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**Newsletter, November, 2023**

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### Monthly Newsletter

**Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!**

**Our next meeting will be on**

**Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm**

**at Father Nacca Hall.**

### **Christopher Columbus Day Recognition Dinner**

As we continued to sail along with CIAO's Christopher Columbus Recognition Dinner on Monday, October 9, 2023, the annual event was once again a great success. The honorees, Dr. Rama Godishala and Dr. Peter Buttarazzi, posthumously, were recognized for their professionalism and dedication in their combined medical fields.

The dinner was well attended and enjoyed by everyone in attendance, where plaques were presented to the honorees. Dr. Godishala humbly accepted the tribute as he spoke of his childhood years and thereafter of his studies in his native land of India, and in the USA. His words of appreciation were directed to CIAO and the community of Auburn, that he has served for over 40 years as a cardiologist, the finest in our community. Mary Buttarazzi Clark, daughter of Dr. Patrick Buttarazzi, spoke with emotion in relation to her beloved father who was very caring and deeply concerned for his patients for the over 40 years that he served in the community. Both honorees received a standing ovation by attendees at the dinner as they accepted the plaque presented by co-chairs Paolo Saltarello and Tony Gucciardi.

CIAO has offered each year to the individual honorees a \$500 donation to the charity of their choice. The 2023 honorees wished to donate the combined amount of \$500 to the Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church to help the Ukrainian people they are hosting to settle in Auburn. CIAO's motto is *caritas* and *cultura*!

In addition, that evening as Mayor Mike Quill presented the keys to the City of Auburn to the honorees, he was surprised by CIAO's action in return to present Mayor Quill with a plaque in recognition of his many years of dedication as the Mayor of Auburn. Mayor Quill served the community with pride first as a Fire Chief and later served his native City as Mayor. CIAO was pleased to recognize Mayor Quill for his 16 years of dedication to the City of Auburn.

Thank you to Pettigrass Funeral Home for their donation of two \$50 gift certificates to Rosalie's Cucina that were given out at the dinner, and to Matteo Bartolotta for providing cutting boards at each table for one lucky winner seated at the table.

Our active organization continues to be vibrant and recognized for the many events held to help others. A large contribution was given to CIAO by the Buttarazzi family to use for a charitable cause to benefit others. This kind gesture will most likely benefit CIAO's scholarship fund to award a scholarship in memory of Dr. Buttarazzi.



### **Buon Natale celebration planned**



A time to celebrate the Christmas season is once again upon us, an opportunity to enjoy *buona compagnia*, good companionship together! We invite you to attend the 2023 **Buon Natale celebration** set for **Saturday, December 2, 2023** at Osteria Salina in Auburn. The annual celebration for the Christmas season is again being planned by mother and son chairpersons Carolyn and John Elice, who are planning an enjoyable evening for all, as they have for the past several years! The event will begin at 5 pm with cash bar, and family style dinner at 6 pm. Enter through the bakery entrance on State Street. More details can be found on the included flyer; reservations due with a check in the amount of \$45 per person by November 26.

If you are interested and want to participate, look around your home for something you perhaps no longer use and could give as a gift, wrap it and bring it to the dinner! We will have a gift exchange where you will be invited to choose a wrapped gift to take home with you that evening!

**Member News**

**Sympathy** - CIAO extends their condolences to Georgianna Caliendo on the loss of her sister, Marie Caliendo Marino, who passed away in Florida.

CIAO extends deepest sympathy to the Alberici family on the loss of their beloved husband, father, uncle, grandpapa, teacher, and great coach Gino, who was loved by all. Gino was always willing to give a helping hand wherever or however he could, to be in an active role. As he often attended our monthly meeting, his gesture was always to help other, as Gino's contributions to the community have been in many various ways fruitful to many local organizations. May the Lord grant Gino a field of eternal coaching, his enjoyment in sports.

**Get Well** - *presta guarigione* - Best wishes for better days to Giovanni Porretta, who has been a CIAO member since the very beginning. He always participates and attends our events, and monthly meetings, as he traveled from Seneca Falls. *Tanti auguri, Giovanni, a migliore giorni!*

**Thank you** - Many thanks to Antonio "Toni" Colella for her kindness in remembering CIAO and its member as she once again volunteered to serve at the Lourdes Pilgrimage. A mass was celebrated on October 14 in tribute to CIAO members at Lourdes. *Grazie!*

**Cucina Crew News**

**Tyburn Academy Dinner** - As it was mentioned by emcee Doug Logan at our Christopher Columbus dinner, it has been 20 years that Tyburn Academy has hosted their special dinner, with CIAO preparing the food. CIAO Cucina Crew has been there since the beginning, when these "pasta dinners" were held at the K of C 207 Council in Auburn. CIAO Cucina Crew has continuously prepared special homemade food, and various menu specialties for each event. It is estimated that these events, with CIAO's contributions of preparing the food each year, have helped to benefit Tyburn Academy in the amount of around \$200,000.

Our utmost *ringraziamento* to Dr. Paul Fallon for his kind generosity to CIAO, as the members of CIAO prepared the annual Sports Night Dinner. Workers were Cindy Pierce, Sue Gatto, Gemma Morabito, Joanne Charles, Dr. John Ryan, Gucciardis, Paulinos, Tina Casamassa, Gina Mironti, "*Pompiere*" Mike Vasco and Saltarellos. Homemade cookies by Maria LoMascolo, Tina Casamassa and Maria A. Lentini. Appreciation to CIAO members Iginio "Toto" and Maria Labaro of Mamma Maria NY Pizzeria for making garlic knots to be served with the 150 dinners prepared.

**Willard Memorial Chapel** - CIAO is there once again to assist Willard Memorial Chapel Committee to help generate funds for the committee as they work efficiently and dedicate their time to keep this landmark alive. It takes a lot of maintenance to keep the Tiffany Chapel masterpiece , once part of the religious seminary, in pristine condition. Maxine Alberici has been instrumental since the beginning in supporting the Willard Memorial Chapel. Maxine, a member of CIAO, has asked the Ciao Cucina Crew to help with their special "Pasta Dinner" to benefit the chapel. The "Pasta Dinner" will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at the K of C home on Market Street in Auburn. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 pm. Any one interested in attending can make reservations by calling Maxine at 315-252-6023, or simply attend the dinner. It would help the crew to know how many people to prepare for, so calling ahead is most appreciated.

**All Saints Day and All Souls Day in Italy**

November 1 is All Saints’ Day in Italy. In Italian it is called *Ognissanti* or simply *I Santi*. It is an official national holiday in Italy. All Saints’ Day celebrates all the saints of the Catholic church. All Saints’ Day in Italy started around the 9th century. Today in Italy November 1 is a festive day. Italian families will typically visit their local parish for mass. And of course after mass they’ll celebrate with a nice long lunch among family and friends.

The All Saints’ Day lunch may be unique to each Italian region and each family. Pane dei Santi, which means All Saints’ bread, is common all over Italy on All Saints’ Day. The bread dough includes raisins, figs and walnuts. The recipe is one piece of the puzzle. But the real secret to successfully preparing Pane dei Santi is knowing how to wrap the ingredients in the dough and then knead the dough. Castagnaccio, a cake made with chestnut flour, is also common on All Saints’ Day.

All Saints’ Day is sometimes confused with All Souls’ Day, il Giorno dei Morti, which is celebrated in Italy on November 2. This holiday started in the 11th century. All Souls’ Day is not a national holiday. On this day many Italians return to the villages where they were born. They bring flowers to the graves of those who came before. It is a day to honor their ancestors and give thanks. The traditional flower for the occasion are chrysanthemums, which symbolize death in Italian culture.

**Thank you**

To Bernie Simmons and Nick Musso of A.T. Walley for their donation of \$350 to CIAO’s Scholarship Fund.

**Time for a Chuckle...**

*Running into debt isn’t so bad.*

*It’s running into creditors that hurts!*

**DICEVANO I NOSTRI NONNI**

*Our grandparents used to say:*

*La lingua non ha ossa, ma rompe il dorso*

*The tongue has no bones, but it can break a man’s back.*

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