

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191

NEWSLETTER
March 2017



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Dates to Remember

March 22, 2017	ICF Soup Supper. Meeting following in Kelly Hall St. Joseph's Table Remember your bowl & utensils.
April 3, 2017	Board Meeting Jones' Home, Janice Jones Hostess
April 8, 2017	Set up for Palm Sunday Event
April 9, 2017	Palm Sunday Mass & Breakfast. Mass 8 AM, breakfast following in Essig Hall. (See flyer for information)
April 26, 2017	Dinner Meeting Essig Hall 6:30 PM
May 1, 2017	Board Meeting Parish Center Aldine Grisenti Hostess
May 24, 2017	Branch Dinner Meeting Essig Hall 6:30 PM
June 5, 2017	Board Meeting Parish Center Camille Orlando Hostess 7 PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our Polenta Dinner Dance was a huge success. The food was superb, thanks to our fantastic cooks. Steve Piro, Bob Basuino were the head chefs and their helpers were Joe Roulin. Greg Traverso, and Dave Citrigno. We were so blessed to have Amy Corral to assist with the young folks from Notre Dame High School, four Boy Scouts and two of my's nieces who served all our guests. A JOB WELL DONE!

The following members contributed much time and effort helping with the celebration:

Set-up, Decorations, raffle baskets, ticket sales, reservations, and the bar: Liz Donaldson, Mary Rossetto, Jim Jones, Janice Jones, Debbie Piro, Shirley Catania, June Sohn, Aldine Grisenti, Esther Ramonda, Tom Howden, Marilyn Howden, Marilyn Aguilar, Rosemary Janis, Amelia Moore, Mina DeBartolo, Larry Flocchini, Dollie DeFranco and Darrilyn Cooper. A big thank you from Bob and me.

As we continue on our Lenten journey let us remember to be loving and forgiving with each other. Often times, a **Smile** is all a person needs to know you care. Take time to pray for our homeless women being sheltered here at the Parish Center.

March 22, 2017 will be our SOUP SUPPER. We will be preparing Minestrone Soup and Chicken Vegetable Soup. Soup will be served at 6:00 pm followed by our Branch Meeting at 7:15 in Kelly Hall. We will honor St. Joseph at this time. Dessert will be served at the meeting. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SOUP BOWLS AND SPOONS.**

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY! Remember he was ITALIAN!!!!!!!

May the good Lord watch over you and protect you!

GOD BLESS
Jo Bertaccini

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EGGS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday Mass and breakfast are just around the corner (April 9th). This family event is always an enjoyable time for all. Members and their families get to enjoy a wonderful breakfast, mingle with other families and watch with enthusiasm as the children hunt for eggs. Last year's egg hunt was a big hit due to the generosity of members donating plastic eggs filled with goodies. Once again we are asking members to support this event by sending a dozen eggs filled with wrapped candy. **Make sure the candy does not have nuts.** Eggs can be brought to the March meeting. Your supporting of this event is greatly appreciated. If you have questions contact Debbie Piro at 408-306-9244.

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting is on a parish soup night. The ICF will be preparing minestrone and chicken vegetable soups. After soup night, we will meet in Kelly Hall for our meeting. We will be honoring St. Joseph that night with St. Joseph's table. If you would like to help with the preparations for soup night or the meeting, contact Jo Bertaccini 408-266-7364.

HELP NEED FOR SOUP NIGHT MARCH 22

The ICF will be preparing soup for SFC's weekly soup nights on March 22nd. Members are needed to help prepare and serve the soup. If you can lend a hand, meet at the parish kitchen at 2:30 PM on March 22nd.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Camille would like to thank all those who have paid their 2017 dues. If you are one of the few who have forgotten, please take a moment now to get your check in the mail.

Thank you.



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

April 9th is our Palm Sunday breakfast. A flyer is enclosed with the newsletter. All Members and their family are invited. **Reservations must be received by March 31st.**

PHONE COMMITTEE

The phone committee is in need of assistance in calling members with updates on happenings within the ICF. This usually happens a few times each year. If you are available to help, contact Esther at 408-559-4669.



BOCCE

Sorry to say the bocce courts do not look like this now due to the heavy rains. However, repairs are in the works and plans are going forward to open the courts for the Thursday night get togethers and to make the courts available for parties by May. If you are planning an event that would be enhanced by having it at bocce courts, contact either Frieda at friedaflo@aol.com or phone her at 408 377-5897; Aldine nonnigriz@yahoo.com; or Betty at 408-559-4268.



POLENTA DINNER DANCE RAFFLE BASKETS

We want to thank the following members who made donations toward the baskets for the dinner dance:

Elaine Davis, Rosemary Janis, Joan Delfino, Frieda Flocchini, Amelia Moore, Jim & Janice Jones and Jo Bertaccini. Also we want to thank Premium Pizza, Three Flames, La Villa, Blue Rock and Capricious Skin Care for the generous contributions. Please try to support these establishments when possible. All contributions helped us make over \$1,000.00 for our charities.

Thanks again,
Aldine and Esther



PRAY FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS

May God comfort all ICF members who are ill especially:

George Midwin
Betty O'Connor
Betty & Joe Antuzzi
Elaine & Tom Davis
Bruce Swarringim
Gianni Velez (Denise's nephew & Marie's grandson)
Melanie Shon (June's daughter-in-law)
David Mattera (Camille's cousin)
Mimi Holmes (Rosemary's cousin)

*Thank you,
Emily Corral*

