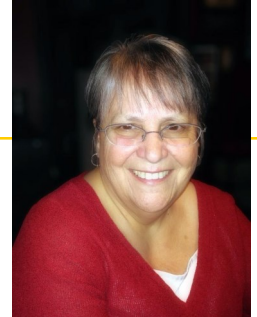




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## New Member Spotlight - Judy Damico



My father's parents were both born in Italia—my grandfather in a little mountain village called Matonti and my grandmother in Sicilia. My mom was born in Sweden, and my parents met in Syracuse NY, where they both lived. I was born and raised in Amityville NY on Long Island, along with four older brothers and an older sister. I moved to Dayton OH when I was 20. I have three children—a son and two daughters. My youngest daughter has blessed me with three grandchildren—two granddaughters and a grandson.

I recently retired as a chemical dependency counselor from the Center for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Services (CADAS). I've been enjoying retirement traveling to see friends and family, as well as going on retreat and vacation with one of my friends. I will be going on a weekend trip to Syracuse NY for a Christmas luncheon with my father's three remaining siblings—one aunt and two uncles.

I am looking forward to being a part of the John Pirelli Lodge—being of service and socializing. I recently learned how to play Euchre and hope to get in on that, too. I've never played bocce, but I'm interested in learning.

**Interested in going to Italy this fall?**

**Attend a meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30pm to find out more information from Eldora Perfilio.**

## Do the math...

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It costs you nothing either way but a few minutes of your time to take advantage of these neighborly programs offered by DLM and Kroger.

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**Upcoming Social & Heritage Events - Mark your calendars...**

- Sun, Jan 5th **White Elephant Party:** 6:00 pm.
- Wed, Jan 8th **Language Lesson:** 7:00pm.
- Mon, Jan 13th **Cooking Demo:** 6:30pm. \$12/members and \$18/non-members. Make reservations or cancellations at [eldoraperf@aol.com](mailto:eldoraperf@aol.com) no later than 4 days before the demo.
- Wednesdays **Mah Jongg** lessons are held every Wednesday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Anyone interested in learning this great game are welcome.
- 2nd Friday **Poker:** Starts at 7:00pm.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

Maria Doepker.....603-1569	Libby Balsamo.....287-7825	Jan Holbrook.....427-3290
Belinda Ferrara.....286-1172	Rita Chislighi.....426-4494	Helen Longo.....294-0168
Dee Anticoli.....335-6915	Peggy D'Amico.....643-9179	Kris Russo.....299-0605

**END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE JOHN PIRELLI ITALIAN AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP AT WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY**

Total Endowment as of December 15, 2013 = \$ 29,380  
 Goal for the year 2013 for the endowment = \$ 30,000  
 Funds donated as percentage of Goal = 98%

This Scholarship is a collaborative effort of a partnership between the John Pirelli Sons of Italy Lodge and Wright State University for the avowed purpose of helping to promote and preserve Italian culture and motivating students of Italian heritage to nurture their appreciation of Italian customs and traditions for future generations.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to these goals!!

Anyone who wants to make a monetary gift to the scholarship at this time can do so in one of two ways. You can make an online gift at [www.wright.edu/go/gift](http://www.wright.edu/go/gift) or send a check to my home address. Make check payable to "WSU Foundation—J. Pirelli Scholarship" and mail to Peter Carusone, 7011 Malabar Ct., Dayton, OH 45459.

**La Cucina CUPA**

Attend our membership meeting and stay for the treat. Molto Grazie to our social committee for continuing our first Tuesday of the month "Best Meal in Town". It was my pleasure to join the fun crew of Maria and Johnson Doepker, Belinda Ferrara, Dee Anticoli, Libby Balsamo, Rita Chislighi, Jan Holbrook, Helen Longo, Kris Russo, Jo Rocco, and Tina Wingate in the preparation, serving, and CUPA (clean up and put away),

Special thanks to our social committee for the time, effort, and work they invest in our club events! Be a CUPA volunteer. Just call me at 937-470-4287 or see me before the member meeting.

John Fantauzzo  
 La Cucina CUPA Manager

**Annual Dues**

Annual dues are \$40.00 per member and are due by **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**. There will be a \$20 late fee for any dues paid after the March meeting.

Please pay by check made payable to **John Pirelli Lodge #1633**

You can either mail your payment to:

**Sam Pietrantonio**  
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Or you can pay Sam in person at the January meeting.

There will be a donation bucket at the January meeting for anyone that would like to make a donation to the Mobley Family. The Mobley family lost 4 family members, their house, and all of their possessions in a tragic fire in Kettering a few weeks ago. Gift cards and monetary donations would be appreciated. Checks should be made out to Shawn Mobley. Thank you for your generosity.

**2014 National Grant Competition**

**General Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian American grandparent) enrolled in an under-graduate or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the 2014 Fall term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.)**

Information and application forms are posted at:  
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**Be sure to read all details, requirements, and deadlines for the scholarships for which you wish to apply.**

**The deadline for this year's competition is February 28, 2014.**

# JANUARY 2014

**Hall Rental Contact Information**

For hall rental, please contact Vince Trombino at 937-545-0331  
Also, when renting the hall, please remember to make your check payable to Societa Di Mutuo Soccorso (not John Pirelli.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 White Elephant Party 7:00pm 	6 **Epiphany	7 Member Meeting 7:30pm	8 Mah Jongg 4:30pm Language Class 7:00pm	9	10 Poker 7:00pm 	11
12	13  7:00pm	14	15 Mah Jongg 4:30pm Italy Trip Meeting 7:30pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Council Meeting 7:00pm	22 Mah Jongg 4:30pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  Mah Jongg 4:30pm	30	31	**Italian Holidays are listed in green.

## Thank You

The total check for the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association (MVDSA) from the Spooketti Spooktacular savings account is \$1331.17. This total does not include the checks made out to the MVDSA at the event, the IOU of \$38.00, or the in-kind donations of \$598.53. This total is \$2135.70. The Bocce tournament check is separate as is any money given directly to the MVDSA. Thank you very much for your attendance, donations, good wishes, talents, etc.



## Molto Grazie!

The Social committee, headed by Maria Doepker, with great helpers Dee Anticoli, Libby Balsamo, Rita Chislaghi, Belinda Ferrara, Linda Guinn, Jan Holbrook, Helen Longo, Jo Rocco, Kris Russo and Tina Wingate prepared and presented beautiful and tasty table for the December Membership meeting. They served Italian Wedding Soup and Minestrone Soup along with Salad, Bread and a delicious Dessert of Angel Food and Pound Cakes covered with fresh fruit and drizzled with White Chocolate Balsamic vinegar! Good food and conversation was enjoyed by all! Mille Grazie Signori! Buon Appetito! Doris Lentz

### **The Bocce Classic is looking for a few good Italians....**

If you are interested in being an integral part of the Bocce Classic, we are looking for a Food Booth Chair and an Advertising Chair. We also need volunteers to help in a variety of ways. This is a great opportunity to help the Bocce Classic being a great success. Please email Kevin at [bocceclassic@yahoo.com](mailto:bocceclassic@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Business Directory is available to both members and lodge supporters.

The Business Directory appears regularly on the website, [www.johnpirelliosia.org](http://www.johnpirelliosia.org), and in the Bella Villa Times newsletter.

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For rates and other information, please contact Peter Carusone at 436-2112 or at [peter.carusone@wright.edu](mailto:peter.carusone@wright.edu)

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## General Meeting Notes for December 3, 2013

### JOHN PIRELLI

**CALL TO ORDER** - President Jim Balsamo called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – There were several new members in attendance this evening; Amy Lombardo, Tony and Linda Colussi.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Lodge members celebrating their anniversaries include Linda and Robert Guinn.
- Lodge members celebrating their birthdays include Jane Dellostritto.
- Eldora and Tony Perfilio's granddaughter turned one year old.
- Libby and Jim Balsamo are expecting their first grandchild.
- The Lodge has a new flat screen TV which is streaming pictures from the last trip to Italy.

**ROLL CALL** – Frank Clement and Jack Giambrone were absent. All council members were present.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** - Prior to the prayer and salute to the flag, we were reminded of our principles and a moment of silence was observed for those members who have passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Hearing no objections or corrections to the minutes, President Balsamo declared the minutes of last month's meeting approved as published.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- National is looking for all Lodges to come up with fundraisers for one of their charities; Cooley's Anemia. Council will look at fundraising ideas. If anyone has any ideas, please see anyone on Council.
- Scholarships are available at both the State and National level. Please see Eldora, Mel or Jim for more information.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT & APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP** – Sam reported:

- There are two new applicants: Margaret and Richard Marcellino (sponsor Anthony Presutti). A motion was made that "The Lodge accepts these applicants as new members". It was seconded and approved.
- We have 537 members.
- Dues are \$40 and due January 1<sup>st</sup>. There are receipts on each table to complete if you are paying tonight.
- The initiation fee has increased for new members from \$15 to \$20.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Frank was absent due to the death of his father. Jim reported for Frank.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Sunshine...**Christine reported:

- A sympathy card was sent to Frank Clement due to the death of his father.

**Membership...** Doris reported:

- Last November, 75 people attended the meeting. This November, 112 people attended.
- She read an Italian Christmas traditions article.

**Kitchen...**John reported.

- First, John wanted to thank all members who helped out in the kitchen last month and those who volunteered this month. He encouraged our new members to volunteer to help out. He also wanted to thank the Social Committee and Vince for all they do.
- They are trying a new serving system to help avoid the long lines. Please be patient.

**Social...** Maria and Jan reported on social events:

- The 50/50 this month is for St. Vincent DePaul. Fred DesGravise was the winner.
- Upcoming events include:
  - Poker is the second Friday of the month.
  - Mah Jongg is every Wednesday at 4:30 pm.
  - The White Elephant Party is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the door.

- There is a cooking demo December 9<sup>th</sup>. See Eldora for more details.
- The Adult Christmas Party is December 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20/members and \$25/non-member guest. There will be a cookie bar. Please bring 3 dozen cookies to share with everyone. Leo is catering and special entertainment will be around 8:00 p.m. Sign up tonight.
- The Children's Christmas Party is December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. This is free to children and grandchildren of members. Sign up tonight or contact Maria by December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The New Year's Eve Party is December 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:30pm. Jason Michaels from WHIO will be the DJ. The cost is \$25/members and \$35/non-members. Sign up by December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Events for next year include a Dragon's game, fish fry, and ladies day out. If you have any ideas, please let them know.

**Heritage...** Eldora reported:

- There are new children's books in our library. This is a great way to learn Italian for all ages. There is a black folder on the book shelf if you want to check out any books.
- She has copies of the state and national scholarship forms. She also has directions to access the national website.
- The Columbus Lodge is having a Dean Martin Tribute. See her for more information.
- The cooking demo in November was a huge success; 77 people attended. Thanks to all who helped. The next demo is December 9<sup>th</sup> and the theme is "My Favorite Italian Christmas \_\_\_\_\_". She needs volunteers. The next demo is January 13<sup>th</sup>. She needs a volunteer to host the demo.
- There will be a language class on December 11<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going to Italy next September. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to all for sharing their pictures of the Italy trip.

**State....**None

**National...** None

**Other...** Brian reported on the Festa. The set up went smoothly. Friday lunch was the best lunch we ever had. We will continue to improve and expand the lunch menu. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for both the Meatball Madness 5k and the Spaghetti Eating contest and both have continued to be a great success. A big thank you goes out to Reynolds and Reynolds for their continued support with parking. We also want to thank the City of Kettering for the use of the back lot for our workers. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year with no major injuries. We continually strive to keep the focus on cost management and pricing fairness. Our advertising included Facebook and our "The Italians are Coming" commercial. Although we still struggle with the tear down on Monday, it is getting better. Thanks to all who volunteered including Council, Alex and his crew, Frank and his crew, the booth chairs, the Culture and Heritage booth, Gino Pasi, the grounds committee, Maria and her crew, Renee and her crew and the Festa Committee. New items that were a success include the Italian Beef sandwich, Stromboli, new Italian beer and zeppole. This year's "Stanley Cup" was awarded to Scott Davis.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Joe Mattera reported on the Dorothy Lane Market (DLM) Good Neighbor Program. If you shop at DLM, sign your card up indicating the John Pirelli Foundation Fund as your charity in January. DLM donates \$40,000/year to various charities so the more you shop there the more it helps the Lodge.

**WELFARE OF THE ORDER**

- Lisa Arzate was elected to the Dayton Area Board of Realtors.
- Thanks to Arrow Wine for renewing their advertisement in the Business Directory. Also, welcome new advertiser Tony Colussi (see add on page 4).
- The John Pirelli Scholarship Fund is at \$29,080 (less than one thousand away from their goal of \$30,000). With only 31 cards signed up for the Kroger's reward program, the Fund received \$236 for 3 months. Please remember to indicate the JP Scholarship Fund as your charity on your Kroger card.
- Peter has one ticket left for the WSU Madrigal Dinner on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see him after the meeting if you are interested. He also has 10 tickets for a WSU Basketball Game on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm if you are interested.
- The Spooketti Spooktacular was held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who helped out. Christine Riccardo raised \$1131 plus in kind for the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association. There was also a bocce tournament held to help raise money. Rinaldo's team beat Romer's Bar and Grill and both teams donated their winnings back to the cause. The tournament raised \$653 but Council approved another \$347 to present Christine with another \$1,000 for the MVDSA. Thanks to Christine for putting this event on and to Kevin for helping out with the bocce tournament.

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- Eldora still has a few cookbooks for sale. Please see her after the meeting if you are interested in purchasing one.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:45 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Hearing no objections or corrections to the minutes, President Balsamo declared the minutes of last month’s meeting approved as published.

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Frank was absent due to the death of his father. Jim reported for Frank.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- The shed has been demolished and the plans are underway for the garage addition. The plans are at the city and we are just waiting on the final approval. Thanks to all who help tear down the shed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- One of your refrigerators broke down after the Festa. We are looking to replace it. We can purchase one that is identical to the one we bought almost two years ago for \$2900. Vince made a motion to “spend \$2900 to purchase a new refrigerator”. Fred DesGravise seconded the motion. It was approved. This one will have the new handles on it.

**ANYTHING OF IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS**

- Fred Dellostritto sang us a Christmas song.
- The next Council meeting is Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00pm.
- The next Membership meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:30pm.
- We need volunteers to prepare the meal for the monthly meetings. Please see John or Doris to volunteer.

**Closing Prayer/Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa A. Pietrantonio  
Recording Secretary