

# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Monterey Branch 36 | Santa Rosalia



Monterey, California

## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 18:** Central Coast District Installation Mass (*Hollister, Br. #26*)

**Jan. 23:** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall*)

**Jan. 28:** Board Meeting (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Feb. 6:** Monthly Dinner Meeting and New Member Initiation (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Feb. 18:** Board Meeting (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Feb. 21:** Italian Heritage Society Annual Honoree Dinner (*Marriott Hotel, Monterey*)

**Feb. 28:** Lenten Dinner #1 (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Mar. 6:** Lenten Dinner #2 (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Mar. 13:** Lenten Dinner #3 (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Mar. 15:** St. Joseph's Celebration (*Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks*)

**Mar. 20:** Lenten Dinner #4 (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Mar. 24:** Board Meeting (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Mar. 27:** Lenten Dinner #5 (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Apr. 3:** Lenten Dinner #6 (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

**Apr. 28:** Board Meeting (*San Carlos Cathedral Hall, Monterey*)

Visit our Website for more information, calendar of events, and to register/pay online:

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

## HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2020!

*Laurice Levine - guest speaker at our January 9 dinner meeting...*

Approximately 250 guests enjoyed our first dinner meeting of the year, on January 9, with braised short ribs over polenta with vegetables, wedge salad, our famous ICF garlic bread, and pineapple upside-cake for dessert. Agnes D'Agui stayed until the end of the meeting, and won the \$150 attendance drawing! We had the honor of hosting Laurice



Levine, the ICF liaison for Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia). Cooley's Anemia is the national ICF charity, with donations totaling over \$2 million to date (our branch gave \$2,000 to Cooley's Anemia last year). The ICF's support of Cooley's Anemia research focuses on the thalassemia program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Laurice drove down from Petaluma, and spoke to us about the disease - its origins, the medical progress being made to combat it, her personal experiences, and its affects on her family. Thank you, Laurice, and God bless you for all you do.

## Festive & Fun Children's Christmas Party - a family event

What a wonderful afternoon! Our annual children's Christmas Party was festive and fun for all. Children's games and prizes, face-painting, a delicious buffet lunch including antipasti, pasta, meatballs, pizzas, salad, and garlic bread, with TONS of cupcake desserts - and a visit by Santa Claus - delighted everyone that day. Over 125 attendees enjoyed the great efforts of Joe & Sharon LoManto, Barbara Lucido, and our team of volunteers. Thanks to all for supporting this family-oriented event.



## 2020 Calendars

Purchase for \$25 **NOW**, only a few remaining, and be entered for a chance to win \$\$ in the 366 drawings this year!

### Why become an ICF member?

**Friends for friendship,  
Friendship for community,  
Community for connection**  
While we support our beliefs

#### Membership inquiries:

[info.icf36@gmail.com](mailto:info.icf36@gmail.com) , or call  
Elaine Valentine - 831.394.8224

**664 Members as of 1/9/2020**

## ICF Board Members 2020

President... Robert Huffer  
1st Vice President... Joseph LoManto  
2nd Vice President...Turie Cavaliere  
Recording Secretary...Sandie Russo  
Correspondence Secretary... Antonia Ruccello  
Financial Secretary... Elaine Valentine  
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Sentinel...Nick Bermudez  
Trustee/Past President... Liz Grammatico  
Trustee...Robert Bianchi  
Trustee...Antonia lhnnot  
Trustee...JoAnn Riso  
Trustee...June Serrano  
Chaplain...Rev. Ron Shirley

## DI FRANCO FAMILY SINGERS DINNER SHOW

### Scholarship Fundraiser Netted \$1,709!

On Saturday evening, November 16, 2019, we hosted a great night of food and entertainment by the DiFranco family singers. Eighty-three (83) attendees - a cozy group - enjoyed the dinner buffet and beverages, and the wonderfully entertaining DiFranco show. Grandfather, father, mother, and "kids" all blended their musical, singing, and dancing talents together to produce a lively show for a very appreciative audience. JoAnn Riso chaired this event, and enlisted the help of several friends to assist her with preparation of a delicious array of homemade salads and desserts to accompany the chicken wrap sandwiches prepared by the Bagel Kitchen in Pacific Grove. The bartenders Turie Cavaliere and Peter John Curatolo were kept busy pouring throughout the evening, and volunteer servers and clean-up crew got the hall back into ship-shape condition in record time. Several members and attendees also contributed to the event with monetary donations, and after the bills were paid and the dishes were washed, we made \$1,709 for our Scholarship Fund. We appreciate all who contributed in various ways to this worthwhile fundraiser. Our scholarship fund now has over \$8,085 in it for 2020 scholarship and achievement awards on May 7.



*Members enjoying recent Branch 36 events*

## CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, we held our annual Christmas Dinner Dance at the Cathedral Hall. A special dinner menu was prepared to celebrate the holidays, the hall was beautifully decorated for the season, and entertainment was provided by the US Express band. Although a smaller-than-usual crowd of about one hundred fifty (150) joined us, it was a very enjoyable evening for those who attended. Thanks to the event chairs and volunteers, kitchen crew, set-up and decorating teams, dining room servers, bartenders, and everyone who contributed to the success of our holiday party.

## In Memoriam (2019)

ANITA FERRANTE

VITO SPADARO

LUKE PHILLIPS

MARY RUSSO

FRANK CAMPO

CATHERINE CARDINALI STEWART

NANETTE GILES

PAUL SMITH

NATALIE WHITNEY

SALVATORE (SAL) P. CARDINALE

EMILIO CAL

*"REST IN PEACE"*

## ICF Salute

"As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we promise fidelity and obedience to our Church. As citizens or residents of this country, we promise loyalty and respect to the American flag. We also promise to love and honor the land of our ancestors. May God help us to maintain our promises."



## CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT BISHOP'S DAY IN MONTEREY



*Bishop of Monterey Daniel Garcia & ICF Grand President Vince Piro*

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, our branch hosted the Central Coast District's annual Bishop's Day. The morning began with refreshments for those traveling in from out of town, followed by Mass in the Cathedral, celebrated by the Most Reverend Daniel Garcia (Bishop of Monterey Diocese), then a delicious pumpkin-shrimp bisque soup and chicken caesar salad lunch, before the formal presentations began. Mistress of Ceremony Jane Gasperson presided over the event, and introduced the various ICF special guests, among them Grand President Vince Piro, Grand Treasurer Franklyn Lopes, Jr., and District President Rosa Radicchi. All branches in the district were represented, and Bishop Danny was presented with the district's spiritual bouquets and seminary burse donations. Bishop's Day is a gathering of members and friends from throughout the district to demonstrate the ICF's support of the local Bishop and the seminarians in the diocese. Branch 36 contributed \$2,200 to seminarians in 2019, and the \$666.41 net profit generated from this event was donated to the Central Coast District treasury. It was a friendly and fulfilling day for the officers, members and volunteers who were a part of this special annual celebration.

## *Scholarship Applications Due March 15*

Our Scholarship program encourages, promotes, and supports student education, and is available to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Monterey Peninsula or Salinas area. The student, parents, or grandparents must be ICF Branch 36 members for at least one year. The student must be at least 17 years of age upon high school graduation, and service within the ICF is suggested (e.g. helping out at Lent dinners). A grade point average of 3.5 or higher is required, and funding is for students pursuing a college degree. Download the application and requirements from our website ([www.MontereyICF.org](http://www.MontereyICF.org)) or contact Scholarship committee chair Sandie Russo at (831) 521-4866 for additional information.

## Did You Know ?

### **All Major Credit Cards Accepted**

For your convenience, we now accept all major credit cards at our Branch 36 events!

### **Hospitalization Plan**

The best-kept secret in the ICF is our hospitalization plan! Available to paid-up members under age 70, inexpensive, with benefits paid directly to you. Contact Elaine Valentine (831.394.8224) for more details and application - or visit our website: [www.MontereyICF.org](http://www.MontereyICF.org) to apply and pay online.

## Lenten Dinners Begin February 28

### *Our Biggest Fundraisers & Help Needed!*

Our famous annual Friday Lenten dinners begin on February 28 and continue for six weeks until April 3. Every week, the meals of fish, pasta, salad and garlic bread are served to approximately 800 diners, who enjoy the fun social community fundraising activity along with great food, beverages, and desserts. Doors open at 4:30pm, take-outs are available beginning at **5:15pm**, dining room service begins at 5:30pm, and the doors close at 7:00pm. Online ticket sales begin one week in advance of each event and close at 12 noon on Fridays.

These events don't just happen by themselves - we need your help! All members are asked to please donate a dessert (cakes, brownies, pies, cookies, etc.) that can be sold every Friday. If you are available to volunteer, we'd love for you to join in on the fun. Those wishing to volunteer to work as bartenders, host/hostess, desserts table, dining room servers, dining room set-up or clean-up, or kitchen crew, please contact us at [info.icf36@gmail.com](mailto:info.icf36@gmail.com).

## Membership Renewal Dues

If you have already paid your 2020 membership dues, please accept our thanks for your continued support and participation in the ICF. If you haven't yet renewed by remitting your payment, please send in as soon as possible. With all of the mail and other holiday activities, it's possible you lost your renewal notice. Please contact Elaine Valentine (831.521.8026) for a duplicate notice as well as to refer new potential members. Thank you.

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