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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613  
FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on...  
February 10th (Tues)-7:00 p.m. @St Cecilia's Green Room.**

**Meeting Highlight: Official Visit of the Grand President to the  
San Francisco Bay YMI Councils.**

**Dinner: To be provided by Br. Paul Wuerstle - \$10**

**President's Message**

**Brothers.....Grand President (GP) Luther Evans** will be attending our next business meeting on **February 10th**, as his official GP visit to the San Francisco Bay Area. We will be joined that evening by our YMI brothers from Councils #1 and #32, as well as the Grand VP's and other Grand Officers/Directors in the SF Bay Area. Together, we will be able to hear from the YMI leaders about upcoming YMI events and activities. I strongly encourage all to attend this event.

**Council News & Activities:**

**YMI Red & White Mass:** For the first time in our council's history, YMI #613 will be hosting the **YMI Red & White Mass**. This annual YMI event celebrates the organization's anniversary of its formation in March 1883. It will be celebrated at **St. Veronica Church** on **March 14, 2015**. The event begins with a procession of many YMI Councils into the Church starting at 4:30 p.m., to be followed by Mass and then dinner. The dinner will feature a BBQ cuisine including pork, chicken and several tasty side dishes for a low price **of just \$20**. **See the enclosed Flyer**. Since YMI #613 is hosting it, we hope to see a large contingent from YMI #613 there to support **Br. Mike Dimech** (the Grand 2nd VP/the Event Chair). If you would like to volunteer to help with set-up and clean-up tasks or to handle bar or raffle sales that evening, please contact him at **650-922-2667**.

**YMI Raffle Tickets:** In November you should have received two books of YMI raffle tickets in the mail. If you haven't already, we kindly ask you to participate in this fundraiser and buy two books for a modest \$20 donation. (If you can't find your raffle tickets, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech** at **650-922-2667**.) This fundraiser supports the Grand Council Essay Contest which ultimately benefits high school and middle school students. At the Red & White Event on March 14th, we will draw raffle tickets after dinner and award almost \$2000 in prizes. In the spirit of St. John Bosco (an advocate for the youth), we have managed to earn the highest ticket sales percentage of all YMI Councils for the past seven years! Brothers.....let's continue that spirit into Year 8!

**YMI Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** The judges are currently reviewing the 69 essays in this year's contest. Notices to the contestants are expected to be mailed in mid-February. The award banquet is scheduled for **April 25, 2015** and our event chair **Br. Rod Ordon** will soon be gearing up for another fabulous banquet.

**Family Mass:** We are scheduled to coordinate the Family Mass on February 1st at 9:30 a.m. with the YLI. If you can assist either in the church or serving donuts/coffee in the cafeteria, please let **Br. Mike Amato (650-871-9164)** know.

**2015 Dues:** Due notices were sent in mid-December and your 2015 membership dues are now owed ----**\$55 for Benefit members & \$45 for Associate** (*no charge for students, clergy & 50 Year Members*). **Please be timely in paying your dues**, so we can save expensive postage fees from not having to mail reminder letters. If you have any questions about how much is owed, please call **Br. Cosmo Amato (415-392-3560)**

**Convention:** This year's Grand Council Sessions will be held in Reno on June 15th-17th. At the March business meeting, we will be seeking nominations of those wanting to attend the convention as a YMI #613 delegate (we have three openings).

**Spring YMI Sport Tournaments:** The YMI Bowling Tournament will take place on **Saturday, May 16th at Pacifica Bowl in Stockton**. If interested in bowling, please let us know before or at the March business meeting so we can put together a roster of teams. We have not received any word about the Golf Tournament at this time, but info may be available at the February 10th Business Meeting.

**Summer Events:** Save the date **on** your calendars for two traditional summer events. More details to be provided.

1. **Giant Game** - We have reserved 36 tickets to the Giants game vs. the Rockies on **Saturday, June 27th**.
2. **Picnic** - We have reserved a new venue for our annual 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 easier access to the bathroom facilities.

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

Brian Stableford, John Repetto, Art Jimenez, Paul Wuerstle,  
Vincent AhSam, Alfred Bacchianeri, Mike Bottarini, John Cleary,  
Frank Bottarini, Thomas O'Connor, Ron Mirkoivich,  
Brendan Dimech, Russell Vavuris, Christopher Guajardo

### Monthly Reminders

**Find the Joker:** The pot continues to grow (hint: the amount is near Will Clark's old uniform number times 100), while the remaining deck of cards keeps getting smaller! Come to a meeting to have a chance to win!

**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.

**YMI Polo Shirts**- If you need another navy blue YMI #613 polo shirts, we have an inventory of new shirts of all sizes. They can be purchased for \$25. Just come see **Br. Mike Amato** before or after the business meeting.

**#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. In 2014, we donated **approximately 800 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items!** **In addition, please see the attached list of non-profit organizations that we donated funds in 2014.** Many thanks to you for your generosity! In January we collected 35 lbs.

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

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

February 1st (Sun) - YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m. @ St. Cecilia's Church, SF)

February 10th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)  
Grand President's Official Visit

March 10th (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)  
Irish Corned Beef Dinner

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

April 21st (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Rm.)  
Note Special Meeting Night

April 25th (Sat) - YMI #613 Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet (@ Sts. Peter & Paul Church San Francisco)

May 16th (Sat) - YMI Bowling Tournament @ Stockton CA

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

June 27th (Sat) - YMI Day @ 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)

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