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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Once again CIAO will resume the monthly meetings after well over two years! **Our next meeting will be in person on Monday, April 4, at 7 pm** at Father Nacca Hall. Those who wish to attend can share the evening as was done in the past. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. A Board meeting was held and it was agreed to proceed and have the meetings and the various *fiesta* that are part of our Italian heritage.

San Giuseppe Festa to be celebrated Sunday, May 1, 4 pm

"Feast of St. Joseph the Worker"

The 2022 San Giuseppe *fiesta* will be held this year at St. Francis Church's Nacca Hall. The "*fiesta*" will begin at 4 pm with the traditional procession of St. Joseph, with religious services and prayers related to the feast. Our chaplain, Father Lou Vasile, will lead the services in honor of St. Joseph. Joe and Roberta Palmiotto have graciously volunteered to again chair the celebration. Please note, tickets will not be sold, but reservations must be made through Joe Palmiotto, 315-406-2417, or by emailing jpalmiotto13021@yahoo.com. Cost of the dinner is \$40 per person. Please know that as you reserve your name, that will signify your attendance, as each dinner is counted with the total number given to the caterer, and the committee will be responsible for each dinner reservation.

This event will certainly give each one of us a good sign of relief. Good *compagnia* and good food prepared by Joe Villano's Food with the following menu: Antipasto salad, spiral pasta with St. Joseph's olive/sardine sauce, *aglio/olio* and plain sauce; ham, chicken roasted potatoes, green beans almonds, traditional fava beans and *zeppole* of St. Joseph. Rosalie's bread will be served, along with wine. Limoncello cooler will be served compliments of the Paulinos. All those attending the San Giuseppe Festa will receive a special CIAO wine (2017) specifically made/changed into *aceto/vinegar* to enjoy for dressing their *insalata*. A CIAO creation!

CIAO postponing the annual celebration of March 19, St. Joseph's Day, and changing the event to May 1st, originated with the idea of honoring a dedicated worker immigrant from Calabria for all of his deep caring to help the poor who would walk barefoot. As many of you know, in the Syracuse area at Christmas time, shoe repair man Ralph Rotella gives away over 30,000 pairs of shoes through Rescue Mission. For the past years, the kindness and humility of Ralph has touched many people who have donated old and new pairs of shoes to thousands of people in need, in the USA and other parts of the world. Throughout the year, Raffaele repairs the shoes that need work done, dedicating his heart and soul. As an artisan/worker, caring to help others, CIAO will be honoring and paying tribute to this man who began his giveaway shoe campaign with the first shoeless man he saw on the street.

It will be most fitting to include a tribute to Ralph on Sunday, May 1, 2022 on the St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day. This will be a perfect time for the community to honor Raffaele Rotella who owns and operates Discount Shoe Repair on Washington Street in Syracuse.

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

Another fun get together, *mangia, mangia*, and LCR, a fun dice game! Enjoy the “*buona compagnia*” good friendship with a light dinner of pasta and salad. If you would like to bring your own special sauce, you are welcome to do so! The complimentary dinner will be served before LCR, and will also include pulled pork barbecue and baked beans. The fun evening is planned for Monday, April 11, 6:00 pm, Father Nacca Hall. It was well enjoyed prior to Covid 19, and now we're able to share a fun evening again! 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!

Member News

Benvenuto – Welcome—CIAO welcomes in our membership Rocco Lattanzio of Syracuse. He is in Auburn every day as Rocco is a representative of Nationwide here in Auburn, operating an insurance agency in our community. In the past Rocco was not hesitant to help CIAO with his contributions. He also has been very active in Syracuse to save and maintain the Christopher Columbus monument. Rocco is very proud of his heritage as he and his family members visit the Puglia region, in Locorotondo, where his roots originated.

Dues update—Membership response to the annual dues was exceptional as each member sent in their dues payment in a short amount of time. As you know, in the past there has always been the January meeting that included dinner and payments were made at that time but due to Covid 19, the January membership dinner/meeting was not held. *Grazie*, many thanks for your kind response, which helps CIAO to help others!

Donations from CIAO - The Board members, through your generosity, have contributed \$200 to the Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church during their countywide collection of food and clothing for people, family and friends in Ukraine. It was well appreciated as a show of solidarity for all of the sufferings, destruction of lives and their homes.

CIAO scholarships - CIAO has given a total of 17 scholarships since 2015, and our members are proud of their work giving back to the community. We look forward to again awarding scholarships to deserving area high school seniors at our now annual membership picnic in June.

Bocce - Those who are interested, yes, there will be a bocce season! More information will be in the next newsletter.

Vecchio al ragazzino...Giorni passata Times Past

*Il vecchio pensando al passato, consigliando il ragazzino, gli disse:
Quel che tu sei, io fui, e quel che io sono tu sarai*
The old wise man told the young one:
As you are of age today I was, and of old age I am today, you will be.

Le Radici della famiglia
Ricordati delle proprie radici, per non dimenticare il passato
Remember your family roots, to not forget your past (where you came from).

Vecchi ricordi
Old stories
*Ascolti le vecchie storie che ti guidano Tieni caro quel che hai ricevuto dai Nonni.
Perché quei ricordi, ti danno una buona immagine della tua ricca eredità.*
Listen to the old stories, cherish gifts from grandparents
as keepsakes because they are building the image of our rich heritage.