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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no meeting or newsletter in July.

Next meeting - Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 PM, Father Nacca Hall

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Monday, June 23rd, 4:30 pm

We will be hosting a free Membership Picnic Monday, June 23 at the Owasco Fire Department picnic shelter, located at 7174 Owasco Road in Auburn. The picnic will run from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. This is a time for all CIAO members to be together for an enjoyable afternoon/evening, along with the scholarship recipients and their immediate family members. During the picnic, CIAO will proudly present seven scholarships to deserving students who were chosen from thirteen applications that were received. Committee members will make presentations at the Auburn High School Awards program on June 2. Students will receive certificates acknowledging their awards at that time; checks will be presented at our CIAO picnic. Join us in *buona compagnia* –good companionship – together. The Bocce Courts will be available to have some fun games! Please call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859 or email Jay Elice at jay@cayugacountyciao.org if you plan to attend. *Arrivederci!*

Bocce League 2025

Frank DeOrio and John Murtari are prepared to welcome all the bocce players to the "courts" in the town of Owasco, on Owasco Road. The season will begin Tuesday, June 3. Check our website at www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org/bocce for more information and the schedule.

Membership news

Benvenuti, welcome to CIAO! Our newest member is a lady who took care of many people's adjustments/alterations at her Dina's Alteration Shop – Dina Favero, from Monopoli, Bari. Dina emigrated to America and was a help to many people in our community to a better fit. Dina was sponsored by Linda Reyes. Also welcome to another new member, Nancy Mancini, sponsored by John Murtari. Among other things, Nancy is a volunteer at the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry with John and Lynda DeOrio, who both encouraged her to attend and join.

Toni Colella will bring prayer petitions to the June 4 meeting, which will be delivered to the Lourdes Grotto in June. If you would like to send a written prayer petition to Our Heavenly Mother and are unable to attend, you may email Toni at tlc39@aol.com with the subject "Lourdes." Each prayer petition will be held confidentially, placed in an envelope and hand-delivered to the Grotto.

St. Joseph Dinner, May 4

CIAO's annual St. Joe the Worker traditional dinner was held at Osteria Salina in Auburn. It was well attended with CIAO members and also guests from Rome NY, Scott, Syracuse, and Montreal, Canada. The evening began at 5 pm, initiated with a small procession of St. Joseph brought and set upon the altar, all decorated in honor of the patron of the *famiglia*. Everyone had praises for the event and the excellent service and menu served by Guillermo and his entire staff. Among the attendees were also Father Felician Sierotowicz who led the religious ceremonies for our guests. Co-chairs Joe and Roberta Palmiotto were well organized for the event, as many gift certificates were given away. *Ciao ringrazia*, many thanks to: Matt Bartolotta for a gift certificate and for allowing us to make the St. Joseph's *zeppole*; Osteria for two \$40 gift certificates; Rocco Lattanzio, Nationwide Insurance, for a gift certificate to Osteria; Jerry Pettigrass for a gift certificate to Rosalie's Cucina, Mark Albino of Rosalie's for a food certificate, and finally to Giuseppe's Pizzeria on Owasco Street for certificates to their venue. *Tutto bene*, all well done as dinner concluded with *zeppoles*, limoncello and cake served for Paolo and Anna's 25th wedding anniversary, as they were married on April 29, 2000.

Pizza Fritte Season - help needed!

- On Saturday, June 14, 2025, CIAO will be at the Cayuga Museum (Genesee and Washington) to help them raise funds to assist the museum with their annual maintenance. Our Pizza Fritte crew will be ready from 10 am to create our traditional pizza fritte, learned from our *nonni*. The "drive through" will be from the museum entrance on Washington and on through the rear driveway, where CIAO crew will be set up to serve. This event had to be rescheduled from Saturday, May 3 due to rain. Hoping that those who are able to enjoy our pizza fritte will support our efforts.
- Festival of St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church. As CIAO does not hold a meeting in July, we would like to mention in this newsletter that CIAO once again will participate in the annual Ukrainian Parish Festival on Sunday, July 15, 2025. This event for CIAO is very meaningful to share the day with our Ukrainian friends at St. Peter and Paul. Yes, our pizza fritte crew will early assist to make our traditional dough frying, that our old people would easily *subito, subito*, make the dough and place it in their frying pan feeding their family. Today, a specialty...CIAO continues on. The total net received from the sales will be donated to the church. Father Vasile Colopelnic who has been very and most appreciative of CIAO's participation as the total seems to average about \$1,100 each time.
- Our CIAO Pizza fritte crew will be helping the Erie Canal Museum in Port Byron (the former St. John's Church) once again to fundraise, with pasta dough fried to make also "dough" for the museum, Saturday, August 23, 11-2 pm.
- We will also be at the Owasco Farmer's Market several Wednesdays this summer; watch Facebook for the dates!

Members interested in helping may call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859. Grazie!

Memorial Day Weekend

As on each year for the past twelve years, CIAO has shared a side by side stand with our friends Knights of Columbus 207, in Auburn. On Memorial Day of each year, CIAO has been making our traditional pizza fritte on the frontage of the K of C home, having a good companionship, while making and serving the pizza fritte to the public in attendance of the city's annual Memorial Parade, in remembrance of our heroes who fought for our and other nations' freedom. This day of pizza fritte selling is one of our most significant to help our treasury with the scholarship fund and helping others in need. We thank our workers who participate: Casamassas, Gucciardis, Mucedolas, Saltarellos, "Pompiere" Vasco, John and Carolyn Elice, Dr. John Ryan, Sue Gatto, Joanne Charles, Linda Reyes. Our appreciation to John Gotsis of Kostas Bar and Grill, and Tom Harvard of Mark's Pizzeria for their pasta dough – to make a good pizza fritte.

CIAO Hosting a Band Concert

CIAO once again is proud to bring music to the Auburn community on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Hoopes Park in Auburn. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Auburn Junior High auditorium on Franklin Street. The concert will feature a military band which has visited Auburn in the past and is ready once again to showcase its instruments for the people in our community. The musicians will be treated to a delicious Italian dinner as in the past. We hope many will do their best to attend this event sponsored by CIAO. Please be sure to bring your own chairs to the Hoopes Park location.

Happy Father's Day to all the papàs - Buona Festa al papà