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Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Next meeting Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 PM

Old Fashioned Pasta Dinner and Sauce Maker's Night

Our April meeting is for the sauce makers! Immediately after a brief meeting, members will be able to enjoy various sauces prepared by chef volunteers. The sauce will be a choice to place on pasta that will be served, along with CIAO *vino*. Please feel free to bring a two quart jar of sauce to share! We will award a "People's Choice" award at the end of the meal. Come to the meeting and stay for a taste of different sauces - this is always a fun evening!

San Giuseppe Festa to be celebrated Sunday, May 4

Osteria Salina, 16 State Street, Auburn

"Feast of St. Joseph the Worker"

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 4, 2025, 5:00 p.m., at Osteria Salina on State Street in Auburn.** 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, or call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859. No admission without RSVP, sorry! **Deadline to RSVP is April 30, 2025, and seating is limited to 70-80 people.** Payment is required at time of reservation, and mail your check payable to CIAO to 144 Genesee Street, Suite 102-240, Auburn, NY 13021. The menu is as follows: caprese salad, garlic bread, *arancini*, mussels, eggplant rollatini, chicken francaise, tenderloin, side of potatoes. The pasta will be Osteria's specialty, orichette with sausage and rapini, and vodka sauce pasta. There will also be sardines, salad, CIAO's St. Joseph's zeppole bread, ceci beans roasted and lupinis, and tiramisu for dessert. 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.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, CIAO is responsible for the total amount of the reservations made. The cost of the ticket covers the price of the dinner served. As in the past, CIAO will incur other charges, such as the *vino* served with dinner. Cash bar will be available for other beverages. PLEASE to those who wish to sit together, be sure you are not late. *Chi arriva prima, prima e servitor* – first come, first served. No seating arrangements are made.

Member News

Appreciation to **Sue Gatto** – *grazie*, appreciation! CIAO has continuously gathered kitchen utensils to use for the many dinners/fundraisers or for our own benefit. CIAO has a storage unit to keep all the necessary pots, pans, friers, etc. These cooking items are very useful and also need to be replaced, and our deep appreciation to Trustee Sue Gatto who has recently donated three special electric Hamilton Beach crockpots which will be very useful to the Cucina Crew. *Delizioso!*

Cucina Crew News

The Cucina Crew prepared and served about 150 drive-through dinners on Saturday March 1 for the benefit (\$750) of Tyburn Academy. The good food was served as once again, purposefully Paulo obtained homemade *polpette* meatballs from Dominick's Market and Syracuse owner Dominic Battaglia. Everyone noticed the tasty meatballs! As a matter of fact in relation to the making of the *polpette* in years past when life was much simpler or less cash available in the homes, particularly in *Italia*, *mamma* or *nonna* would make meatless *polpette*s, made simply without meat and placed in the sauce. Try it sometime maybe now during Lent (*Quaresima*).

CIAO Cucina Crew also assisted once again the YMCA Stingrays team for their annual YMCA swimming competition. Parents, coaches, and kids enjoyed another delicious pasta dinner held at the K of C on Market Street in Auburn. A large poster thank you card was given to the Cucina Crew in appreciation, and the Stingray team received an in-kind contribution from CIAO covering the expenses with the competition and other needs.

As the day came to a close for the pasta drive-through, the full dinners remaining were brought to the Auburn Police Station, Auburn Fire Station #3, and due to the New York State prison guard situation as many were on strike standing on State Street, pasta dinners were brought to them as well. As usual whatever dinners remained CIAO offered them to Chapel House.

Grazie, appreciation to the CIAO Cucina Crew workers surveying and preparing the fundraiser dinner for various local organizations. Thank you to Mucedolas, Casamassas, Guicciardis, Paulinos, Saltarellos, Carolyn and John Elice, Dr. John Ryan, Joanne Charles, Mike "Pompieri" Vasco, John Murtari, Antonia "Toni" Colella, Nick and Valerie from Syracuse, and Sue Gatto.

Pizza Fritte

Memorial Day, Monday May 26th, CIAO will once again return to the frontage of the K of C Council 207 on Market Street where for the past many years CIAO shares a good fraternal relationship with the Knights. We will be preparing and selling our own traditional *pizza fritte*. It will be very beneficial for CIAO on this day, for the profits enable us to replenish the treasury for other projects, such as scholarships, etc.. The *pizza fritte bancarella*/stand will begin serving at 11:00 am, until sold out. Anyone wishing to help is most welcome; please call Felix Mucedola, 315-406-4859.

The making of the *pizza fritte* will continue in the summer season as CIAO has been invited once again by the St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church to participate in their traditional annual picnic. As in the past, the net profit for this day will be totally donated to the church in their endeavor. *Bravi! Cultura/Caritas.*

Bocce Bocce

Bocce season will continue. Any bocce player can participate once again, or any newcomer team will be welcome. More information will be included in the next newsletter for people in charge and of the season schedule. Let's continue on with this summer sport leading back to the Romans, consuming their time of leisure not only indulging in *vino* but also sharing time with their compatriots in a challenging game of bocce. Just a reminder, due to the Wednesday Farmers Market at the Owasco Town Pavilion, and to ease traffic and reduce crowding, the town board has kindly asked CIAO to hold bocce games on Thursday evenings.

Buona Pasqua - Happy Easter

May the joy and peace of the risen Lord bring into your homes beams of love to share with one another.

Che la risurrezione del nostro Signore, porti nei nostri cuori la luce del suo amore, guidandoci a volerci bene, l'uno e l'altro.