



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613
JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...

July 11th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room

Meal coordinated by Grand President Art Jimenez.

Meeting Highlights: Grand Council Session News (e.g. Associate's Death Benefits)

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613 We had a great time welcoming and congratulating five of the six Pro Deo, Pro Patria scholarship-winning students and their families at our last business meeting on June 13th. For the initial year of this new scholarship program, a male and a female student from three Catholic San Francisco grammar schools (St. Cecilia, Sts. Peter & Paul & St. Thomas More) will each receive a \$500 scholarship prize that will be sent to their selected high school. Many thanks to those YMI #613 brothers who participated in developing, refining and implementing the Pro Deo, Pro Patria Scholarship Program this past year, with special recognition to **Br. Rod Ordonez** for chairing the effort. From feedback received, this new program looks to be off to a fine start and we have heard many appreciative comments from the school principals and priests. A list of scholarship winners is presented below. It's noteworthy that two of the winners are Junior YMI brothers in our council and three other winners are children/nephews of our brothers

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO

Br. Chase Parker	Archbishop Riordan, San Francisco
Amy Phipps	Convent of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco

STS PETER & PAUL SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO

Mia Soracco	Notre Dame High School, Belmont
Ethan Hom	Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Francisco

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO

Br. Zachary White	St. Ignatius, San Francisco
Alyssa Taylor	Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Francisco

Council News & Activities:

YMI Summer Picnic: The YMI Summer Picnic will be held at **Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno** on **August 13th**. Please plan to attend as we will be featuring, as usual, tasty steaks, hot dogs, beans, various salads, etc. The picnic site features a spectacular view of the San Francisco Airport and there is a short walk to the restroom and parking lot. As a bonus, we have maintained the prices at last year's levels, so we hope many of you make reservations so we can have this event cover its costs. As in past years, we will feature another terrific raffle. **See the attached flyer for event and reservation information.** If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164.**

YMI Bocce Ball Tourney: The 10th Annual (yes, it's already 10 years now!) Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on September 23rd at Orange Park in South San Francisco. All are invited to participate, including women and children in this family fun event where we will likely be joined by YMI representatives from 6-7 other YMI Councils. **See the attached flyer for event and reservation information.** If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-992-2667.**

YMI Convention News: We had a productive Grand Council Sessions (aka Convention) at the Mont Bleu Hotel in Stateline Nevada during the period of June 19-21. YMI #613 was strongly represented at the event by YMI #613 brother serving as delegates (**Brs. Joe Soracco, Jeff Morrow, David Burbank and Fr. Joe Landi**) as well as by those brothers who were serving as Grand Officers/Representatives (i.e., **Brs. Mike Dimech, Bob Fiorito, Dick Pisciotta, Cosmo Amato and Mike Amato.**) This year, a YMI #613 brother (**Mike Dimech**) presided as the **Grand President** for only the 2nd time in YMI 132 year history! Some highlights are listed below:

- **Delegates:** We had 58 delegates attend this year (9 delegates from YMI #613).
- **Grand Council Officer Elections for 2017-18:** This year's Grand President is **Br. Mike Nelson #80** from Atwater. In addition, the two Grand Vice President positions went to **Br. Carlos Rivas #40** from Santa Rosa and **Br. Mike Thissen #94** from Chowchilla The following YMI #613 brothers were either elected or appointed to a Grand Council Office:
 - **Junior Past Grand President – Br. Mike Dimech**
 - **Grand Secretary – Br. Mike Amato**
 - **Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors – Br. Bob Fiorito**
 - **Grand Director – Br. John Kavanagh**
 - **District Deputy to the Grand President – Br. Cosmo Amato**
- **Membership:** Overall YMI membership has declined below 2000 members coming from 25 councils. YMI #613 is the 6th largest YMI council
- **Seminarians:** The Seminarian Educational Foundation awarded 8 scholarship awards to seminarians sponsored by YMI #613 totaling \$3700.
- **Educational Foundation:** The board formally announced increases in the scholarship assistance provided by the foundation to the children of deceased YMI brothers

Kindergarten - Eighth Grade	\$1500 per year per child
High School (9 - 12 Grade)	\$2000 per year per child
College (1 st to 4 th year)	\$2500* per year per child

*Note: The Foundation allocates about \$83.00 per unit of qualified College /University courses with GPA 2.5 or better; with six (6) or more units per semester ... up to eight (8) years of College courses (qualified) ... and / or the \$10,000.00 total benefit.
- **Death Benefits:** No changes to the existing death benefit program for Benefit members, but much discussion about the feasibility of creating a new death benefit program for Associate members. No action was taken at this time, but YMI brothers are requested to complete another survey by Sept. 30th to determine if/how such efforts should continue. Our next meeting is expected to include a discussion of this item, so please plan to attend to learn more.
- **Sports:** **Br. Bob Fiorito** agreed to serve as the chairman for 2018 YMI Golf Tourney. **Br. Mike Dimech** continues as the chair for the upcoming 10th Bocce Ball Tourney in September.
- **Man & Council of Year Awards:** **Br. Nick Franceschine #54** from Sebastopol was named as the **YMI Man of the Year**, and the worthy brothers of **South San Francisco #32** were awarded the **YMI Council of the Year**.
- **Resolutions:** The YMI Grand Council issued a Resolution congratulating the retiring pastor of St Cecilia's Church (**Msgr. Michael Harriman**) for 23 years as pastor of this church and 49 years of outstanding service as a priest. He has been good to YMI #613 helping us become more relevant in the parish.

Ordination: Congratulations again to **Fr. Alvin Yu** on his ordination to the priesthood on June 10th. Photos of Fr. Alvin's ordination ceremony can be viewed in the *Catholic San Francisco's* June 22nd edition. For those that missed the ordination, Fr. Alvin will be offering a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on Sunday July 2 at 1:00 p.m. A reception will follow the Mass and all YMI #613 brothers/wives are invited to attend.

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

**John Guaraglia, Joseph Werblun, Paul Christopher,
Ryan Casey, Gus Farrell, Jonathan Cleary, Kelly Gerrard**

Monthly Reminders

#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. So far this year we have donated 430 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items to San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House

YMI Polo Shirts: If your YMI polo shirt has been misplaced or is looking worn, we do have spare shirts in our cabinet in a variety of sizes ranging from Small to 2XL. Shirts are just \$25 (cash or check payable to YMI #613). Contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** or see him before or after the meeting.

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**July 11th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez**

**August 8th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Liam Reidy**

August 13th (Sun) – YMI Summer Picnic (10:30 a.m. @ Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno)

**September 12th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Kevin Roche**

September 23rd (Sat) – YMI Bocce Ball Tournament (9:00 a.m. @ Orange Park in South San Francisco)

October 8th (Sun) – Italian Heritage Parade (@ North Beach in San Francisco)

**October 10th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mario Lim**

November 5th (Sun) – Hour of Memory (@ Sts. Peter & Paul Church & SF Italian Athletic Club)

November 18th (Sat) Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner @ St. Veronica Parish Falcon Hall