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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5, at 7 pm at Father Nacca Hall. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING DATE AND TIME.*

Christopher Columbus Day Recognition Dinner Sunday, October 9, 2022, Springside Inn, Auburn

Our annual big celebration is approaching, commemorating Christopher Columbus Day, as it is recognized and celebrated by many other Italian American organizations through the United States. CIAO is very proud to be recognizing in our annual "Testimonial Dinner," two fine priests in our area who have earned a lot of respect in our community. This year, CIAO will pay tribute to Father Frank Lioi and Father Lou Vasile.

St. Joseph Day dinner honoree Ralph Rotella receives additional honors

CIAO's efforts for these past years have been fruitful as we continue to be active in our community with our various events. On May 1st, CIAO held a St. Joseph's Dinner, at which time recognition was given to Raffaele "Ralph" Rotella of Syracuse, for his endless work, dedicating himself to collecting thousands of pairs of shoes, some of which he repairs, to donate to those in need. Soon after Ralph received the recognition from CIAO in Auburn, he was also presented other tributes, such as from the "Columbus Day Committee" of Syracuse. This group holds a luncheon at the Syracuse Oncenter on Columbus Day, attended by many people of Italian ancestry who continue to be active with their concerns to keep Christopher Columbus Day celebrations in existence. For the October 10, 2022 Columbus Day luncheon, Raffaele "Ralph" Rotella, the humble, simple, loveable shoemaker, will receive special recognition by the committee. This is a great choice, to honor and give tribute to our past St. Joseph Day honoree! *Bravo!*

****Regular membership meeting date and time change***

Be sure to update your calendar that beginning the month of October and thereafter, our monthly membership meetings will now be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, at Father Nacca Hall. This change was voted on at the September meeting, due to a change of schedule at St. Francis Church. Our appreciation to the parish and Father Lioi for allowing CIAO to hold our monthly meetings as we also extend our help in supporting the parish. *Una mano lava l'altra, e tutte due lavano il viso* - one hand washes the other, and both hands will wash one's face. **Remember, take the time to attend the monthly meetings to share your thoughts and companionship. Refreshments are served each month. Arrivederci!**

CIAO to cook for Tyburn Academy

CIAO chefs will once again prepare another special dinner for Tyburn Academy for their annual fundraising dinner, to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022. As in past years, the dinner will be prepared and served by CIAO members, who have been very appreciated by the school administration. The dinner will give recognition to Joe LoPiccolo for his dedication and continuous endless support to the school. These dinners have been served from the time of the original "Italian Cucina Crew," for over 20 years, to benefit this religious organization that continues to flourish through the years. Each year, a different menu is prepared and served to attendees, and Coach Jim Boenheim, his team, and announcer Doug Logan always makes sure to stop and visit the kitchen group, expressing how much they love the food served.

Matthew House Fund Raiser - 20th anniversary event

Pizza Fritte, yes, for the Matthew House, who has asked CIAO to help them in celebration of their 20th anniversary. We will assist them on Saturday, October 1, 2022 by preparing and serving Pizza Fritte across the street from their Metcalf Drive location, in the Seward Elementary School parking lot, from 12-3 pm, or until sold out. CIAO is glad to assist, once again, other non-profit groups in our community. Anyone wishing to taste the traditional CIAO Pizza Fritte is welcome to stop by. Bring some to your *zio*, aunt, *cugini*, *compare e commara*, yes for friends/*amici* too. All for a good cause, as CIAO extends their helping hands to assist in the community. Our appreciation also to those members who will be working at the "Pizza Fritte" stand that day!

Benvenuti...Welcome to CIAO

We extend our welcome and greetings to new members Carmin and Tanna Fiduccia, and Chet and Bonnie Crosby, sponsored by Sam Vitale, and Marcia Alissandrello, sponsored by Linda Vitale.

Auguri, best wishes

Members of CIAO from the very start, Giovanni and Lea Porretta recently celebrated 62 years of matrimony. Best wishes for many more healthy years to John and Lea to enjoy with their family and friends. *Anni in continuo, con buona salute. Alla salute!* Great celebration!

Cristoforo Colombo

Cristoforo Colombo, the Genovese explorer, had a vision and with his faith and courage, traveled the unknown to discover a new world, giving prosperity to future generations. In many cities of America, other Italian American organizations hold similar celebrations commemorating the discovery of the New World by Columbus, and his other achievements. His legacy is found in many areas bearing names derived from his namesake, Cristoforo Colombo. In Auburn, across from St. Francis church, a monument erected with the Genovese admiral bears a plaque that reads, "This monument honors Christopher Columbus, our first immigrant, and all our immigrants, parents and grandparents who, by their faith, hard work and perseverance, fashioned a great nation out of vast wilderness. God, grant that we imitate their virtues – especially love of God and love of country." The monument, erected during the pastorate of Father John Nacca, was a project to honor our early immigrants who emigrated to the Auburn area.

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Words of Wisdom from our old people

Al bisogno si conosce l'amico

Only when the chips are down
can you see who is truly your friend

(A friend in need is a friend indeed)

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