



## C.I.A.O.

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

***Note – Annunzio – Notice***

***Next meeting - June 6, 7:00 PM, Fingerlakes Mall Event Room***

The June 6 meeting will not be at Nacca Hall, due to the planned flooring renovations that will take place. The June 6 meeting will take place at the “Event Room” of the Fingerlakes Mall, time 7 pm. Please use the entrance by the Savannah Bank, right of the Bass Pro location. The Event Room will be directly ahead from the entrance. CIAO signs will direct you to the room. Please note, there will no meeting or newsletter in July.

***Thank you, Tony Tesoro!***

CIAO has had the honor to receive the very deep interest taken by Tony Tesoro, as a hard working, dedicated member and Treasurer of our group. Since the formation of CIAO in 2014, as a founding member Tony has given so much of his time to generate the growth of CIAO. We extend the deepest appreciation to Tony for all his years of dedication, serving on various functions and committees. Tony has tendered his resignation as Secretary. *Grazie infinito Antonio*, for your immense caring. Caring, dedication and ethics are very important to Tony, as he continues to be occupied with his store and caring for his family. With his deep concern and love for his family and spouse Linda, this resignation will allow Tony to have more time for situations that arise in all of our lives when we need to care for our loved ones. Tony, may God give you good health and strength in the future days ahead.

***New CIAO Secretary*** - As Tony Tesoro has tendered his resignation for his position as Secretary, CIAO member Joe Palmiotto has offered to fulfill Tony’s duties as Secretary until the next election, at which time he can run for the office on the slate of officers. Joe has been very active in many of our events, particularly as co-chair with his wife Roberta for the St. Joseph’s Day festa. *Grazie mille*, Joe, for your interest and concern.

### ***UPCOMING - MEMBERSHIP PICNIC***

***Monday, June 20, 5-8 pm***

We will be hosting a free Membership Picnic Monday, June 20 at the Owasco Fire Department picnic shelter, located at 7174 Owasco Road in Auburn. The picnic will run from 5 pm to 8 pm. This is a time for all CIAO members to be together for an enjoyable afternoon/evening. The picnic replaces for this year the annual Membership Dinner, which is typically held each January. At the picnic, members can attend and if dues have not been paid, you can pay the annual \$25 for single, or \$40 for a family of two.

During the picnic, CIAO will proudly present \$500 scholarships to the deserving students who were chosen from all applications received. Join us in *buona compagnia* – good companionship – together. The Bocce Courts will be available to have some fun games! Please call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859 or email Lynda DeOrio at [Lynda@cayugacountyciao.org](mailto:Lynda@cayugacountyciao.org) if you plan to attend. *Arrivederci!*

### ***Bocce League 2022***

Once again the bocce players will be meeting to challenge each other on the Owasco town bocce “courts” without lawyers, but with a measuring tape in hand. Sam Vitale and Joe Divietro are all set with the scheduled games for all to enjoy, on each Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm. Our appreciation to the Town Board administration for their kindness for the usage of the courts.

## **MEMORIAL DAY - Pizza-fritte**

It was an excellent day for the CIAO members working together; we sold-out of *pizza fritte* by 1pm at our location in front of the Knights of Columbus building. Our deep appreciation to the Knights for letting us set up shop to sell our *Pizz-fritte*. It was all possible because of the workers and the kindness of Matt Bartolotta of Angelos Pizzeria, who furnished 100 lbs of pasta-dough on a busy business day. *Grazie* !

The total of \$\$\$\$ will help CIAO to help others in the community and go towards our other projects. Appreciation to the following *pizza-fritte* makers who helped out: Casamassas, Gucciardis, Maria Monastro and Gilda Iacovone Finley from Cortland, Felix Mucedola, Jay Elice, Dr. Anthony Tabone, Annie Febles, Joe Palmiotto, Dr. John B. Ryan, newlyweds and newest CIAO members Dr. Elysia Mignelli and Michael Iannelli, Joanne Charles, and the Saltarellos. Another well done event. *Bravi!*

Thank you to CIAO Board trustee Paul Vitale for his generosity and thank you to all the members who stopped by and gave support.

Remember how as children we helped make the frying dough right in Mamma's kitchen, or down in the basement where everyone in the Italian families would cook as much as they could, making pasta, *ciambotta*, *pane*, *salsiccia*, *prosciutto*, and much more, to not dirty the upstairs kitchen. Don't forget the wine making time, what a special time to be enjoying the day, sharing the *zi*, *ziu* (uncle), *compare e commara*, *cugino - amici*, let's try to keep these traditions alive so that our young ones will create their memories, too. A lot of the old Italian ways of creating dishes were a norm for the Italian families, as those *paesani* (peasant) dishes are becoming more popular and expensive in *ristorante*. The *Pizza Fritte* are still favorites, including the many, many varieties of pizzas.

CIAO's *pizza fritte* making and selling is a good revenue to allow us to have proceeds to help our group continue to contribute to the many students and organizations receiving any appropriate donation that CIAO is able to offer. If anyone is able to attend the event when CIAO is selling *pizza fritte*, please be supportive. *Grazie!*

## **Membership news**

CIAO's membership is very strong, as 115 members have kindly responded to the early dues payment for 2022.

**Best wishes for better days ahead** - to a dedicated member who purposely drove to our monthly meetings from his home, in Rochester. Tom (Tommaso) Grasso's love for CIAO is special, as he also took a personal interest to be among us, enjoying our events, participating in volunteering with the *Pizza-Fritte* stand, and many other functions, caring for his heritage. At this point Tom is once again facing some very difficult health related issues. Every one who met Tom has seen the kindness that he has shown in his visits. Tom, we sincerely wish that your days ahead will be much brighter with good recovery. *Che il Signore ti assista*. May our Lord give you strength and *coraggio*. *Arrivederci*, see you soon.

**Congratulations – auguri** Best wishes to a loving, busy and committed couple on their marriage and community. It is with great pleasure that we wish the Albericis, Gino and Maxine, the very best of *buona salute* good health to continue enjoying their lives together for *centanni*. How wonderful for Gino and Maxine to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! The Albericis are very active in the community, and have been instrumental in the success of United Way campaigns in the past. We are fortunate to have them as members of our CIAO group!

**Benvenuti, welcome to CIAO** New members join CIAO as they have joined their lives together! On Saturday, April 23, 2022, Elysia Mignelli of Montreal, Canada, and Michael Iannelli, Paramus, New Jersey, were married at the Sinclair. Through Paolo and Felice, their entertainment, they found out about CIAO and wished to join our Italian American organization, to become active and to continue their family roots. They joined the *pizza fritte* makers on Memorial Day. *Bravi!* Michael and Elysia have settled in Auburn, Elysia as a veterinarian at Brookside Veterinary, and Michael as Director of Production and Operations at Rev Theater. Michael was Stage Manager when CIAO hosted *limoncello* and pastries at intermission during the show "Lights in the Piazza" at the MGR in 2015.

## **Happy Father's Day to all the papàs - Buona Festa al papà**

Remembering our fathers for which the third Sunday of June we respectfully honor papà. An old Italian proverb that we often hear our old people say: *Un padre campa dieci figli, e dieci figli non possono campare un padre* - A father willingly will support ten children as they grow up, but ten children will not be able to take care of their papà.

## **Summer Happenings...**

CIAO once again was asked to serve our special Pizza Fritte for the young students attending the summer camps at Booker T. Washington. The students and adults enjoyed last year's *pizza fritte* and asked if CIAO could be there this year. The dates are the end of July and the end of August, when the camps are over. *Magnifico*, great to help others! This will be the third year for CIAO to serve everyone's favorite *pizza fritte*.