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## Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191 NEWSLETTER January 2020



### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 4, 2020	Installation 9:30 AM St. Mary's Church Gilroy. Luncheon to follow.
January 6, 2020	Open Board Meeting Kelly Hall 7 PM Debbie Piro - Hostess
January 12, 2020	Quarterly Mass and Breakfast. Mass 8 AM Breakfast - Hickory Pit
January 22, 2020	Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM <u>Kelly Hall</u>
February 3, 2020	Open Board Meeting Parish Center 7 PM, Hostess Jo Bertaccini
February 26, 2020	Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM <u>Kelly Hall</u>
March 2, 2020	Open Board Meeting <u>Kelly Hall</u> 7 PM
March 21, 2020	Chicken & Polenta Dinner/Dance
March 25, 2020	Dinner Meeting 6:30 Soup Night. Meeting following in Kelly Hall.
April 6, 2020	Open Board Meeting Parish Center 7 PM, Hostess Emily Corral

### President's Message January 2020

Dear Members,

As I sit here trying to think about what my first message as your President should be all I can think about is, "How on earth did I get here?" !!!!!!! "Am I really the President for Branch 191????". Well I got here because of ALL of you! From the very first time I came to a meeting ("Just come and check it out." Frank and Bob Basuino said) I felt I was among friends and family! Walking in of course from the kitchen I never looked back! You opened your arms and hearts to me and welcomed me with hugs and smiles!

I want to thank Branch 191's Mr. ICF and that's Jim Jones. He has the biggest heart I've ever known! He lives and breathes ICF and he's not even Italian, but never tell him that! Thank you Jim for all you do for us, thank you for your time, your love and your heart!!

To the Board members thank you for your time and dedication to the ICF because of all you do we are an awesome branch!!! So thank you!

I also would like to thank each and everyone of you for your consistent support to the branch, for coming to the dinners and general meetings, for supporting the dinner dances and whatever function we have!!!

I truly believe that everyone has a special talent that God has given us, let's find that talent no matter how big or small and make 2020 an AWESOME year! Thank You again for your consistent support and love you give me!!

I Got This!  
Debbie

**JANUARY 22ND DINNER MEETING**

**The Board will be supplying dinner the night of our general meeting. There will be no charge, but you must call Mary Rossetto to make reservations so that there will be enough food for all. The menu is: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad and Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee & Drinks.**

**Remember to bring your plates and utensils. Contact Mary at 408-377-3488 before January 18th.**

**CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION**

Due to school functions that will be held in Essig Hall, our January, February, and March meetings will be held in Kelly Hall.

**Quarterly Mass & Breakfast**

The first quarterly Mass and breakfast will be on January 12th. Mass at 8 AM. Breakfast will follow Mass at the Hickory Pit. Contact Jim if you plan to attend the breakfast.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

It's that time of year to start applying for the ICF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP. The first year scholarship is available to all qualifying senior graduated from High School . Please encourage your children, grandchildren or relatives to apply. Just go on line to ICF.org and click on scholarship. The applicant must have at least a 3.2 grade point average. I know student who have received the 1st year and continued to apply each year and receive scholarships all four years. Application can be made now and all are due to Central Council no later than March 15, 2020. If you have any questions, contact me at (408) 266-7364.

Jo Bertaccini

**CONGRATUALIONS 2020 BR. 191 BOARD!**

Wasn't it just yesterday that we were elected to the Board? Now we are in January 2020, newly installed and just completed our first board meeting. I am looking forward to sharing the plans we discussed with members at the January 22nd general meeting. Thank you Board for a great start.

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| Debbie Piro - President          | Orator - Julie Midwin      |
| 1st Vice - Jo Bertaccini         | Sentinel - Shirley Catania |
| 2nd Vice - Emily Corral          | Trustees - George Midwin   |
| Recording Sec. - Jim Jones       | Tony Spagnola              |
| Financial Sec. - Camille Orlando | Lonnie Swarringim          |
| Treasurer - Aldine Grisenti      |                            |

**PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS**

Pray for those we hold in our hearts who are ill and of past members.

Anyone wishing for special prayers for sick members please contact Julie Midwin. If you do not want to mention the person's name or their illness, that is fine; prayers will still be said for them. Julie will be donating one Mass a month for those members who are ill. Julie can be reached at 408-371-4897.



**2020 CALENDARS**

Thank you Tony Spagnola for overseeing the 2020 calendar sales. Also, thank you to all who purchased one or more. There are a few left. Tony will have them at the January meeting .

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?**

Please try to get your dues to Camille by the end of January. This will help her not having to send reminder notices. If you have questions, please contact Camille at 408-559-0688.

**INSTALLATION 2020**



**Quote of the Month:**

Laughter is the best medicine, so spread it around!!

