



## Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191 NEWSLETTER January 2021



### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 14, 2021	National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day
January 20, 2021	Inauguration Day
January 22, 2021	Celebrate Life Day
January 24, 2021	National Peanut Butter Day
February 1, 2021	Zoom Board Mtg. 6:30 PM
February 1, 2021	National Freedom Day
February 2, 2021	Ground Hog Day



Denise Piro  
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### SAVE THE DATE

Hope to see you on February 12th 2021.

### Happy Pre-Valentine's Day Party (Zoom Style)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021  
6:30PM TO 7:30PM

JOIN US AS THE CENTRAL COUNCIL  
INVITES YOU SPEND A FUN EVENING  
AS YOU PLAY TRIVIA, SING ALONG  
&  
WIN GIFT CARDS!

ZOOM INFO WILL BE POSTED ON  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2/12 ON THE ICF  
FACEBOOK PAGE

The ICF theme for 2021 is *"The ICF is still alive and it's time to thrive!"* Even though we are not having monthly meeting at this time, members are encouraged to share their ICF experiences with family and friends and invite them to join.

### President's Message January 2021

Happy New Year! Happy 2021! Bye Bye 2020, we are ready for a new year to start. Let 2021 bring us much happiness and good health. Let the new year bring us together in person again. Know that each and everyone of you are in my thoughts and prayers and I can't wait to see you all again. I know it still wouldn't be for a while but there is hope and light at the end of the tunnel. Keep the faith and know that God is with us even when we are feeling lonely and forgotten. God is there and so is your ICF family.

My Dad would have been 84 on January 1st, so as tradition we made homemade raviolis via Zoom. What fun we had laughing and giggly over how much we were all at different places but we were still all together. My mom made homemade pumpkin raviolis, Robyn and I made the traditional ones and my twin sister made homemade pasta because she couldn't find her ravioli pin. Of course she found it afterwards. And my nieces just joined in on the fun. We were at seven different houses carrying on our New Years tradition my Grandmother started 84 years ago! Amazing what technology can do.

We would like to try Zoom again for our general meetings just to update you on projects we are working on and to get your input on things you would like to see done and ideas on some fundraisers that might interest you! Most of all we just all want to say "Hello, how are you doing?". Hugs to all! We Got This!!

Your President.  
Debbie

DO ALL THINGS WITH  
*Love*



### General ZOOM meetings In February

We would like to set up a zoom general meeting so please join us to say hello and show your smiling faces. If you need help setting it up let me know. Once you are set up it's a click away. **Our first general Zoom meeting will start in February with a Valentine Zoom party.**  More information will follow.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME for all eligible graduating high school seniors.: Applications are now available on the ICF website at <http://www.icf.org> . Applications must be completed by March 15, 2021.. If you have any questions contact Jo Bertaccini at (408) 266-7364. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or any relative or friend who is eligible to apply. If you have any questions, contact me at (408) 266-7364.

### Bocce Courts

We are having our beautiful Olive trees trimmed and shaped to keep them ready for when we can continue back with our Bocce fun!

### 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.

**“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.” —Vern McLellan**



### Fun Facts of Italy:

*La Festa di San Silvestro* is on December 31st New Years Eve. Lentils are served just after midnight, they symbolize money and good fortune. Cotechino a large spiced sausage is a favorite. Campione stuffed pig trotter is also served, pork symbolize richness.

**Old Customs:** In southern Italy people throw things out the window to symbolize readiness to accept the New Year. And don't forget to wear red underwear!!!! Italian folklore claims this will bring you luck in the coming year! Who knew!!

### Fundraisers: I

If anyone has any ideas they would like to share we welcome them. We did a few fundraisers in 2020, Calendar sale (23 sold), Cactus sale and Jade plant sale. These fundraisers are to help keep our branch running and to help our church community. We were able to donate 20 turkeys and 20 hams for the SVDP food boxes handed out at Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are so many people in need and these fundraiser give us the means to help them.

### PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

On December 24,2020, we lost one of the last Charter members Angela Cosentino. We most fondly remember her for the beautiful St. Joseph's Table she did for ICF for many years and many other things she did for SFC and ICF. May she Rest in Peace.



I HAVE  
DECIDED  
THAT  
THIS  
WILL BE  
A VERY  
GOOD YEAR

### HERITAGE

Who was Filipa Moniz Perestrelo?  
This person's name should be Googled only by people who like to discover.

Tony Spagnolo

### Layette Drive-by

Baby Shower on Dec 6th bought in 140 boxes of clothes and \$9,500 dollars in donation. Thank You