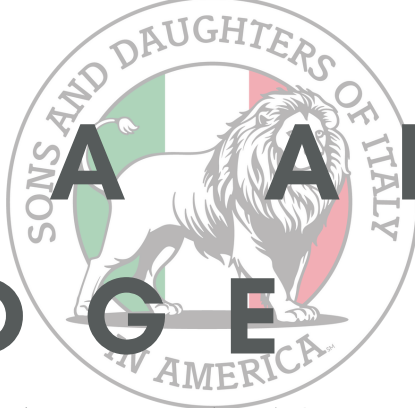


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- May 19th - Board Meeting
- June 1st - Meatball Prep
- June 7th - Meatball Prep
- June 13th - 14th - State Convention
- June 22nd 1:30pm - Regular Meeting
- June 29th - Meatball Prep
- July 10th - 12th - Italian American Festival
- July 19th - Italian American Council
Scholarship Breakfast
- August 24th - Family Picnic at Lions Park
- September 21st 1:30pm - Regular Meeting
- October 11th - Gun Bash
- October 19th 1:30pm - Regular Meeting
- November 16th - Memorial Mass & Luncheon

President: Nicole Smith
Vice President: John Hujar
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Mistress of Ceremonies: Marsha Wineland
Trustees: Mikki DeMarco, Deb Deptuch,
Cheryl Koshar, Patrick Puhak, and Ed
Rauckhorst



Reverse Raffle Update

We had another successful reverse raffle on April 12. We had 226 in attendance and sold 169 raffle tickets. We had several members volunteer this year, not just the night of the raffle, but leading up to the raffle. We had two \$5 sideboards and three \$3 sideboards, as well as our Lucky 13 raffle. We received so many donations from businesses, friends of OSDIA, and our members for our gift raffle that we had a total of 17 raffle prizes. That doesn't include the donations made by the Carovillese Club or Crumbl Cookies, and \$350 donated for the Cash Explosion. Our preliminary profit is \$9,868.29. We want to thank all OSDIA members who attended, donated, sold tickets to their friends, and volunteered as without each and everyone who was there that evening, this night would not have been the success that it was.

Thank you all!

Michelle Hujar, Chair

President's Corner

I'm honored and excited to begin my term as President of the OSDIA Akron Lodge. I want to start by extending a heartfelt thank you to Pat Puhak for his incredible leadership and dedication over the past eight years as our Lodge President. Pat's commitment has helped keep our Lodge active and strong, and I know I speak for all of us in expressing deep gratitude for his service.

I also want to warmly welcome Jo Dusi to the Executive Board. Jo brings great energy and insight, and I look forward to working alongside her and the rest of our board as we continue to serve our members and community.

As we look ahead, I'm eager to explore opportunities for updating and energizing our club. One of my goals is to increase the number of social opportunities we offer, helping to bring members together more often in fun and meaningful ways.

We're currently looking for members who are interested in hosting a meeting in September or October—please reach out to me directly if you're willing to help. We're also seeking event chairs for both new ideas and our traditional gatherings. One important upcoming event is the Christmas party. Michelle and John have kindly offered to host again, but if you're interested in taking the lead this year, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant community. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead—let's make it one to remember!

Fraternally,
Nicole Smith
 President, OSDIA Akron Lodge





Get Ready for the 2025 Festival Booth!

Mark your calendars—this year's festival is right around the corner! Join us July 10–12 at Lock 3 in Downtown Akron as the OSDIA Akron Lodge once again proudly represents our Italian heritage with one of the most popular booths at the festival.

We'll be serving up our delicious meatball and sausage sandwiches, and we'll need plenty of hands to help make it all happen. Volunteer sign-up links for booth shifts will be sent out in June, so keep an eye on your inboxes.

Before the festival, we also need help preparing the food that makes our booth a standout. If you're available, we'd love your help with meatball and sauce making. Please reach out to Nicole if you can assist.

The meatball-making dates are:

- Sunday, June 1
- Saturday, June 7
- Sunday, June 29

Whether you've helped before or are new to volunteering, we'd love to have you on the team. It's a fun and rewarding way to connect with fellow members, support the Lodge, and share our traditions with the community.

Let us know if you can help—and thank you in advance for making this event a success!

buon compleanno

Aprile: Bart Clemente, Beverly Lampers, John Mascolo, Judith Nicolsi, Linda Parenti-Pinto, Nancy Rossi, Enrico Tersigni

Maggio: Kathleen Bozzelli-Hovey, Deb Deptuch, Dolores DiCresce, Donna Ferrante, Jocelyn Hujar, Michelle Hujar, John Mancinelli, Lisa Sarfian, David Zampelli

Giugno: Frank Aiello, MaryJane Falcone, Debbie Hout, Susan Lindeman, Maria Machiarella, Dennis Paonessa



Member Highlight

Linda Parenti-Pinto, a OSDIA Member of our lodge is being recognized by Summa!

Please reach out to her with congratulations!

Article from Summa:

Summa Health is proud to announce that Linda Parenti, M.D., has been selected to receive the 2025 Distinguished Physician Award, the highest honor awarded to a physician within the health system.

This prestigious award is presented to a Summa Health physician who exemplifies our mission and values, demonstrates outstanding leadership and dedication, and acts as a role model professionally and personally to their community. The honoree also is recognized for their clinical excellence and leadership in research and training and demonstrates a personal commitment to advancing philanthropy at Summa Health.

"We are thrilled to recognize Dr. Parenti for her exceptional leadership, clinical excellence, and dedication to advancing women's health," said Dr. Cliff Deveny, president and CEO of Summa Health. "Her remarkable career has shaped the field and is an inspiration to all of us at Summa Health."

Dr. Parenti dedicated her career to advancing women's health and made significant contributions to the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Serving as a physician leader at Akron City Hospital, now Summa Health, from 1976 to 2015, she played a pivotal role in shaping the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, including her tenures as interim chair.

Notably, Dr. Parenti made history in 1976 as the first female physician to graduate from the OB-GYN Residency Program at Akron City Hospital, following her internship in 1973. In addition to her impactful work at Summa Health, she dedicated over 40 years, starting as a resident, as the longest-serving OB-GYN at the Adolescent Clinic at Akron Children's Hospital. Dr. Parenti also contributed to organizations such as Planned Parenthood and the Rape Crisis Center of Akron, further demonstrating her commitment to women's health and community service.

Her commitment to philanthropy, community service and education is demonstrated through her role as an Emeritus Member of the Summa Foundation Board of Directors and her recognition with the 2004 Outstanding Volunteer Faculty Award from Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Dr. Parenti holds a biology degree with a minor in chemistry from The University of Akron and earned her medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. A proud Valedictorian of North High School's Class of 1964, she also was recognized as a National Merit Scholar.



Dr. Parenti joins a distinguished list of past honorees, including the late William "Bill" Smucker, M.D. (2024); Thomas "Tom" M. File, M.D. (2023); William "Bill" Bauman, M.D. (2022); J. Patrick Flanagan, M.D. (2021); Jay Williamson, M.D. (2019); Ernest R. Estep, M.D. (2018); Gary B. Williams, M.D. (2017); the late Robert Liebelt, Ph.D., M.D. (2016); and the late James Tan, M.D. (2015).

