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

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

June 13th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room

Meal coordinated by Grand President Mike Dimech.

Meeting Highlights: Pro Deo Pro Patria Scholarship Prize Announcements

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613 What a wonderful time we had a few weeks ago at Ladies Night at Scoma's Restaurant! The venue was spectacular with a great view of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge. The food was excellent starting with the calamari appetizers, as well as the salad, entrée (enjoyed my halibut!) and tiramisu dessert). I assume the wine was enjoyed by many, as we went through 19 carafes for 46 guests (Wow!). Most importantly, I was very pleased that we were able to make the evening a very special one for our YMI ladies who support our worthy organization in so many important ways (volunteering to help at events, assisting us do YMI tasks, allowing us the time to attend meetings, etc.). I hope you all have (or will) enjoyed the bottle of Rose wine, which we gave to each lady as a gift that evening. My thanks to **Br. Bob Fiorito** who chaired the Ladies Night event. Although he has successfully chaired this event for many years now, he was presented with a challenge this year as we needed to find a new venue. However, in selecting Scoma's, he succeeded in hitting another home run!

Summer is coming, so I urge you to consider participating at least one (if not both) events coming up in the next few months....YMI Summer Picnic and the YMI Bocce Ball Tourney. The details are below, but I suspect you will not regret signing up to attend!

Lastly, I welcome ideas for new events/activities for our council to take on. While our current events are thriving, the council is open to hearing fresh ideas that our brothers may want to support. Although you may be asked to help implement the idea, such worthy ideas in the past have brought us successful events like the essay contest, bocce ball tourney, and the picnic to name just a few. Come to a meeting and let's discuss.

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 prices at last year's level, so we hope to see many of you make reservations so we can have this event cover its costs. **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 10 years now!) Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on September 23rd at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Women and children are invited to join us. **See the attached flyer for event and reservation information.** If questions, please contact **Br. Mike Dimech at 650-992-2667.**

YMI Pro Deo, Pro Patria Scholarship Program: We are successfully implementing our new scholarship program involving \$500 scholarship prizes to two graduating students (boy and girl) at three Catholic San Francisco grammar schools (St. Cecilia, Sts. Peter & Paul & St. Thomas More). The scholarship committee has been working with the three principals, who were elated to be part of this new YMI program. In turn they have selected deserving students for the scholarship awards. We expect to have more news to share at the June Business Meeting to announce the six scholarship award winners.

Ordination: We send out a congratulatory message to **Br. Alvin Yu** on his prospective ordination to the priesthood. In addition, we share upcoming details about the various events. First, on Saturday June 10th, at 10:00 Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will ordain Br. Alvin during a Mass at the Cathedral in San Francisco. Then, on Sunday June 11th at 5:00 p.m. the soon-to-be **Fr. Alvin Yu** will celebrate his first Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church. Finally, on Sunday July 2 at 1:00 p.m., Fr. Alvin will be offering a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church. Receptions will follow all three events and YMI #613 brothers are invited to attend any of these three events

YMI Meeting Dinner Coordinator Needed: Thank you for the YMI #613 brothers that have already signed-up to coordinate catering the dinner, but we are still in **need of a dinner coordinator for the month of August**. The person volunteering will earn a modest stipend for his effort. Call **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164** if you can volunteer.

YMI Convention Delegates: At this time, details are being finalized for the Grand Council Sessions (aka Convention) to be held at the **Mont Bleu Hotel in South Lake Tahoe** from June 19-21. YMI #613 will be strongly represented at the event with **Brothers Joe Soracco, Jeff Morrow, David Burbank and Fr. Joe Landi** agreeing to serve as **convention delegates**. They will be joined by YMI #613 brothers who are currently Grand Officers/Representatives (i.e., **Brothers Mike Dimech, Bob Fiorito, Dick Pisciotta, Cosmo Amato and Mike Amato**.) This year, our very own **Br. Mike Dimech** will preside as the **Grand President**, so it will be great to see that we will have strong representation there from YMI #613.

YMI Education Foundation: The YMI Educational Foundation Board (which Brothers Mike Amato and Mike Dimech currently serve) voted at its May 1st meeting to raise the tuition assistance benefits for the students of YMI members that have passed away. Effective May 1st, the tuition benefits paid to children of deceased Brothers are increased as follows:

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.

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

John Cardinale, Rev. Thien Nguyen, Richard Pisciotta, William Welch, Evaldo DalPocchetto Andrew Vavuris, Rev. Alvin Yu, Bill Gunn, Chris Amato

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 360 lbs. of canned goods and toiletry items to San Bruno's Catholic Hospitality House.

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

June 13th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Mike Dimech

June 19th-21st – YMI Grand Council Sessions (@ Mont Bleu Hotel, South Lake Tahoe)

June 25th (Sun) – YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m., @ St. Cecilia's Church)???

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. ?????? (Need a volunteer)

August 13th (Sun) – YMI Summer Picnic (10:30 p.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) – Bocce Ball Tourney (Orange Park in South San Francisco)

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

November 18th YMI Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. @ St. Veronica Parish, South San Francisco