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Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

A reminder that our next membership meeting date is **Monday, January 13, 6 pm** Father Nacca Hall, Auburn. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

Buon Anno 2020, pieno di prosperità e buona salute
Happy New Year 2020, full of prosperity and good health

January Dinner/Membership Meeting

January is the month when annual membership dues must be paid. At the **January 13, 2020** meeting a complimentary dinner will be held for members and new members, at which time annual dues can be paid. Membership dues are \$25.00 for single, and \$40.00 for a couple. 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 or brought to the January meeting.

The following menu will be served at the January 13 meeting: *caprese* salad and garlic bread (CIAO recipe); *lenticchi brodo* – served for the tradition to bring good luck; *pasta e fagioli*; *salsiccia e pollo alla cacciatore* – sausage and chicken; *dolci* – dessert; *espresso, soda, and vino*. Thereafter, *arrividerci! Auguri* – best wishes.

SAVE THE DATE! March 22, 2019

San Giuseppe Festa, Springside Inn, Auburn

Save the date of Sunday, March 22, 2020 for our annual St. Joseph Festa, which will be celebrated with traditional food and a procession. Many guests attend from out of town; please plan to attend! It's the traditions that we need to continue to keep our Italian heritage alive that we have inherited from our *nonni*. More information will follow on Facebook, our website, and in a future newsletter.

Benevenuti – welcome to CIAO!

As we begin the MMXX year of our Lord, we welcome the following new members to CIAO; please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

- ◆ **Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Melissa Alphonso** of Skaneateles, sponsored by Paolo
- ◆ **Joanne Vasco Charles** of Auburn, sponsored by *cugino, u pompiere*, Mike Vasco

Membership applications are available on our website at www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org. Please share with friends and family as we continue to grow our membership.

Seventh Year of C.I.A.O.

CIAO is very proud to be part of the Auburn community as we have sponsored many local civic events, participating to assist others with their fundraisers and donating to the various local non-profit agencies. *Chi aiuta, viene aiutato* – he who helps, will receive help.

For the new year 2020, included with our January newsletter is the CIAO membership list. CIAO was founded in 2014 and we continue to be very active and recognized in the community. For the seven years of our existence, we have generously helped those in need by contributing about \$20,000 – this is due to our strong membership – YOU – the members who are part of it, and very vital for CIAO's existence. We continue to follow our motto of *cultura* and *caritas* – culture and charity, and continue to promote the Italian heritage we inherited from our ancestors, *i nostri nonni. Grazie, grazie!*

Buon Natale - Christmas party

CIAO member Deacon Nick Valvo was kind enough to offer prayers before the Buon Natale Christmas party. Nick's words were very meaningful for the Christmas season - remembering our dear *nonni*, those who came from across the ocean to give life to new generations. His prayers were for an evening to be shared in good company, remembering all the traditions that we are to share.

Many thanks to Carolyn and Jon Elice, mother and son team who chaired the event at Osteria Salina. The food was enjoyed by all attending the Christmas celebration, along with music and a sing-along led by Paolo and Felice. Excellent *buona compagnia* – good companionship – shared with all those attending. Many of the guests received presents – *vino, panettone*, compliments of CIAO. Osteria donated two gift certificates, won by Gina Mironti and Arlene Ryan. Two other gift certificates from Angelo's Pizzeria were received by Tony Gucciardi and Zach DeCaro. *Un buon divertimento* – a good time - enjoyed by all, due to the dedication of Carolyn and Jon – *magnifico!* Greatly done! *Grazie* to Gulliermo Salinas and Matt Bartolotta.

Special prayer by Father Lou...

Our Chaplain Fr. Louis Vasile gave the blessing at the Christopher Columbus dinner. Father Lou's words were in praise for a very devout immigrant woman who devoted her entire life serving her beloved faith in God, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. Her example to help the immigrants in need reflected on the life of our ancestors whose faith was strong to lead them to become good respectful citizens, dedicating their lives, full of sacrifices for their children, the next generations. Thank you Fr. Lou for his tribute to Mother Cabrini and to our *nonni*, parents, immigrants.

Dicevano I Nostri Nonni

Chi si volta, e chi si gira, sempre a casa va finire.

No matter where you go or turn,
you will always end up at home.

Check our website for event information, photos
and up to date CIAO news:

www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org

Meeting minutes are available on the website.

The "**Members Only**" section can be found
on the left side of the home page, and
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