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Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

A reminder that our next membership meeting date is **Monday, March 2**
7:00 pm Father Nacca Hall, Auburn.

4th Annual Pasta and Game Night a success!

On Monday, February 10, about 30 CIAO members and guests enjoyed good, tasty sauces that were prepared by: Felix Mucedola – *semplice* – no fancy sauce; Anna Saltarello – pesto sauce; Paolo Saltarello – red tomato sauce with red peppers and onions; Tina Casamassa – *ragu bechamelle*; John Elice, Jr. – olive red sauce; Gina Mironi – *excellente* giardiniera; guests Lee Gaylo and Marianne Bruno Burnette brought delicious desserts, along with heart-shaped cookies by Margaret Vasco; new member Joel Campagnola supplied cannoli, and Melissa Alphonso, sauce *alla marinara*. The evening was enjoyed by everyone attending, including the children present. The winners of the games kindly donated their “luck money” to CIAO. Their kindness helped someone in need of assistance. *Grazie, grazie* to Matteo Bartolotta, John Elice, Jr. and Dr. Frank Vasallo for their kind gesture – the total of \$160 was donated and given to an Italian immigrant family who very much appreciated the kindness of CIAO members.

***Mark your calendars - St. Joseph's Day Feast Celebration
March 22, Springside Inn, Auburn, 5:00 PM
See included flyer for more details***

Friendly reminder - time to pay 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.

CIAO Cook Book

CIAO's newest member, Melissa Alphonse, has suggested creating a CIAO recipe book. This is a great idea to gather so many old recipes that many of us have learned from the old *nonni, nonna*, grandma and also *mamma*, having certainly created their own recipes from the Old World, Italia. It's time to dig those recipes out; your own personal Italian dish recipes, too! It will take a good amount of time and assistance for this project. Anyone interested in helping, please call Melissa at 315-604-2125. Our appreciation to Melissa for this endeavor, as she is also *occupata*, busy, taking care of the *famiglia* – five *bambini ragazzi*, and *marito* (husband) Dr. Anthony Alphonse.

Italian Heritage History

One of the many hundreds of Italian American organizations throughout the U.S. with a nationwide membership is the *Ordine Figli D'Italia in America* (Sons of Italy in America). The New York State Commission of Social Justice of the Sons of Italy has for over forty years worked diligently to promote its "Positive Image Program" as a leading voice for the nation's 26 million Italian Americans. The program promotes Italian culture, traditions and language, by providing studies, teaching tools, pamphlets, exhibits and materials on the achievements and contributions of Italian Americans. Their mission is to work strongly until all bias and stereotyping of Italians ceases to exist in our society.

The C.S.J. continues to lead efforts to preserve Christopher Columbus Day. Recently the Commission produced a booklet entitled "The True Legacy of Christopher Columbus," providing information to respond to the false narratives about Columbus. Meetings take place with history teachers, Board of Regents, State Councils of School Superintendents, and publishers of school textbooks. The work of the C.S.J. was instrumental in a public apology by the Mayor of New Orleans. On April 12, 2019, in the City of New Orleans, Mayor LaToya Cantrell issued a public apology for the 1892 lynching of eleven Italian immigrants, the largest in the history of the United States. The apology event took place at the Italian American Museum, and was given to the descendants of the lynching victims, who came from many states across the country. This is one of the many matters the Commission of Social Justice is involved in, as part of the *Figli of Italia in America*.

In Providence, Rhode Island, newly elected Councilor Katherine Kerwin is advocating for, among other ridiculous things, her approval of vandalizing a Columbus statue. Much of this has already taken place in other parts of America.

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo got Mayor de Blasio off the hook, as the Mayor did not select approval of a statue of Mother Cabrini, a saint, who was very devoted to helping Italian immigrants throughout the United States, and built many hospitals to assist them. Governor Cuomo came to the rescue by the announcement of an appropriate amount of money to have a statue of Mother Cabrini sculpted and placed in New York City. Mayor de Blasio had removed Mother Cabrini from the list of women in the "She Built NYC" project.

CIAO Member News

Congratulations to Matteo Bartolotta. Mastro Matteo has been invited by Professor Frank Ricciardello, member of the Italian Heritage organization in Syracuse, to speak all about Matteo's trade, as a furniture maker in regards to his learning and career of all the designs and making of excellent furniture.

Upcoming Bus Trip - Longwood Gardens and St. Anthony Festival

June 13-14, 2020

See attached flyer for details!

Dicevano I Nostri Nonni

Tra galantuomini una parola é un contratto
Between gentlemen one word constitutes a contract

Amici e maccheroni, se non sono caldi non sono buoni
Friends, like macaroni, if they're not warm they're no good

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information and pictures.

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