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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 6, 7 pm, Father Nacca Hall.

Have you ever wondered where tomatoes came from? What did Europeans and Italians first think of them? What makes tomatoes a popular ingredient in Italian cooking? Mark your calendar for the 7:00 PM CIAO meeting on September 6th to come and try heirloom tomatoes, and see and taste the differences from these varieties. Presentation by CIAO member Jay Elice.

Christopher Columbus Day Recognition Dinner

Monday, October 9, 2023 Springside Inn, Auburn

Christopher Columbus Day celebration for CIAO since 2014

We continue to sail along, as Cristoforo Colombo did in 1492, on the 12th day of October. As in many parts of America, the day is still very much celebrated in the various Italian American communities. This year, CIAO will be honoring two fine gentlemen who have served many years of unwavering personal dedication in the medical fields. Doctors Rama Godishala and posthumously Patrick Buttarazzi. With this newsletter, you will find a copy of the 2023 Testimonial Dinner letter in conjunction with the Christopher Columbus Day celebration. We hope to see many of you joining CIAO in this celebration for our Italian heritage. Please note that anyone who wishes to be included in the program book as a patron, please send in your name with a \$10 check payable to CIAO. The very first reservation has been received, brava Rosette!

CIAO Pizza Fritte in the Auburn community

The special traditional pizza fritte has been enjoyed by the people in the community since our start in 2014. The pasta dough for CIAO has been very helpful as those who worked at the various times that CIAO offered to help others (*carita*) to raise funds for many individual groups in need of assistance. During these events, CIAO gladly assisted Matthew House, Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church, Booker T. Washington Center, Cayuga County Vietnam Memorial Committee, Willard Chapel, St. Albert the Great school, Music at the Lake, Auburn PTO at the Junior High, Memorial Day, and the Owasco Farmers Market. These events were needed for CIAO to raise funds for other beneficial contributions in the community.

Other groups that the CIAO Cuccina Crew prepared pasta dinners and more to raise funds for are Auburn Stingrays Swim team, and specifically we are always in demand for Tyburn Academy for their highlight dinner of the year in October. For October 2023, the dinner will have a specially prepared menu as the guest of honor will be retired S.U. Coach Jim Boeheim.

Member News

Thank you - CIAO's appreciation to Guillermo Salinas of Osteria Salina, who was at CIAO's Scholarship Picnic gathering in June with his food truck, serving his tasty food to those who attended. Guillermo was kind enough to donate five \$20 gift certificates which will be given away at our monthly meetings on each second Wednesday of the month.

Grazie, many thanks to Jerry Pettigrass, who is always extending his generosity to CIAO, for refreshments at the September meeting.

Thank you to Mia Holmes and Quinn Didio, grandchildren of Joe and Tina Casamassa, for always helping with our CIAO events!

Sympathy and condolences - CIAO extends their condolences to the Giacona family in their loss of Dominic, brother of Sam Giacona, and to Cindy Pierce, on the loss of her sister Ann Elizabeth Bobinis. May God grant their eternal rest.

Golden Wedding Anniversary - A very special recognition goes out to Bernie and Margaret Tomasso, as they celebrated their 50th year of marriage, and continue to be blessed for their continuity in their marriage. *Auguroni!*

A century plus 2 years old - CIAO wishes to extend very best wishes to a fine lady who has always been active in our Italian community. On Monday, August 11, at Boyle Center, a very joyful celebration took place for Grace Agati Daloia, who achieved and marked her 102nd birthday with friends and relatives. Grace continue to enjoy her good health and daily activities with her singing, too! *Con tanta lunga vita, che piacere!* What a wonderful life!

Bocce Bocce Bocce

The summer bocce league, played by members and non-members of CIAO, closed with some big surprises for the weekly bocce playing. The very unexpected happened with some very tight results in the score of the final games. The four ladies of the "Long Shots" team came to the top as they made their way through to *numero uno*, first place! *Excellente*, as they happily picked up their earned trophies! Congratulations to team members Linda Vitale, Marcia Alissandrello, Martha Conboy and Patti Nunno. Next season will be also an enjoyable sharing an evening of competition and fun.

History: Little Italy Montreal

With the second-largest Italian population in Canada (behind Toronto), Montreal, Quebec's Little Italy is a neighborhood full of history, food, espresso, and well, Italians! Quebec's Italian presence dates to the 19th century when Italians served in the Carignan-Salieres Regiment. Most of the temporary immigrants during this time worked in mines, railways and lumber camps. In the early 20th century, permanent immigrants emerged working in construction and railway maintenance. As the number increased, these immigrants began to build their own churches and institutions, most notably the Church of Madonna della Difesa. The largest wave of Italian immigrants arrived with the end of WWII, most landing in the port of Montreal and eventually setting around the Jean Taylor Market, and the Church of Madonna della Difesa, giving birth to Montreal's Little Italy. Today, Little Italy Montreal lures lovers of all things Italian with its pizza, high quality cheeses and breads, espresso wine, and more. With fine Italian dining, beautiful parks, Italian Canadian-owned shops, and of course the beautiful church, this area of Montreal offers visitors a great taste of Italia.

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Words of Wisdom from our old people