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Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191 NEWSLETTER

April Calendar – Dates to remember!

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 2	National PB & J Day
April 4	Easter
April 7	Coffee Cake Day
April 12	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
April 15	Tax Day
April 19	Garlic Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Pig in a Blanket Day
April 28	Social Meeting at 6:30pm
April 30	Oatmeal Cookie Day

April President's Message:

Happy Easter to all my ICF family. I hope that some of you were able to join your families even if it was still with a mask and social distancing. It was a beautiful day! As my Uncle Franky (who was a priest) would LOVE to say on Easter "ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!" Easter was his favorite holiday, he said it brought new life and new beginnings to our lives. His sermons on Easter would be so long but so inspiring and full of hope! The people would peek in the church and if they saw a pile of books on the altar, they knew to get comfortable because it was going to be a long one! My household was quiet again this year, since we are not all done being vaccinated. My nephews who are 23 and 24 years old told me they would love to do an egg hunt on the front lawn only if I put \$50 dollar bills in the eggs! Needless to say, "NO" egg hunt. I did make my Easter bread that my Grandpa taught me to make so I was happy! One of my fond memories of Easter is dyeing 40 dozen eggs for my Dad's work. He worked for SVDP in San Francisco and his office was in an assisted living home. There were 160 apartments and 160 playmates for us 8 kids. We loved going there and putting on Holiday parties or just going to visit on Saturday if my Dad went into work. On Easter we would dye all these eggs and hide them in the courtyard and our elderly friends would come down with their baskets and act surprised. We would just laugh and laugh at how they couldn't find the egg that was right at their feet. It was the best! As we move forward with our ICF family lets share these fond memories with each other and have a good laugh! We have a few things going on in our branch to keep us active and strong. One being a Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser. If everyone buys at least one box of yummy, delicious cookies we would be in great shape. Who does not love cookies? Our SVDP Food Ministry is handing out more food boxes than ever, so if anyone would like to donate to this wonderful and needy ministry, please send a donation to Aldine Grisenti. Jim Jones has been filling the pantry quite a bit lately. Nothing is too small to help a needy person because no one should go hungry ever!

We Got This!

Your President, Debbie



Pray for our sick members:

Please pray for all the member of our branch.
Especially those who are not feeling well.



Mother's Day Cookie

Fundraiser: Hopefully by now everyone has gotten a flyer and is sending in their order forms. Homemade cookies are the best!

We will be getting a team together to help deliver the cookies to people's front porch. If there is anyone who would like to help with the deliveries it would be greatly appreciated. You can write it on the form you send me or give me a call at:

(408) 306-9244

April Zoom Meeting:

Our "Social" meeting via Zoom will be Wednesday April 28 at 6:30pm. Please come and join us. We are having a great time getting to know each other in fun and creative ways. I have learned so much about our ICF family! We have had some great laughs and interesting conversations.

Saint Vincent De Paul Food Ministry:

This past year has taken its toll on many people. There is a greater need to feed the hungry than ever before. Our SVDP has been giving out more boxes of food and we (Jim Jones) is constantly refilling the pantry at SFC. Any donations to this great cause would be greatly appreciated. You can send your donations to Aldine Grisenti payable to ICF Branch 191.

SCHOLARSHIP ALERT!

The application for a FIRST YEAR SCHOLARSHIP has been extended to APRIL 15th,2021.

Please alert your relatives and friends that the 1st year scholarship is still available. Just go to the ICF website www.ICF.org and click on scholarship and all the information will come up. The amount is \$400.00. This can pay for books etc.

If you have any questions, you may call Jo Bertaccini at (408) 266-7364.

God Bless



Coming up:

George Midwin will be sending out our raffle tickets to our annual convention.

Please consider buying one or two books. It is a great fundraiser for our branch, and we will get \$10 from every book we sell.

Fun Facts of Italy:

Easter in Italy is all about Chocolate Eggs! The bigger the better, the more elaborate the better and the more beautifully wrapped the better!



So sorry no egg hunt, no marshmallow peeps and definitely no jellybeans!

Italian Easter Bread Recipe:

<https://anitalianinmykitchen.com/easter-bread/>



Joke Corner:

1. What kind of bunny cannot hop?
2. Where does the Easter bunny eat breakfast?
3. Why was the Easter bunny upset?



1. A chocolate bunny
2. At IHOP
3. He was having a bad HARE day