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Monthly Newsletter

Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no meeting in June or July, and no newsletter in July.

Next meeting - Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 PM, Father Nacca Hall

Special Presentation - Our August meeting will include a special presentation coordinated by Jay Elice. His friend will present, "Latin the mother language of Italian, the root language of the west." The presentation will include the history of Latin, why it is still used in science and academics, pronunciation in classical and in "vulgar latin" (where Italian, its dialects and other romance languages come from), and some readings from medieval times that use Latin rules but are modern languages.

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Monday, June 24th, 4:30 pm

We will be hosting a free Membership Picnic Monday, June 24 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 all applications received. First and second place will receive \$500 each, and the five runners-up will each receive \$300. Committee members Arlene Ryan, Mary Ann Mucedola and Toni Colella will make presentations at the High School Awards program on June 10, 2024. 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 2024

Salvatore "Sam" Vitale and Joe DiVietro are prepared to welcome all the bocce players to the "courts" in the town of Owasco, on Owasco Road. The season will begin Wednesday, June 5. Players must be present on the court, balls provided! Your appearance is most important. *Ci vediamo!* Teams must pay their team fee the same night. *Grazie!* Visitors are always welcome to come watch and support the teams!

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

A father always has memories to share, love to give, and time to spare; to hold a hand and understand, a father is always there. Our todays are so much happier because of all the yesterdays that you, father, filled with love.

St. Joseph the Worker Festa

The annual CIAO celebration for St. Joseph's Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 5, 2023, coinciding with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This date is recognized by the Catholic church on May 1. CIAO continued the tradition with a dinner at Osteria Salina, who are to be complimented on their fine service! *Grazie* to Guillermo Salinas, also a CIAO member. Another great job by chairpersons Joe and Roberta Palmiotto!

CIAO at the Erie Canal Museum

On Saturday, May 18, the CIAO pizza fritte crew traveled south to Port Byron to help the Canal Museum committee raise funds for their efforts to sustain the museum, now located at the old St. John Catholic Church in Port Byron. The day with drizzling rain did not hamper the crew. The event ran from 10 am to 2 pm, and raised \$700 net which CIAO donated to the committee, who were very appreciative. *Grazie* to the workers: Felix Mucedola, Jay and Carolyn Elice, Dr. John Ryan, the Casamassas, Paul Ricci, Maria A. Lentini and Annie Febles. Many thanks to Nino's Pizzeria in Port Byron who kindly donated the pasta dough.

Memorial Day Weekend

CIAO was privileged to bring to town the U.S. Army Jazz Band from the 10th Mountain Division of Camp Drum on Saturday, May 25. The group entertained inside of the K of C due to the rain in the afternoon. Their comments? How wonderful for the warm hospitality CIAO extended to them, particularly for the tasty Italian cuisine, prepared by Mike Vasco, *pompiere*, and his wife Margaret, and helped by Joe Casamassa, Sue Gatto, Mary Ann Mucedola, Carolyn and Jay Elice, Anna Saltarello, and the Gucciardis. The K of C home gave a good welcome to the soldier musicians, who expressed their wish to come back.

Memorial Day - CIAO was once again invited by the Knights of Columbus 207 to share the morning celebration on Market Street and sell our pizza fritte. Thank you for the fine hospitality that CIAO always receives from K of C Council 207. This event is a big fundraiser for CIAO, allowing us to reward students with scholarships that will be given away at the CIAO picnic on Monday, June 14, and to make other contributions in our community. Thank you to those that helped: Gucciardis, Mucedolas, Sue Gatto, Antonia "Toni" Colella, Carolyn and Jay Elice, Saltarellos, Joanne Charlies, Gloria Alano, Carol Russell, Dr. Anthony Tabone, and Joe Palmiotto. Thank you to Angelo's Pizzeria and Mark's Pizzeria for the donation of pasta dough.

Membership news

Deepest sympathy - CIAO extends their sincere condolences to Joanne LoBisco on the recent passing of her husband Tony, who always attended our functions.

Benvenuto - a warm welcome to Maria Scialdone Granato as our newest member, sponsored by her neighbor the *pompiere*, Mike Vasco. Maria is the daughter of Armando Scialdone, also a member of CIAO in Seneca Falls, who often joins the CIAO pizza fritte makers. Maria also joined our Bocce League, anxiously awaiting what her papa thinks of her bocce.

CIAO presented our recording secretary John Elice with a necklace and crucifix on the occasion of his confirmation, which he received on Wednesday, May 15, at St. Mary's Church, officiated and administered by His Excellence Salvatore Matano. John had already met Bishop Matano in Rochester. Our congratulations to John.

Toni Colella will visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes from June 13-24, 2024, during which time a special mass will be offered in the Holy Grotto for our CIAO members, their intentions, and those of family and friends. If you would like to send a written prayer petition to Our Heavenly Mother, please do one of the following: Email Toni at tclc39@aol.com with the subject "Lourdes"; call and leave a message at 315-252-1308; text at 315-209-7427; stop by her home at 31 Jarvis Street (3 streets N of Auburn High School - a statue of St. Francis in the front); or provide your address, and Toni will pick up your petitions. Each prayer petition will be held confidentially, placed in an envelope and hand-delivered to the Grotto.