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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

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

Nick Altieri from Liverpool, NY will be sharing a photo presentation of a 16 day trip he took last fall to Italy. He says, "I stayed with family in my ancestral town called Giovinazzo which is a seacoast town located just north of Bari in the province of Puglia. One of the goals of my trip was for Cristina my cousin and I to visit religious statues created by our ancestors (7th – 5th great grandfathers) - Filippo Altieri (1646 – 1684), Carlo Cinzo Altieri (1669 – 1729) and Antonio Altieri (1700 – 1765). Most of the statues are located in the vicinity of Bari. While there I was able to experience the typical lifestyle of my Italian family (plenty of eating and walking) while at the same time visiting the neighboring towns and the city of Bari. "Come to the meeting to listen to Nick's story!

Buon Natale Christmas party

We hope to see everyone at the Buon Natale get together scheduled for Saturday, December 2 at Osteria Salina. Mother and son chairpersons Carolyn and Jay Elice have been making preparations for an enjoyable evening, with *buon campagna!*

Paolo and Felice Musica

CIAO members Paolo and Felice with their musical combo had the pleasure of entertaining another Italian American organization, the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, which has lodges through the United States. One existed in Auburn in the early 1920-30's, located on Wall Street by Aurelius Ave., and then later from 1970-2000, located on Cottage Street in Auburn.

As Paul Saltarello served as Lodge President, District President, and State Trustee, he was very familiar with the organization, knowing many people even after all these years, as he has renewed contacts with the State Grand Lodge in Bellmore, Long Island.

Paolo and Felice were invited to play at the Sons of Italy Convention of 2023, when many of the state officers extended an invitation to them to entertain at a fundraiser in Staten Island on Saturday, October 11, 2023.

The fundraiser dinner, attended by 200 people, was to raise funds for the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum operated and maintained by the national organization and founded in 1907 in New York City. The event was enjoyed by all. Paolo and Felice were joined by Dr. John Ryan, Giuseppe Casamassa and Mario Fortunato in Brooklyn. Joe Romano, attorney in New York, also was glad to join the group.

. CIAO Membership 2024

In January, annual dues for your CIAO membership are due. We hold our annual dinner meeting at Father Nacca Hall, which is complimentary to all that attend our January meeting. Members are invited to enjoy the full dinner, *vino*, dessert, and enjoy visiting with members and friends. This special event will also allow for members to pay their annual dues, so it serves two purposes - *mangia, beve* and pay dues!

Our CIAO membership is very strong due to our membership dues. We remain very solid in our existence as we are approaching our 10 year anniversary in 2024! Dues are \$25 individual, and \$40 for a couple. More details regarding the January dinner will be in next month's newsletter. If you are unable to attend and would like to mail your dues, you can mail a check payable to CIAO to 144 Genesee Street, Suite 102-240, Auburn, NY 13021.

Saints Peter and Paul Ukranian Catholic Church

Rev. Vasile Colopelnic, pastor of the church, has sent CIAO and its members a warm appreciation and expressed his sincere thank you to CIAO on behalf of the people of Ukraine (families who are currently making their home in Auburn) for the concern and generosity shown for the needs of those families. CIAO's generous support, through the pizza fritte stand at their parish picnic, netted \$1,100 and included another generous check of \$500, a contribution from the Testimonial Dinner in October. The honorees, Dr. Rama Godishala and the family of Dr. Patrick Buttarazzi, received that amount from CIAO to donate to any beneficial group they wished. They chose to offer that amount to Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian families. During the past recognition dinners, past honorees have also donated to other worthy causes. CIAO's motto is *caritas cultura*.

Willard Memorial Chapel Pasta Dinner

CIAO's Cucina Crew prepared and served a Pasta Dinner for the Willard Memorial Chapel committee on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at the K of C home on Market Street. The evening event was a success as those who attended enjoyed the dinner and dessert served, with many takeouts, too! CIAO member Maxine Alberici and other members of the Chapel committee were very appreciative for the total received from the dinner and raffles. With CIAO's assistance, the event netted over \$1,000 for Willard Chapel. *Grazie* to the Cucina Crew: Gucciardis, Casamassas, Paulinos, Saltarellos, Sue Gatto, Mary Ann Mucedola, Jay Elice, Dr. John Ryan and Gloria Alano.

Dicevano I Nostri Nonni

Dopo le feste, sacche vacante e dolori di testa

After the festivities, you have empty pockets and plenty of headaches

E Natale sia!

Gioia e felicità con tanta bontà nei vostri cuori. Il nuovo anno 2024 con tanta allegria, proseguendo con un buon miglioramento, proseguendo ad eliminare queste difficoltà che esistono. Buon Natale!

As Christmas is soon to be upon us, we hope that the joy, music and Christmas songs will bring a continuation of the Christmas spirit. We are the instruments to spread Christmas cheer everywhere, as it announces the birth of little Jesus. *Buona salute a tutti*, Good Health to all!

