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YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
MAY2015 NEWSLETTER

Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on...
May 12th (Tues)-7:00 p.m. @St Cecilia's Green Room.

Meeting Highlights: Upcoming Events
Dinner: Greek-style Cuisine - coordinated by Br. George Rehmet

President's Message

Brothers.....On the heels of a hugely successful Red & White Mass in March, we once again performed phenomenally in hosting our annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet on April 25th. With about 200 people in attendance (a record high), YMI #613 served an outstanding Italian pasta and meatball meal prepared by our very talented chefs (**Bruna Campus, Br. Nick and Donna Goultas, Br. Mike and Diane Bottarini, Br. Stephen Goulding and Pola Fiorito**). Moreover, the efforts of **Brs. Bob Fiorito and Joe Soracco** to run the bar and of **Brs. George Rehmet and Jon Santander** to sell raffle tickets help ensured the banquet was significantly profitable. Many thanks to each of you for your many hours of work! In addition, I want to especially recognize our banquet event chair **Br. Rod Ordon** and his able assistant **Br. Cosmo Amato** for their many hours preparing for this banquet months in advance and managing the affair from the mid-day set-up through the clean-up effort just past 10:00 p.m. Finally, please let me also acknowledge **Brothers Mike Dimech, Jeanne & Laura Dimech, Br. John Kavanagh, Br. Ryan Casey, Matt Ordon, Mara Amato, Yvonne Soracco, Angela Bottarini and Pat Rosenthal** for their much needed help in setting up, serving, and/or clearing the auditorium. *(If I missed anyone, please forgive me and accept my sincere thanks!)* To quote, Br. Rod Ordon and Hillary Clinton before him, "It takes a village!"

The fruits of our collective work efforts resulted in 50 happy students receiving scholarship prizes totaling \$15,500 and having favorable impressions of the YMI. Moreover, we received many kind compliments from grateful parents and I'm confident we also impressed the religious and educators attending as our guests. This was truly an outstanding YMI #613 effort and I can't wait till our 13th Jim Calabretta Essay Contest!

Council News & Activities:

YMI Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: See the attached winner's list for the final contest results in the 12th Jim Calabretta Essay Contest. Congratulations to all the contestants and their families!

Ladies Night- Do you want to take your special lady out to enjoy a great dinner at a great value? If so, please sign-up today for our Ladies Night event to be held at Bertolucci's Restaurant in South San Francisco on **Sunday May 17th**. Your lady's dinner will be subsidized by YMI #613 and she will get a free drink and gift as well. See the attached flyer for event and reservation details. The sign-up deadline is May 9th so act today. Please call **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-777-4301** for reservations or questions.

Giant Game - We have about **24 tickets** remaining for the Giants game vs. the Rockies on **Saturday, June 27th**. Tickets to see the World Champions are just **\$36 each**. Details for buying tickets can be found on the attached flyer. Don't hesitate as this is a first come-first served opportunity and we will expand offering this great deal to other SF area YMI Councils in mid- May. Call **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** for tickets or any questions.

YMI Summer Picnic- We have reserved a new venue for our annual YMI Summer Picnic - **--Junipero Serra Park's Bay View Shelter in San Bruno--** on **Sunday August 23rd**. This site offers an amazing view of SF International Airport and has much easier access to the picnic and bathroom facilities. Picnic details will be shared at the next business meeting. In the mean time, please save the date.

YMI Pro Patria Raffle Tickets: Final Results.....Our council once again had the highest ticket sales percentage per membership count of all the YMI Council. We exceeded our sales target and managed to have 54% of our members buy tickets. Thank you very much for your continuing support of the YMI!

YMI Grand Council Essay Contest: Congratulation to **Sabrina Santander** (daughter of **Br. Jon Santander**) and **Kayla Dowd** (granddaughter of **Br. Bill Farac**) for placing in the prize fund of the YMI Grand Council Essay Contest. This is a notable accomplishment, because the Grand Council receives approximately 1500 essays each year. Sabrina won \$400 for her 4th Place in the High School Division and Kayla won \$150 for her 5th place in the Middle School Division.

YMI Sports Tournament: We sent three teams to Manteca to compete in the YMI Golf Tourney and the Rosemont / Werblun / Fernando / Fernando team came in 2nd place. Final Results will be reported at the next business meeting. We will also send one team to Stockton on May 16th to compete in the YMI Bowling Tourney.

YMI Grand Officer/Director Opening: If anyone is interested in working as a Grand Sentinel next year beginning in July, please contact **Br. Mike Amato or Br. Mike Dimech**. At the time of this newsletter, the Inside and Outside Sentinel positions are unfilled. Basically, the sentinels just need to be able to meet bi-monthly in South San Francisco for 2-3 hours. As a sentinel, you would be entitled to attend the Grand Council Sessions next year in Santa Rosa as a delegate. If you're interested in becoming more involved in the YMI, this will be a great opportunity. We will know by mid-May, so don't hesitate to let us know you're interest.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who will celebrate May Birthdays:

Peter Maletesta, Kevin Roche, Ron Mertes, Paul Biagi

Monthly Reminders

Sponsor a New Member-Consider sponsoring a new member to begin 2015 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 nearly \$25,000 in donations and scholarships on a yearly basis, we host many fun events (e.g. dinners, sports tournaments, picnics) throughout the year.

#613 Charity- Please remember to bring canned goods or toiletries to our next business meeting. Our monthly efforts of collecting food and personal items have directly benefitted San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality Worker's House. To date we have provided 260 lbs. of food and personal items. Many thanks to you for your generosity.

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings/Events:

May 12th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room). Dinner coordinated by Br. George Rehmet.

May 16th (Sat) - YMI Bowling Tournament (12:30 p.m. @ Pacific Lanes, Stockton CA)

May 17th (Sun) - YMI #613 Ladies Night (@ Bertolucci's Restaurant, South SF)

June 9th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room). Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech.

June 15-17 (Mon-Wed) - YMI Grand Council Sessions (Silver Legacy @ Reno, NV)

June 27th (Sat) - YMI #613 Day at the Ball Park: SF Giants vs. Colorado Rockies (1:05 p.m. @ AT&T Park)

June 28th (Sun) - YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia's Church, SF)

July 9th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room). Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez

August 23 (Sun) - YMI Summer Picnic (@ Junipero Serra Park's Bay View Shelter)

September 27th (Sat) - YMI Bocce Ball Tournament (@ Orange Park, South SF)