



**YMI ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL # 613  
FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

**Please join us at our next business meeting & dinner on ...  
Feb 13th (Tues) -7:00 p.m. @ St Cecilia's Green Room  
Meal to be coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez  
Meeting Highlight: Council Business 2018**

**President's Message**

Brothers & Ladies of YMI #613...As we begin a new year, there are many events in store for 2018, including a new dinner event in July being organized by **Br. Dick Pisciotta** and featuring a Frank Sinatra type singer. Check the calendar at the end of this newsletter to view a listing of upcoming events. Please consider getting involved in the YMI either by participating or helping with the organizing.

Please note we will be taking nominations in April for council officers and committee posts covering the two-year period from June 2018 to May 2020. Elections will take place in May. If anyone is interested in any council office (including being the YMI #613 President) or serving on a committee, please let me know by April's meeting. Also, all incumbents should let me know if they would to continue to serve for another two-year term.

Finally, for our March meeting (to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>), we will once again host a membership recruitment meeting as had been suggested last year by then **Grand President Mike Dimech**. In 2017, we were able to gain four new members from our initial endeavor. Please consider bringing a relative, friend or neighbor to our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. On the menu that evening will be the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner to be catered from the famous Tommy's Joynt Restaurant.

**Council News & Activities:**

**YMI Red & White Mass:** This year's Red & White Mass (the YMI Anniversary Celebration) will be held in Chowchilla on March 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 p.m. St. Columba Council #94 is hosting this year's event and will be serving either a BBQ steak or chicken dinner after the Mass. The cost to attend the dinner is just \$20 and a reservation form can be downloaded from the YMI website at [www.ymiusa.org](http://www.ymiusa.org). For those thinking of attending, we are arranging a 50 seat bus to take the brothers from the 3 councils in the San Francisco Area to Chowchilla. The bus will likely leave at about 12:30 p.m. from All Souls Church and return there by approximately 10:00 p.m. The cost to ride on the bus is just \$20 per passenger. Snacks and beverages will be available on the bus. **Please contact Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164 to sign up for the bus.**

**Dues:** Thank you to all the YMI #613 brothers that timely paid their 2018 membership dues. If you haven't already paid, please send in a check today as they were suppose to be paid by January 31st. We have maintained 2018 dues at the same level as 2017 dues (i.e., **\$50 for Associate Members and \$62 for Benefit Members**). Please note that Honorary Members (i.e.,

priests/religious), Junior YMI and Members with 50 years of service in YMI #613 are exempted from dues. Please let us avoid the additional cost of a 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing. If any questions, please contact **Br. Cosmo Amato at 415-392-3560.**

**Jim Calabretta Essay Contest:** The judging for 15<sup>th</sup> annual essay contest should be wrapping up soon and notices will be sent to student contestants by mid-February. We had received a total of 67 essays from students this year (College:14; High School: 20 and Middle School: 33). **On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting an awards banquet at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, where we will issue 50 scholarship awards totaling \$17,000!** Please save the date and plan to attend!

**YMI Sports:** Looking ahead, the YMI has its Bowling and Golf tournaments in the Spring.

- **Bowling:** The bowling tournament is on **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held in Stockton at Pacific Avenue Bowl. YMI #613 usually sponsors one or two teams. For those interested in participating, please contact **Br. Mike Amato at 650-871-9164.**
- **Golf:** The golf tournament is on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** this year. With Br. Bob Fiorito taking over as the event chair, the venue has changed as the YMI will be teeing off from the Oakmont Golf Course in Santa Rosa. The fee per golfer is \$100, but YMI #613 typically covers most of the costs (amount to be determined). If interested in participating, please contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**
- **More Golf:** As sadly 17 YMI brothers from YMI Santa Rosa #40 lost their homes in the October fire, the YMI is organizing for the first-time hole sponsorships to raise funds that may help with relief efforts in the Santa Rosa and North Bay communities. For \$100, please consider sponsoring a hole. We are accepting donations too from schools and businesses. If interested in participating, please contact **Br. Bob Fiorito at 650-867-6702.**

**Meal Coordinators Needed for 2018:** We are still needing **meal coordinators** for the following months: **July and December**. Your Council President has agreed to handle March's meeting and is organizing the traditional corned beef dinner for that evening. For those volunteering, please know that YMI #613 will fully cover the dinner costs incurred and will provide you a modest stipend for your efforts.

**Welcome:** We welcome the following new YMI #613 brothers who joined us in the latter part of 2017 or in January 2018:

**Br. Gerald Kelly**

**Br. Angelo Spagnoli**

**Br. Brian Sullivan**

**Rev. Mark Taheny (St. Cecilia Pastor)**

**Br. Jack Kavanagh (Jr. YMI)**

**Br. Frankie Spagnoli (Jr. YMI)**

**Br. Chase Parker (Jr. YMI)**

**Br. Michael Sullivan (Seminarist)**

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

**Grant Young, Mario Balistreri, Paul Zarich, Kevin Soracco,  
Chase Parker, John Smith, Stephen Goulding, Nick Goultas**

### **Monthly Reminders**

**YMI#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. In 2018 year we donated approximately 50 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 for purchase 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** to order a shirt or see him before or after the meeting.

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

**February 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)**  
**Dinner coordinated by Br. Art Jimenez**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - YMI Red & White Mass (3:30 p.m. @ Chowchilla, CA)**  
**Bus leaving from All Souls Church at approximately 12:30 p.m. Returning about 10:00 p.m.**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)**  
**Special Recruitment Meeting featuring Corned Beef Dinner via Tommy’s Joynt coordinated by Br. Mike Amato**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)**  
**Dinner coordinated by Br. Ryan Casey**  
**Nomination of Officers for 2018-2020**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Jim Calabretta Essay Contest Banquet**  
**(6:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Lower Auditorium)**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – YMI Bowling Tournament (12:30 p.m. @ Pacific Avenue Lanes in Stockton, CA)**

**May ??? - Ladies Night (@ Scoma’s Restaurant)**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – YMI #613 Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia’s Green Room)**  
**Dinner coordinated by Br. John Kavanagh**  
**Election of Officers**

**June 3 (Sun) – YMI Golf Tournament (10:30 a.m. @ Oakmont Golf Club in Santa Rosa)**

**June 17-20 – YMI Grand Council Session in Reno Nevada**

**Save the dates**

**July 21 – Frank Sinatra Dinner Event @ St. Cecilia’s Lower Church**

**August 19 – YMI Picnic @ Bayview Shelter, Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno**

**Sept. 29 - YMI Bocce Ball @Orange Park in South SF**