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Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

A reminder that our next membership meeting date is **Monday, February 4**
7:00 pm Father Nacca Hall, Auburn.

Reminder - annual dues

If you have already paid your annual dues, thank you! Reminder that membership dues are \$25.00 for single, and \$40.00 for a family*. Checks may be made payable to C.I.A.O. and sent to: C.I.A.O., 144 Genesee Street, Suite 102-240, Auburn, New York, 13021. *A change was made to the bylaws at the January meeting to change "couple" to "family" membership to include the husband/wife/son/daughter family members living in the same household.

DATE RESCHEDULED - NEW DATE MARCH 31, 2019

St. Joseph's Day Feast Celebration, Springside Inn, Auburn, \$30 per person

C.I.A.O. will once again hold the annual St. Joseph's Day Feast Celebration, celebrated by Italian communities in the USA and other parts of the world where Italian immigrants have settled. The co-chairs for the event are Joe and Roberta Palmiotto, and Joe Linda DeCaro. The evening's celebration will begin with a traditional St. Joseph's Table dinner, which will include Italian antipasto, romaine/oranges salad, garlic pizza, fresh Italian bread, spiral pasta with sardines or tomato sauce, bowtie pasta *aglio e olio*, garlic baked ham, baked chicken, string beans, fava beans, roasted potatoes, cannoli, zeppoles, coffee and tea. A small religious ceremony relating to the custom of the "Tavola di San Giuseppe" will precede the dinner. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item. Tickets will be available at the February meeting, but are also available from Tesoro's Apparel, the Flower Shop, Gusto Italiano, Chairpersons Joseph and Roberta Palmiotto, 315/406-2417; Joe and Linda DeCaro, 315/889-5275, and Paolo Saltarello, 315/252-7778. No tickets at the door. Deadline for tickets is Sunday, March 24. Ticket cost is solely for the expenditures for the event - no profit is added to the cost of the ticket.

Old Fashioned Pasta Dinner, Game and Sauce Maker's Night - Feb 11, 6:00 pm

Another fun get together, *mangia, mangia, and* LCR, a fun dice game! Members will be able to enjoy the various sauces prepared by the chef volunteers. Their sauce will be a choice to place on pasta that will be served, along with the C.I.A.O. *vino*, salad, *pane* (bread), and dessert. Please feel free to bring a two quart jar of sauce to share!

After dinner, we will play LCR, an easy and fun dice game. The fun evening is planned for Monday, February 11, 6:00 pm, Father Nacca Hall. Please call so that we can plan for the evening's program - call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4809 or Lynda DeOrio, 315-277-0367, or email Lynda@cayugacountyciao.org. Hope to see you there; no cost to attend the dinner and game night!

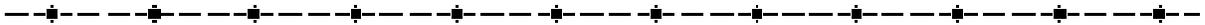
Benvenuti - Welcome!

We have new members in our organizations; please make them feel welcome!

- Nick and Judi Valvo, sponsored by Anthony Tesoro. Nick retired from the New York State Department of Corrections as a Deputy Superintendent. He is a Deacon at Sacred Heart/St. Ann's, and is involved in social ministry in the community.
- Robert Edmunds, sponsored by Ed Helinski - more info on Robert in the next newsletter!
- Massimiliano Caruso and Monia Anně, sponsored by Paolo Saltarello. Massimo and Monia, with their children Riccardo, Alice and Eduardo, have recently settled in Auburn, coming from Turin in the northern part of Italy. This area receives snow, but not as much as in Auburn. The family lives in Auburn, and are the proud *padroni* - owners - of the New York Pizzeria in Moravia. Massimo and Monia are getting settled, serving their specialties and laboring the American way - a dream for their childrens' future. They invested with the intent to succeed, as other Italian immigrants did before them. *Bravi!* They would be glad to see you - stop by for a slice of pizza - *auguri!*

Valentine's Day Celebration in Italy

In Italy, Land of Love and Lovers, Valentine's Day is a holiday imported from the US, just like Halloween and Mother's Day. The day dedicated to the celebration of love is called *Il giorno della festa degli innamorati*. Typically, as lovers exclusively celebrate this day, family members and friends do not exchange gifts. The Italian language is rich in expressions and idioms; *frasi d'amore* on Valentine's Day are especially charming. In English, the expression "I love you" is everywhere, while in Italian "*Ti amo*" is used only between lovers, never with family or friends. Instead, among the latter ones, the expression "*Ti voglio bene*" is preferred. What would a day for lovers be without learning a few Italian words? *Ti amo*: I love you; *Ti adoro*: I adore you; *Ti penso sempre*: I always think of you; *Voglio vaciarti*: I want to kiss you; *Baciami!* Kiss me! *Bacio*: Kiss; *Amore*: Love; *Cara/Caro*: Dear and a timeless classic: *Mi stanno bene questi jeans?* How do I look in these jeans? Followed by *Ti stanno benissimo!* You look great! Just remember, for the lovers' country of Italy, February 14 is the major day for celebration of love. *Il giorno della festa degli innamorati!*



Italian Heritage Focus

Giorgio Perlasca, an Italian businessman who saved more than 3,000 Jews from deportation to Nazi concentration camps in World War II, died on Aug. 15 at his home in Padua, Italy. He was 82 years old.

Trapped in Budapest late in the war by the fall of the fascist Italian Government, Mr. Perlasca, a livestock trader, joined in a plan conceived by international relief workers and diplomats from neutral countries to save as many Jews as possible from the Nazis. When the Spanish diplomatic representative fled Budapest in November 1944, Mr. Perlasca, who had been a volunteer in Franco's army in the Spanish Civil War, persuaded Hungary to accept him as the Spanish representative, and in two months he issued travel documents to thousands of Jews to save them from deportation.

In 1987 Mr. Perlasca, whose achievements had gone largely unnoticed, was made an honorary citizen of Israel and was honored by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum there. In 1990 he received the Medal of Remembrance of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. A tall, quiet man, Mr. Perlasca told The Jerusalem Post in 1987 that he had been motivated by neither religion nor politics. "I couldn't ignore it," he said. "I did what I had to do. I was lucky. I had friends among the Jews who were being killed by the Nazis. That gave me courage." Mr. Perlasca is survived by his wife, Romilda, a son, and a grandson.



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L'amore vince sempre

Love conquers all

