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

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...
March 14th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room
Corned Beef Dinner to be coordinated by Br. John Smith.
Bring a guest to our Membership Recruitment Night~**

President's Message

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613.... Let me encourage you to participate in two upcoming YMI March events. First, I invite **all YMI #613 brothers to bring one (or more) non-member guest** to our **Membership Recruitment Night** event to be held during our March 14th Business Meeting. This will be hopefully the first of many annual events to help bolster membership in our council. Although our YMI #613 has surpassed the century mark in membership, we should not stay idle. We plan to begin the evening with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, followed by introductions of prospective members. We will abbreviate the business part of the meeting that night so we can focus more on fraternalism and hopefully initiate several new members for YMI #613.

Second, we will be hosting our 14th Annual Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Awards Banquet on March 25th. All of you are invited to the banquet when **52 students will receive \$15,700 in scholarship awards** from this year's contest. While our council has hosted many wonderful events, the essay contest banquet is an extra special one, as it is gratifying to see how the good work of YMI #613 translates into much happiness for the students, particularly when they hear their name called that evening for a scholarship prize. Through this contest, we are providing young people the opportunity to realize the satisfaction of personal accomplishment from their investment of time in preparing an essay! Information about the event is presented below. I have no doubt that you will enjoy the evening even if you don't have a student in the contest.

Council News & Activities:

Jim Calabretta Essay Contest: At this time, all candidates have been notified if they are among those students winning scholarship prizes. As mentioned above, 52 students will receive \$15,700 in scholarship awards (we have two extra winners this year because we had a 3-way tie on one of the rankings in the Middle School Division) This year's banquet will be held on March 25th (6:30 p.m.) at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church Auditorium. **Br. Rod Ordone** is again serving as our banquet chair working with **Br. Cosmo Amato** and they have managed to assemble a talented crew of cooks mainly from the **Campus/Goultas/Bottarini** clan (also **Br. Stephen Goulding**). **See the attached event flyer for reservation information.** If questions about the essay contest, please contact **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** and for the banquet, please contact **Br. Rod Ordone (415-928-3355).**

Ladies Night: Our popular Ladies Night event will be held on **Sunday May 7th** at a scenic new venue this year....**Scoma's Restaurant** at Fisherman's Wharf. Please plan on bringing your special lady to this wonderful evening to show her the thanks she deserves. YMI #613 is providing a discounted price for the ladies as well as a gift. **See the attached event flyer for reservation information.** If questions, please contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

YMI Red & White Mass Celebration: Brothers from the three San Francisco region YMI Councils (#1, #32 and #613) will be taking a bus to Santa Rosa to attend the **2017 Red & White Mass** on **March 11th**. The bus will be meeting us at All Souls Church at 2:15 p.m. and we should be back by 9:45 p.m. We currently have 33 passengers for a bus of 37, so I have just a few spots left. If you would like to join us on a fun ride to Santa Rosa, please let me know (*first come, first served*). I'm understanding Br. Pisciotta will be making manhattans again this year. The bus cost will be just \$10 per person, thanks to the contribution of the three councils and Grand Council. Also, you will need to make reservations with Council #40 for the dinner (*See the YMI website for the reservation form*).

Family Mass: Please save the morning of **Sunday March 19th** to attend the **Family Mass** at St. Cecilia's Church that the YMI and YLI are co-assigned to coordinate. Besides handling the reading and the offertory, we will serve coffee and donuts afterwards. (*We also have been assigned June 25th*). If you can help, please let **Br. Mike Amato (650-296-6297)** know.

2017 Dues: IMPORTANT! There are still about 18 members unpaid and 2nd notices have been mailed. **Dues are \$62 for Benefit Members and \$50 for Associate Members.** As compared to other organization, this is a modest membership fee. To avoid us incurring unnecessary postage costs and adding to the work of our hard-working Treasurer in having to send additional notices, **please make your 2017 dues payment today.** If questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato (415-392-3560)**. Checks should be made payable to **YMI #613** and sent to our mailing address:
**YMI St John Bosco Council #613, c/o Sts. Peter & Paul Church,
666 Filbert St,
San Francisco, CA 94133.**

Pro Patria Raffle: While we're talking about money, please don't forget to send in your YMI raffle tickets by early March. Although our council currently has the highest percentage of sales at **39%**, we are somewhat below last year's sales level of 55%. **To give an added incentive: for those YMI #613 Brothers buying Pro Patria raffle tickets that attend our March Business Meeting, you will each receive three free "Find the Joker" raffle tickets as a bonus for participating.** Thank you to all those that have bought tickets thus far, as the raffle ticket proceeds provide support for the scholarship prizes of the YMI Grand Council Essay Contest.

In Memory: We send out condolences wishes on the passing of **Ruth Cisek**, the wife of **Br. Frank Cisek** and the mother-in-law of **Br. Mike Amato**. Ruth actively attended many of our events over the years, including the recent Pasta Bingo in January 2017. Rest in peace Ruth! (*Also Br. Frank and I send out our appreciation for the many kind and thoughtful condolence messages shared by our YMI brothers/wives, as well as the donations made to various organizations in her memory*)

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

**Jake Folan, John Kavanagh, James Vavuris, Steven Press,
Matt Ordon, Michael Amato, Leo Ferrero, Michael White,
Rev. Armand Oliveri**

Monthly Reminders

Sponsor a New Member- Please 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). **Note: our March meeting will be a membership recruitment event.**

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

YMI #613 Calendar: Upcoming Meetings & Events:

March 1st (Wed)– ASH WEDNESDAY!

**March 11th (Sat) – YMI Red & White Mass (5:00 p.m. @ St. Rose Lima Church in Santa Rosa)
Bus leaves at about 2:15 p.m. from All Souls Church parking lot.**

**March 14th (Tues) – Special YMI #613 Membership Recruitment Night
(7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room).
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner coordinated by Br. John Smith**

March 19th (Sun) – YMI/YLI Family Mass (9:30 a.m., @ St. Cecilia's Church)

**March 25th (Sat) – Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet
(6:30 p.m. @ Sts. Peter & Paul's Church)**

**April 11th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. Rod Ordoná & convention delegates to be determined**

April 16th – HAPPY EASTER!

April 30th (Sun) – YMI Golf Tourney (11:00 a.m. @ Manteca Muni Golf Course)

May 7th (Sun) – YMI Bowling Tournament (12:30 p.m. @ Stockton's Pacific Lanes)

May 7th (Sun) Ladies Night (@ Scoma's Restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf)

**May 9th (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia's Green Room)
Dinner coordinated by Br. John Kavanagh**

**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)