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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Next meeting - Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 PM,

Father Nacca Hall

Notiziario – notice - CIAO has a new address. Since our existence, CIAO had a private suite post office box. As of recently, the former address will no longer be in use. CIAO's new address is: CIAO, PO Box 1005, Auburn, NY 13021.

With sympathy

As we go to print with this newsletter, we have learned of the passing of Anna's mother, Gina Mironti. Gina was a devoted fundraiser and volunteer for our organization, and we were honored to recognize her at the San Giuseppe Festa in 2023. From the earliest days of CIAO, Mamma Gina generously shared her time, spirit, and enthusiasm, and she was always happy to be part of our events. Funeral arrangements are not yet complete. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Anna and her family. Gina will be deeply missed at our meetings and gatherings. -Lynda

Buon Natale Celebration

Once again, CIAO continues its festive traditions for the Christmas season. Mother and son Carolynn and Jay Elice have taken the reins from Santa to organize the Buon Natale party at Osteria Salina on Saturday, December 6, where a traditional dinner will be served with wine, Christmas carol singing, and limoncello. Door prizes will also be available. Continuous good work by Carolynn and Jay! Reservations are due by November 30; visit our website at www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org to download an RSVP form, or call Jay at 315-237-1072.

Congratulations to Father Felician

Congratulations to our good friend Father Felician Sierotowicz who on the 23rd of November, celebrated his 35th anniversary. Father's ordination took place in his native land of Poland on November 24, 1990. Our warmest *pozdrawienia* and *gratulacje* to CIAO honoree member, Father Felician. Members of CIAO attended the celebration in Clyde at the St. Joseph the Worker Church, with the mass concelebrated with his excellence, Bishop Salvatore Matano. A reception followed the mass, with music offered by Paolo and Felice, as requested by Father Felician. *Buon salute*, good health, with a spirited dedication to the church. Bravo, padre Felician!

Benvenuti, welcome - che piacere - All the way from snow country, Hastings, we welcome Giuseppe and Maria Francesca Giudice, originally from Pozzallo, Sicilia, Italia. Giuseppe and Francesca have attended many of our events, we're sure they will continue even more.

Fingraziamento, appreciation - CIAO extends their appreciation to AT Walley, Bernie Simmons, and Nick Musso for their kind donation to our scholarship fund, which also received two other donations from Dr. Paul Fallon and CIAO member, 99 year old Bruno Ruscio. The scholarship committee headed by co-chair Tony Gucciardi is very pleased to have these donations, in addition to the funds obtained from the pizza fritte stand. Many students will benefit!

Mark your calendars - January 7, 2026 - CIAO Annual Membership Dinner/Meeting

January is the month when annual membership dues must be paid. At the January 7 meeting, a complimentary dinner will be held for members and new members, at which time dues can be paid. Since the very first year of CIAO's existence, we have hosted the Dinner Meeting to encourage members to attend and enjoy dinner at no cost. It's always a nice time to meet and socialize. Comments are always made with reflections of the "old get togethers" and how wonderful it was with family and friends. Let's continue the traditions we learned from our *nonni* - the old people. Invite a friend to join us, as our organization is very active in our community, sponsoring many events of our Italian culture and traditions, and becoming known as an organization that gives back to the community. Remember that we are only able to succeed as an organization with your support of our activities - even by just attending our projects during the year. It is a great time for socializing and supporting the events that allow us to give back to the community. Your personal participation in our membership plays a very significant role in supporting CIAO's principles of *caritas* and *cultura* - charity and culture. *Grazie* for your support!

CIAO's donations and assistance/good deeds to the community in 2025

Tyburn Academy Pasta Dinner (3)
YMCA Stingrays dinner
Cayuga County Historical Museum
Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church
St. Francis Church – diocesan mission appeal
Auburn Police Union
Cayuga County Sheriff's Department
Auburn Baseball League raffle
Champions for Life
CIAO scholarships in June to 8 students

Contribution to heart-transplant patient
Warm the Children
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Sts. Peter and John Soup Kitchen
Tyburn Academy October Dinner
Pizza fritte fundraisers for CIAO (4)
San Giuseppe Festa – May 1
Christopher Columbus Dinner – October
Buon Natale, Christmas celebration dinner

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!*

