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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

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. Visit our website for updated pictures!

CIAO's Community Involvement

Tomatofest - CIAO was very helpful in assisting the Tomatofest Committee in their 2020 fundraising efforts to help the Cayuga County/Auburn Food pantries. On three different dates, CIAO was there to help with our own "Pizza Fritte" stand to raise funds for the combined total of \$2,900. These funds are used for the area food pantries. The Auburn community received much help from CIAO during these difficult months of Covid 19. Appreciation to all who helped, also to Mamma Maria New York Pizzeria at the Auburn Plaza for their pasta/dough donation. Their dough was used to raise dough for others! *Grazie* to everyone!

Pasta Dinner fundraiser at St. Francis - On Saturday, October 3, 2020, CIAO members cooked and prepared 250 take-out dinners as a fundraiser for Saints Mary and Marth Parish. During the time frame of 2-6 pm on that date, cars arrived at St. Francis Church, where people picked up their called-in dinners, then went home to enjoy it. The Pasta (80 lbs!) dinner collected a net total of \$3,350 for the parish. Many, many people praised the dinner and dessert. *Meraviglioso!* Wonderful! Thank you for the monetary contributions from Matteo Bartolotta, Maria Lentini, and especially to Rocco Lattanzio of Syracuse, who operates Nationwide Insurance in Auburn, for donating the Italian sausage from Dominick's Market in Syracuse. Individual thanks go to the dedicated volunteers: Joe Casamassa, Mike Vasco, Felix and Mary Ann Mucedola, Tony and Patty Gucciardi, Maria Lentini, Gina Mironti, Joe and Zachary DeCaro, Carolyn and Jay Elice, Dr. Anthony Tabone, Joanne Charles, Vito Charella, Phyllis Milillo Losano, and Paul and Anna Saltarello. Special mention to the members of the Sacred Heart Society of St. Francis Church for their assistance: Mary DiSanto, Marie Chirco, Marianne Burnett, Rose Bartolotta, and Andrea Guerrera.

Thanksgiving Day - Giorno del Ringraziamento

Wishing all the joys of a Happy Thanksgiving. As we approach the day to remember the first pilgrims celebrating a day of appreciation for their good harvest, may we all continue to give thanks for our beloved land and its richness. May each day keep you content with joy and certainly good health to all!

Nell arrive della festa del ringraziamento, quando I primi pellegrini arriverone sulle sponde Americana, ricordiamoci del tanto bene che la terra ha dato nutrimento immense, che oggi ancora riceviamo. Che ogni giorno sia sempre pieno di buona salute.

Buon Natale – Merry Christmas Festa

As many events have been postponed or canceled, the *Buon Natale*/Christmas Party celebration during this remarkable and memorable 2020, which is making history, will not be held. Carolyn and John Elice, mother and son team chairpersons of the annual *festa* of *Buon Natale*, will keep us posted. Stay tuned!

Christopher Columbus Testimonial Dinner update

CIAO's annual "Testimonial Dinner", which is held annually to celebrate Columbus' discovery of the new world, was cancelled due to the present pandemic of Covid 19. *Speriamo*, let's hope for a 2021 celebration! The commemoration for the annual event continued with a CIAO flag raising ceremony with CIAO's Board members, who gathered at the Christopher Columbus monument across from St. Francis Church on Monday, October 12, 2020. There the members, to the music of the Star Spangled Banner and *Fratelli of d'Italia*, raised the Stars and Stripes, followed by the tricolor flag of Italy. The monument was erected in 1992, by St. Francis parishioners under the guidance of Father John Nacca. It was a great ceremony of pride as the monument was unveiled and dedicated to the early Italian immigrants.

Condoglianze – Condolences - CIAO extends their condolences to *nonna*, Gina Mironti, on the loss of her beloved grandson, James. James' passing was unexpected for his young age of 23. There are no words of expression to extend to Gina, and her daughter Anna Saltarello, for their broken hearts. May the years of good memories of grandson and nephew James heal the wounds of their broken hearts, as he becomes an angel of God. James was the son of Sandro and Denise Mironti of Cortland.

Get well wishes/Buon Ricovero - Rochester member Tom (*Tommaso*) Grasso has had to combat some health related issues unexpected, as those situations may arise with any of us. CIAO wishes Tom the very best for a *subito*, quick, recovery. Tom's presence at our monthly meetings was always appreciated as he traveled from Rochester to attend and fraternized with everyone present. The traveling distance has not kept Tom from participating at many of our fundraising events. *Statte buone!*

Roman origin of surrounding towns' names

<u>Town</u>	<u>Historical Reference</u>
Aurelius.....	Marcus Aurelius/Roman Emperor
Brutus.....	Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"
Camillus.....	Roman Dictator
Cato.....	Roman Statesman
Cicero.....	Roman philosopher
Cincinnatus.....	Roman ruler
Dryden.....	English poet/Latin translator
Fabius.....	Saved Rome from Hannibal
Galen.....	Roman physician
Hannibal.....	Carthaginian general
Hector.....	Killed by Achilles in Trojan War
Homer.....	Greek poet "Iliad" & "Odyssey"
Junius.....	English poet's Roman pen name
Locke.....	English philosopher John Locke

<u>Town</u>	<u>Historical Reference</u>
Lysander.....	Spartan admiral
Manlius.....	Notable Roman family
Marcellus.....	Notable Roman family
Milton.....	English poet John Milton
Ovid.....	Latin poet
Pompey.....	Roman general
Romulus.....	Founder of Rome with brother Remus
Scipio.....	Roman general Scipio Africanus
Sempronius.....	Roman family name
Sterling.....	Origin unclear
Solon.....	Athenian statesman
Tully.....	Roman writer
Ulysses.....	Latin name of Greek hero Odysseus
Virgil.....	Poet/"The Aeneid" epic of Rome

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Words of Wisdom from our old people

La gallina fa buon brodo.

An old hen makes the best soup.

"An older girl might be a better catch."

La politica – a chuckle

Definition of a bulldozer: a man who sleeps through a political speech