Central Council Candidates**

**Central Council Election**

**Attendance Drawing**

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment**

**3:30pm-4:30pm  
(or right after General Session)**  
Teller's Committee: Ballot Tabulation . . . . .  
. . . . . San Ramon

**3:30pm-4:30pm**  
Heritage Workshop . . . . .Heritage Room  
Bob Acquistapace and  
Carmen Kilcullen

**6:30pm-7:00pm**  
Banquet Social . . . . . Ballroom Foyer  
Cash bar available.

**7:00pm-9:00pm**  
Saturday Banquet . . . . .Salons F - J  
Reservations required.

**Welcome**  
Barbara Firpo,  
San Mateo District President

**Mistress of Ceremonies**  
Deborah Rodondi,  
Grand Secretary, Past Grand President,  
Central Council Life Member

**Invocation**

**Dinner is served**

**Remarks from Local Dignitaries**

**Honor Past Grand Presidents and First  
Ladies**

**Closing Prayer**

**"God Bless America"**

**Concelebrated Mass and Installation of  
Officers** . . . . . Salon E

**Mass**  
Presiding: His Excellency  
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone,  
Archbishop of San Francisco

**Installation of Central Council Officers**  
Installing Officer, Deborah Rodondi  
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**Remarks by the 2024-2025 Grand  
President**

**Convention Raffle**  
Presented by: The Ways and Means  
Committee

**Federation Anthem**

**Adjournment**

**10:30am-11:15am**  
Central Council Meeting . . . . . San Ramon

**12:00pm-2:00pm**  
Awards Luncheon . . . . .Salons F - J  
Reservations required.

**Welcome**

Lauren Kilcullen  
Convention Director,  
Grand 2nd Vice President

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Victor Arnaudo, President Br. 1 -  
San Francisco

**Opening Prayer**

**Lunch is served**

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**Central Council Election Results**

**Resolutions and Communications**

**National Charity Presentation**

**Response**

**Committee Recognition:**  
Apostolate/Charity, Heritage,  
Membership, Scholarship

**Charitable Donations**

**Convention Site Report**

**Attendance Drawing**

**Closing Prayer**

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**Adjournment**



## Welcome to the 93rd Annual ICF National Convention!

The Convention Directors Committee and the San Mateo District are excited to welcome everyone to Burlingame!



We look forward to continuing the celebration of our 100th Anniversary! Our theme "Sempre Avanti," David Botta's favorite expression, reminds us of our past while telling us to "Go Forward" and bring the Federation into the next 100 years. To continue our celebration, we have a Heritage Room with many photos and memorabilia from our 100 years. Please stop by and look around. There will be a "docent" led tour during the workshop time on Saturday morning.

At our Saturday Banquet, we will also honor our Past Grand Presidents, First Ladies and First Man with a special program and presentation.

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary, we share 100 years with several other institutions: Caesar Salad was first prepared, the first Winter Olympics were held in Chamonix, France, Kleenex was invented, Band-Aids were packaged, Giacomo Puccini passed away, cannelloni were served on the Amalfi coast and the cheeseburger was first served in Pasadena.

The San Mateo District is having an Italian Marketplace, a good room to browse and purchase items. The Convention Directors' Committee has been working diligently to organize a convention that is fun, engaging and instructional. Attend the workshops, general sessions, dinners and Masses.

Also, take time to renew friendships and introduce yourself to someone new. Discover innovative ideas to help your branches. As Past Grand President George Bacigalupi said, "The ICF Convention is our Family Reunion." Make the most of your time and partake in all activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone this weekend!

**Sempre Avanti  
Lauren Kilcullen  
Convention Directors Chairperson**

*Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so  
much. -Helen Keller*



Br. 36, Doug Otmar, Vincent Malfitano, Dante Galeazzi



Br. 14, Crockett honoring our scholarship recipients at our meeting. Lois Contestabile, scholarship chairperson, Sofia Campilongo and Lauren Smith. Both received scholarships In Memory of David Botta from our branch. Congratulations



Br. 446 Danny Centurioni and Peter Tesoro playing bocce

## Grand President's Monthly Message Welcome to Convention!

Denise Antonowicz

It is my great honor to welcome you all to San Mateo District as we gather to celebrate a truly momentous occasion: the 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation, our beloved organization. As we mark this incredible milestone, I am filled with gratitude and pride thinking about the rich history, the strong faith, and the unwavering fellowship that have brought us to this point.



I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the Convention Directors' Committee, Central Council, Chaplains and our Spiritual Director, and to all the dedicated individuals who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this convention possible. Charlene Kramer, Patty

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# Benvenuti Welcome

## FIRST TIME ICF DELEGATES

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



Friday, August 30  
5:30pm - 6:00pm  
San Ramon Room

### SAVE THE DATES--2024

August 30 - September 1  
National Convention  
October 26  
Southern California Golf Tournament  
November 10  
Cabrini Pilgrimage, Cabrini Shrine,  
Burbank



The Cross necklaces from Br. 91 East Bay's Branch 91's A special 100th year Anniversary opportunity\*  
See Br. 91 article on p.14 for more information.



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

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

**Deadline for the October issue is September 10, 2024**

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

*Thank you!*

## Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Join me as we discover how two men found Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Would you strap on your sandals, grab your favorite cloak, and take a walk with me down the dusty, crumbly, dirt road that led to a village called Emmaus? Let us experience the journey with these two disciples as they walk side-by-side in the sun and with the Son. As with all good stories, we must set the stage.

In 1924 the concept of a lay apostolate organization, to unite Italian Catholics in their Faith, community, and pride in shared heritage, was formulated in San Francisco by two remarkable men. It would be called the Italian Catholic Federation, and the men who envisioned it were ICF co-founders Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. What a great vision as we move forward to the next 100th years. As we looked back, we set the groundwork for moving forward as we walked with the Lord on the way. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, who meet Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they begin to move forward with the mission of the church.

Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini began a great journey that would unite Italian Catholics in their faith, community, and shared heritage, and to bring back to the church those who had stopped practicing their religion. The Italian Catholic Federation

would share their culture, heritage, and religious beliefs through local Branches where people could meet Jesus on the way.

As we look back over the last 100 years, may we find Jesus reclined at the table at our Branches. Because of this great journey, like the two men, who began their journey in sadness, had begun to feel joy, peace, love, and maybe even hope. And then... Jesus broke the bread. It was not customary for anyone but the owner of the home to break the bread, but in allowing Jesus to take hold of this honor and give Him their bread, their eyes were opened, and they knew it was Jesus.

Like the disciples, we must return to our Jerusalem (Our Branches) and offer its members a chance to share their heritage and faith in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The account of the Road to Emmaus reminds us that there are many times when we feel as if the world may be crashing in on us, yet, all too often we forget about the faithful presence that is with us. When we take the time to listen, provide insight, and encourage conversation and reflection, we are not only physically present, but we are spiritually present as well. Making ourselves available to the Holy Spirit opens us up to the spiritual connection that Branches may need to help them put the pieces together, building a better church.

Our convention theme “Sempre Avanti,” Always Forward, was born one hundred years ago, laying the foundation for



Father Christopher Bennett  
ICF Spiritual Director

what would become the Italian Catholic Federation. Since then, our journey has been nothing short of extraordinary. May we continue to invite the vision and spirit of Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini to be our Holy Spirit, to be part of our “Sempre Avanti” that brings clarity and perspectives as we experience our hearts burning within us and as we address our own personal needs and the needs of our Branches. I pray that you have a great convention.

I promise to remember you in my prayers, even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.

*Fr. Chris*



*On the Occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation*

### A Pilgrimage to the Italy

Under the Spiritual Leadership of:

**Fr. Christopher Bennett, Pastor**

*St. Christopher Catholic Church in San Jose, California*

**11-Days: November 5 to 15, 2024**

St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums, an audience with the pope, the tombs of St. Peter and St. John Paul II, and a trip to Assisi. This pilgrimage will take you to places and give you experiences unlike any other trip you've been on. What a great way to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation.

**For more information, please contact Fr. Chris at 1-408-269-2226 or email at [revbennett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revbennett@sbcglobal.net)**

The Italian Catholic Federation's 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention

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Times Open: Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> - 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



# CONVENTION BINGO

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront  
Friday, August 30  
2pm - 4pm

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

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

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Reservations: Please mail check to the ICF Office.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



### Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Recipients - *The Missionaries of Charity*

It is very fitting that the recipients of the 2024 St. Teresa of Calcutta Award are The Missionaries of Charity—the San Francisco based congregation of her own order.

Mother Teresa founded The Missionaries of Charity in 1950, with the mission of caring for the poorest of the poor. The congregation began its work in the slums of Kolkata, India. In the early 1970s, The Missionaries of Charity opened a house in the Bronx. In 1976, they were asked to establish a presence in the St. Louis, MO Archdiocese. In 1980, they established a convent in Washington, D.C. and in 1982, they arrived in Little Rock, AR to run Abba House. In all of these places, the sisters cared for the people afflicted with serious health conditions like HIV/AIDS and drug addiction, opened homeless shelters for women and children and taught Vacation Bible School for underprivileged children.

In 1982, The Missionaries of Charity arrived in San Francisco, establishing a convent where they cared for AIDS patients and pregnant women in need. The Missionaries of Charity in San Francisco provide shelter and care for mothers and men with HIV/AIDS who are experiencing homelessness. They also operate the Queen of Peace Shelter



that provides short-term emergency shelter for adult mothers (aged 18 years and older) with up to two children (aged 5 years and younger). This shelter is located at Immaculate Conception, the birthplace of the ICF. The Gifts of Love Shelter has a 12-bed residential facility that offers hospice care for men experiencing homelessness who are at the end

of life without family and resources. The Missionaries of Charity residing in St. Paul's Convent on 29th Street in San Francisco do not solicit donations. However, the Mother Teresa nuns in the flowing white robes will "take anything you bring us and give it to the people." Throughout the 1980's and beyond,

the congregation's presence in the US continued to grow, as Bishops requested communities to open houses and minister to the poor in their Dioceses. Over time, some of these homes have adopted their focus to respond to changing needs. *Congratulations, Missionaries of Charity!*

### Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient - *Ryuko Novak-Murano*



2 years as a team member, catechist and served as the retreat photographer. With the ICF, she has been the team lead for overseeing the younger teens - a team captain you might say - at all ICF events. She was awarded a special scholarship from the Branch to help her attend college, where she studied agriculture.

Of Ryuko, Victoria Van Huystee, University of Redlands, Former Co-President of the Catholic Newman Club writes:

I have had the pleasure of knowing and watching Ryuko flourish and grow as a devoted Catholic and leader in our campus faith community for four years through our university's Catholic Newman Club. As a new member, Ryuko established herself as a comfort and friend to her peers. Following her first year, Ryuko and I were asked to take on the role of Co-Presidents of the Catholic Newman Club - the first year taking place amidst the Covid pandemic. Despite the obstacle of distance, Ryuko worked diligently to build a faith community by organizing weekly video meetings, keeping members informed, and providing prompt messages across numerous platforms.

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Ryuko's years in Life Teen included

### Grand President's Award Recipient - *Elaine Valentine*

Elaine has been a member of Branch 36, Monterey, since March 3, 2004. In 2016, she was elected as a Trustee and currently is in her third year as Branch President. Elaine was elected to the Central Coast District in 2017 and currently is the District Recording Secretary. Besides these duties, Elaine has written the *Bollettino* article for Br. 36 for the last several years.

As President of Br. 36, Monterey, Elaine has worked tirelessly to promote increased membership and participation. She has developed strong relationships with the parish staff, the Chaplain Fr. Ron Shirley and with everyone in the San Carlos Cathedral faith community. The Branch membership continues to grow, especially family memberships.

Br. 36 hosts an outstanding 85 and Over Birthday Dinner Party every year to celebrate the most senior members - it's always a well-attended event. Elaine also sources contributions for raffle prizes from friends, family, Facebook Marketplace, garage sales, etc. The Branch is also known for their annual Fish Frys every Friday during Lent. Attendance is regularly in the 600 - 700 person range.

Elaine has also developed a great relationship with the Monterey Moose Lodge, enabling the Branch to use the Lodge facilities when the parish hall is



not available.

Elaine is supported by her husband, Richard, who also does amazing work for the Branch.

Besides the ICF, Elaine is a Charter Member of the Young Ladies Institute - Our Lady of Bethlehem #240, Seaside. She's held the position of President and is currently the Recording Secretary. She also is a member of Italian Heritage - Monterey and Festa Italia - Monterey.

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Colombo's beloved owner, John Lencioni, was a strong supporter of the ICF and local Catholic churches in Bakersfield, especially his parish, Saint Francis of Assisi. He was blessed to receive the ICF Pope Saint John XXIII Award in 2007.

Josephine Lencioni 12/30/27 - 01/20/23  
John Lencioni 6/03/26 - 10/19/09



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

Laurice Levine

The ICF has donated \$2,308,754 to Cooley's Anemia (thalassemia) since it was adopted as the National Charity in 1982, under the direction of then ICF Grand President David Botta. The funds have been used in a wide variety of ways.

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

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

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

In addition to the aforementioned endeavor, ICF funds are also put towards the following:

- Uncompensated Care
- Patient travel to the hospital and to summer camp.
- Thalassemia Newsletter "In that Vein."
- If you would like to be on the mailing list please contact Laurice Levine.
- Christmas Party (they have been "parties in a box" since 2020 due to COVID)

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

For More Information:  
Laurice Levine

## Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Report as of August 1, 2024)

Branch 1	Officers/Members of Br. 308
Branch 73	In Memory of Mike Pukish
Branch 108	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Branch 111	In Memory of Leroy Taddei
Branch 130	Officers/Members of Br. 343
Branch 217	In Memory of Leroy Taddei
Branch 343	Barbara Firpo
Branch 362	In Memory of Mary Ann Robbiano
Branch 391	Italian Catholic Federation
Branch 408	In Honor of Ryuko Novak-Murano - 2024 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient
Branch 417	
LA Archdiocese District BBQ	
Santa Clara Valley District	
Pat Botta	
In Memory of Leroy Taddei	

## Live to Give Blood Donations

(Received as of August 1, 2024)

Br. 82 Blood Drives' Donors:	
Michael Loudin	
Tricia Robertson	
Isabel A. Carbajal	In Honor of the Birthday of Vera Buckley
Silvia Cantú	In Memory of Dad
Lisa Fugazi	In Memory of Louis Fugazi
Brigitte Garcia	In Honor of 2 Birthdays and a Love Note (Dawnia, Darius and Mahyar Congirlu)

## GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz, continued from p. 1

Smith and Nanette Scarpellini Metz, your hard work and dedication are the backbone of our organization, and I am grateful for your service.

To our members, I want to express my deepest appreciation. You are the lifeblood of our organization. Without your passion, commitment, and loyalty, we would not be here today. Your families and your faith have been the driving force behind our success, and I am so grateful to be a part of this community.

As we celebrate our past, we also look to the future. Our theme, "Sempre Avanti" - Always Forward - is a reminder that we must continue to move forward, to innovate, and to adapt to the changing times. We must bring in the youth, update our business practices, and modernize our approach to ensure that our

organization remains vibrant and relevant for generations to come.

Our diverse cultures have enriched our history, while our families and friends have woven the fabric that binds us together. As we look to the future, I am excited to see what the next chapter holds for us. I am confident that together, we will continue to thrive, to grow, and to make a positive impact on our communities.

So let us celebrate this milestone with joy, with gratitude, and with a sense of purpose. Let us honor our past, while embracing the future with hope and enthusiasm. And let us continue to move forward, Sempre Avanti, together as one.

**Grazie Mille and Buon Centenario!**  
**Denise Antonowicz**  
**Grand President**



## JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

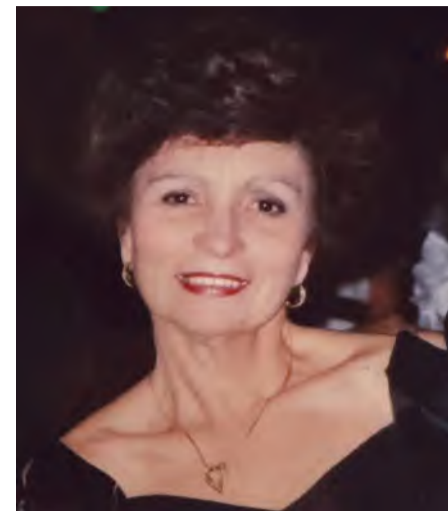
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Janet Pugliese	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/2	Jane Hageman	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/3	Patty Brick	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
7/4	Fr. John Coleman		Gilroy, CA	\$100
7/5	Fr. David Lopez	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/6	Annie McCarthy	210	San Bernardino, CA	\$30
7/7	Vince Ferrandino	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$30
7/8	Sophie Provencio		Corvallis, OR	\$30
7/9	Gayleen Perreira		Reno, NV	\$30
7/10	Reid Allen		Roseville, CA	\$30
7/11	Ray & Terri Brown		Marina, CA	\$30
7/12	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/13	Mary Sapien		Atwater, CA	\$30
7/14	Marilyn Kelly	358	North Lake, IL	\$30
7/15	David Prudenciado		Daly City, CA	\$50
7/16	Maria J. Pricolo	308	Fresno, CA	\$30
7/17	Julie Richards	25	Chualar, CA	\$30
7/18	David Madej	91	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/19	Donald Wilson		San Bruno, CA	\$30
7/20	Frank Salomone	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
7/21	Jessica Curry		Chico, CA	\$30
7/22	Lorraine Meyer		Alameda, CA	\$30
7/23	Pete & Diane DeFrank		Riverside, CA	\$30
7/24	Jack Tesoro		Upland, CA	\$30
7/25	Sandy Strube	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
7/26	Fr. Michael Mahoney	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
7/27	Rose Moisant		San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/28	Michael Young		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
7/29	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
7/30	Mary Fry	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
7/31	Ron & Toni Fanucchi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30

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## In Memory of Nettie M. Descalso

Former ICF Grand President

December 18, 1933 to June 11, 2024



Nettie M. Descalso passed away on June 11, 2024, after many years of service to the Italian Catholic Federation.

Nettie was born in LeGrand, California, on December 18, 1933, to Joseph and Yolanda Bernardi. The family, which included Nettie and her brother Annibale (Al), moved to Madera in 1941 and to Merced in 1946. She attended Merced High School and graduated in 1951. In 1952 she married Bill Descalso, also of Merced, at Our Lady of Mercy Church. They lived together in Merced, and raised their four children, until Bill's death in 1986.

Nettie was the school secretary at Our Lady of Mercy School for 20 years. Later in her life, she became a successful realtor. She was very active in her community,

serving as President of the Mother's Club at Our Lady of Mercy School.

Nettie was active in the Federation in Merced as a teen member, elected as an officer of St. Cecilia's teen branch. She remained active in Branch 39 for her entire life, joining as a regular member in 1961 according to the Federation's records.

Nettie was first appointed to the Central Council in February of 1988 and then elected to the Central Council at the 1988 Annual Convention. She served on many committees and was known for her dedication and innovation. She was responsible for starting the Ways and Means Committee in order to raise funds for the Central Council and its charities. She proposed the annual calendar fundraiser and was very active with the publication of the annual yearbook. She modernized the yearbook by supporting its inclusion of color photos. She served as Membership Chair from 1993-1995.

She was elected Grand President from 1997-1999. (Nettie and Bill Descalso are the only couple each of whom served as Grand President of the ICF.) As Grand President, she was known as a hard-working, positive, and inspirational leader, who encouraged others to be active. Life Member and Past Grand President, Carmen Kilcullen said of Nettie, "Her heart was always with the Federation." She loved presenting the ICF awards at the convention, and it was under her leadership as Grand President that the Federation began giving the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award.

She felt it was important for the Federation to look forward while honoring the past. She acted as a bridge between the Federation's past and future. She was instrumental in shaping the Federation's current mission and vision. Life Member and Past Grand President Steve Fuentes remembers she was a leader in the formation of the ICF's strategic planning, providing for its mission and vision for the future.

In April of 1999, Nettie was given the Outstanding American Award by the University of Colorado for being "a representative of the American ideal of leadership and devotion to a cause we all admire." They chose her for her role as the Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Besides the administration of the ICF, she was always there for others on a personal level. Her love flowed beyond the ICF and many of us were blessed to share her friendship. She showed genuine concern and love for others. Steve Fuentes said, "I can't imagine my early years on the Central Council without Nettie's personal friendship, which went so far beyond the Federation. Not only did we share our visions for the ICF, we shared laughter, tears, and many experiences to last a lifetime in our memories."

She was known as a great mentor of young leadership. In fact, Life Member and Past Grand President, Leonard Zassoski remembers, "She was known as the 'Godmother' to many of us because she always encouraged us to take on

leadership roles and supported us in so many ways."

Nettie was elected branch President twice. But she is probably best known as chairperson of the annual biscotti bake sale. She guided her baking crew from mixing to cutting and packaging, making sure that each cookie met her high standards. The sale became so popular and successful that it spread to other branches throughout the Federation. She was also known for bringing some fun to the branch and organized bus trips to the local casinos. From the moment one entered the bus until one arrived home, Nettie made sure that everyone was having a good time, adding to the strong fellowship and camaraderie in the branch. She also took the time to make sure that each member, especially new members, felt welcome in the branch. She wanted everyone to feel that they had found a home away home in the ICF.

Nettie is preceded in death by her husbands Bill Descalso (1986), Bill Del Nero (2000), and Tom Pollicita (2014), her brother Al (2019), and her daughter Gina (2023). She is survived by her children Judi (Dave Ferguson) and their children Bryan, Aron, Catherine and Annie; Mike and his children Joseph and Mary; George (Marylou) and their children Daniel, Angela, Stephanie, William, James, and Natalie; Gina's husband Jason Renner and their children Matteo and Giulia. Nettie is also survived by her great-grandchildren Emelia, Luca, Dominic, and Zoey

May she rest in peace.

## In Memory of Father Charles Fanelli

Former ICF Archdiocesan Chaplain — Archdiocese Of Chicago

1945 to July 17, 2024



Father Charles Fanelli, passed away on July 17, 2024, at the age of 79 in Naperville, Illinois. Father Fanelli dedicated his life to serving the community and the church with unwavering faith and commitment.

Fr. Charles Fanelli was born in Chicago in 1945, raised in St. Rita Parish and ordained in St. Peter's Basilica, in Vatican City State, on December 18, 1970. One

of his first Masses was in Lucca, Italy near where his family comes from. Both of his parents grew up in the same small town, Pieve di Compito, near Lucca in the Tuscan Hills. The family spoke Italian at home and Fr. Fanelli visited Italy many times as well as being a faithful attendee of the Italian Catholic Federation's Conventions for many years.

Fr. Fanelli served at St. Mary Star of the Sea near Midway Airport, and then nine years as the Director of the Pro-Life Office for the Archdiocese of Chicago. In 1985, Cardinal Bernardin appointed Fr. Fanelli Pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Northlake, Illinois. During his pastorate at St. John Vianney he established the first 24-hour perpetual adoration chapel in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

After 19 years there, in 2004, Francis Cardinal George appointed him Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Chicago, Illinois. Beyond his pastoral duties, Fr. Fanelli was deeply involved in various religious communities. He served as Archdiocesan Chaplain of the Italian Catholic Federation and the Blue Army of Chicago, and was a board member of the World Apostolate of Fatima. Fr. Fanelli also served as

Chaplain to Catholic Citizens of Illinois. He served as a member of the board of the World Apostolate of Fatima in New Jersey. Fr. Fanelli adds: "All my times were filled with troubles and very happy moments and closeness to Jesus Christ. It has been a wonderful experience!"

Fr. Fanelli's journey in faith began at St. Rita School, followed by studies at Quigley Preparatory Seminary and Loyola University. He furthered his theological education at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

His pastoral career was marked by significant tenures; he served as Associate Pastor at St. Mary, Star of the Sea from 1971 to 1978, and Director of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office from 1978 to 1985. He was also a resident at St. Bonaventure during the same period. His leadership continued as Pastor of St. John Vianney in Northlake from 1985 to 2004, and later at St. Thomas More from 2004 until his retirement in 2015.

Fr. Fanelli became a part of the Italian Catholic Federation when he was appointed Chaplain to Br. 271, St. Mary Star of the Sea, when it opened in 1972.

He was then appointed Assistant Spiritual Director in 1976 to Fr. Mattei who was the Archdiocesan Director for the Chicago District at the time. Eventually, Fr. Fanelli was appointed the Archdiocesan Chaplain for Chicago and spent many years working with the members of the Chicago District and the Federation to promote our ideals - Faith, Family and Heritage. Fr. Fanelli's favorite saint was St. John Vianney and he was always trying to encourage more vocations to the priesthood.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 am on July 25, 2024 at Casa Scalabrini Chapel in Northlake, IL and the burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to pro-life organizations or the Blue Army, also known as the World Apostolate of Fatima, based in Washington, NJ, in memory of Fr. Fanelli's lifelong dedication to these causes.

Father Charles Fanelli's legacy of faith, service, and compassion will be remembered by all who knew him and especially all of his friends in the Italian Catholic Federation.

May he rest in peace.



## Apostolate/Charity--100 Years

Carmen Kilcullen, Apostolate/Charity Committee Member

Since this year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the ICF, an idea occurred to me. Are there any saints who lived past 100 years? I did find six, but there may be others. Here is what I found.



Christianizing Spain after the defeat of the Moors. In 1230, Pope Gregory IX, made Raymond his confessor. Raymond worked for many years assisting other popes and the Roman Curia. He is the patron saint of lawyers. Raymond lived from 1175 to 1275.

**ST. NARCISSUS OF JERUSALEM** – Details of his life are sketchy, but there are reports of many miracles attributed to him. He was, at one time, Bishop of Jerusalem, but many found him to be too harsh and rigid in his role as Bishop. He lived way beyond 100 years, but actual dates are unclear. It is speculated that he may have lived to 160!

**ST. PATRICK** – Most of us are familiar with St. Patrick who converted the Celts in Ireland. He was the first Bishop of Armagh and primate of Ireland. Available documents indicate that he died at 106 years.

**ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT** – St. Anthony lived from 251 to 356. He was a religious hermit, considered the founder of Christian Monasticism. He began to practice an ascetic life at the age of 20 and continued for the rest of his life. He and his followers fasted and performed ascetic practices which were means to attain spiritual purity and freedom from temptation. He lived mostly in the Egyptian Desert near the Red Sea.

*See you at the Convention.*  
Carmen

**ST CALLISTA OF TOLEDO** – Callista was the daughter of a Muslim king. She often helped Christian prisoners by smuggling food and clothes to them in prison. When, as a young woman, she became ill, she went to Spain to be cured at the site of some miraculous springs. When she was cured, she was baptized and lived a life of solitude and penance. She lived from 950 to 1050. She is also venerated by the Orthodox Church.

**ST. SIMON STOCK** – Simon Stock was born in England, but later went to the Holy Land where he joined a new religious order which became the Carmelites. On July 26, 1251, the Blessed Mother appeared to Simon holding a brown scapular in her hand. She gave it to him as a special sign of her favor. Today, the scapular is venerated the world over. It is worn over the chest and upper back. Simon lived from 1195 to 1295. (Note: my scapular, which I had for many years, burned in the 2017 fire.)

**ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT**– Raymond was a lawyer, preacher and priest. He was instrumental in re-

## Heritage — SEPTEMBER

Louise Vento, Committee Member

September is the ninth month of the year. It was the seventh month in the old Roman calendar. Its name comes from the Latin word *Septem*. It became the ninth month when Julius Caesar changed the calendar to make the year begin on January first instead of March first. Summer ends and Autumn begins sometimes around September 21st and September 23rd. September is the warmest month



in the Southern part of the United States. September is harvesting time for many crops. It is referred to as harvest month. Many festivals are held in the month of September. Labor Day is the only legal public holiday in the month of September. It is celebrated on the first Monday of the month. This Labor Day we celebrated 100 years of the Italian Catholic Federation at the annual convention in Burlingame, California. Our Heritage room and displays representing 100 years was well received by the delegates and visitors who attended the convention.



Congratulations to Mary Perata on celebrating your 100th Birthday on August 9, 2024! We honor your membership in the I.C.F. for over 50 years, belonging to Br. 258 in San Francisco and, now, as a current member of Br. 1 in San Francisco.

Many Happy Wishes to you in recognition of this Special Occasion.  
God Bless you, Aunt Mary!  
Jo-Ann Maggiora Donovan and all of the Family

## Welcome New Members

(Report as of August 2, 2024)

<b>Branch 028</b>	David Clapp Michael Dowd Craig S Morris	Erica Dowd Liza Garibaldi Emily M Morris
<b>Branch 036</b>	Adam R Aliotti Fran Bonifacio Patrick V Duffy Makenzie C Gollihan Sheryl L Littrell Paul Mondragon Edward F Romandia Miriam Schwertfeger Audrey A Sisson Owen P Sisson Paula Tarantino	Kasey M Aliotti Karinne Collinsworth Sharon Flores-Kerns Sharon J Larson Louis Marcuzzo Christopher D Otmar Maria G Romandia Amanda N Sisson Michael T Sisson Joe Tarantino Chad M Ventimiglia William C Lynch
<b>Branch 047</b>	Phyllis A Lynch	
<b>Branch 111</b>	Phyllis Vieni	
<b>Branch 145</b>	Joseph Arcidi	
<b>Branch 209</b>	Brian N Bushnell Arthur L Lujan Melanie E Lujan	Judy V Bushnell Kristopher L Lujan
<b>Branch 217</b>	Angelina M De Bellis Valentino G De Bellis	Dominic V De Bellis
<b>Branch 250</b>	Marge V Innocenti	
<b>Branch 285</b>	Margaret Meyer	
<b>Branch 291</b>	Dolores A Vener	
<b>Branch 332</b>	Iolanda Gardner	
<b>Branch 352</b>	Anita L Fanelli Anne Musante Ban Peter Pomilia	Frank Fanelli Kathy Pomilia
<b>Branch 374</b>	Diane Autenrieth Jared Silvestri	Eric C Eppolito
<b>Branch 380</b>	Barbara C Barry Sarah Farello	Jeremy Farello Eugenia J Weerts
<b>Branch 392</b>	Onofrio Brescia	Rev Marek M Smolka
<b>Branch 432</b>	Carol Abate John Freschi Elsy F Solorzano Barbara Stoiber Carol Rojo Lana M Thompson Hildegard M Valenti	Don Abate Deepal Karvuyaratn Rene M Solorzano Michael Stoiber Juan Rojo Nanci T Wilborn
<b>Branch 435</b>	Carol S Carr Claudia Read	Larry W Carr Julie L Read
<b>Branch 438</b>	Marie Freschi	
<b>Branch 442</b>	Elena H Hernandez	
<b>Branch 446</b>	Noel R Anatriain Irene Castillo Anthony Melei	Claudia Bass Joyce Lazalde Mary Ellen Melei
<b>Branch 449</b>	Angie Busalacchi Briella Ciccarelli	Barbara A Chilton Liam Ciccarelli

## You have Questions About Donating Blood? Live to Give has Answers

Laurice Levine, Live to Give Committee

Only 4% of the population donates blood, however 95% of the population will need to get blood at some point in their lifetime. We hope that by answering these frequently asked questions about donating blood that we will be able to recruit more blood donors.

### How old do I have to be to donate blood?

Donors must be at least 16 years old (with parental consent). There is no upper age limit.

### What will my blood be used for?

The leading conditions/procedures that require blood are:

- Blood transfusions for Thalassemia and Sickle-cell Disease Patients
- Cancer
- Heart Disease
- Traumas & Accidents
- Organ Transplant Recipients
- Obstetric procedures

### Who might be using my blood?

- 1 out of every 10 patients in the hospital will require a blood product.
- Surgical patients use 64% of all blood transfused.
- More than 23 million units of blood components are used each year.
- Every 3 seconds, someone in this country requires blood.

### How often can I donate?

Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, or up to 6 times a year. Platelets can be donated every 2 weeks, or up to 24 times per year.

### Can I donate if I have high blood pressure?

Each donor's blood pressure is taken before the donation, so generally most can donate unless it would pose a risk to your health. If you are taking blood pressure medication and want to donate, please continue with your medication. Taking blood pressure medication will not disqualify you as a blood donor.

### How much blood do I have and how much do you take?

Blood usually accounts for about 7% of total body weight. The average person has between 9 to 12 pints of blood circulating in their bodies. Approximately, 450ml (one pint) is taken during donation, which your body will begin to replenish immediately.

### How does my body make blood?

Blood cells are made in the bone marrow. Each red blood cell lives for almost 120 days before it wears out and is replaced by a new one. Platelets are recycled by your body every 5 days. Your body is continually producing and replacing your blood cells, thus making it very safe for you to donate the small portion we need.

### Why should I donate?

There is no substitute for human blood; it cannot be manufactured in a lab. Blood transfusions MUST come from other people.

### Sources:

American Red Cross  
Vitalant  
Providence.org



Sign up to **save a life...**

13<sup>th</sup> Annual ICF

**Blood Drive**

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am – 12pm

Convention Hotel

Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

To Reserve a spot in advance:

<https://tinyurl.com/3cnb899d>

or, please Contact:

Laurice Levine

[LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com) or 360-860-2023

Goody Bags and Raffle!



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

Received as of August 1, 2024:

### IN MEMORY OF:

Nettie Descalco-Del Nero  
Leroy Taddei  
Richard Trevizo  
Leroy Taddei  
Nettie Descalco-Del Nero  
Elise Marsalli  
Rose Myers  
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Al Restivo  
James Britsch  
Louie Mordinoia  
Nettie Descalco-Del Nero  
Nettie Descalco-Del Nero  
Gail Bonghi-Azevedo  
Nettie Descalco-Del Nero  
Nettie Descalco-Del Nero  
Madeline Wenzinger  
Fr. Charles Fanelli

Leroy Taddei  
Nettie Descalco-Del Nero

### GET WELL WISHES:

Fr. Chris Bennett  
Heidi Ambiel  
Fr. Chris Bennett

### IN HONOR OF YOUR RETIREMENT:

Rev. Msgr. Steven Otellini

### DONATED BY:

Bob Basuino  
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Elaine Osorio  
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Pat Botta  
Louise Vento  
Officers/Members of Central Council  
Denise Antonowicz  
Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Al & Deanna De Nurra  
Mike & Marcie Rossi  
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Pat & Lou Mages  
CC Spouses' and Family Association  
Antoinette & Angelo Pecora  
Louise Vento  
Joan & Jerry Delfino  
Diana Petrolino  
Charlene Drobeck  
Joey & Julie Bonino  
Jim & Patty Jarrett  
Roselynn & Aaron McNeal  
Bob & Kathy Acquistapace  
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The Kilcullen Family  
James Jones  
Antoinette & Angelo Pecora  
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Elaine Osorio  
Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
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### IN HONOR OF YOUR RETIREMENT:

Rev. Msgr. Steven Otellini

Officers/Members of Br. 351

### THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR PRIEST RE-LOCATION:

Fr. Sergio Ovando  
Fr. Sergio Ovando  
Rev. Msgr. Francisco Rios

Carol Tacci  
Johanna Tacci  
Johanna Tacci

### HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY:

Miria Garfagnoli

Bob & Kathy Acquistapace

### IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 130 - Redwood City.

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



## Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

Carmelo Sabatella

If you would like to volunteer your time and skills or would like to donate Cabrini artifact(s) to the Chapel Library, please send your request via email to: cas1810@aol.com.

Mother Cabrini's Artifacts, money and volunteer services, both large and small, help maintain the Chapel facility and continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank. If you would like to donate money, please make check out to ICF with Cabrini Chapel written in check memo and mail to:

**ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee**  
3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504.

For more information on Mother Cabrini Chapel Store, the Chapel or

Library please call 626-372-7812 or email cas1810@aol.com.

### SAVE THE DATES

- Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House on September 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by the Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.

- Mother Cabrini Annual Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon on November 10 at 11:30 a.m. (Church Mass) followed by Pilgrimage, Benediction (Chapel) and Luncheon (Holy Rosary Hall).

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*  
Carmelo Sabatella,  
AIA, President, ICF, LAADC  
-Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee  
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## Gifts of Love Donations

(Report as of August 1, 2024)

Branch 130	Officers/Members of Br. 362
Branch 209	In Memory of Elizabeth Hernandez
Branch 217	Eva Stern
Branch 362	Speedy Recovery Wishes for Josephine Del Carlo
Branch 417	Officers/Members of Br. 47
Officers/Members of Br. 73	Get Well Wishes for Jo Del Carlo
Eva Stern	John and Natalie Canata
Get Well Wishes for Rose Arnaudo	In Memory of Edward Alves
Eva Stern	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Speedy Recovery Wishes for Aldine Grisenti	Get Well Wishes for Aldine Grisenti
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Officers/Members of Br. 351
In Memory of Kathleen Deaver	In Memory of Mary Ann Robbiano
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Harold and Virginia Fuentes
In Memory of Sabrina Solari Ridi	Get Well Wishes for Gerald Delfino
John and Camille Orlando	Giulia Gallego
Get Well Wishes for Aldine Grisenti	In Memory of Loretta Wilson
Teresa and Cory Helfand	Officers/Members of Br. 435
In Memory of Nettie Descalso-Del Nero	In Memory of Loretta Wilson

## In Loving Memory

(Report as of August 1, 2024)

Lola Clark	Branch 007
Joseph Quilici	Branch 013
Rosine L Culcasi	Branch 036
Marlene B Philbrick	Branch 036
Nettie Descalso Del Nero	Branch 039
Isabell H Borrelli	Branch 054
Manuel Rodriguez	Branch 111
Lucy Di Meglio	Branch 115
Cecilia A Iacono	Branch 115
Brother Matthew Cunningham	Branch 135
Gail C Azevedo	Branch 198
Don G Bohannon Jr	Branch 237
Jeannette E Couch	Branch 250
Isabel Ronzano	Branch 250
Rueben V Silva	Branch 250
Albert Oneto	Branch 258
Patti C Lometti	Branch 308
Gerald Gause	Branch 332
Kathy K Mallegni-Baruch	Branch 352
Al C Restivo Phd	Branch 374
Neil Boccanfuso	Branch 390
Josephine Baroni	Branch 391
Rose M Myers	Branch 391
Donato Di Natale	Branch 418
Valentino P Damiatia	Branch 438

## AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Fr. Francisco Miramontes		Gilroy, CA	\$30
8/2	Don & Joyce Kudrna	391	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
8/3	Linda Teplitz	10	Oakland, CA	\$30
8/4	Marc Bisio	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
8/5	Anne Bernhard	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
8/6	Pat Fichtner		Manteca, CA	\$30
8/7	Lisa Houston		Pahrump, NV	\$30
8/8	Robert Britton	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
8/9	David McAllister		American Canyon, CA	\$30
8/10	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/11	Lorraine Iavarone		Mill Valley, CA	\$30
8/12	Fiorella Gaia		Poulsbo, WA	\$30
8/13	John Collins		Martinez, CA	\$30
8/14	Antone Chicca		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/15	Marisa & Lance Parsons		San Mateo, CA	\$30
8/16	Bob Basuino	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/17	Most Reverend Alberto Rojas		San Bernardino, CA	\$30
8/18	Vic & Pat Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
8/19	Sharon Cowley	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
8/20	Anne Orlando	291	San Luis Obispo, CA	\$30
8/21	John & Frannie Fanucchi		Watsonville, CA	\$30
8/22	Rita Hoffknecht	308	Fresno, CA	\$30
8/23	Patricia Look	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
8/24	John Picetti		Vacaville, CA	\$30
8/25	Will Santos		Brentwood, CA	\$30
8/26	Paul Ferrario	215	Union City, CA	\$30
8/27	John Rimmer		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/28	Ann Margaret Andazola		Santa Clara, CA	\$50
8/29	Lauren Bilich-Johnson		San Ramon, CA	\$30
8/30	JoAnn Ivey		Citrus Heights, CA	\$30
8/31	Lorraine Ross		Merced, CA	\$30

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## Italian Catholic Federation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament



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

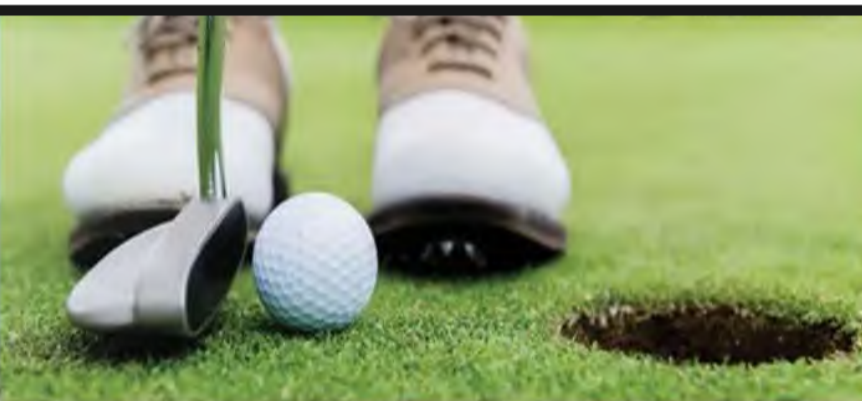
**October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Saturday, 2024

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

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

**SIGN UP DEADLINE** For more info, contact Perry Shurko  
Friday, October 11th Cell: 562-804-0230  
Email: p\_shurko@yahoo.com



## Sponsorship Opportunities

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

**Hole Sponsor (Have your name next to the tee box) : \$100**

**Closest to the pin Sponsor : \$50**

**Raffle Donations (Donate a basket) : Minimum \$50 value**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Scholarship Donations

(Received as of August 1, 2024)

### Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Annette Maggiora and Karen Crosby & Family	In Memory of Eva Perata
Pat Botta	In Memory of Bob Osorio
Pat Botta	In Memory of Russ Vento
Irma Calabretta	In Memory of Eva Perata
Elisabetta Rossi	In Memory of Eva Perata
Charlene Drobeck	In Memory of Elizabeth Hernandez
Charlene Drobeck	In Memory of Don Bohannon
Lillian Dal Porto	In Memory of Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Janet Dal Porto	In Memory of Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Giulia Gallego	In Honor of the Birthday of Bill Scheid
John and Natalie Canata	In Memory of Eva Perata
Elaine Osorio	Get Well Wishes for Jerry Delfino
Annette Maggiora and Karen Crosby & Family	In Honor of the 100th Birthday of Mary Perata
Italian Catholic Federation	In Honor of Elaine Valentine - 2024 Grand President's Award Recipient



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

**Italian Buffet: \$50 per person**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check \$50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line

Make checks payable to

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**Book Review--Carlo Acutis:***The First Millennial Saint***Vince Piro**

**Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint**  
By Nicola Gori  
Our Sunday Visitor Publishing  
2021

Carlo Acutis has been held up as a model of holiness and goodness in the 21st Century. This young website designer used the Internet to document Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions. He died at only 15 years old due to leukemia. His cheerful demeanor and devotion to the Eucharist were the hallmarks of his life.

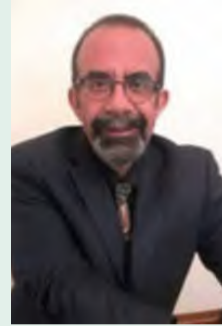
Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis in October 2020, and in 2024, his canonization was approved, making him the first millennial to be made a saint.

In her book, Nicola Gori tells Carlo's inspirational life story. While he lived only a short time on this earth, he illustrated how holiness and the modern world are not mutually exclusive as some would have us believe.

The author writes, "Carlo Acutis, born May 3, 1991, fully embraced the gift of life. Known as a computer whiz, he also liked to play soccer, video games, and the saxophone. He enjoyed watching his favorite police dramas and making short films with his star cast of cats and dogs. He had many friends and enjoyed spending time with them.

Yet, Carlo was a little 'different' at school, in the pizzerias, and on the soccer field. What set Carlo apart was his constant pursuit of holiness. In addition to his fun hobbies, he spent time teaching catechism classes and serving in soup kitchens. Carlo loved to attend daily Mass and frequent Eucharistic adoration. The Word of God and the Eucharist were the center of his life. Carlo's unwavering devotion to the Eucharist inspired him to tell the story of Eucharistic miracles through a website he created just for fun. He wanted to deepen his own knowledge of these phenomena, to strengthen his devotion to Jesus, and to invite others to grow in love for the Eucharist. The website subsequently caught the attention of people across the globe, introducing countless people to Eucharistic miracles.

Carlo died from a sudden and violent illness in 2006 at the age of fifteen. In less than a decade, his story spread across Italy and around the world..."

**Vince****Gifts of Love Program**

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

**B**rothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to face the challenges in our world and our daily lives, we send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We pray for God to bring healing to our world and to help us to find the value in kindness, respect and helping others. The Convention theme that was chosen this year "Sempere Avanti" is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. We are one family in the eyes of God and always moving forward. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need, by bringing them hope, by bringing light into their lives and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. As of the end of June, we have received \$763,969.53 in donations and granted awards of \$724,860.41 since the inception of the program. We know these are also difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities.

As the publisher says, "This is the story of a life utterly ordinary and unique—the life of Carlo Acutis—a life burning bright with the light of a God whose mystery nourished him in the Eucharist. It was precisely Carlo's unwavering devotion to the Eucharist that inspired him to tell the story of Eucharistic miracles through a website he created just for fun.

Carlo Acutis was indeed an extraordinary young man, but, as his family—especially his mother Antonia—says, 'in the end, it is not about Carlo, but Jesus. If Carlo can serve as an example of how to encounter Jesus, so be it.'

Eucharist, charity, study, and the rosary. Through these, the computer became Carlo's powerful instrument for evangelization. They turned this fifteen-year-old into the patron of the web and protector of all internet users. He was just as crazy about the internet as his peers, but only insofar as it would become a 'vehicle for evangelization and catechesis.'

Fifteen years don't seem like much, but, as Carlo demonstrates, they were enough for him to develop a deeper faith life than most adults. Holiness was the refrain of Carlo's life."

Carlo's story is one that can inspire us all and reminds us Christ can be found in today's modern world.



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

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

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to continue to mention the program and also, when possible, to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins. The application form is available on the I.C.F. Web site ([www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)). Applications should either be mailed to the I.C.F. Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, e-mailed to the I.C.F. Office at [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org) or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

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

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

**God Bless You,  
Teresa Helfand**



Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If so, Laurice Levine, ICF Liaison for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event (at no cost to your branch).

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com)

**It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.**

**Branch Reports****SAN FRANCISCO****San Francisco****Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata**

Dear Members:

We would like to welcome our four new members:  
Rena Fazzini  
Robert Imbellino  
Mary Perata  
Elisabetta Rossi

Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to  
Judy Matranga  
Anna Doyle  
Laurie Sullivan  
Rosalia Brady

Happy September Birthday Wishes to  
Cathy Barranti

We are very excited about our 100th year Anniversary and Convention celebrations which will be held on Labor Day Weekend!

*Cordiali Saluti  
Diana Cresci*

**SAN MATEO  
District Council**

Thank you to all that participated in the 100-year Celebration for the Italian Catholic Federation and everyone that helped with the Thursday night Convention dinner at Our Lady of Angels.

Our August District meeting will be August 22, 7:00 p.m. in the small hall of Our Lady of Angels. Refreshments by Branch 351.

Our September meeting will be September 26 at 7:00 p.m. same location.

Please also mark your calendars for Chaplain's Night and Bishop's Day which will be celebrated on November 8 at the Basque Cultural Center. More information to come.

*Ciao,  
Barbara*

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

We were fortunate to enjoy many successful events for the past few months such as the celebration of Father Michael's 50th year anniversary and our main fundraiser the Ravioli dinner.

Our branch is preparing to receive many members to the Roaring 20's night which will be held on Thursday evening, August 29th to kick off our Convention. Many branches have been working

to help out this fun filled evening. The event will be held in the Our Lady of Angels gym. Tickets are \$55.00 until August 1st and \$60.00 after that date. Our branch is asking members for a donation of desserts for the evening. We are requesting brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc. that are easily picked up by attendees.

Please continue to pray for the sick in our Branch and throughout the Federation.

For our big event being the Convention held on the first weekend in September

at the San Francisco Airport Hotel in Burlingame, there is still room for any members and guests who would like to attend the Saturday night Banquet. The cost of the dinner is \$70.00 per person.

The closing Mass at OLA will be held after lunch and will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco with Fr. Michael along with many priests from around the country.

*God Bless,  
Roz Emery*

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

Hope everyone is enjoying the annual convention at the Marriott Hotel in Burlingame! We hope our delegate, Marianne Cameron, and alternate, Donna DeVoe are having a great time and will have lots to report at our September meeting.

The Thursday Night dinner before convention was held at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Burlingame. Our sincere thanks to the branches of San Mateo District for making this event successful. Special thanks to Past Grand President Deborah Rodondi for all her help in organizing this event, from the flyer, caterer and food selection to the souvenir booth, and much more! Great job, Deborah!

Our past branch president, Joyce James, who served us for over five years, has relocated to Danville. We wish her much luck in her new location and thank her for her devotion to our branch. If you would like to send Joyce a card, call Roberta (650/355-0813) for her new address.

Thanks to all of you for sending in your convention raffle ticket stubs and money! Let's hope for another winner this year!

Our next dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.. Hope to see you all then!

**Menlo Park****Br. 351, St. Patrick**

I hope you all had a great summer and were able to participate in the 100-year Celebration of the Italian Catholic

Federation!

Our August 1 dinner meeting was enjoyed by all. Our September meeting will be, September 5, and dinner will be a surprise. Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Barbara 650-444-6999 by September 1.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

*Ciao  
Barbara  
650-444-6999*

**Millbrae****Br. 403, St. Dunstan.**

Ciao a tutti! We will be hosting our very popular "Polenta Dinner" fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 20th. Dinner includes antipasto, salad, polenta, sausage, 1/4 chicken, WINE, & dessert. There will also be a no-host bar & a raffle with great prizes! The cost is \$45 (\$25 for 12 and under). Cocktails are at 4 p.m. with dinner starting at 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Our DEADLINE is Friday, Oct. 11th!

To RSVP as members of a branch, send your check to your branch treasurer or event liaison so that we can get ONE check from your branch, and guarantee that you will sit together. To RSVP as an individual, send your check (payable to "ICF BR 403"), along with the NAMES of attendees, to: Faye Dawdy, 200 Poplar Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Questions? Call Faye at (650) 588-5400, or call (or text) me at (408) 313-6325.

*Hope to see you there!  
Adonna Amoroso, Secretary*

**LOS ANGELES  
ARCHDIOCESE  
District Council**

See writeup regarding the 100th Anniversary Gala.

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

On July 20, 2024 NBr 67 meeting at St Peter's Church, President Carmelo Sabatella introduced the new Pastor of St. Peter's Italian Church Fr. Leonardo Rocha who joined us with the Opening Prayer and introductions by Fr Leonardo and all members present in the St Peters Church Library and via Zoom. Special thanks to member Tad Shaw for installing the new video system in the Library for Branch Meetings earlier this year.

On July 2-8, 2024 the Italian Ship Amerigo Vespucci visited Southern California in San Pedro as part of a yearlong world tour. ICF NBr 67 President Carmelo S, Nick S and Branch 108 Members Linda S, Jackie F and Diana P visited

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Please continue to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward, may they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA President  
ICF National Branch 67, C 626 372-7812J; E cas1810@aol.com*

**South Pasadena****Br. 108, Holy Family**

On Sunday, July 28, the annual ICF LAADC Cooley's Anemia BBQ Fundraiser was held in HFC Connolly Hall hosted at ICF Branch 108 at Holy Family Church Connolly Hall. Special guest Laurice Levine visited via Zoom to express her thanks to ICF for supporting her and the Cooley's Anemia organization and how the Cooley's Team at Children's Hospital continues to work hard in making inroads into finding a cure for this terrible disease. This ICF Event helps financially support the ongoing Research and Development for a cure of the Thalassemia blood disorder. Thank you to ICF Branch Members for staffing this event and District branches for supporting Cooley's Anemia and making this a successful event. Congratulations also to the winners of the 2024 ICF Bean Bag Bocce Tournament 1st Place (Team No. 4) Branch 362 Member(s) President Perry Shurko and Tony Ragusa.

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Please keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and special prayers to former Branch members and friends of ICF who have gone to their eternal reward including: Al Restivo. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy  
Carmelo Sabatella, PP  
ICF Branch 108; C 626 372-7812*



**Montebello**

**Br. 111, St. Benedict**

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a safe and healthy summer! Our September General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elizabeth DeLorenzo, Esperanza Chavez and Giuseppina Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

The 2024 Bishop's Day and Chaplain's Recognition Mass & Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 29, at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Look for more details in our Branch 111 September 2024 Newsletter.

It was great seeing many of you at our Branch Picnic on Saturday, July 20th at the Sanchez Adobe Park and Museum in Montebello. The foods, salads, desserts, etc. were all delicious. The weather was pleasant too and everyone had a wonderful time eating, relaxing, playing bocce & socializing.

It was also great seeing many of you visiting the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles on Saturday, July 27th. It was a learning experience for all of us and then we enjoyed a wonderful lunch and tour at the San Antonio Winery.

Finally, we had a large attendance at this year's Cooley's Anemia BBQ, hosted by Branch 108 at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena, helping to raise funds for our national charity, Cooleys Anemia at Los Angeles Children Hospital.

We are planning our Branch 111 Christmas Dinner for Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in Montebello. Please reserve the date; more details will follow later this year.

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

*God Bless!  
Frank Salomone, President  
ICF Branch 111-Montebello*

**San Pedro**

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

What a busy summer we have had! In July our branch supported our parish fiesta by hosting the meatball/sausage and pizza booth. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us. Together we raised \$4600.00.

On August 17th we celebrated the feast day of our patron St John Joseph of the Cross. Over 200 guests attended our dinner dance celebration. It takes many hours from many volunteers to host this dinner. We so appreciate you all! May St. John Joseph of the Cross bless you all. Please note when writing a check out to branch please write out Italian Catholic Federation in full. Bank will not accept abbreviation of ICF.

Thank you for supporting all of our

fundraisers.

Our branch elected Neal and Anna Dileva and Carmen Uzeta as delegates for this year's convention. We wish them an inspiring and fun trip.

I am sad to report the passing of members Cecilia Iacono and Alex Iacono. We send our heartfelt condolences to their families.

A very Happy 90th birthday to members Mike Castania, Carmela Gioiello and Rita Migliaccio. May God bless you all!

We will continue to celebrate our branch's 70th birthday with a Pizza party at our Sept 19th general meeting. Dinner will start at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. The branch will provide pizza. Please bring a favorite salad or dessert to share.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers

*Anita Gioiello Trujillo*

**Gardena**

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

Dear members,

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of our long-time member Don Bohannon's passing. He was our "Santa for many years and our number one bartender for the annual Columbus Day Dinner dance. Connie, our branch president and Don were together for 57 years. Our condolences to the entire Bohannon family.

Branch 237 will not be attending this year's convention, please keep our branch in your prayers.

*Cordially  
Rose Moore,*

**La Canada Flintridge**

**Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable**

**Dr. Alphonse "Al" Restivo**

It is with great sadness to report that Al Restivo passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side in La Canada Flintridge on July 2, 2024.

Born in New York City on May 2, 1936 and raised in Bronx, N.Y., Al spent his early years in Eastchester, N.Y. before relocating to Southern California in 1986.

Almost immediately, Al and his wife, Diane joined the St. Bede Br. 374 Italian Catholic Federation. Over the next 37 years he served three terms as President and was an active member of its LA District Council where he served as Orator and Regional First Vice President. He was also instrumental in transforming Br.67 from local to national level. Additionally, Al was a Facilitator for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Protecting God's Children training program and a dedicated Eucharistic Minister in Scarsdale, N.Y., St. Bede, and the Cathedral

of the Lady of the Angels.

Always energetic, smiling, and willing to serve, Al was a 50-year member of Kiwanis, a U.S. Air Force veteran, a member of the Eastchester Board of Education, appointed to the Eastchester Library Board and the La Canada Public Safety Commission and for 20 years an Adjunct Professor at Cal State and Azusa Pacific. He was a voracious reader and had a great love for writing which includes penning several books.

Al will be remembered by his many friends and associates for his fervent faith, humor, optimism, enthusiasm, and unwavering tenacity.

*Rest in Peace*

**Rancho Palos Verdes**

**Br. 444, St. John Fisher**

Hess Park was the location for our July Picnic in the Park. Hany Francis, our president led us in prayer before lunch & brought us up to date on the 100-year ICF celebration in downtown LA,

And the upcoming General ICF Convention in San Francisco. We continue to pray for Marianne Canetti and Joe Trani. Dolly Cincotta won the prize for guessing how many Pistachios were in the jar, which was Biscotti Cookies. Everyone shared part of their lunches & Carol's dessert was amazing and delicious.

The Tall Ship "Amerigo Vespucci" visited San Pedro Port this July for 8 days, on its journey to visit 15 countries. Online reservations to board the vessel was free, but tickets ran out early. Viewing from the dock area was still a good way to see the Historical Ship and enjoy her grandeur. We will meet Friday, July 19th, in the Auditorium for our meeting & dinner.

*Mother Cabrini & Sr Ann Seton pray for us.*

*Ciao a presto, Patty Longo Hansen*

**OAKLAND**

**EAST BAY District Council**

Between the 100th Anniversary Galas in June and the Convention in September, ICF activities demonstrating our faith, fellowship and fun have come at a fast pace!

The EBD Mass was at Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley on Sunday, July 14th hosted by Branch 343. A light luncheon was also served. The Pastor, Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, presided and spoke highly of the ICF and our mission.

Several EBD members had a great time at the Oakland A's game on Italian Heritage Day on July 20th. Italian blankets, and bobbleheads were given away. That same evening, Branch 10 held a BBQ and a very successful "shower"

for Birthright.

After this goes to press, the winners of the two beautiful handmade ICF cross necklaces - made by EBD & Branch 91 President, JoAnn Donovan - will be drawn. Stay tuned for news of the winners!

Bishop's Day Mass is Sept 7th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Crockett. Branch 14 is host-watch for details.

The EBD wishes all those at Convention a wonderful weekend filled with the riches of our organization. See you there!

*Sincerely  
Roberta Madej*

**Alameda**

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

You are all welcome to join us for our next social function, our Ravioli Dinner scheduled for Saturday evening, October 19, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The masterful Ben Ratto will again serve as chef. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$12.00 for young people 12 and under. The festivities start with social hour at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 and will be followed by dessert and a raffle. For reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, 510-326-3474 or john@zugnoni.net, before 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12. Payment in advance, please, by check made payable to ICF Branch 10 and sent to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

We appreciate all who attended our annual Barbecue held on July 20 following the Italian Heritage Day with the Oakland A's. We are grateful to Central Council Treasurer Lisa Crudo and East Bay District Vice President Melody Klever for attending both events. We especially thank expert barbeuicist James McGee of Branches 215 and 10 for traveling north from Fremont for the occasion. The dinner included a shower for Birthright of San Lorenzo, whose two representatives were presented with a tableful of baby and new mother gifts and monetary donations.

Three Masses for ICF members, living and deceased, will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of October, November and December. All Masses will be said at Saint Philip Neri Church, Van Buren and Fountain Streets, Alameda.

President Jim Lee and Secretary Jeanette Zugnoni have been selected (after having volunteered) as our delegates to the Burlingame Convention. The site is close enough to Alameda, i.e., two short stretches of Bay Area freeways and the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge, that other Branch 10 officers plan to attend.

Congratulations to Chaplain Father Mario Rizzo and ourselves as June calendar winners.

*John Zugnoni,  
Branch 10 publicity*

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT**



Br. 368 Bocce Ball Picnic



Br. 368 Bocce Ball



Br. 191 hosting the Central Council meeting June 8, 2024



Br. 408, 2024 SCVD Scholarship winner Kylee and SCVD Pres Debbie Piro



Br. 408, Charlie Hipp, Ric Shimshock & Luke Abelson 2024 ICF 8th grade Service Award Winner



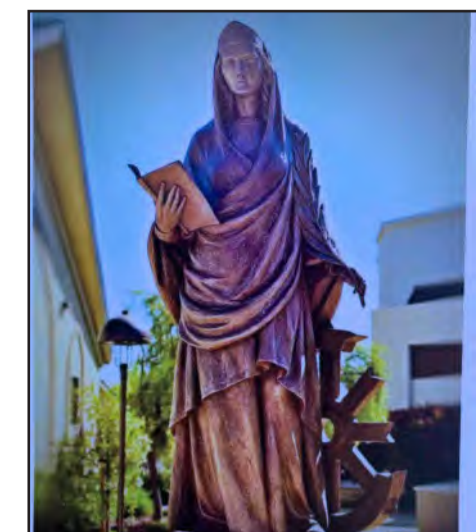
Br. 191, Central Council meeting June 8, 2024



Br. 408, Kylee O'Brien 2024 SCVD Scholarship Winner



Br. 184, Prez. Deanna Meyer, Donna Pfaff, Arlene Rocchio, Lydia Norcia, Richard Amico, Virginia Giacomini and Ryan Meyer. Janice La Motte and Fr. Angelo David also joined us for lunch, following Mass on July 14.



Br. 435, farewell party for Fr. Sergio Ovando and Monsignor Francisco Rios unveiled a bronze statue of St Catherine of Alexandria



Br. 47 July Mass Breakfast



Br. 47 Scholarship for 2024

Br. 184, After our July Quarterly Mass at St. Mary's with new Pastor Fr. Angelo David, our group met for lunch at Willow Street. Pictured here is Marie Yurosko, next to Fran Filice, Fran was joined by her daughter and son in law, and her two grandchildren, shown in this photo.



**SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)**



Br. 445 June General Meeting - Celebrating Family Weddings



Br. 445 Members welcome Fr. Chris Bransfield



Br. 445 Farewell Thank you to Fr. Tito



Br. 445 July BBQ chefs – Jim Canger and Larry Farro



ICF Branch 435 - July 2024 BBQ FUND RAISER Meet our new Pastor - Fr "G" Menchaca seen here with Branch President Guilia Gallego



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Branch 435's Annual Gathering



Br. 28, Vince Saso, cook for many of our dinner meetings



Italian Festa info booth: Debbie Piro, Sharon Logan, Marcie Rossi, Linda Galassi

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

**Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena**

Ciao tutti! Lots of good news this summer!

Celebration of ICF 100 anniversary at the Basque restaurant was enjoyed by all! Our tour of the historic A.P.Giannini building housing The Independent Newspaper was extremely interesting.

Italian Heritage Day at the Oakland A's was exciting! Thanks, Carolyn Cardinalli for publicizing it!

July Picnic was fun due to Toni Manzetti, Anna Yocham & Virginia Williams's endeavors, and supporters Lilly Bulloch and Ron Davis.

We were happy to meet our scholarship winners Gianna Salerno (Livermore High) and family at our June meeting, and Gianna Masinter (Dublin High) and family at the July picnic! Wishing them continued success! It was a delight to present each of them a bonus due to the great support of our members for the April Polenta Fundraiser! Also, our branch is providing a second- and third-year scholarship this year...recipients to be announced... Good job scholarship team: Carolyn Cardinalli and Janet-Marie Petric!

We also honored and celebrated Ron and Antonietta Page's marriage at our June meeting. Wishes for many happy years!

Welcome to our new members: Christopher Carrano, Tony Ferriera, Mikayla Barry Ferriera, Paula Flessati, Raymond Miranda, Sharon Murphy, & Margaret Meyer! We look forward to seeing you!

In August, Bingo Fundraiser with Golden Friends at St. Michael Hall was fun and successful thanks to coordinators Carlotta Schauer and Elaine Meier!

We look forward to a full Convention report from our Branch Delegates, Carlotta Schauer and Judy Wellbeloved.

Fun travel facts: Carlotta's grandson, David Wu toured Ireland with Cantabella Chorus. Dale & Carlotta cruised from Bermuda to New York and even visited the New York Tenement Museum.

Prayers for all who are dealing with challenges... Prayers in gratitude for all our blessings...

One of our blessings was Past-president, Don Merucci, who is now with the Lord. Meeting: September 15 at St. Elizabeth Room A at 1:30 p.m.

Come share your news... See you there!

*Arrivederci, Philomena Colonna Buonsante (925)548-6884*

**CONTRA COSTA District Council**

As summer comes to an end, we think back to some fantastic events that are now memories. Many of us joined the 100th anniversary Gala. Many branches held dinners honoring scholarship recipients. Our District donated a scholarship as well.

In July, the Oakland A's hosted their

Italian day. Our district arranged to attend as a group including the East Bay District. Each ticket came with souvenirs. We thank Bruce Pedrotti for chairing.

A new date for our Mass and Breakfast will be selected. Details forthcoming.

The Oakland Diocese Bishop's day will take place Saturday, September 7. Branch 14 Crockett is hosting. Mass will be celebrated at St. Rose Church at 4:30 p.m. Banquet and Program to follow in the parish hall.

We thank those who turned in spiritual offerings and seminary donations.

All seven of our Branches will be represented at this year's Convention. The San Mateo District is hosting a welcome dinner. This will be followed by a weekend of festivities held at the Waterfront Hotel in Burlingame.

Best wishes to Rosemary Cook from Branch 13 Martinez, as she runs for Central Council reelection. Safe travels to all attending!

*That's all for this time. Fraternally, Patty Jarrett Past President/District Mentor*

**Martinez Br. 13, San Martino**

"August" derived from "augustus" meaning "respected/impressive" and spiritual meaning "illuminating corners of the soul." August represents time of reflection/transition. We can use this time to reflect on accomplishments and what still awaits us to make the best year. How've we met this year's challenges? How've we grown spiritually and socially? How've we made our mark in our family, ICF, and community?

Let's remember August for its qualities of respect/impressiveness and for its ability to illuminate the soul. Let's call on August's light to teach us to be healthier, smarter, more compassionate, more active, more loving, and more aware of the world, helping us see the light in all aspects of our lives.

Then, we move into September--literally over the 100th convention weekend--a month of ordering our lives, fresh starts--that inner rush signaling new beginnings. Welcoming the time to balance our lives, now invigorating. The well-adjusted life is the natural rhythm of the day and week providing the potential to encourage balance between leisurely and work routines. Individuals throughout each season must figure out how to make life work for them. Even the best intentions may disrupt a well-planned day. Focusing on God at the center of our lives, we can do the impossible.

Branch/District joins in supporting Rosemary Cook in her re-election campaign to the Central Council. We commend her dedication/desire sharing her skills with the ICF and encouraging change where it is sorely needed. Pray for her on this journey.

Our sympathies to the family of member, Joe Quilici, who died on July 6th.

*Sempre Avanti! -Mary Cook*

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

Hello to all new and current members. First, we want to give a shout out to Chris Romero of Holy Smokers for catering our June meeting. We all had fun, and some got in the Patriotic mood anticipating Independence Day!

We thank Pat Rebollar for her informative Heritage report. Pat spent 6 years in Germany (her father worked for Lockheed) during the 1960's where she learned to speak German and did some travelling around Europe. She still speaks German and she and her husband Bob visited Germany this year spending time with friends she has kept in touch with after all these years. Great job, Pat.

We look forward to hosting the ICF County District at our August Pancake breakfast.

Our July meeting was replaced by a dinner hosted by ICF Branch 432, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Fil-Am Donors, Pancake Breakfast and Crafty Quilters who were all responsible for providing scholarships this year to our Parish recipients: Ethan Cruz, Matthew Colon, Stella Diaz, Gabriel Figueroa, Dominic Estrada, Marco Estrada, Vanesa Navarro, Lyena Monis, Patrick Cruz, Isabella Caltagirone, Sophia Ochoa-Aragon and Allison Bell.

We look forward to our Annual Car Show/pasta dinner on September 27.

Thanks again to Mickie Modena for stepping up and representing us at the Convention. We hope all have a good time and we look forward to hearing all about it when Mickie reports back at our August meeting.

*Ciao for now! Mary K.*

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

Summertime has been more relaxed for Branch 442, Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill. But the social activities continued. On Saturday, July 20th Branch 442 attended the Oakland A's Italian Heritage Day game as part of the Contra Costa and East Bay ICF District contingent. It was a beautiful day and the crowd was happy to be together to watch the loved hometown team and to celebrate with so many other folks of Italian heritage. The triple bonus was that the A's gave attendees an A's-Italian Heritage Blanket, a baseball hat AND a Jose Canseco bobble-head!

The following morning the branch members reconvened for Mass and Breakfast at Sharry's kitchen. It was good to "eat, pray and love" together!

To all our fellow ICF family.... see you at the Convention!

Saluti a tutti e Dio vi benedica!

Diane Delucchi

Christ the King, Branch 442, Pleasant Hill

**BLESSED SACRAMENT District**

**Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph**

I want to give a big thank you to everyone who donated items and helped serve refreshments at our Hospitality Sunday on August 4th. It was so nice to see so many of you and hopefully we were able to gain a few more members for our branch.

Mark your calendars for September 28th! On this day we will be having our annual members' picnic! The entire district has been invited to come out and have fun with us at ARD Park in Auburn. The Knights of Columbus will be helping out with grilling and we are in the process of planning some fun games. Be on the lookout for a flyer coming soon. The calling committee will also be contacting you to see if you will be attending.

*Ciao! Pam Andersen*

**SANTA ROSA District**

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

We hope all our members are enjoying the last days of Summer.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 10: ICF Potluck. Come and taste the delicious dishes our branch members cook up. We have some great chefs in the branch and this event is always delicious. We will have a short meeting with Convention reports from our delegates at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Call Maria Butler for reservations: 707-431-2750.

Saturday, November 2: Polenta Dinner! Mark your calendars. Tickets will go on sale in October. Richard Passalacqua will be the cook.

We wish our delegates Monika Besancon, Ken Spadoni, Carmen Kilcullen and John Torres a wonderful time at the ICF Convention.

*Best wishes for a successful Convention! Lauren*





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Everyone is welcome to attend the Convention!  
We look forward to seeing you in Burlingame!





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# 2024-2025 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

**Rosemary Cook**  
Branch 13, Martinez

I've participated in ICF for approximately one-third of its 100-year existence! In that time, I've been a life-long member of Branch #13, held various Committee Chairperson and Officer roles, currently 1st Vice President, and served on Central Council's Apostolate/Charity, Gifts of Love, Hospitalization, and Public Relations committees, and as Grand Trustee.



In everything, I demonstrate my enthusiasm for my Sicilian heritage, Catholicism, and community service. I also bring leadership skills honed through coordinating countless academic and social groups, and am an accomplished director and effective communicator. My position at UChicago adds to my experience working with people of all ages and backgrounds and my proficiency in implementing creative solutions.

I've been recognized with the 2012 Young Adult Leadership Award, four years of scholarships, and as 2020 Family-of-the-Year alongside my parents and brother. I've also served you as a Council member for the past three years. I'm grateful whenever I'm chosen for these honors. Additionally, as a carrier of thalassemia/Cooley's anemia, I appreciate the Federation-wide support of research and fundraising for this cause.

I've enjoyed all aspects of my involvement and am invested in the future of this organization. Family, faith, service, and culture are integral parts of my identity cultivated through the ICF fresh ideas, new members, and a renewed commitment to each other. As someone raised in the rich tradition of ICF, and part of a modern generation with talents that are otherwise absent, I'm committed to initiatives that will develop our digital presence, outreach, membership programs, and scholarships.

I have a unique perspective to offer as we move into the next hundred years and thank you for the opportunity to do so as a continuing Central Council member.

*Sempre Avanti!*  
*Rosemary Cook*

**Lisa Crudo**  
Branch 343, Castro Valley

I was elected to the Central Council at our 2012 Convention in Reno, and these last 12 years have been a very rewarding time, and a wonderful experience.



For the past two years I have been privileged to serve as Grand Treasurer of the Central Council. It has been an eye-opening experience. We still face many challenges ahead, and I am hopeful that together we will succeed and thrive.

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

These past 12 years have been very enriching, and I am looking forward to many more years of service, helping our organization renew and grow in strength, spirituality and charity.

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

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Central Council member for these last 12 years. I look forward to many more. It has been a great pleasure meeting and spending time with all of you. It is my hope that I have been a positive resource to all of you.

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

**Sarah Farello**  
Branch 380, Thousand Oaks

I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the Central Council. Given my passion to preserve and promote the Italian culture, heritage and traditions, my devotion to my Catholic faith and my demonstrated commitment to support local parishes and communities, running for the Central Council is the ideal opportunity for me to support existing members and the foundation of ICF, while also building the next generation of leaders to serve and support the Catholic Church.



I am a proud third generation Italian immigrant with my grandparents originating from Naples and Sicily. I am devoted to honoring my family values and my Italian Catholic upbringing by supporting local Catholic charities, actively participating in church activities and volunteering in my community. I am an active member in Br. #380 in Thousand Oaks, CA and maintain memberships with several nonprofit Italian American organizations in addition to the Italian Catholic Federation including the National Italian American Foundation, Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles, and the Garibaldina Society. I regularly attend events organized by Casa Italiana and the Little Italy of Los Angeles Association.

My goals as a member of the Central Council are to increase memberships at every branch, promote awareness and support of ICF's mission by creating social media platforms to advertise the events, branch updates, volunteer opportunities, fundraisers and charity events. I personally favor Instagram and Facebook and see a tremendous opportunity to build a social media presence for ICF to continue to grow and be a successful organization for future generations.

I am honored to be considered for the Italian Catholic Federation Central Council. Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Sincerely,*  
*Sarah Farello*

**Pat Mages**  
Branch 380, Thousand Oaks

Welcome to the 2024 IF Convention in Burlingame CA! I look forward to reconnecting with the 'seasoned' members and meeting with those new to the convention.



A special thanks to you and Branch 380, for supporting me for the past 15 years as a Central Council Member. It has been a pleasure to serve and represent you. Can you believe that it was 100 years ago that the IF began? These past 3 years have challenged us all, but we were still here and moving forward.

My family consists of Lou, my husband; daughter, Stephanie and husband Kevin, sons Louis and Konrad; daughter-in-law, Danielle, daughters, Annelise and Kit; and Macaroni, our 4 year-old Cavapoo dog.

Over 38 years I've advocated for survivors of family/domestic violence, currently with the Port Hueneme Police Department. I'm also a Special Ed Para-Educator with the local school district.

I've been a member of Br. 380, for over 33 years and held the offices of President; 1st and 2nd Vice President and Trustee. I'm Past President of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. In 2002 Lou and I were honored with the Pope St. John XXIII Award.

My Central Council duties have included: Grand Trustee; Chair of: Gifts of Love; and Membership; member of these committees: Executive; Live to Give; Strategic Plan;

Ways & Means; and Public Relations. My goals include: increase general membership involvement and input in the various committees; of course increased membership; member retention; and last but not least enjoying the IF Family through Faith, Service and Food!!

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

# 2024-2025 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

**Dr. Vince Malfitano**  
Branch 36, Monterey

Dear ICF Family and Friends,

I am honored to be nominated to the ICF Central Council. I am very proud of my involvement with ICF #36 Santa Rosalia Monterey Branch and very proud of my Sicilian Heritage. My service on the Board as First Vice President, is an incredible experience. To be among such dedicated people from all walks of life, that work so hard to continue the great traditions of Branch #36, is a very rewarding endeavor. Branch #36 has a long and storied history and tradition of serving our membership and the Monterey Community.



In terms of my Professional/Business experiences, I worked myself through many Universities and received a B.S. in Biology/Physiology as well as a DMD, Doctor of Dental Medicine and practiced Cosmetic Dentistry for 20 years. I then turned my creativity to developing, building and operating a 125 unit Assisted Living Facility in Antioch California and if that wasn't enough, I build another 130 unit Assisted Living Facility in Monterey California.

Having revered my mom and Dad, for all the sacrifices they made for me, providing such a loving home to grow up in, it was only natural that I would turn my attention to caring for them.

From my perspective, it's all about maintaining, sustaining my Italian Heritage and my faith. That heritage is steeped in hard work, diligence and the love of family and friends. It's no wonder that having the opportunity to join and work with the dedicated Lenten Dinner crew and feeding hundreds of people every Friday, has brought such satisfaction.

I feel strongly about lifting people up and making sure they are heard. So, it is to serve on a Board of decision makers and bring consensus and fresh eyes.

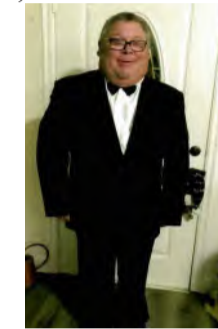
I am convinced that I could make a difference by joining Central Council, with the main goal of sustaining and enhancing the incredible traditions of ICF.

It will be a tremendous honor to serve on the ICF Central Council Board and I respectfully ask for your support.

*God Bless,*  
*Vince*

**Kenneth Marshall**  
Branch 342, Auburn

I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, started with Branch 12 in Napa, California about 2009/2010. I started as Sentinel and then worked my way up to becoming Second Vice-President. I helped out with setting up the hall for dinner meetings, cooking dinners and I spent time helping with the Branch's major fundraiser – the Beer Booth – at the Napa Fair. I attended many of the District's functions. I then started dual membership with Branch 103 in Sonoma, California. When I started with Branch 103, I started as First Vice President and I worked my way up to Branch President. I was also Santa Rosa District President at one time.



I am currently a Central Council Member Emeritus and a member of Branch 342 in Auburn.

My wife, Elizabeth, and her mom, Lucy, and I moved to North Carolina a year ago and we go to Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kernersville, North Carolina. If elected to the Central Council, I feel I can help grow the Italian Catholic Federation. I find myself as a leader and as a recruiter. I want to help where there is a need. I am looking to open more Branches and continue to expand the Federation and make it bigger and better than it is.

*Thank you and God Bless.*  
*Kenneth Gene Marshall*

Get to Know Your Central Council Candidates

- Meet the Central Council Candidates on Friday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Campaign speeches will be held - two minutes per candidate during Saturday's General Session, .
- Election follows.
- Results announced at Sunday's General Session

**Theresa Sabatella Shaw**  
Branch 108, South Pasadena

Ciao tutti! My name is Theresa Sabatella Shaw, a member of Branch 108, South Pasadena, since 1978!



In reading what the ICF has done over the past 100 years, tears welled up in my eyes because of the pride I hold in being part of this wonderful organization.

Since 1979, I've held many Branch offices: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. I've worked on dinner dances, wine tastings, chaired the Italian Sausage Booth at our parish fair, and co-chaired the parish St. Joseph's Table. I've held District offices: Recording Secretary, District Mentor and District President – helping to head up the Los Angeles 2010 Convention. I'm also a long-time member of the Cabrini Shrine Committee and Br. 67, St Peter's Italian Catholic Church, the first ICF online National Branch.

Over the years, I've worked with many of the wonderful people who have helped shape our ICF: Guy Masciotra, David Botta, Madeleine and Ralph Vinci, Alex Centurioni, Jody Balestreri, Steve Fuentes and the current CC officers.

My family and I stay in the ICF because of Family.... Heritage.... Faith. We have made so many friends, enjoyed working together while helping support so many worthwhile causes and why?... to give back.... to make a difference!

I am running again for Central Council because I will help to keep this great organization going and growing. Put me to work, let's brainstorm ideas, let's keep the positivity growing....that's what I like to do!

And to quote our late Past Grand President, David Botta – *Avanti, Sempre Avanti!*



**Perry Shurko**  
Branch 362, Downey

I, Perry Shurko, am here by seeking reelection to a seat on the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation. I have been serving on the Central Council since 2019, and have served as Membership and Hospitality Chairperson and I am currently serving as the Expansion Chairperson.



I hold the office of one of the Grand Trustees.

I also serve as the Lead for the ICF's booth at the annual Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim.

I hold the office of Treasurer at Branch 362 - St. Raymond in Downey and as the Los Angeles Archdiocese District President.

I've been a proven leader in my Branch, in my District and at the Central Council level and hope to continue to serve for many years to come.

*Thank you.*

## Central Council Members Responsibilities:

- Honor the ICF By-laws, Rituals and Central Council Statutes.
- Attend Central Council meetings and the annual convention. Travel is reimbursed.
- Serve and participate on the Central Council committees to which you are appointed by the Grand President.
- Support and promote all ICF programs.
- Inform the ICF office of any serious problem pertaining to the Branches and Districts throughout the Federation.
- Serve as a Special Representative at events at the request of the Grand President.
- Attend your Branch and District meetings, providing leadership as needed and assisting with ICF protocol.
- Keep lines of communication open

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Br. 51, Castroville



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Br. 227, Aptos



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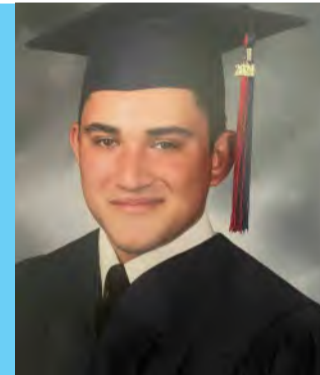
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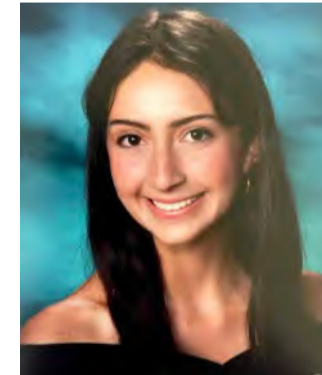
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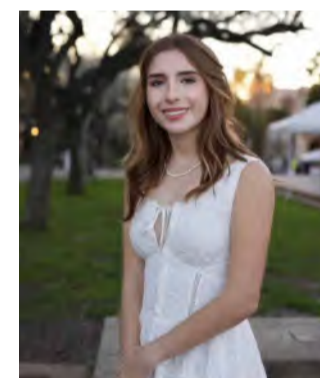
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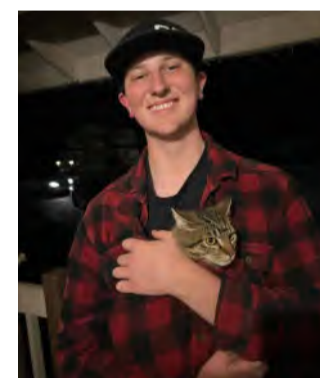
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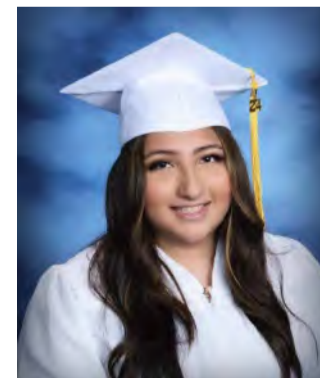


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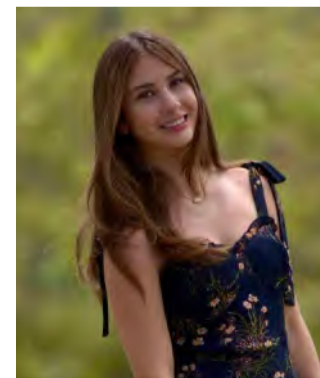
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Clement Pasquarella, III  
Br. 115, San Pedro



Danica Bachman  
Br. 218, Arcadia



LA Archdiocese District continued



Molly Grace Melia  
In Memory of Angie Publico  
Br. 237, Gardena



Gianna Ciaramitaro  
Br. 362, Downey



Michael Wuebben  
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Pia Giulia Costanzo  
Br. 374, La Canada Flintridge



Konrad Hardy  
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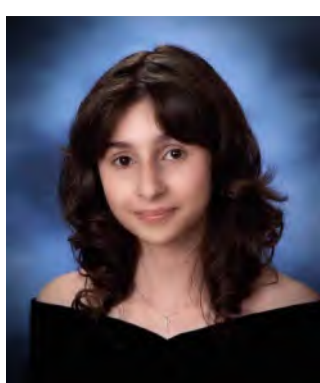


Megan Sgalio  
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San Mateo District



Ethan Weinshel  
San Mateo District



Gina Storniolo  
In Memory of Carlo Giusti  
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Elizabeth Forsell  
In Memory of Sophie Collins  
Br. 173, Burlingame



Romeo Pellizzaro  
In Memory of Joanne Wallace  
Br. 213, South San Francisco



Joseph Pantess  
Br. 380, Thousand Oaks



Danielle Fiamengo  
Br. 444, Rancho Palos Verdes



Alessia Lavorato  
Scholarship Fund



Leonardo Van Camp  
Scholarship Fund

Marin Area



Nicolò Mazza  
Br. 332, Novato



Giovanni Di Grande  
Br. 351, Menlo Park



Reagan McNichol  
In Memory of Lois Agresti  
Br. 403, Millbrae

Santa Clara Valley District



Kylee O'Brien  
In Memory of Papa Joe Marsalli  
Santa Clara Valley District



Jessica Tusso  
In Memory of Antoinette Sunseri  
Santa Clara Valley District



Vincenzo Cortese  
In Memory of Rosie Mammini  
Br. 28, Gilroy

Orange District



Jade Joyce  
Br. 379, Huntington Beach



Claudia Castagna  
Br. 406, Orange



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Scholarship Fund

Reno Area



Hailey Hirsh  
Br. 135, Reno

Blessed Sacrament District



Livia Bacchi  
In Memory of  
Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli  
Blessed Sacrament District



Dominic Small  
In Memory of Shirley Silva  
Br. 28, Gilroy



Ava Genasci  
Br. 184, Los Gatos



Chiara Caprice Rocchio  
Br. 184, Los Gatos



Isabella Marquez  
Br. 191, San Jose



Benjamin Coulter  
Br. 368, San Jose



Daniel Rieta  
Br. 45, Sacramento



Leo Muraoka  
Br. 73, Roseville



Gina Genovese  
Br. 342, Auburn



Keegan McManus  
Br. 342, Auburn

San Bernardino District



Daniella Dardano  
San Bernardino District



Sophia Antuzzi  
Br. 391, San Jose



Angelina Battaglia  
Br. 391, San Jose



Bella Albano  
Br. 408, Sunnyvale



Donald Paxton, IV  
Br. 435, Morgan Hill



Lucas Calderon  
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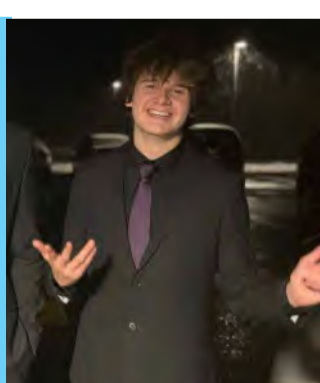


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Jack Osorio  
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Santa Rosa District



Isaiah Rivera  
In Memory of Linda Spallino  
Santa Rosa District



Liam Gorman  
Br. 52, Healdsburg



Matthew Zichichi  
Br. 52, Healdsburg



Emma Kvidahl  
Br. 103, Sonoma  
(Closing Donation)



Julia Castagnola  
In Memory of  
Samuele and Paul Di Girolamo  
Br. 127, Petaluma



Sant Rosa District continued



Brett Ghisletta  
In Memory of  
Joseph and Pietro Spingola  
Br. 127, Petaluma



Ava Sullivan  
In Memory of  
Holly Grace Windsor  
Br. 127, Petaluma



Emma Upton  
Br. 144, Arcata



Clara Christiansen  
In Memory of  
Br. 145, Eureka



Mia Avila  
In Memory of  
Michael Milano  
Br. 198, Santa Rosa

Individuals continued



Trevor Buti  
In Memory of Donald DeTomas  
Louise DeTomas - Br. 14



John Churchward  
In Memory of James Dooley  
The Dooley Family - Br. 14



Sofia Belerique  
In Memory of Frank & Helen Scesa  
Kathleen Scesa Dorr



Francis Gates  
In Memory of Robert Grassilli  
Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Tyler Peterson  
In Memory of Marie Grassilli  
Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Giorgio Baldini  
In Memory of  
Kenneth and MarJeanne Walter  
Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Ed Berncich  
In Memory of  
Carmella Hanson  
Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Ava D'Anzica Himes  
In Memory of  
Richard Carrera  
Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Jessica Righetti  
In Memory of  
Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini  
Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Carolyn Wagner  
In Memory of Norman and  
Roseanne Sikes  
Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Cameron Michael-Anthony  
Williams  
In Memory of Anna Oliva  
Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Chris Troy  
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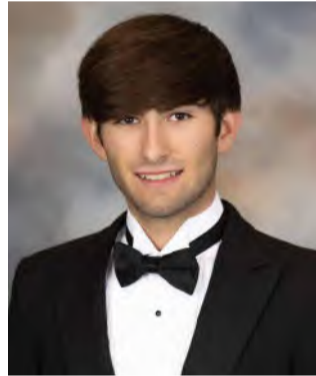
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In Honor of The 90th Birthday  
of Carmen Kilcullen  
Family and Friends



Luke Kronbeter  
In Honor of The 90th Birthday  
of Carmen Kilcullen  
Family and Friends



Sofia Guimaraes  
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John Orlando  
Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21



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In Memory of  
Peter and Juliette Barbieri  
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Stockton District



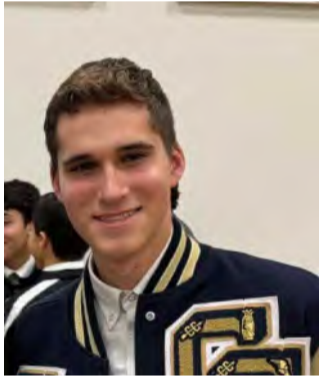
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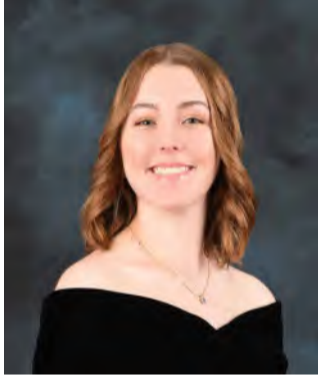
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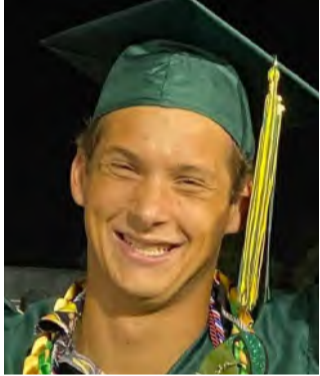
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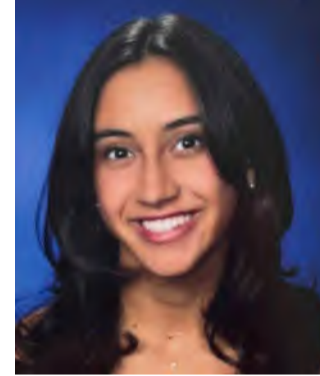
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The Robert Dianda Family - Br. 91



Braxton Belerique  
In Memory of Frank & Helen Scesa  
Tom Scesa - Br. 54



Mia Colabianchi  
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Benjamin Cosner  
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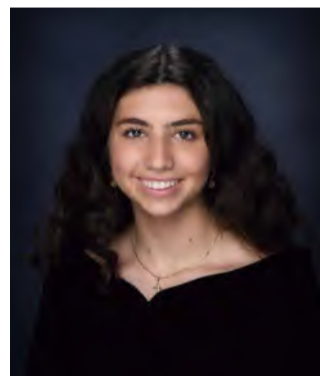
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Family and Friends



Emily Champagne  
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Family and Friends



Olivia Poggi  
In Memory of Marie Antonowicz  
Family and Friends



Sabrina Philip  
In Memory of Lou Segale  
Jean and Bob Segale



Marco Lombardo  
In Memory of William Segale  
Judy and Bill Segale - Br. 209



Gabriella Tarantino  
In Memory of Mary Segale  
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Quinn Stafford  
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The Standen Family - Br. 14



Allison Dariano  
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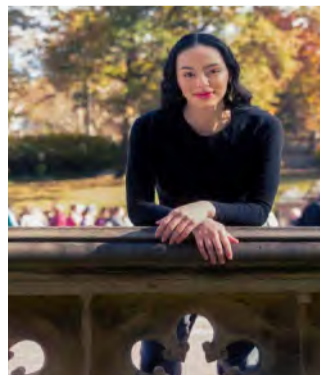
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In Memory of Marie Antonowicz  
Family and Friends



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In Memory of Jody Balestrieri  
Diana Quaresma-Bacigalupi - Br. 50



Mackenna Mondo  
In Memory of David Botta  
The Botta Family - Br. 14



Gianna Fernandes  
In Memory of Alice Providenza Bottino  
and Kimberley Bottino  
Chris and Virginia Bottino - Br. 432



Kayden Mattos  
In Memory of Albert & Rina Brocchini  
The Albert and Rina Brocchini  
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**Petaluma**  
**Br. 127, St. Vincent**

Dog days of summer

Stay cool

Not much to report as we don't meet in July.

Lucy has asked you to send in your convention raffle checks by the 15th. She has extra books if you need them. Thank you for the support as our branch keeps 1/3 of money.

Meetings resume in August 2nd Monday 3 p.m. Come for dessert and possibly win the meeting money. Can you tell I am dangling the carrot in front of the donkey's nose. Lol

Please pray for Marilyn Lombardi who is having heart issues. As I always say, Prayer is powerful.

Bishops' Day is Sept. 15th at St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. Mass at 10:30 a.m. Lunch to follow and then a district meeting.

I guess by now you see I am your new *Bollettino* reporter and will gladly accept articles suitable for print.

Looking forward to seeing you at meetings.

*Ciao for now, Margaret Cordrey*

**Arcata**  
**Br. 144, St. Mary**

Branch #144 Arcata provided Father's Day prayer cards to all the dads at the weekend Masses at St. Mary's Church. They were blessed by our chaplain Fr. Prakash ('23). They were distributed by our Deacons John Gai ('78) and Jon Pedicino ('22). (photo on district page).

Arcata Branch #144 Report

We had a lovely picnic for our July meeting. It was held at Jim and Ruth Monge's ('08) in their backyard near Fieldbrook (group photos). Pete Stagnoli ('89) gave Anne Eanni ('15) impromptu lessons on lawn bocce. It was a tough course with uneven ground, (along with Meyer, a ball retrieving dog), but Pete still mastered the play! (photo).

President Rosemary Melendy ('93) and Anne Carlisle Eanni ('15) will be delegates for the convention. It will be Anne's first attendance.

Tony Gonsalves ('22) has just been notified of winning a blue ribbon at the annual Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's 51st Wildlife Art Show and Competition held in Sacramento in July. Will post a photo in the next bulletin report.

Our branch is busy with the planning of the very popular Chicken and Polenta dinner to be held Sunday, September 8 @ 5 p.m. (\$20). Reserve your seat now by calling Toni @ 707-633-5679.



**Eureka**

**Br. 145, St. Ambrose**

This year's Colivas memorial scholarship winners are Clara Christiansen of Ferndale High School and Nick Macknicki of Arcata High School.

The pizza potluck in their honor was well attended. Both students appear to have great things ahead of them.

The next meeting of Branch 145 Eureka will be on Tuesday September 10th at 6 p.m. We will be making plans for the upcoming Colivas Scholarship dinner to be held on Saturday October 12th (Columbus Day).

Our convention delegate this year is Josephine Silva. She will be riding to the bay area with Arcata delegates Rosemary and Anne.

The Eureka Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament will occur on Sunday September 15th at the Redwood Baseball Fields in Cutten from 10AM to 2:30 p.m..

If you would like to form or sponsor a bocce team, contact Joe Bonino at 707-445-5799. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Sausage sandwiches and raffle tickets for many fun prizes will be for sale.

**Santa Rosa**

**Br. 198, St. Eugene**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We mourn the loss of our sister Gail Bongie Azevedo. For over a decade she served as branch secretary and writer for the *Bollettino*. She was a very strong supporter of the ICF and she will really be missed.

Our summer activities are coming to a close and we get ready for fall with our harvest potluck on September 9. This will be followed by our Harvest soup dinner on October 7. Both of these are really fun, and we hope you plan to attend. Bring a prospective member with you.

Our monthly Masses for the living and deceased members of our ICF are September 10 at 8:00 a.m. and October 9 at 8:00 a.m.

We should all thank our President Doreen O'Rourke for representing us at the annual convention. Her leadership has been an inspiration in making our branch the great branch that it is.

Continue to pray for Lynette Lucia, Millie Patrick and other members who need our support.

May God bless all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation. Ciao,

*Robert Acquistapace*

**FRESNO**  
**District**

**Merced**

**Br. 39, St. Cecilia**

Hope all enjoyed a relaxing 4th of July!

Thank you to all the Branch delegates attending the Convention, we look forward to hearing your report. We hope that there is rich discussion, contributing to new ideas, to help grow and invigorate our wonderful ICF. Over this summer, we lost our members Giuliana Kamish, Nettie Descalco Delnero Pollicita, and Evelyn Way. Please keep our sick and deceased members in your prayers.

*Scribe*

**Clovis**

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

Birthday greetings to Geraldine Goodwin and Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez!

One of our long-time, dedicated members was called home by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Sherrie Attolico, who dealt with a number of health issues the past several years, is now in the loving embrace of the Lord. Sherrie was one of our hardest workers, and no one, but no one, could out do her in selling raffle tickets. She was one of a kind. Her picture should be in this issue.

Little known Popes' department: St. Adeodatus I, the 68th Pope (615-618); The first pope to use a bulla, or lead seal, to authenticate a formal document; fell victim to a disease and in his will, left every priest in Rome the equivalent of a year's pay.

We are saddened by the news that Sanger Branch 70 has closed. They were hosts many times for the District installation of officers and always did such a nice job.

Philosopher Angelino says: "Il Pan Fa Carne, Il Vin Fa Sangue, E Il Cacio Fa Forza A Le Gambe." Bread Gives Life, Wine Gives Blood, And Cheese Puts Strength In Your Legs".

We had another successful fundraiser at Cool Hand Luke's. thanks to the support of so many members and friends, and a special "Thanks" to Rich and Mary Zanarini for their dedication and hard work.!

Thought for the month:

**"Friendship, fellowship, closeness with God,  
The one sure cure for loneliness"**

*Ciao,  
Santino Ensalata*

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

Summer is upon us, and Branch 281 kicked off the season with our annual Bocce Ball tournament held at the Our Lady of Perpetual school grounds Saturday May 27th. A Taco truck provided lunch and the weather was absolutely beautiful as the teams battled it out for first place title. Ultimately, "The Untouchaballs" won first place and each took home a gift basket that included lotto scratchers among other goodies. The Bocce ball tournament is a long-standing tradition in Branch 281, and we are already looking forward to next year's competition.

Our June meeting was hosted by Jan and Jeff Lemucchi at their lovely living community at The Four Seasons. Our members enjoyed great company and food as we planned for upcoming events. Betty Zasoski encouraged our members to sell raffle tickets that benefit not only our branch but the ICF as a whole. The drawing for the raffle is held at the annual ICF convention in Burlingame which some of our members will be attending Labor Day weekend.

*We wish all a relaxing and enjoyable summer with God's blessings upon you and your families!  
Theresa Amarante*

**CENTRAL COAST**  
**District Council**

The Central Coast District held their District meeting on June 29, 2024, hosted by Branch 51, Castroville, CA. Congratulations to Marie Russo, from Hollister, CA who received \$400. ICF 1st year scholarship. Save the date for Bishop's Day on September 28, 2024, held in Arroyo Grande.

Hosted by Br 291 Arroyo Grande and Br354 Paso Robles. We are excited for all of us to be together for our ICF Convention in Burlingame.

*Respectfully submitted  
Elaine Valentine  
Recording Secretary*



**CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT**



Members of the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts enjoying Italian Heritage Day hosted by the Oakland A's



Members of the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts enjoying Italian Heritage Day hosted by the Oakland A's



Branch 432

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

*Be sure to include branch name and branch number.*



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### CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 13, Chicago's 100th Gala Mass. From left, Mike Rossi, Lisa Crudo, Franklyn Lopes Jr., Theresa Helfand, Lauren Kilcullen, and Rosemary Cook.



Rosemary Cook, Br. 13, met up with Julie and George Midwin, Br. 191, at the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church on June 23.



Br. 13, Central Council members met at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church for the 100th Gala Mass standing behind Fr. Marek Smolka, Bishop Daniel Turley, and visiting priest, Fr. Chris. From left, Mike Rossi, Lisa Crudo, Franklyn Lopes Jr., Theresa Helfand, Lauren Kilcullen, and Rosemary Cook.

### EAST BAY DISTRICT



ICF East Bay District members enjoy the A's Game at Italian Heritage Day



East Bay District Mass at Transfiguration Church - Choir Director Alex Katsman and Cantor Karen



Branch 285 Ron & Antonieta Page-Wedding happiness!



East Bay District Members at Mass at Transfiguration Parish in Castro Valley, CA.

### CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Central Coast District



Central Coast: Father Vera, George Leonard, Pete Gallagher



Central Coast: Roseanne Costabile, Father Roberto, Elaine Valentine



Congratulations to Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder, who recently retired and moved to SoCal. Fr. Alphonse was a member of Br. 291 for many years and loved to work at our Fish Frys, always wearing a different "fish" hat each week! Pictured here are Fr. Alphonse at his last mass on the Central Coast with Br. 291 member, Joanna Van Blaricom.



Rosine Louise Costanza Culcasi 1939-2024 Branch 36



Branch 36 Hawaiian Night



Marlene Buckledee Philbrick 1937-2024 Branch 36



Br. 51 at the District Meeting





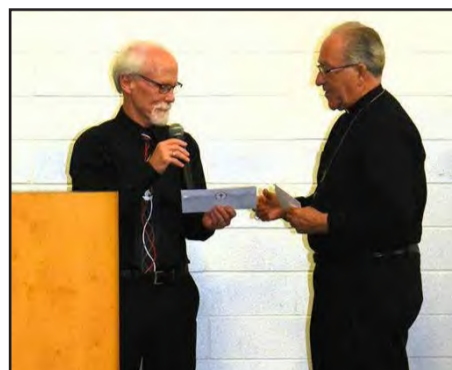
### STOCKTON DISTRICT



Branch 395 Members attending the Bishop's Burse



Branch 395 Branch Meeting at O'Connor Woods in Stockton



Branch 395 Presenting Bishop Cotta with a \$1,000 check



Br. 390, Landon, Harper & Hunter also here to help.



Branch 395 Mary Ann's presentation on 'Senior Living 101' at O'Connor Woods



Br. 390, John Arrington helps with delicious Italian meatloaf.



Br. 390, Here are the grown-ups also lending a hand to serve.



Br. 390, Papa Chuck gets help from Grandson Santino Tusso.

### STOCKTON DISTRICT (continued)



Supporting our Clergy at St Anthony Church, Branch 139



Br. 82 Chris, Lort St Anne's Fest Ice Cream Booth



Br. 82 Representatives at the Bishop's Burse Dinner.



Supporting our Clergy at St Anthony Church, Branch 139



Br. 82 Pres Chris and Bishop Cotta at Bishop's Burse Dinner.



# SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Br. 144, Picnic Attendees



Arcata Br. 144 Pete shows how it is done



Arcata Br. 144 Toni, Ruth, Rosemary enjoy picnic selections



Arcata Br. 144 Father's Day Card blessing



Santa Rosa golf tournament

## Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Congratulations to all our candidates running for Central Council at our 2024 National Convention. We congratulate Dr Vincent Malfitano, 1st Vice President Br. 36 for being nominated as a candidate at our 2024 Convention. We all give Vince our support and best wishes.

July 25, 2024, we held our Hawaiian Night at the Moose Lodge. 165 members and guests enjoyed a very festive evening. We enjoyed a teriyaki chicken dinner and an outstanding hula performance.

August 22, 2024, 85 and over Dinner Party with Theme "Taste of Italy"

Menu: Antipasti, mixed green salad, Fusilli with Marcella Hazan's tomato sauce, Stuffed boneless Pork Chop with creamy gravy, Sharon LoManto's famous Bread Pudding for dessert. Get tickets: MontereyICF.org. We are having a DJ playing all your favorite songs. Location San Carlos Hall.

September 19, 2024, Western night  
We changed our location to San Carlos Hall. More details will be posted later. Make sure you have your cowboy boots and hats ready for this fun dinner/meeting.

October 24, 2024, Fall dinner/meeting/election, more details will be posted later. This should be a festive event for all of us. (Halloween costumes are optional)

We are saddened to report Rosine Culcasi and Marlene Philbrick both recently passed away. Our condolences to their families. May they Rest in Peace.

"Faith lifts the soul, Hope supports it, Experience says it, And Love says let it be!"

*Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Valentine  
President Br 36*

good food, good company, and good raffle prizes, too! Thank you to all of the Branch 51 members who worked so hard to put on the event. Branch 51 is a very small branch but what we lack in numbers we make up for in heart!

*"The purpose of life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." — Albert Schweitzer*

*Stefani Cortopassi*

## Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph

Our members and their guests enjoyed beautiful weather, good company and good food at the Annual Picnic on July 20. President Franklyn Lopes conducted the program and acknowledged the following people. Helping make it a success were Jane and Rick Kotila who coordinated the event and did all the shopping, Ken Olson and Matt Kotila who barbecued the hamburgers and sausage, and Richard and Valerie Vote who set up and tended the bar. Servers included Jean Dunn, Deb Micholetti and her brother-in-law (who shall remain nameless). Nancy Harrold checked in guests and took their money. Heidi Ambiel, Bruce Dunn and Jim Harrold helped with food prep, set-up and clean-up. Vicky Howell and Nancy Prevedelli conducted the raffle and were grateful to all those who brought so many prizes. It was the biggest raffle ever. A big thank you to the members of Branch 21 for their support. It's always nice to see our friends from that branch. Adding to the fun was when Lou Albanese took a group of folks to the bocce court and taught them how to play bocce ball.

Delegates Manny and Magdalena Martinez will represent Branch 227 at the Annual Convention.

Please offer your prayers for Dolores McCartney, Jim Smith and Fran Boczek who are all dealing with health issues.

*Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive Convention.  
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

## Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

First, let me start off by apologizing for missing the birthdays of two of our newer members. I now have an updated list and hopefully won't miss anyone in the future. Linda Oania celebrated her birthday on 6/11 and her daughter Renee celebrated hers on 7/10. We would also like to wish members Nikolas Cortopassi (8/11), Joseph Huynh (8/13), Patricia Stefani (8/18), Carmen Rossi (8/23), Stefani Cortopassi (8/31), Art Carbonel (9/1), Diane Ausonio (9/6), Greg Stefani (9/6, and Daniel Carbonel (9/19) buon compleanno!

We hosted our District meeting on Saturday, June 29, at our Richards Hall in Castroville. It was a great day, with

## Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 Delegates, Joanna Van Blaricom and Keely Sanchez, are excited to attend the 100th Anniversary ICF National Convention in Burlingame! They look forward to visiting with many fellow ICF members, plus bringing back lots of information and ideas to our Membership. We pray everyone attending the convention has safe travels and enjoys a fun and memorable 100th Anniversary celebration!

Our Branch is looking forward to co-hosting the Central Coast District's Bishop's Day, along with Br. 354, at St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande on Saturday, September 28th. Plans are

underway for Mass at 11:00 a.m., celebrated by Most Rev. Daniel Garcia and Rev. Beto Vazquez, followed by a delicious BBQ luncheon with the Bishop, clergy, seminarians and many ICF members from the Diocese of Monterey. Pat Fairbanks, our Apostolic Chairperson, is busy planning all the details!

We recently bid farewell to a former Br. 291 member and dear friend, Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder. Fr. Alphonse retired and moved to Southern California, but he will always be in our hearts, especially during our fish fry season. He was famous at our fish fries for wearing a different "fish" hat each week as he delivered meals to the customers! Congratulations and many Blessings Fr. Alphonse on your retirement! We'll miss you!

Please keep the following members, and family members, in your prayers: Joanna Van Blaricom; Anita Caracci; Throck Scudder's son, Channing Scudder; and Theresa Aston's sister, Kathy LaMere.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention!

*Ciao!  
Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary*

## SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

### Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen. St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Our monthly August dinner meeting is Monday, August 19th. It will be held at Old City Hall Restaurant. The delicious menu: lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and Tiramisu for dessert. Cost: \$25 per person. There will be complimentary appetizers served starting at 4:30 p.m.

A chartered air-conditioned school bus will be taking us to the Festa Italia in Monterey on Saturday, September 7th. The cost per person is \$25. Contact Judy Bozzo at (408)607-1621 to make a reservation.

Our annual BBQ/Picnic is on September 14th. Thank you Diana Berry for graciously hosting our picnic.



## Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Happy Fall! We still have time for a few more BBQ's and a chance to squeeze in a mini vacation before the weather cools. We had our July ICF Mass and a delicious breakfast with meatballs and five different desserts following. Our branch proudly awarded one of our hardworking ICF members, Max Wester, with a college scholarship. We have members gearing up to attend the ICF Convention and District Picnic.

*Peace and God Bless!  
Ciao, Julie*

## St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

At our June meeting we voted to pay for two first year and two second year scholarships, in memory of two beloved members Marie Antonowicz and Romano Buonaccorsi. We work hard in anticipation of a successful event so that we can make these as well as several other donations. So, toward that end, we are planning our well-known Polenta Dinner, this year to be held November 2. Please save the date and look for more information to come.

Janice (Restifo) (Palmisano) LaMotte gave us her Heritage Report, her family hailing from Sicily! Her father's town, Limone, was formed about 1000 A.D.! She brought in her mother's Pizzelle maker, a two-sided handheld iron, which would lay on a gas stove. They called the Pizzelle the "Hail Mary Cookie" because the timing to cook it was as long as it took to say the Hail Mary! Janice ended by sharing her homemade desserts. (No, she doesn't still use the iron handheld form!)

Our next Quarterly Mass will be in October at the 5 p.m. Mass. Dinner will follow at Double D's, date will be announced. Please see the photos taken at Willow Street after Mass on July 14.

Please join us on Friday, August 23 at 4:00 in the Conference Room, for our next Regular meeting. We wish all the best to those attending the Convention over Labor Day weekend, and look forward to hearing about it.

*Ciao for now, Lucy Amico*

**Deadline for  
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Send your articles &  
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**San Jose****Br. 191, Saint Frances  
Cabrini**

As we go into August, the month of our Annual ICF Convention, let's keep our delegates in your prayers so that they may be inspired, enlightened and spiritually uplifted by the wonderful ICF community and workshops! Let them bring back the spirit of the ICF to our branch and share all that they have learned.

A big shout out to the ICF for their 100th Anniversary!

A great time was had by the Central Council when we hosted their meeting at our Bocce Courts on June 8th. Branch 191 will have their Quarterly Mass and Breakfast on Sunday July 14th at the 11:30 mass at SFC followed by breakfast at Effie's.

We will have a 4th of July General meeting on Saturday July 27th with a BBQ and all the fixings!! Hope to see everyone there!!

*Happy Days!*  
*Debbie Piro*

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

Time for our ICF convention at the Burlingame Marriott Waterfront Hotel scheduled for Aug 30 thru Sept 1, 2024. Raffle tickets are on sale for the Convention with lots of big money prizes waiting to be won. Our two Convention representatives are Mary Ridi and Tina Souza Dutra. Please pray for: Lorraine & Mike Nunziata, and Bill Rice.

Br. 368 did not have a winner for the monthly Calendar drawing this month. \$30 is the prize and winners are listed in the *Bollettino*.

HUNGRY? The ICF Rib Dinner is scheduled for August 17th. Good deal at \$35 per person. Either eat at Avila Hall or take out and eat at home. Call chairpersons, Tom Bouska or Robyn Schlice to help or purchase tickets. Also, tickets are on sale after each mass.

Ice Cream Social is scheduled for our August 14th meeting. STD Oct 5th for the Chili Cook Off chaired by Cathie Orłowski. Give Cathy a call to help or share your great Chili. (Eating and socializing is good for our souls.)

Our picnic dinner and Bocce Ball at Almaden Lake was fun and we had a great potluck dinner.

*Bollettino* is online at [www.icf.org/about/news/bollettino/](http://www.icf.org/about/news/bollettino/).

*Have a wonderful August and September*  
*Tom Myers*

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

In July, Steve and Cathleen Lencioni hosted their annual summer celebration which included sausages and hotdogs, chili, fruit and plentiful desserts. Sandra and Greg Boyd joined Steve and Cathleen in serving this delicious barbeque. Steve reminded us to bring your donation of socks and blankets to our August meeting. Items will be brought to the ICF convention for distribution to those in need. Steve and our dear members honored Marie Patellaro, the oldest charter member of our branch, who celebrated her 100th birthday with song and lovely birthday greetings.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner;

ICF Quarterly Masses at St. Martin's at 11:30 a.m.—December 8, 2024.

*Janis Patellaro*

**Sunnyvale****Br. 408, Resurrection**

Summer Blessings,

Memorial Services for Bob Masik were set for Saturday 27th July, 2024.

Our Santa Clara District Picnic will be held on Sunday 11 August, 2024 with Mass at the Circle Picnic Grounds at Vasona County Park with Mass starting at 10 a.m. and Fr Chris Bennet Presiding.

Jennie and Patricia continue to collect New Blankets and New Socks for the Order of Sisters started by Mother Teresa – Missionary Sisters of Charity – serving Unwed Mothers in the San Francisco Area and a Hospice in Pacific. We will collect until 16 August. The Donations will be presented to the Sisters at the ICF Annual Convention held at the Marriot in South San Francisco over Labor Day Weekend.

Please consider attending the Bishop's Mass which Concludes the ICF Convention @ the Marriot @ 3 p.m. Sunday 1 September.

Please Pray for our Members: Fr. Chris Bennet, Laurice Levine, Steve Richey, Al Chantelope, Bob Masik, and Susan Colon.

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

George Guglielmo and Guglielmo Winery hosted our July dinner meeting. Once again, a fantastic steak barbecue. News travels fast about our wonderful dinners! Not only our faithful members, but other branches and districts, officers and members were there as usual.

SCVD Chaplin, Reverend George Aranha provided the opening prayer. A perfect setting we then introduced our new priest.

He is Reverend Gerardo Menchaca. We also have Fr Robert Brocato, Retired in residence priest. At our farewell party for Fr. Sergio Ovando and Monsignor Francisco Rios we were presented with a wonderful surprise. It was an unveiling of a bronze statue of St Catherine of Alexandria. Completely made in Italy, a stunning work of art. She is our patron saint, and we will enjoy that gift for many years

Finally, in closing the evening Jim Jones led us incensing hymn *Noi Vogliam Dio Virgine Maria*.

Many thanks to Bill Scheid and grandson, Ben Scheid for creating a beautiful page in the 100 books. They have certainly captured how much we have done for our community and our members.

To close my article, I have some very sad news to report. We lost our dear Loretta Wilson. A wonderful member and valuable board member she will be so missed. We learned many informational reports from her and prayers as Orcher of our branch for many terms. A business-woman, wife, mother, community citizen, author, and friend she wore many hats.

God rest her soul and guide her family members and friends in our grief.

*Sylvia Sorci*

**San Jose****Br. 445, Transfiguration**

Br. 445 members honored their ancestors during a June evening themed "Family Weddings through the Years." Members brought framed wedding photos of their parents/grandparents. For the Heritage report, Jean Cosentino shared snippets of her parents' two-year letter writing courtship.

Fr. Tito Cartagenas joined us and was presented a thank you card and gift from Br.445 prior to transferring to his new parish. Best wishes to you, Fr. Tito!

July was a welcome to summer "Benvenuta all' estate" and Transfiguration's new pastor Rev. Christopher Bransfield. Tabor Hall was decked out in patriotic decor and all enjoyed a summer barbecue. Everyone was delighted that Fr. Chris Bransfield joined us for dinner. Many thanks to Br. 445 Pres. Jim Falcone for bringing his BBQ grill and to our BBQ chefs Jim Canger and Larry Farro. Root beer floats and small birthday cakes for Lorraine Sellarole and Bill Perry topped off the dinner! Jim Canger presented interesting oral Heritage report and video of "Opera dei Pupi" a Sicilian Theatre.

Welcome to our new member Cynthia Fuentes Sevilla!

Happy August Birthday wishes to Joe Adragna, Karen Fierravanti, Phil Lang and September wishes to Marie Adragna, Janie Falcone, Robin Ledbetter and Kathy Samaripa!

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer despite the heat!

Our best wishes for a fabulous Convention celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation ... Cheers to 100 years!! – Cent anni!

*Until next month stay safe and well,*  
*Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

**STOCKTON  
District****Lodi****Br. 82, St. Anne's**

The dog days of summer are finally over! Did you survive the high temps and the accompanying electric bills? I hope it doesn't take long for your bank account to recover.

We were fortunate to have a cool evening for the St. Anne's Fest. Parishioners were able to enjoy our ice cream that didn't look like soft serve. Grazie to those volunteers that scooped.

The meeting to re-establish the St. Anne's Senior luncheon was a success. ICF and non-ICF parishioners attended, and signed on to chair and organize it. Thanks to Chris and Margaret for their enthusiastic efforts to revive this monthly social gathering for our seniors.

Several members feasted on steak and hot dogs at the Stockton District Picnic in Escalon. It was a fun, relaxing day spent with members from other branches.

Our August Game Day definitely had more participants this year. The AC in St. Anne's Hall kept everyone cool while munching down hot dogs and playing basketball, corn hole, ladder ball, board games, and more. A great time was had by all. A big shout out to Amanda for chairing this family-oriented event.

The branch August Ice Cream Social welcomed members back after a 2-month summer break. Now it's time to gear up for our fall activities, especially the Salami Toss Booth at the Sept.29/30 Harvest Fest and the Nov. 2nd Polenta Dinner Fundraiser. If you'd like to help on that committee, contact Lisa who has graciously agreed to chair this event.

Afghan raffle tickets to raise funds for our branch scholarship and Thrive grant are on sale. Need more? Contact Grace or LuAnn.

*Prega, spera, e non preoccupart – St. Pio*  
*Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary*

**Manteca****Br. 139, Nostra Signora del  
Buon Viaggio**

At our June meeting, Presidente Birdie Nieri reported on the Bishop's Burse, hosted by our branch in May. Stockton Bishop Myron Cotta was presented a check for over \$2,000 for his diocesan seminarians. He also was given a spiritual bouquet of 10,000 prayers.

Our Heritage program was given by Vice-president Ida Queirolo, whose Swiss-Italian ancestors came to this country from Ticino, Switzerland. Ida's mother was born in San Francisco but later learned to milk cows. Ida married into the Queirolo family in 1964.

The annual Stockton District picnic will be held at Hogan Park on Escalon on August 18.

A steak barbecue for our branch will be hosted by Dino and Sharon Cunial at their home on September 29.

The meeting was adjourned with the playing of the Federation anthem.

Grazie once again to Segretario Ron Agostini for his assistance in preparing this report.

*Ciao,*  
*Mariano*

**Tracy****Br. 390, St. Bernard**

Check out some of our photos this month located on Stockton District page! Our branch is now in its 38th consecutive year, and these photos show little Santino Tusso helping his Papa Chuck sweep up after the June dinner meeting. The photo of the three tykes shows (l-r) Landon Arnaudo, who represents the 4th generation of her family's membership to our branch. Our chef, Mike Bacchetti's grandchildren, Harper and Hunter, represent the 5th generation membership to Branch 390. All these little happy hands were eager to help during our dinner.

Our thanks to the parents and grandparents who continue the ICF family tradition.

Congratulations to all the graduates who qualified for scholarships through our branch and Central Council. Good luck to you in your future endeavors.

Delegates attending this year's convention are Serena Martocchio, Betty Hollars and Steve and Anita Ridolfi. Since this location is so close to Tracy, we have other members planning to attend and join in the convention camaraderie.

Please keep our ICF families and friends in your prayers as the health issues with some of our loved ones continue and we count on our 'prayer partners' for their support.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of our member Sandi Corallo's mother Billy and send condolences to her family. Member Neil Boccanfuso passed away recently, and we send our

condolences to his wife Lili. May they rest in peace.

Check out our website. You can share family memories in our Heritage section through this website as well.

[www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)

*Stay healthy, happy & safe.*  
*Ciao,*  
*Betty*

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

In June we attended the annual Bishop's Burse at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Manteca. Our branch was well represented, with eight of our members attending. We presented his Excellency, Bishop Myron Joseph Cotta of the Diocese of Stockton, with a check for \$1,000 to benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.

We usually hold our Monthly Branch Meetings at Presentation Church. But in June we did something different – our Branch Meeting was a Field Trip instead! We all gathered at O'Connor Woods; a Senior Living Life Plan Community located in Stockton. Our Branch Meeting food theme was "Bring Your Favorite Dessert" to share, so there were numerous delectables to choose from – assolutamente delizioso!

This meeting was hosted by our 1st Vice-President, Mary Ann Piana Chapman. Mary Ann was also our Guest Speaker. She gave an excellent presentation titled "Senior Living 101" which stressed that now is the best time to plan for your long-term, retired years in life. Her talk was followed by an optional tour of the O'Connor Woods Community.

The last item of business was nominating and voting on our two delegates for the 2024 ICF Convention in Burlingame, California. We are pleased to be sending two of our members, our 1st Vice President Mary Ann Piana Chapman, and our 2nd Vice President Josephine Weber. Looking forward to hearing their full report during our September 19th Branch Meeting!

*Ciao!*  
*Allen Sturtevant, President*

**SAN BERNARDINO  
District Council**

On June 30, 2024, the San Bernardino District, which consists of Branches 210 (Fontana), Branch 217 (Redlands) and Branch 446 (Upland) attended the 100th Anniversary Gala of the Italian Catholic Federation at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Los Angeles, California. Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend, José H. Gomez, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. There was a beautiful reception that followed at Café Italiana and featured a live band and entertainment. It was a beautiful occasion and noteworthy celebration for all.

**Upland****Br. 446, Saint Anthony**

In June, our parish celebrated the Feast of St. Anthony with an International Food Festival. Some of our members, along with President, Tony Santorufu, spent the evening distributing food selections to parishioners in attendance. Many of our members had a glorious time at the ICF 100th Anniversary Mass and celebration in Los Angeles. It was wonderful to connect with so many ICF members from other areas.

Our branch does not formally meet during July and August. We open our year in September and close in June with a family Ice Cream Social at a local park. We were especially grateful to Joyce and Peter Tesoro, along with 2nd Vice President Jim Impastato and Sentinel Virginia Impastato for arriving at the park early to set up all the tables and chairs. We enjoyed plenty of food, ice cream, games and bocce. Pietronella and Biagio Pavia brought use bundles of dried oregano they grow in their garden. They own two local restaurants and are always generous to us with their pizzas! A special highlight of our June meeting was the installation of two new members: Tony Melei and Claudia Bass for a total of 65 members!

President Tony Santorufu presented our \$400 scholarship winner, Nathan Ries, with his certificate. His proud family was in attendance. Nathan recently graduated from Damien High School and will enter U.C. San Diego in the fall majoring in Business Administration and join their baseball team as a pitcher.

We acknowledged those celebrating summer birthdays with singing Tanti Auguri and recognized those celebrating anniversaries with a beautiful plant: Cavanaugh's 47, Reyna's 43, DeStefano's 30 and Ruffalo's 55. In August, we will start 2025 with a full calendar and a 2024-2025 fiscal year approved budget.





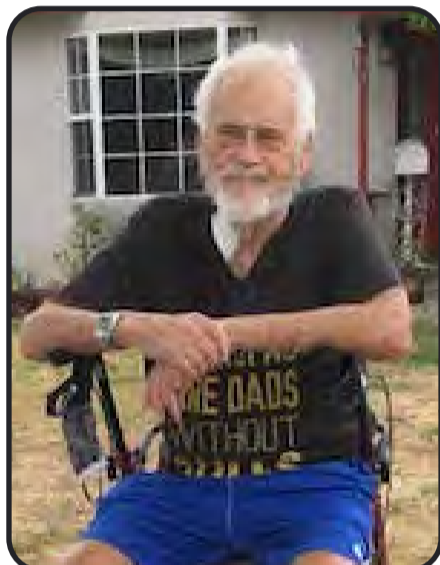
### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 444, Kathleen, Gary & Dolly



Br. 444, Sheryl and Pat Payne



Br. 237, Don Bohannon, RIP



Br. 444, Hany & Carol



Branch 444, St John Fisher Rancho Palos Verdes members



Ready to visit the Italian Navy ship Amerigo Vespuccio in Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro. (L-R) Captain Marco Bagni, Italian Navy attaché Italian Embassy Washington D.C; Branch Pres. Neal Di Leva and Jerry Di Leva



Br. 374 member Rae Ann Mertz, President Phyllis Harb, and Jo and Robert Barbera stop at the Lady of Lourdes grotto at Holy Family Church, South Pasadena after a successful Cooley's Anemia fundraiser held there.



Branch 374, Al Restivo



Br. 115 at Mary Star of the Sea Church; Fiesta booth July 19-21, 2024 serving pizza, meatball and sausage sandwiches.



Mary Star of the Sea Church Fiesta. Branch 115 served pizza, meatball and sausage sandwiches.



Br. 374 President Phyllis Harb and member Kris Jardino step away for a moment after the special private Mass and luncheon at Lakeside Country Club. A check was presented to Fr. Jim Bevacqua for the a NEW Building Fund.

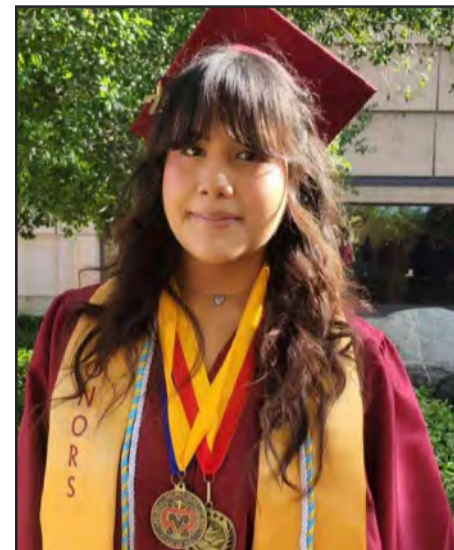
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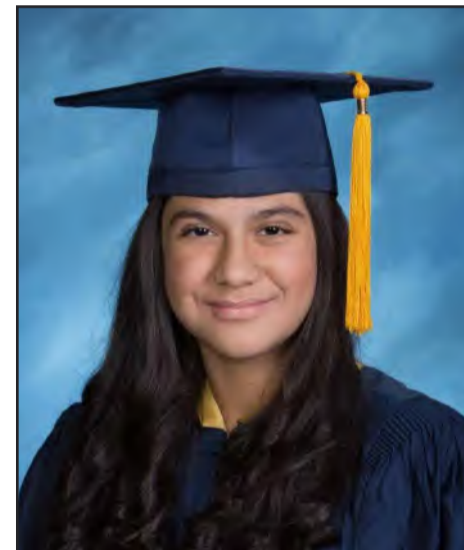
ICF Branch 108 Members who helped staff this year's Cooley's Anemia BBQ.



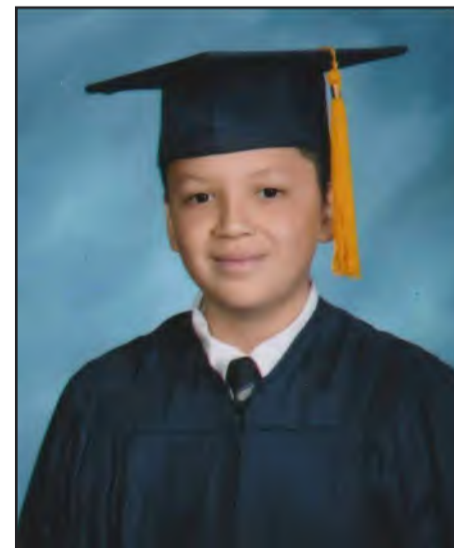
ICF NBr 67, Branch 108 and Branch 362 Members play the 2024 Cooley's Anemia Bean Bag Bocce Tournament in Connolly Hall.



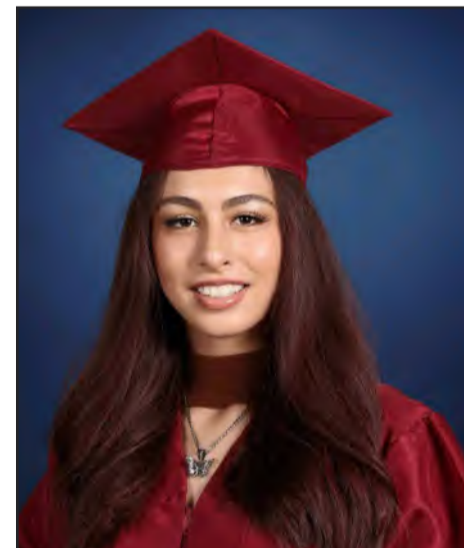
Alicia Medrano-Winner of ICF 111 Salvatore Sam Pace College Scholarship



Abigail Giron - ICF 111-Winner of Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship



Paul Vasquez-ICF 111-Winner of Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship



Rachel Taylor-Winner of ICF 111 Phillip Pace Jr. College Scholarship



ICF NBr 67 and Branch 108 Members visited the Ship Amerigo Vespucci in San Pedro.



ICF NBr 67 Members at NBr Meeting with new Pastor Fr. Leonardo Rocha.



# 100th Anniversary Gala Chicago



Chicago Gala Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation

On Sunday Afternoon, June 23, 2024, members from the Branches in the Chicago District, along with some visiting members from California and the Central Council, gathered to celebrate 100 Years of the ICF. The celebration began with Mass at St. Francis Borgia Church in Chicago, Illinois. Bishop Daniel Turley concelebrated the Mass with Archdiocesan Chaplain Fr. Marek Smolka and visiting priest Fr. Chris followed by a wonderful Luncheon at the Empress Banquet Hall in Addison, Illinois. It was a joyous occasion for all in attendance visiting with friends, enjoying a delicious meal, raffle and dancing. Thank You to CC Life Member Teresa Helfand, Chicago District President Maria Perna and all of the Officers and Members of the Chicago District for your hard work in bringing to life this Successful Anniversary Celebration!







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**Goody Bags and Raffle!**



**Ryuko Novak-Murano  
 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient**  
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She went above and beyond, gathering weekly prayers and Saint facts to share to keep the discussion open and lively throughout the school year.

In her third year, Ryuko worked meticulously in her second term as Co-President to coordinate carpools to weekly Mass, shared livestreamed services and helped plan a monthly Rosary Night. Throughout her hard work as a campus minister, she also maintained a job as a Resident Assistant for two years. In her final year, Ryuko reorganized Campus Masses.

While adding a job as Proudian Honors Program Assistant, Ryuko maintained her devoted Co-Presidency to gather more new members to the Catholic Newman Club by organizing booths at campus involvement fairs and planning Adoration Nights. She even helped to gather future generations by meeting incoming college students and helping to inform young Catholics of opportunities to stay connected and involved in one's faith despite being away from home.


In short, Ryuko has exhibited all the dedication and responsibility of a good leader during her time in college, and she is an excellent candidate to receive this award.

*Congratulations, Ryuko!*

**Elaine Valentine  
 Grand President's Award Recipient**  
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In Elaine's words: "I've been dedicated to ICF since 2004. I'm very honored to be the President of the largest Branch in the Federation. I am dedicated to our Mission Statement of our Catholic Faith, our charitable works and promoting our Italian Heritage. I really enjoyed fundraising for our church, schools, scholarships, all ICF charities, and other community organizations. I am very honored and thrilled to receive the Grand President Award at our 2024 Convention."

*Congratulations, Elaine!*



**FRESNO DISTRICT**



Br. 281, Chilling at the Bocce tournament Left-to-Right Anne Richards, BG Zasoski, Katie Sullivan, & Lea Riggs



Br. 281, Winners of Bocce tournament "The Untouchaballs" Left-to-Right Ruvin Montes, Carrie Natalizia, Crystal Watts & Leonard Zasoski.

**SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT**



Br. 446 Presentation to scholarship winner Nathan Ries



Br. 446 Installation of members Tony Melei and Claudia Bass by Danny Centurioni and Tony Santorufo



Br. 446 Tony Santorufo at International Food Festival



Br. 446 Pietronilla and Biagio Pavia with oregano

**SAN MATEO DISTRICT**



Members Br 213 at the ICF 100th Anniversary Luncheon. Seated l to r: Donna DeVoe, Linda Marcelli, Gloria DeVincenzi Standing l to r: Joe Crosetti, President Marianne Cameron, Judy Crosetti, Barbara Gabriel, Linda Benedetti.



# 100th Anniversary Gala Los Angeles Archdiocese



Archbishop Gomez, Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Grand First VP and Deacon Lawrence, Branch 380.



Br. 380, Deacon David Lawrence



Br. 446 at ICF 100th Anniversary Mass with Fr. Jerry Ochetti

On Saturday, July 29th, members of the four Southern California districts joined together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation. Also joining in the celebrations were members of the Central Council, including Denise Antonowicz, Franklyn Lopes Jr., Lauren Kilcullen, and Bob Basuino. The celebrations began at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Downtown LA with a Mass officiated by many of our pastors, chaplains, and deacons, along with three bishops: Archbishop José Gómez, Auxiliary Bishop Brian Nunes, and a special guest from Las Vegas, Bishop Gregory Gordon. We extend our gratitude to the staff of OLA for their efforts in making this a wonderful experience.

Next, we moved over to Casa Italiana, where a glorious lunch was provided by Nick D'Egidio and his staff. Francesca Taylor of Branch 67 and her Opera Italia ensemble serenaded us with traditional Italian songs, and the Rhythm Kings Trio played during lunch and kept us dancing. Thank you to the committee members, Theresa Shaw and Pat Mages, for helping to organize this event, and also to our photographers, Paul and Tad. We had some amazing raffle baskets and silent auction items as well.



San Bernardino District, which consists of Branches 210 (Fontana), Branch 217 (Redlands) and Branch 446 (Upland) attended the 100th Anniversary Gala



Branch 115 at the 100th Anniversary at Casa Italiana, Los Angeles; (L-R) Salvatore Mattered, Nicoletta Mattered, Elsie Ivecvic, Carmela Funicello, Neal Di Leva, Jerry Di Leva and Anna Di Leva.



Br. 191, 100th Anniversary Gala



ICF Branch 218 from Holy Angels Church in Arcadia attend the ICF 100th Anniversary celebration at St. Peter's Italian Church in Los Angeles. L To R standing: Michael Ferlisi, Mary Rovarino, Carol and Jerry Farrugia, Branch President. Seated: Susan Ferlisi, Maria and Joe Lanera.





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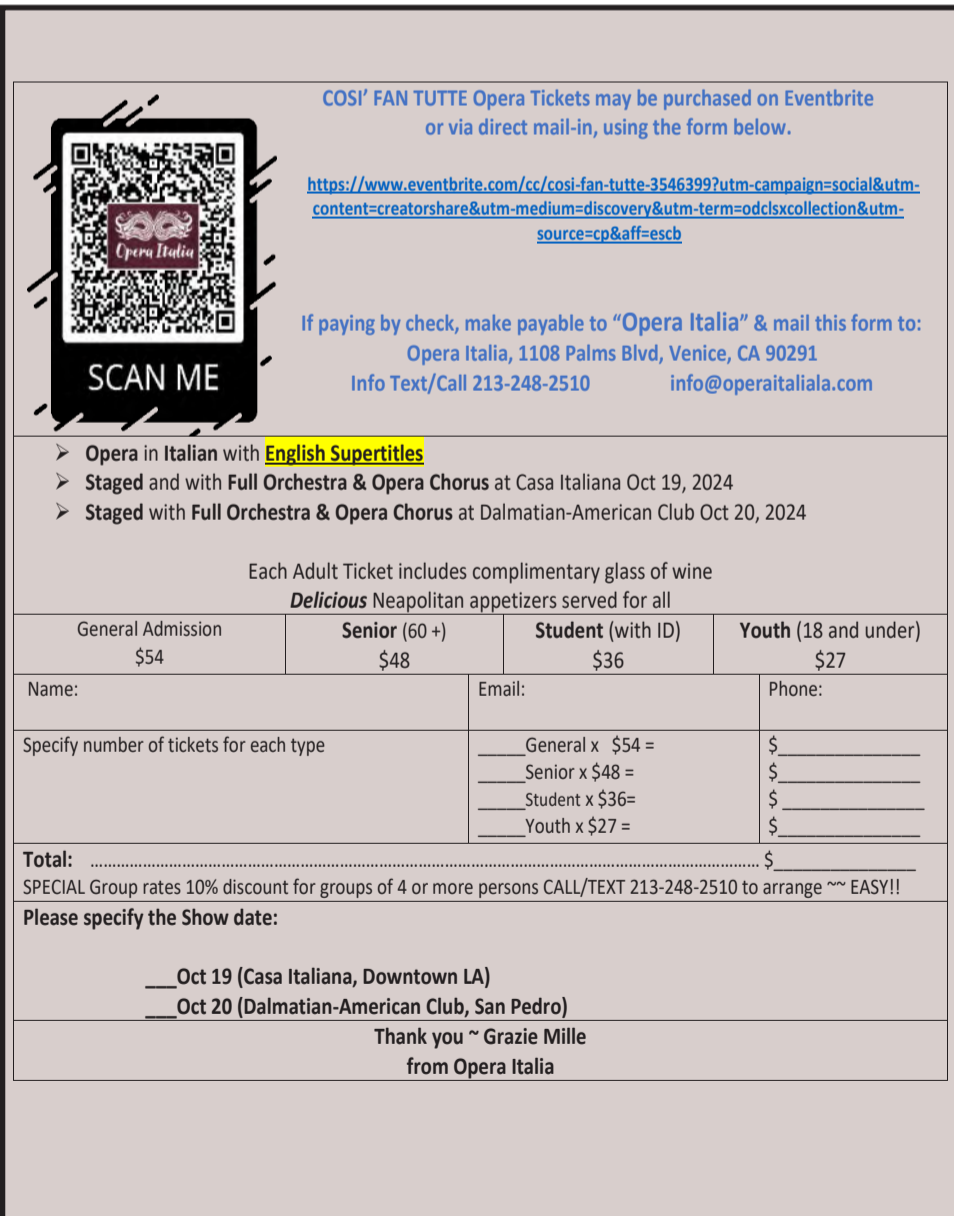
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