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**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613  
DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...  
December 13 (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room  
Dinner to be coordinated by Br. Paul Wuerstle  
Meeting expected to cover: Student Award Program and 2017 Budget & Dues**

**President's Message**

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613... As I write this, I'm gearing up for a trip to Indiana to join our **Grand President Mike Dimech and YMI Business Manager Tom Fourie** on the Grand President's official visit of our two YMI councils in Indiana (YMI St. Augustine #497 in Huntington and YMI Gonzaga #612 in Richmond). Although the weather is expected to be chilly, I anticipate we will be warmly greeted by the loyal YMI brothers of the Hoosier State during a 5-day series of meetings and events, which may include a visit to the baseball bat factory in Louisville, Kentucky.

Once I return, I look forward to receiving a large volume of mail containing applications and essays for our Jim Calabretta Essay Contest. While this means additional work for me in organizing the essay binders for our judges, the pleasure of seeing many happy students at the awards banquet easily surpasses the effort. In addition, December marks the time to celebrate at our Christmas Party, and this year I hope to see many of you on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** to toast each of my YMI #613 brothers on another successful year for our council and to celebrate the wondrous holy season of Christmas. In the event you can't attend our Christmas Party, I'll extend an early message of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Council News & Activities:**

**Christmas Party:** Christmas is coming, which means so is our fabulous Christmas Party! You will not want to miss this event featuring two cocktails, a great dinner, and a terrific holiday raffle. The party will once again be held at **Dominic's Restaurant** in South San Francisco on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Reservations are due by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. **See the attached flyer for event details.** For questions, contact **Br Dick (or Connie) Pisciotta** at 415-334-6629.

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** The essay contest deadline is fast approaching on December 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please share with the children in your family and you may sponsor up to two non-member students. We want to see essays so please work to motivate students to expend the time to prepare an essay. The contest features a \$15,500 prize fund, so 50 students will enjoy a scholarship prize. **See the attached entry form for contest rules and information.** If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Amato** at 650-871-9164.

**Grand President's Official Visit to San Francisco District: Grand President Mike Dimech** will be making his official visit of the 3 SF District Councils (i.e., San Francisco #1, South San Francisco #32 and YMI St. John Bosco #613) on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Council #32 will be hosting the event this year, which begins at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails, 7:00 for dinner and 8:00 for the business meeting. Reservations are required so that Council #32 can assure that there is enough food on hand, so please contact **Br Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560** by January 9<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend.

**YMI Pasta Bingo Dinner:** Please plan to attend **our Pasta Bingo Dinner**, which will be co-hosted by Councils #32 and #613. The dinner will take place on Saturday, **January 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Veronica's Parish in South San Francisco**. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 and bingo and a raffle thereafter. The cost is just \$25 per person (children: 13 and under are \$12) and the fee includes two bingo cards. **See the attached flyer for event details.** If questions, contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-922-2667**.

**St John Bosco Feast Day:** Come join us to honor our patron saint at a special 8:45 a.m. Mass at **Sts. Peter & Paul Church** on **January 29, 2017**. Afterwards, we will gather with parishioners of all ages to enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts in the church's parish center. Contact **Br. Cosmo Amato (415-393-3560)** to let him know you will be there or to get more information about the event. I know the time may be early for some, but it would be great to see many of you there in our blue YMI #613 shirts to pay tribute to Dom Bosco.

**2017 Budget & Dues:** We will be discussing the 2017 budget and dues at our December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The members will be discussing setting dues of \$62 for Benefit members and \$50 for Associate Members. If you have thoughts on this, come to our next meeting.

**Business Meeting Dinner Coordinators:** We need YMI #613 brothers to sign-up to coordinate business meeting dinners through 2017 (excluding May). Currently, we do not have meal coordinators for January 2017 and February 2017. Your costs will be completely reimbursed by YMI #613 and you receive a modest stipend of \$25. If you can volunteer to handle a month and coordinate a meal for the meeting, we would be most appreciative. Contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164**.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday wishes to the following YMI #613 Brothers who celebrate **December Birthdays:**

**James O'Sullivan, Joseph Soracco, Nicholas Bruna, George Rehmet, Noel Laffey, Nickolas Varanis, Richard Pisciotta Jr., Andrew Spyrow, Rafael Guajardo, Liam Reidy**

### Monthly Reminders

**Sponsor a New Member-** Consider sponsoring a new member and sharing the opportunity of participating in the YMI brotherhood. Besides being part of an organization that does great work for our faith and community demonstrated by the fact that we contributed nearly \$25,000 in donations and scholarships each year, new members will be able to participate in many fun, social events (e.g. dinners, sports tourneys, picnics).

**#613 Charity** - Please remember to bring canned goods or toiletries to our next business meeting. Our continuing efforts of collecting food and personal items at monthly business meetings and various council events have directly benefitted San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality Worker's House immensely. **To date this year we have donated 625 lbs. of canned goods, fruit and toiletry items.**

**YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Christmas Party**  
**(6:00 p.m. Dominic's Restaurant @ So. San Francisco near Oyster Point)**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).**  
**Dinner coordinated by Br. Paul Wuerstle**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> (Sun)– Merry Christmas**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun) – Happy New Year**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).**  
**Dinner coordinated by ?????? (Need a volunteer)**

**January 12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Grand President's Official Visit to SF District Councils**  
**(@ All Souls Church – 6:00 p.m. Cocktails; 7:00 p.m. Dinner; & 8:00 p.m. Meeting)**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – YMI Pasta Bingo Dinner**  
**(@ St Veronica Parish – 6:00 p.m. Cocktails & 7:00 p.m. Dinner)**

**January 29<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – St. John Bosco Mass and Coffee/Donut Reception**  
**(8:45 a.m. @ Sts. Peter & Paul Church)**

**January 31<sup>st</sup> (Tues) – St. John Bosco Feast Day**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) - YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).**  
**Dinner coordinated by ?????? (Need a volunteer)**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet**