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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 PM at Father Nacca Hall.

Thank you to *Professoressa* Jackie Sorci for teaching us how to play *Briscola* at our April meeting, and leading us in a tournament! Congratulations to first place *Briscola* tournament winners Larry Liberatore and John Murtari, and second place winners Frank Vassallo and Frank DeOrio. Check out the pics on Facebook!

San Giuseppe the Worker Day - Sunday, May 5

The Cultural Italian American Organization (CIAO) will once again celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The festivity will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 5 pm at St. Francis Church Nacca Hall. For the celebration, the customary ritual of St. Joseph's Table will be taking place as it was in past celebrations, including a small procession of the Saint before the initial start of the evening. Father Felicijan Sierotowicz will lead the ceremonies for the festa. We are delighted to have Fr. Felicijan with us as he has attended and participated at other CIAO events. After the procession, the St. Joseph statue will be placed on the altar set in his honor, at which time the St. Joseph's bread and *zeppole* are blessed and distributed to the people attending. Members of CIAO will be gathering in the morning at Angelo's Pizzeria to prepare and make the traditional St. Joseph's *zeppole* and bread to be served with other pastries related to the feast. These traditions were brought by the Italian immigrants wherever they made their destinations/homes and it continues to be cherished by those of Italian ancestry. St. Joseph the Worker Day is celebrated in Italy as a national holiday, recognizing the workers as their Labor Day, May 1st. The March 19 festa in honor of the "foster" father of Jesus is celebrated as Father's Day throughout the Italian peninsula.

The upcoming CIAO dinner of May 5, 2024 will be prepared by Osteria Salina staff in Auburn, with the traditional St. Joseph's table food. Reservations ONLY are accepted in advance, as no tickets are sold. Those planning to attend are asked to call or reserve through the chairs of the event, Joseph and Roberta Palmiotto at 315-406-2417, or email joe@cayugacountyciao.org. Also, you may call Felix Mucedola at 315-406-4859. The deadline is May 1, 2024. Those attending are encouraged to wear something red, which is a centuries-old symbol of the royal cloak of San Giuseppe. *Grazie mille*, our appreciation to Angelo's Pizzeria, Matt Bartolotta, for the use of his deep fryers to make the *zeppoles* and bread. We hope that those who are able to attend would attend the dinner as CIAO tries continuously to preserve those traditions.

Pizza Fritte!

Memorial Day - Once again our CIAO pizza fritte stand will be making and serving our traditional pizza fritte. The station will be set up on the front of our friends at the K of C 207 home on Market Street in downtown Auburn. Our members are invited to stop by and support us as this is one of the main fundraisers which helps CIAO greatly to donate to others. Selling of the pizza fritte will begin around 10:30 am on Memorial Day. *Arrividerci!*

Erie Canal Museum - CIAO will once again be giving support to the Erie Canal Museum in nearby Port Byron, where the museum has now made their home, at the former St. John Church. The pizza fritte group will be at the museum on Route 38 south, across from Ed and Jean's Market, to make CIAO's traditional pizza fritte to benefit the Erie Canal Museum. Selling of the CIAO delicacy will begin at 11 am, closing at 2 pm.

Bocce, Bocce, Bocce!

2024 Bocce season begins June 5, 2024. The courts used for this fun and amicable sport will be at the Owasco Town Park on Owasco Road, Auburn. Once again CIAO member Sam Vitale, assisted by Joe DiVietro, will be in charge of the Bocce League. The league will consist of 10 teams, mixed, co-ed as always.

The players are asked to follow the rules and time of the games. The public is most welcome to come and watch, but no suggestions on how to throw the *pallino* or *palle*!

Member News

CIAO's best wishes - *auguri* - At a special testimonial dinner on May 3, 2024, CIAO member **Jeffrey Pirozzolo** will be honored for his long and dedicated years of service in the Auburn community. *Bravissimo* Jeffrey, for your commitments to make our community strong in the education field as you led the Auburn School District with pride. Enjoy yours years of retirement. *Alla salute!*

Congratulations to **John "Jay" Elice**, who will be receiving the Catholic sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation at St. Mary's by Bishop Salvatore Matano. Jay met the bishop in Rochester at the Chrism mass during holy week. CIAO congratulates Jay on this beautiful occasion.

Grazie/appreciation from **Anthony Saltarello**. Anthony spent about two weeks with twenty other men, volunteers, joining together to build a mission church in Colombia. The group was from the South Salem Nazarene Church in Salem, Oregon. Anthony was most appreciative of the great experience of helping others. The *Nonni*, Paolo and Anna, are very proud of Anthony's personal, fruitful adventure.

CIAO concert Memorial Day weekend

CIAO is very privileged to bring to town the U.S. Army Jazz Band from the 10th Mountain Division of Camp Drum. The Jazz Band will be part of the Memorial Day weekend celebration, with a scheduled performance of the jazz band on Saturday, May 25 2024. The concert is free to the public and will be at the downtown Market Street Park from 3-5 pm. Those attending are asked to bring your own seating. We hope that many of the CIAO members will come and attend this concert to demonstrate our support, and *buona figura*/good showing. The 10th Mountain Division US Army has different bands for their various musical entertainment, and CIAO chose the Jazz Band as this is not the first time for CIAO to sponsor their bands. CIAO Cuccina Crew will prepare and serve the food for the group as they have enjoyed our CIAO culinary in their past visits.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day, a day to honor mothers, is a custom that goes far back in history. Early Christians set aside a special day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ. For many years, "Mothering Sunday" was held in honor of St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin Mary. On this day, children would go "a-mothering" and take flowers, presents, cakes and cookies to their mothers. To all the mothers of the world on Mother's Day, standing ovations and bouquets of love and respect. For the mothers who have passed on, the unforgettable greeting of love until we meet again in that heavenly home above. *Il cuore di una mamma e un abisso senza fine di bonta e perdono. Le sue mani sono I strumenti di forze e di dolcezza che donano carezze d'amore sui visi dei suoi figli. Con un armoniosa ninna nanna la mamma culla I suoi piccini mentre dormono placidamente sognando con le stelle.*

Carosello Italiano Show with Paolo is now on Facebook and Instagram

After over 40 years on the radio waves in Auburn and surrounding areas, Carosello Italiano is now available on Facebook and Instagram! The format is Italian - Italian American songs, and more, with information on Italian heritage and stories. The show is a creation from the local presentation on WDWN 89.1, 97.7 FM of the Cayuga Community College radio/TV studios. John (Gianni) DeTerlizzi, an Auburn native now living in Florida and a member of CIAO, joined Paolo in this new adventure producing the show. It will be possible now to extend to many more listeners! John has been in the media and radio broadcasting arena for over 17 years. The program is hosted by CIAO-USA Radio Italia.

Dicevano I Nostri Nonni

Words of Wisdom from our old people

Mangia questa minestro e ti getto della fine stra!

Eat this soup or I'll throw you out the window

(Italiano rhymes more!)

Shape up or ship out!