



## C.I.A.O.

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**Newsletter, April, 2024**

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### **Monthly Newsletter**

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

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00 PM** at Father Nacca Hall. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO A 6:00 PM start. At our April meeting, we will have a *Torneo di Briscola*. Briscola is one of the most popular card games in Italy, and a pastime beloved by young and old. *Professoressa* Jackie Sorci will do a quick lesson on how to play Briscola, explaining the cards, the point values and how to play. Then tables will be set up with four players divided into two teams of two. With the *professoressa's* assistance, we will do a bracket-style tournament with the winning team from each table moving to a table to play each other, down to the final two teams, and an ultimate winning team! Door prizes will be awarded to the winning team members! Plan to come enjoy this fun evening.

Thank you to our Chaplain Father Paul Alciati for his excellent presentation on three more mysterious and fabulous Italian saints at our March meeting!

#### ***Reminder - 2024 membership dues***

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2024, you may receive a kind note from our membership chair Joe Palmiotto with a reminder that dues are payable. If you still owe your annual dues for 2024, we ask that you send your payment of \$25 for single or \$40 per couple to the address on the top of the newsletter. Thank you!

#### ***San Giuseppe the Worker Day***

The Feast of St. Joseph in the Roman Catholic Church is celebrated on March 19 and May 1, on which day for the Italian population is Labor Day. This coincides with St. Joseph the Worker. CIAO has chosen to celebrate a Saint Joseph Day, which will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Nacca Hall, St. Francis Church. For this day, celebration plans are underway as we are trying to bring back some traditions related to the *fiesta*. More info will be in May's newsletter. Once again, Joe and Roberta Palmiotto have taken on the responsibility to chair the festivities. Reservations are required, no tickets will be given. To RSVP, email Joe Palmiotto at [joe@cayugacountyciao.org](mailto:joe@cayugacountyciao.org), or call Felix Mucedola at 314-406-4859. No admission without RSVP, sorry! Deadline for ticket purchase is May 1, 2024. Once again the special food traditions will be prepared and served by Osteria Salina, who have accommodated us on previous events. The cost for each person will be \$50.00- an added cost of \$5 was necessary this year due to the higher cost which we are all experiencing. Please keep in mind that CIAO does not make any profit on these events. Our interest is to promote our Italian heritage, continuing to keep those traditions alive.

## **CIAO's 10th anniversary!**

We hope that you will attend our *San Giuseppe Festa* celebration to share our "*buona compagnia*," good companionship and *amicizie* that CIAO has created during the past 10 years of existence in our community. CIAO has been there for so many other not for profit groups, assisting them with our care and commitment, providing all with good results. The beginning and formation of CIAO was at the 2014 St. Joseph's Day Fest, which took place at Osteria Salina. *Orgogliosi*, very proud of what we have achieved to create an Italian American organization to promote the heritage we received from our forefathers.

### **Erie Canal Museum in Port Byron**

As CIAO has been assisting the museum in many other events for their fund raising, the Committee who manages the Canal Museum has asked once again for help. The Erie Canal Museum is a very unique stop for those that travel on Interstate 90, and others who wish to visit the Old Erie Lock. The museum is historical and also has an Italian story of the Van Detto family who, upon arriving in New York state, decided to settle in Port Byron. There, Pietro Van Detto opened up a lodging inn for those who traveled on the Erie Canal, a main transportation route of the times. This was the original "B & B" that people are now choosing to facilitate their *viaggi* - journeys. CIAO has once again offered to have a Pizza Fritte day in Port Byron, on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Those who would like to help, please call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859.

### **CIAO and YMCA Stingray team**

On March 13, 2024, the CIAO Cucina Crew prepared a tasty pasta dinner for the YMCA Stringray team, a special group of boys and girls who enjoy swimming to compete and excel in their endeavors. The food was enjoyed by the parents, children and coaches too, as the event was held at the K of C Council 207, with whom CIAO shares a good relationship, serving to assist others. *Grazie* to those who helped for this event: the Casamassas, Mucedolas, Paulinos, Joanne Charles, Jay Elice, "*Pompiere*" Vasco, Paolo and Sue Gatto. The Auburn Stingrays completed in the NYS YMCA 2024 Championship in Long Island on March 16 and 17, 2024 with great results. Quin Didio placed 1st in New York state in the following events for 11-12 year old boys: 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 50 breast stroke. He was awarded three medals for his dedication and strong training to succeed and be a champion. Proud *nonni*, Joe and Donatina Casamassa, are still smiling and *orgogliosi* for their *nipote's* achievement. Bravo Quin!

### **In theaters now...**

When was the last time you went to the movie theater to see a show? "*Cabrini*" is currently in theaters and tells the story of Mother Cabrini, the first American naturalized citizen to become a saint, patroness of the Italian immigrant. Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has even seen. The movie will remind you of the prejudice and challenge that many of our immigrant ancestors faced when they came to this country.



#### ***Dicevano I Nostri Nonni*** **Words of Wisdom from our old people**

*Natale con i tuoi, e Pasqua dove rusi*

Christmas you spend with your *famiglia*, and Easter with whomever you wish to be with.

#### ***Time for a Chuckle...***

##### **Politics**

*La politica è un pó come lavare le finestre. Non importa de quale part sei, lo sporce è sempre dall'altra parte.*

Politics is like washing windows; doesn't matter which side you are on, the dirty part is always on the other side.

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