



## C.I.A.O.

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### Monthly Newsletter - Stay at Home Edition

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#### *Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!*

As you read CIAO's newsletter, we hope that the news of good health is "buonissimo" - very good - for all of you as we travel through these days of limitation. *Tanta buona salute a tutti* - good health to all. Our future meetings have been postponed for now; when we are able to set a date, we will contact members by email or phone, and post on Facebook and our website.

#### **FREE PASTA DINNER GIVEAWAY - CIAO HELPING OUR COMMUNITY IN TIME OF NEED**

**Saturday, May 2, 4-6 pm**

CIAO still remains active in our community helping others, as in our motto *caritas - cultura*. This Saturday, May 2, from 4-6 pm we will be serving free pasta dinners in the St. Francis Church driveway as a drive-through for about 400 people - one dinner per vehicle to serve two people, placed in a take-out container. Our post on Facebook has been shared 130 times, and has reached 12,700 people! The dinners of pasta and meatballs will be packaged and available for curbside pickup. Support for the pasta giveaway is made possible by Bartolotta Furniture, Pettigrass Furniture Home, Auburn Rotary Club, Mario Daniele of Rochester and Tony Tesoro. Camerons Bakery is graciously donating the Italian bread. Thank you also to Father Frank Lio, pastor at St. Francis, for the use of the kitchen and the church facilities.

CIAO is known in the community as a group that helps when needed - *pacere assistere altri bisognose* - we are pleased to assist others in need. Special thank you to Auburn Rotary and CIAO members Ed Helinski, Robert Edmunds, Mike Trapani and Toni (Antonia) Colella who are Rotary members that are dedicated to all community projects. *Una mano lava l'altro, e tute due lavano il viso*. One hand washes the other and the other washes one's own face - to help and assist each other.



**Bienvenuto**, welcome to our newest CIAO members - David Sperduti, Operations Planning at the E. John Gavras Center in Auburn, sponsored by Paul Saltarello, and Anthony Tabone, D.D.S. of Auburn, sponsored by Tony Gucciardi. Congratulations to Dr. Tabone in obtaining dual Italian citizenship.

## ***Cancellations and looking to the future***

The planned CIAO events of San Giuseppe and the bus trip to Longwood Gardens have both been cancelled. Both scheduled events will be on our 2021 agenda; the St. Anthony Italian Festival in Wilmington, Delaware, that was to be included in our original bus trip, had to be cancelled as well. In addition, other summertime events where CIAO is an active participant, Majorpalooza and the Memorial Day parade and Duck Derby, have been cancelled, along with the Rotary Club "Party in the Park," which has been tentatively rescheduled to July 9-11, 2021. CIAO's participation in these events allows us to fund two annual scholarships to graduating seniors, and donations to local charities and institutions throughout the year. A recent CIAO donation that was approved by the Board was made to the E. John Gavras Center to fund an emergency day care center, so we continue to support the community even during these challenging times.

## ***Scholarship News***

CIAO plans to continue its annual tradition offering two scholarships to graduating seniors this year. Information and application for the scholarship can be found at our website, [www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org](http://www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org), or interested seniors should contact their guidance office. If we are able to hold a June meeting, we will be honoring the scholarship recipients with presentation of their award and refreshments.

## ***Becoming part of history...***

We are becoming part of history, as many of us heard from our *nonni* - grandparents...of them or their parents - being confined in Italy during the "*La Spagnola*", the Spanish fever of 1918-20, when the deaths were in the millions through the world. Italy also suffered thousands of deaths. As we are now enclosed in our own areas, people have become more aware of the restrictions and limited means available. These were experienced by our older generations that did not despair, they simply did their best to survive with their numerous family members. Limited in their supplies, *i nonni*, our older generation's ways of surviving are now experienced by us all. Italy has a smaller nation compared to the United States and the population has had a total lockdown. Anyone caught on the street would receive a stiff penalty or even jail time. In some situations, mayors and priests were given appearance tickets for the infractions. A total of 60 priests and about 80 doctors have perished due to their dedication to assist their countrymen. May all who have perished – children, grandparents, parents, brothers or sisters – receive the grace of God to be in his reign.

## ***In honor of Mother's Day...***



Mother's Day – *Dal profondo nostro cuore, un immenso amore vá per te mamma adorata. Grazie di averci dats la vita.* From the depths of my heart, an immense love we pour to you, our adored mamma. Thank you for giving me life.

### **Our First Lady**

Honoring Mother's abundance of vitality with beauty respectfully. Many are fortunate to have Mom live life expectantly. We forget all too often the ways and means she confronted our problems with, a variety of love. No other source could provide us with such elegance. In retrospect, as a teacher, her devotion remains a legacy worth of Christianity. We cannot provide sufficient ways to outweigh the dedication of her yesteryears, spent in tolerating the transition to form a child to become good citizens, a good parent, and a loving civilized honest human being. And now, when her vitality seems somewhat frail, we turn to the memories of her golden youth. Her thoughts go deep like a rambling rose, seeking water for its tap root. Her teachings reap what she has sown. Silently and humbly, she waits to see her heart fulfilled, to cherish the quality of love she has taught us. Generations will come and go, but there will never be another delighted First Lady in our lives like Mom on Mother's Day.

*- Written by the late Angelo Scozzari, of Auburn*