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## YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613 FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...  
February 11th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Rm.**

### **Meeting Highlights:**

- **Bowling/Golf Sign-Ups**
- **Donations**

**Dinner Entree provided by Br. Paul Wuerstle**

### **President's Message**

Brothers.....At our January Business Meeting, we had a good discussion covering the 2014 calendar of YMI #613 council events. The calendar basically has something going on nearly every month! If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing an existing event or heading up a new event or activity, I encourage you to call or e-mail me with your interest and come to a meeting to discuss your ideas. In particular, I am seeking a co-chair to help organize our summer picnic in August. In addition, it was suggested that we may be able to get tickets to see the Bulls hockey team or do some service work at a homeless shelter. These are promising ideas, but we need brothers to step up to the plate and take a lead role in planning and organizing these kinds of events. Although there is some modest time commitment involved, the work effort from being an event chair can be a very rewarding experience.

2014 is an election year for YMI #613. Per the by-laws, we will need to take nominations in April. The offices have two-year terms. If anyone is interested in being an officer or being on a committee, please see me.

## St John Bosco Council News & Activities:

- **YMI Family Mass:** We are scheduled to handle the St Cecilia's Family Mass with the YLI on **February 2nd @ 9:30 a.m.** Please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650-871-9164)** if you can help that morning.

**YMI Jim Calabretta Essay Contest** - Attached please find a flyer with instructions for making reservations to the Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet on March 22nd. The banquet will be held at Sts Peter & Paul Church Auditorium starting at 6:30 p.m. Our chair, **Br. Rod Ordon**, has been active gathering volunteers to cook and handle various duties that evening. If anyone would like to help, please contact Br. Rod at **415-314-4970**. We encourage all brothers and their families to attend the banquet as it promises to be a special evening as we witness the jubilation of 45 students being recognized for their academic achievements. Contact Br. Rod as indicated in the **enclosed flyer** to make reservation by March 8th.

**YMI Membership Dues** - In mid-December, our Treasurer sent out letter providing notice of the 2014 membership dues owed. If you haven't already paid, we kindly remind you to send in your dues payment so that the Treasurer doesn't need to waste postage with a reminder letter. If you have already paid, we say "Thank you!"

## YMI Grand Council Items:

**Raffle Tickets** - By now, you should have received raffle tickets from the YMI for its annual Pro Patria Essay Contest. This is a worthy cause as the proceeds provide funds for the essay contest awards that go to deserving students. Please buy the two raffle books included in the mailing and consider sponsoring a student in this contest (deadline is January 15th). Let YMI #613 continue to have the best sales rate of any YMI council. **All raffle ticket buyers will be entitled to a free dinner at our February Business Meeting.**

**Red & White Mass** - This year's **Red & White Mass** will be held in nearby **All Souls Church in South San Francisco on March 1st.**

The event begins with a YMI banner procession at 4:45 p.m., then a Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner after the Mass and finally the raffle ticket drawing. The event is only \$15 per person and reservations can be made by contacting **Grand 2nd Vice President, Br. George Terry at 650-892-6810.**

**YMI Bowling Tourney** - The bowling tourney will be held at Pacific Avenue Bowl in Stockton on April 6th (12:30 p.m. - team check-in; 1:00 start). We will be taking team sign-up's at the February & March meetings. It is anticipated that the Council will absorb the full cost of sending bowlers to Stockton.

**YMI Golf Tourney-** The golf tourney will take place at the Magnificent Manteca Golf Course on Aug, 27th (11:00 a.m. start time). A golf cart is included. In addition, a dinner will be served after the last squad completes their round. We will be taking team sign-up's at the February & March meetings. It is anticipated that the Council's budgeted allotment will cover most of the \$75 tournament fee . However, each golfer would be expected to contribute a portion of the fee, depending on the number of golfers. Last year each golfer contributed \$25 to play.

**YMI Website:** The YMI website is back in operation with greater content presented in a more organized format. Please take a moment to visit the website at [www.ymiusa.org](http://www.ymiusa.org).

**Find the Joker Pot:** The pot is growing (low 4 figures) and the odds of winning are getting better each month. We now have just 35 cards left in a 53-card deck. You can't win, unless you come to a meeting, so come on down and buy your tickets for a chance to win!

**Wanted Dinner Coordinators:** We now have volunteers to handle dinner coordinating responsibilities for our business meetings though May 2014. I thank all those brothers that have volunteered! It is greatly appreciated and provides for a variety of tasty meals. Last month, **Br. George Rehmet** brought in tasty platters of pasta and meatballs from the Macaroni Grill. We continue to look for volunteers for 2014 starting from June thru December. While some members have opted to cook the meal, most have simply arranged to have the dinner catered. Whatever approach you take, **you will be reimbursed!** You can also

partner with a buddy too. To volunteer, just contact **Br. Mike Amato** (650-871-9164 or [mamato871@aol.com](mailto:mamato871@aol.com)).

**Thank you:** To **Bruna Campus** for supplying us with a fabulous pineapple upside down cake treat for our council to enjoy after our business meeting dinner in January.

**Birthdays** - Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who have February Birthdays:

**Grant Young, Kevin Soracco, Sean MacRae, John Smith, Stephen Goulding, Nick Goultas**

### Reminders

**Sponsor a New Member**- We have reached the century mark in terms of memberships, but we can't stop there. I encourage you to please consider sponsoring a new member at the next meeting and sharing the experience of YMI brotherhood with them. Besides doing good work for our Catholic community, as demonstrated by the fact that we contributed nearly \$25,000 in donations and scholarships in 2013, we host many fun events (dinners, sports tourneys, picnics, etc) throughout the year.

**YMI Polo Shirts** - If you need a navy blue YMI #613 polo shirts, because your shirt had either was misplaced or became worn, we do have an inventory of shirts of all sizes and they can be purchased for just **\$25**. Just come see **Br. Mike Amato** before or after the business meeting.

**Charity** - Please remember to bring a canned goods or some toiletries to our next business meeting. Our efforts to food and personal items have directly benefitted San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House. To date we have donated 45 lbs. of canned good, fruit and toiletry items.

### YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings/Events:

**February 2nd (Sunday) - YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia's Church)**

**February 11th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)**

**March 1 (Sat) - YMI Red & White Mass (start at 4:45 pm @ All Souls Church, South San Francisco**

**March 11th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)**

**March 22 (Sat) YMI #613 Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Award Banquet @ Sts Peter & Paul Church**

**April 6 (Sun) - YMI Bowling Tourney @ Stockton**

**Apr 8h (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)**

**April 27th (Sun) - YMI Golf Tourney @ Manteca**

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