



## C.I.A.O.

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

***Next meeting - Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 PM, Father Nacca Hall***

***Special Presentation*** - Did your parents or grandparents speak Italian, or rather **napuletan'**, **sigilian'**, or **calabres'**? Most Italians are considered bilingual because they speak their regional dialect as well as standard Italian (also known as "Italiano standard" or "Italiano normativo"). It is estimated that there are between 100 and 150 distinct regional dialects in Italy that many of us grew up hearing or speaking. Please join us for a fascinating exploration of Italian American slang, and Italian dialects and the development of standard Italian language. CIAO member Jackie Sorci will present. Jackie is an Italian Adjunct Faculty member at SU and the Vice President of the Italian Teachers Association of CNY.

The presentation will follow a brief meeting that will begin at 7 pm. Guests are welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be no meeting or newsletter in July;  
our August meeting will be August 2.**

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

***Monday, June 19, 5:30-8 pm***

We will be hosting a free Membership Picnic Monday, June 19 at the Owasco Fire Department picnic shelter, located at 7174 Owasco Road in Auburn. The picnic will run from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. This is a time for all CIAO members to be together for an enjoyable afternoon/evening, along with the scholarship recipients and their immediate family members. During the picnic, CIAO will proudly present seven scholarships to deserving students who were chosen from all applications received. First and second place will receive \$500 each, and the five runners-up will each receive \$300. Committee members Arlene Ryan, Mary Ann Mucedola and Toni Colella will make presentations at the High School Awards program on June 5, 2023. Students will receive certificates acknowledging their awards at that time; checks will be presented at our CIAO picnic. 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 2023***

Salvatore "Sam" Vitale and Joe DiVietro are prepared to welcome all the bocce players to the "courts" in the town of Owasco, on Owasco Road. The season will begin Wednesday, June 14 at 6 pm. Players must be present on the court, balls provided! Your appearance is most important. *Ci vediamo!* Teams must pay their team fee the same night. *Grazie!* Visitors are always welcome to come watch and support the teams!

### ***Membership News***

***Welcome - Benvenuti*** - to new members Gloria Alano, sponsored by Lisa Giacona and Georgianna Caliendo, and Joseph Beddia, sponsored by Giuseppe and Francesca Libertella of Rome, New York.

***In Sympathy*** - CIAO extends sincere condolences to Elsa Montone Bernardoni on the loss of her beloved spouse Louis, both CIAO members, and to Board member Mike Vasco on the death of his father, Louis.

## ***St. Joseph the Worker Festa***

The annual CIAO celebration for St. Joseph's Day was celebrated on Sunday, April 30, 2023, coinciding with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This date is recognized by the Catholic church on May 1. CIAO continued the tradition with a dinner prepared and served by Osteria Salina and staff, who are to be complimented on their fine service! *Grazie* to Guillermo Salinas, also a CIAO member. The event brought many CIAO followers from Rome, Syracuse, Rochester, Hastings and Brooklyn. Mario Fortunato brought the cannolis, which were part of dessert with the zeppole and limoncello. Many individuals attending went home with special gifts.

We were able to honor our oldest hard working member, Gina Mironti. Gina's presence is very much appreciated at all of our CIAO events. *Grazie*, Mamma Gina. We also appreciate the participation of Father Louis Vasile and Father Frank Lioi. It is always a great *piacere* - pleasure - to see many people enjoying our events. Another great job by chairpersons Joe and Roberta Palmiotto, and as always, a huge thank you to Felix Mucedola for the accordion music during our events.

## ***Pizza Fritte***

***Memorial Day*** - CIAO was once again invited by the Knights of Columbus 207 to share the morning celebration on Market Street and sell our pizza fritte. The day was very busy for Pizza Fritte Team A. We are hoping to put together a Team B to assist, which will allow us to split up these events. CIAO benefits from these events, and as the dough gets stretched, so is the work load for the group involved. The Memorial Day event was very fruitful for CIAO and allows us to extend assistance to the students and others in need. Anyone interested in joining another pizza fritte team, please call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859. Thank you to Team A workers - Gucciardis, Casamassas, Mucedolas, Carolynn Elice and son John, Jr., "*Pompiere*" Mike Vasco, Joe Palmiotto, Dr. John Ryan, Dr. Anthony Tabone, Joanne Charles, Cindy Pierce, Susan Gatto, Antonia "Toni" Collella, and Saltarellos. Thank you to Angelo's Pizzeria and Mark's Pizzeria for the donation of pasta dough.

***Matthew House fundraiser*** - On Saturday, June 10 from 11 am - 2 pm, CIAO will be making and serving the traditional pizza fritte for the benefit of Matthew House on Metcalf Drive. The crew will serve until sold out, all taking place across the street from Matthew House. *Ci vediamo*, see you there.

***Booker T. Washington Center event*** - As in the past four years, CIAO will once again serve their specialties to the young students who will be attending the summer camps at the Booker T. Washington Center on Chapman Ave, on July 14 and August 11. This event is sponsored by CIAO, and the students anxiously await and enjoy our pizza fritte every year.

***Sts. Peter and Paul Church picnic*** - on Sunday, July 9, CIAO will join Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church for their annual church picnic. This event will serve as a fundraiser to help assist the Ukrainian families that are in Auburn and sponsored by the church. CIAO will gladly be there to serve pizza fritte to all who will be attending the festivity, as all the proceeds will be donated to the church, to help them assist the people from Ukraine who have become part of their families. Another example of "*caritas*" by CIAO.

## ***Grazie Mille***

***Grazie mille*** to the following people and businesses who generously support CIAO: Matt Bartolotta of Angelo's Pizzeria, Osteria Salina, Pettigrass Funeral Home, Mark's Pizzeria in Auburn, and Rocco Lattanzio Nationwide Insurance.

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

A father always has memories to share, love to give, and time to spare; to hold a hand and understand, a father is always there. Our today's are so much happier because of all the yesterday's that you, father, filled with love.

We remember our fathers on the third Sunday of June. Enjoy some Italian proverbs:

*Un padre campa diece figli e diece figli non possono campare un padre.*  
A father can support ten children, but ten children cannot support one father.

*Il padrone oli casa sono io, che comanda è mia moglie*  
I am the master of my household, but it is my wife who commands.