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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
September 9th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Rm.**

Dinner: Ravioli's from Bertolucci's coordinated by Br. Bob Fiorito (\$5)

St John Bosco Council News & Activities:

YMI Bocce Ball Tournament: Please mark your calendar and plan on attending our annual YMI Bocce Ball tournament to be held on **Saturday September 27th at Orange Park**. Thanks to the effort of **Br. Mike Dimech** (the event chair), the bocce tournament has grown steadily in popularity each year and has become a profitable fund-raiser for us. The \$30 per person fee (\$120 per team) includes at least two bocce games in a double elimination tournament, as well as coffee & donuts in the morning, BBQ lunch at midday, and a t-shirt to remember the occasion. Br. Mike also has a nice raffle too. Get your reservations to play in soon or just come and have fun watching the event! Contact **Br. Mike Dimech** today at 650-922-2667. **See the attached bocce ball flyer.**

YMI Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: The 12th Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest is now officially underway. Attached to this newsletter, please find a contest flyer. As you may recall, the YMI #613 brothers generously approved a modest \$500 increase to the prize fund-raising at the July business meeting raising the total pot to \$15,500. This increase will allow 5 more prizes of \$100 to the highly competitive middle school division. Please encourage your children, grandchildren and other kids in your family to participate in the contest. In addition, each member may sponsor two non-family members (*this can be a great recruiting tool to invite a friend or neighbor to join as many of our members joined after hearing about our contest*). The contest deadline is December 4th, so there is plenty of time to write a 300 word essay. My thanks to **Brothers Rod Ordon, George Rehmert and John Kavanagh** for helping to develop the essay topics for this year's contest. **See the attached contest flyer.**

Picnic: We enjoyed a spectacularly sunny day in San Bruno Park on Sunday August 24th. The BBQ steaks were excellent, the delicious salads & side dishes were plentiful, and we had a wide assortment of tasty desserts and icy beverages on hand. We were also well-entertained by accordion music from the talented **Br. George Campi #32** and we had horseshoes on hand thanks to Br. **Glenn Williams #32**. I thank ALL that attended, but most of all I want to express gratitude to: **Brothers Ryan Casey, Cosmo Amato, Bob Fiorito, Joe Soracco, Mike Dimech, and Art Jimenez** for helping me organize and support the event; to **Bruna Campus, Diane Bottarini and Donna Goultas, and Pola Fiorito** for preparing the many desserts and the corn salad; to **Irma Calabretta and Br Aldo Didero** for donating raffle prizes, and to my wife **Mara Amato** for helping me assemble raffle prizes and getting to the park early to help me set-up!

Columbus Day Parade: We're gearing up for our annual participation in the Italian Heritage Parade on October 12th. **Br. Bob Fiorito** has again made arrangements with the San Francisco Model A Auto Club and we will be riding in the parade in beautiful well-maintained antique cars. **Grand President Luther Evans YMI #80** is expected to be on hand joining our contingent. Please plan on coming to the parade and cheering the YMI entry!

Hour of Memory: The annual **Hour of Memory** event will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on **November 2nd** starting at 3:30 p.m., followed by an excellent dinner nearby at the **SF Italian Athletic Club**. This is our event where we pay respect to our many YMI #613 brothers that have passed away over the years. The event has a modest fee of just \$25 for our members and all YMI #613 widows may attend for free as our guests. Please reservations today by contacting **Br. Cosmo Amato** (415-392-3560). **See the attached Hour of Memory flyer**

Rest In Peace: More sad news to report. Besides notifying our members of **Br. Robert Milani's** death last month, we have recently learned that **Virginia Vavuris** passed away unexpectedly on August 17th. Virginia had a long-time connection with the YMI #613 having been married to Past Grand President Andrew Vavuris (*the only YMI #613 to date that has been elected as Grand President*) and serving as our organization's "First Lady" back in 1984-85. She was also the beloved mother of **Brother James Vavuris** and the proud grandmother of **Brothers Andrew and Nicholas Vavuris**. Virginia was a regular at many of our YMI events and she will be missed by many of us. Please remember her wonderful soul in your prayers.

Prayers Requested: We again ask all YMI #613 brothers to remember in your prayers that several YMI brothers are dealing with various health issues. We wish them all the strength to overcome their ailments and we hope to see them soon at our meeting and events.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who have September Birthdays.

Joseph Stableford, Rev. Joe Landi, Bob Fiorito, Jonathan Santander, Michael Dimech, Richard, Rosemount, Alfred Cidonio, Stephen Steczynski, Joseph Basuino, Louis Camozzi, Leo Rossi, Frank Novello

Reminders

Sponsor a New Member - Consider sponsoring a new member at the next meeting and sharing the opportunity to participate in the YMI brotherhood. Besides doing good work for our Catholic community, as demonstrated by the fact that we contribute \$25,000 in donations on a yearly basis, we host many fun events (dinners, sports tourneys, picnics, etc) throughout the year. We haven't had a new member for awhile, so I encourage you to sponsor someone to join!

Find The Joker: The pot is growing! Come to a meeting to have a chance to win!

YMI Polo Shirts - Some members have asked about our navy blue YMI #613 polo shirts, as their shirts had either been misplaced or became worn. The good news is that we do have an inventory of shirts of all sizes and they can be purchased for \$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. Thus far, we have collected and donated approximately 470 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items.

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings/Events:

September 9th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)

September 27th (Sat) - YMI Bocce Ball Tourney (8:00 a.m. @ Orange Park)

October 12th (Sun) - SF Italian Heritage/Columbus Day Parade (@ North Beach)

October 14th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)

November 2nd (Sun) - Hour of Memory (3:30 pm @ Sts Peter & Paul Church)

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

November 18th (Tues) - YMI #613 Special Budget Meeting (7:00 pm @St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)

December 14th (Sun) - Christmas Party (@Dominic's Restaurant, So San Francisco

March 14th (Sat) - Red & White Mass Sponsored by YMI #613 (4:30 p.m. @ St. Veronica Church, SSF)