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Society sympathies for Lodge 686 president

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Home Office has been notified of the Oct. 1, 2009, passing of Bro. William P. Demshar, president of Lodge 686 in West Allis, Wis.

On behalf of the entire Society, the members of the Executive Committee and Home Office staff extend their condolences to Bro. Demshar's family and friends on their loss.

Lodge 776 next regular meeting slated Nov. 8

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The next Lodge 776 meeting is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 8, at the SNPJ Recreation Center beginning at 2 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

VONNIE DOMBROSKY
Lodge 776 Recording Secretary

Lodge 53 schedules annual, regular meetings

CLEVELAND — Attention, V-Boj Lodge 53 members. Our regular and annual meetings will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road in Cleveland, beginning at 1 p.m. Please plan to attend.

PAULINE BARBISH
Lodge 53 President

Have you recommended a new member lately?

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Be sure to take advantage of SNPJ's Recommender Program which offers SNPJ members an enhanced benefit for encouraging family, children, friends and acquaintances to join SNPJ. The recommender will receive \$10 for each valid referral submitted. Every valid referral earns the recommender one chance in the quarterly drawing for an opportunity to win \$100 and an additional chance in the year-end drawing for an opportunity to win \$500. See page 6 for the Recommender coupon.

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Nov. 18 and Dec. 2. All material must be received by Monday, Nov. 9, for the Nov. 18 issue, and by Monday, Nov. 23, for the Dec. 2 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing prosveta@snpj.com.

Fairport Lodge 355 shows its appreciation

by LEE JACKOPIN
Lodge 355 Secretary/Treasurer

FAIRPORT HARBOR, Ohio — Oct. 11 was Fairport Lodge 355 Appreciation Day at the Fairport Slovenian Club. It was an open house event arranged from noon until 4 p.m.

The objective of this event was to thank members for belonging to Lodge 355, the Brothers and Sisters who volunteered at the spring cleanup party at the Fairport Slovenian Club in May and the Lodge 355 picnic at the SNPJ Farm in August, those who attended Slovenian Heritage Day at the Captains baseball game in July, those who attended Lodge meetings in 2009, those who serve faithfully

as Lodge officers, and those who help the Society in any way. We did so with a fraternal gathering during a Sunday football afternoon. Lodge 355 appreciates all the help offered by its members for the betterment of Fairport SNPJ Lodge 355 and SNPJ. *Hvala lepa.*

A half-sheet cake was decorated with "Appreciation 355 Members" and lots of balloons. The Slovenian picnic luncheon included klobase, hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad, pickles, potato chips and a variety of beverages.

There was a lot of talking and camaraderie. We met Tony and Dora Perme, who were from the former Conneaut Lodge 237 which merged

with Lodge 355. The Permes saw their old friends, Tony and Carol Satej. Some watched the Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills football game. The Browns kicked a field goal in the second quarter to take a lead of 3 to 0, but most guests kept talking.

We decided to take a group picture before our short meeting. After that, some people left for other activities. Buffalo kicked a field goal in the third quarter to tie the game.

It was good to see Stan and Poppy Modic, the only members who remembered to bring canned food for the Club's Thanksgiving food

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The Luck of the Draw

TERRY CHAMP, IT Manager at the SNPJ Home Office, pulled the name of the SNPJ Recommender Program third quarter drawing winner, Lodge 142 member Bro. Christopher Bacnik of Mentor, Ohio. Chris will receive a check for \$100 and will be entered in the \$500 year-end drawing. You too can participate by recommending someone for SNPJ membership. The SNPJ Recommender coupon is available in this *PROSVETA* issue, online at www.snpj.org or by phoning the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675.

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

Monthly meeting changes on the horizon at Lodge 778

by EILEEN HARFMANN
Lodge 778 Secretary

SPRING HILL, Fla. — Fall has become a much welcomed visitor to the Sunshine State. The pleasant daytime temperatures and crisp evening breezes seem to beckon us outdoors.

At the October Lodge 778 meeting, it was decided that our annual Christmas party will be held at our Lodge hall on a weekday in early

December. Our monthly meetings next year will also be held during the week. We hope that keeping the weekends available for hall rentals will add some much-needed funds to our treasury. Further details will be decided during our November meeting.

As usual, we will continue our canned food

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Holiday arrangements in place for Golden Eagles Lodge 643

by TONY KREN
Lodge 643 Secretary

GIRARD, Ohio — During the Lodge 643 October meeting, members affirmed the Christmas party time for both Youth Circle 7 and the adult festivities. The Circle 7 party will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 12 at Amen Corner

in Girard. The adult party will begin at 5 p.m., also at Amen Corner, and dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m.

The cost of the adult party is \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. There will be

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Slavija Lodge busy with plans for the holiday season

by EDWARD HRIBAR
Lodge 1 President

CHICAGO — During the most recent Slavija Lodge 1 meeting, members approved a motion to hold our annual meeting and Christmas luncheon Sunday, Dec. 6, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Czech Plaza Restaurant, 7016 W. Cermak Road in Berwyn, Ill. During this meeting we will elect new officers for 2010.

All members and friends are welcome to attend the annual meeting. For reservations

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• **Katherine A. Potter**
Born July 29, 2008
Cleveland Lodge 576

Lodge 576 welcomes Katherine Ann Potter as its newest addition. Katherine is the daughter of Brian and Ann (576) Potter, and granddaughter of Bob and Cecilia (576) Dolgan, and Randy and Donna Potter. We welcome Katherine to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to her entire family.



• **Addison E. Lowe**
Born June 26, 2009
Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138

The members of Lodge 138 welcome the newest addition to their Lodge, Addison Elizabeth Lowe. Addison is the daughter of Jason (138) and Wendy Lowe, and the granddaughter of William and Christine Lowe (138). We welcome Addison to SNPJ and extend our best wishes to her entire family.



• **Deena L. Korlewitz**
Born May 9, 2008
Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 749

Lodge 749 welcomes Deena Lynn Korlewitz as its newest addition. Deena is the daughter of D.J. (749) and Gayelynn Korlewitz, granddaughter of Bob and Linda Korlewitz (749), and great-granddaughter of Pauline and the late John Boyarsky (254). We welcome Deena to SNPJ and extend our best wishes to her entire family.



• **Roman E. Vucinic**
Born Aug. 6, 2007
Cicero, Ill., Lodge 449

The members of Lodge 449 welcome the newest addition to their Lodge, Roman E. Vucinic. Roman is the son Robert W. and Mary Ann (449) Vucinic, and the grandson of Roman and Angela Racic (723). We welcome Roman to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

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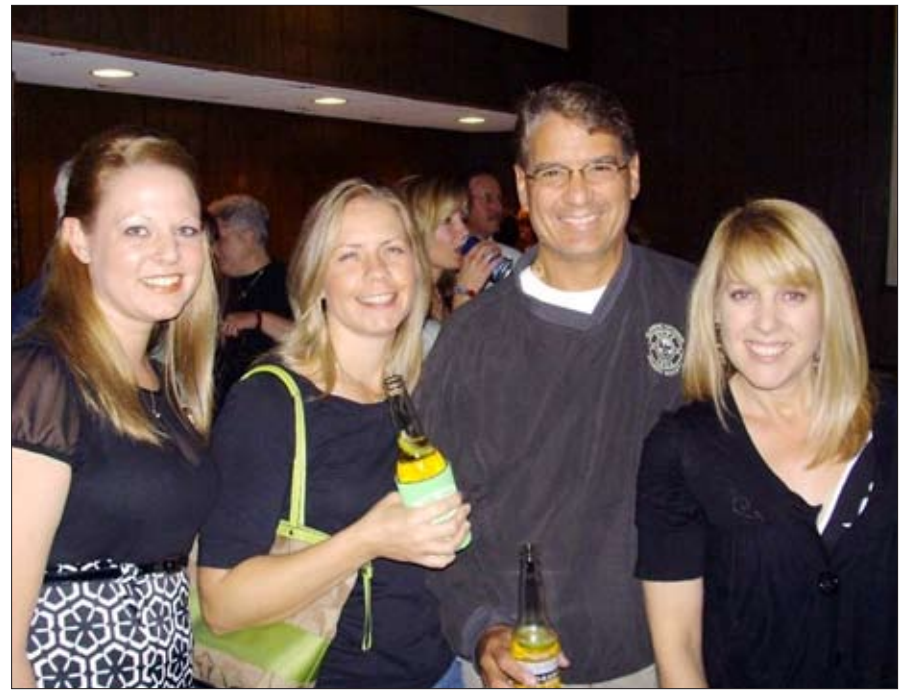
Lodge 138 dance a blast from the past

by BOB LAWRENCE
Lodge 138 Secretary

STRABANE, Pa. — It seemed like old times. I know it's 2009 and not 1959, but you would have never guessed it. On stage was one of Cleveland's top polka bands, the Eddie Rodick Orchestra, belting out some great tunes. Rock, you ask? There was some, but it was a heavy percentage of polkas and waltzes. Were there only elderly people there? Not on your life! It was a full house with a good mixture of all ages dancing the night away. Who said polkas were only for old people? The young set seemed to have a ball.

It's been ages since Strabane Lodge 138 hosted such an affair; a dance that wasn't associated with another event. Comments were heard from the "younger" set about how we should do this more often. How about that?

Accolades must be given to our young adults for their efforts to make this affair successful. First there is Jason Cadez, who got the idea from a conversation he had with Eddie Rodick one evening at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Assisting Jason were Chris Cadez, Courtney Pabian, Shawn Sutton, Heather Yoder, and Eric and Frank Valencic.



Among those enjoying the sounds of the Eddie Rodick Orchestra performance in Strabane, Pa., were Lodge 138 members [from left] COURTNEY PABIAN, JENNIFER FETCKO, DAREN FETCKO and KAREN BRUMBAUGH.

Seventy-five years and counting...

Bro. **KEN KLADNIK**, president of Cle Elum, Wash., Lodge 371, presented a plaque and bouquet of flowers to Sis. **BESSIE JANACHEK** during the Lodge's Oct. 11 meeting. Bessie was honored in celebration of her 75 years of continuous membership. Sis. Janachek was enrolled as a member of Lodge 371 Aug. 1, 1934.



Photo submitted by Bro. Ken Kladnik (371).

Holiday lunch on the Lodge 686 agenda

by CHARLES KASSECKERT
Lodge 686 Secretary/Treasurer

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — For those who haven't heard, I am sad to report the death of longtime Lodge 686 President Bill Demshar, who passed away Oct. 1. Bill will be deeply missed. On behalf of the members of Lodge 686, I would like to extend my sympathies to Bro. Demshar's

family and friends.

Jolly Allis Lodge 686 will host a luncheon followed by our annual meeting with election of officers Sunday, Dec. 6. The luncheon and meeting will be held at Klemmer's, 10401 W. Oklahoma Ave. in Milwaukee. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. with a family-style luncheon at noon. The meals for

Lodge 686 members will be paid for by our Lodge; dinner for guests is \$15 per person and \$7.50 for children 12 and under.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. For additional information or to reserve your seat, please contact Mary Alyce Francis at (414) 421-3525 by Monday, Nov. 23.

Fairport Lodge 355 extends appreciation



Fairport Lodge 355 members [seated, left to right] TONY and DORA PERME, EDITH HERVATIN, WILMA KOVALY, HERMAN KAPEL, [middle row] FRANK SAJN, LOU REHO, NORENE POPELY, CHARLES KAPEL, IRENE KOVACH, LEE JACKOPIN, [back row] MATT ZALAR, JOE REHO, MARY ANN JACKOPIN, RUDY SCHUMER, JOHN KOVALY and JACK KOVACH gathered at the Fairport Slovenian Club for a member appreciation afternoon in October.

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basket. The football game got interesting as we began to think it would go into overtime. The suspense kept building as the fourth quarter went on. The Browns kicked a short field goal with only 23 seconds left in the fourth quarter, finally ending a 10-game losing streak. It was a true game of "foot ball." Monday's headline read "Ugly, but it's a win."

In contrast to the game, it was a wonderful afternoon

of appreciating Lodge 355 members. Our Monday headline would have been "Appreciation Day a success for Fairport Lodge 355." It was a chance to get together with members we haven't seen for a while to talk and fraternize. Fairport Lodge 355 appreciates the Brothers and Sisters who participated in our many fraternal activities this year. Lodge 355 encourages all members to take that first step and become involved in a future Lodge event, like our annual meeting and Christmas party scheduled Dec. 6. *Na svidenje!*

Upcoming events keep the Spartans Lodge active

by NANCY NOVAK
Lodge 576

CLEVELAND — It was good to see many Spartans members attend the October Lodge 576 meeting. We were surprised to hear that Pat Novak ended up in the hospital the night of our meeting. We hope you're feeling better, Pat.

The meeting covered the details of several upcoming events. Youth Circle 2 will hold their concert Nov. 15 at Recher Hall. Tony Petkovsek's Polka Party is scheduled Thanksgiving weekend at the Marriott in downtown Cleveland. The Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show is planned Saturday, Nov. 28, at the St. Clair Slovenian Home.

The Spartans are hosting a one-day bus trip to Seneca Allegany Saturday, Nov. 14. The bus is almost full, so contact Lou Novak at (440) 461-6476 or Joe Novak at (330) 723-3523 immediately to make your reservation. The tentative date for our Lodge holiday party at Sterles is Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010. CAL will be sponsoring a family-friendly activity with monthly bowling at Wickliffe Lanes.

Please join us for our next Lodge meeting Monday, Nov. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Waterloo Hall. Remember to bring a donation of canned food or dry goods for our holiday food bank collection.

Changes in the works for Lodge 778 meetings

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drive at our monthly meetings. We all need to be thankful for our many blessings, and remember those who are less fortunate.

On a similar note, don't forget our upcoming Thanksgiving dinner dance Sunday, Nov. 22. Dinners will be served from noon until 1:30 p.m. Dancing to the sounds of the talented Steve Juricic and the Tropical Squeeze will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the dinner and dance, and \$5 for dancing only. What a bargain!

Those wishing to join us for the meal are asked to respond by Nov. 17. For reservations phone Rita at (352) 382-3721 or Ben and Carol at (352) 237-8039. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- NOV. 8 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 jam session in the Horizon Room, 2-7 p.m. For details phone Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- NOV. 9 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 visit to local nursing homes. For additional information phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- NOV. 14 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 oldies dance in the Crystal Ballroom, 2-7 p.m. Music by DJ Johnny G. For information phone Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- NOV. 14 SloBowl United Bowling Tournament at Paradise Lanes, Neville Island, Pa. Bowling begins at 12:30 p.m.; a social will follow at Lodge 106 in Imperial, Pa. For information phone Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675.
- NOV. 15 SNPJ Youth Circle 2 annual Fall Concert at the Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave. in Euclid, Ohio, beginning at 2 p.m. For tickets and information phone Kathleen Trebets at (440) 749-4211 or e-mail kat21_2@hotmail.com.
- NOV. 21 Milwaukee Family Twosomes Bowling Tournament; noon. For information phone Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192.
- NOV. 29 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 polka Sunday, 2-8 p.m.; doors open at 1. Music by the Bob Kravos and Mikey Dee bands. For more information phone the Lodge 106 Hall at (724) 695-1411.
- DEC. 5 Badger Lodge 584 youth Christmas party, 2 p.m. All youth members in the Milwaukee area welcome. For information phone Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192.
- DEC. 6 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 variety dance in the Crystal Ballroom, 2-7 p.m. Music by the Silver Sky Duo. For additional information phone Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- DEC. 11 Detroit Lodge 677 Christmas party and book signing at the Slovene American Club at 7:30 p.m. For additional details phone Ken Anderson at (248) 649-6228.
- DEC. 13 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 Christmas party, 2-7 p.m. Must present 2009 membership card. For details phone Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- DEC. 14 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 holiday luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at 4 Star Restaurant, Peru, Ill. For details phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.

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- **Thought for the Week**—An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



The SNPJ Farm 2009 Dance Schedule

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Nov. 7 **Original Masquerade Ball** 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Dancers enjoy the finest in Cleveland-style polkas and waltzes at the SNPJ Farm. The Farm features the best-known names in polka music, plus down-home dining. Gates open at noon. Dinners served Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. with music and dancing from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday picnic admission is \$5. Rent the SNPJ Farm for picnics, anniversaries or other special functions! For more information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191.

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Slovenia wins EU fisheries concessions

LUXEMBOURG (STA) — Slovenia has negotiated several concessions in the reform of the control system for the EU's common fisheries policy. Slovenian Agriculture Minister Milan Pogačnik told reporters in Luxembourg that Slovenia's Oct. 19 talks with the European Commission had been successful.

A new control system to ensure compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy (CFP) was the main topic at a two-day session of EU agriculture and fisheries ministers.

Slovenia has 130 registered fishing boats which catch only about 680 tons of fish a year. "We are not big players, but we are aware of the importance of Slovenian fishing, partly as an industry and even more as a tradition, and an element of our presence at sea," Pogačnik said. Slovenia managed to "secure certain advantages" due to the small size of its fishing industry.

Justice Ministry presents criminal registry upgrade

LJUBLJANA (STA) — On Oct. 9, Slovenia's Justice Ministry introduced an upgraded central registry of convicted criminals which will allow faster and more efficient access to data on criminal convictions both in Slovenia and the EU.

The upgraded registry, which should be available in February 2010, will now include a record of pedophiles. "Data from this registry will not be deleted after the deadline set for other crimes," Justice Ministry State Secretary Boštjan Skrlec told the press. This data is aimed at protecting children, and institutions working with children will be able to obtain data on individuals convicted of sex crimes against minors.

Skrlec also highlighted the exchange of data with other EU members. Slovenia will get the data on convictions of Slovenian citizens in other member states and on convictions of foreigners tried in Slovenia.

Skrlec furthermore explained that the data from the registry managed by the Justice Ministry will now be available in digital form and accessible from distant locations. "Judges and prosecutors will be able to access information on a suspect's previous convictions immediately, so they will be able to make better decisions during criminal proceedings," he added. This should improve the efficiency of criminal proceedings and contribute to greater security. According to Skrlec, the registry will include the data vital for carrying out criminal proceedings and handing down sentences.

The upgrade of the criminal offenders registry will cost \$1.05 million; 70 percent of the funding will come from EU funds.

Skrlec also noted that since the data contained in the registry is very sensitive, the security standards for working with the registry will be strict.

Slovenia's population projected to drop by 2060

LJUBLJANA (STA) — A demographic projection made by Eurostat and the Slovenian Statistics Office implies that Slovenia will have only 1.8 million citizens in 2060, Statistics Office Director Irena Krizman told the press in mid-October.

In addition, due to its aging population, the percentage of Slovenia's GDP intended for pensions will have to grow to 18.62 percent by 2060. The figure stood at 10.91 percent in 2000, according to Dušan Kidric, a representative from the Institute for Macroeconomic Analysis and Development.

The EUROPOP 2008 demographic projection for Slovenia is based on Slovenia's population at the beginning of 2008 and a hypothesis on future demographic changes. There were 2,032,362 people living in Slovenia at the end of September 2008.

Slovenia has one of the lowest fertility rates among EU countries (and Norway and Sweden), standing at 1.3 children per woman. "The best-case scenario sets the fertility rate at 1.9 by 2060; however, the projection was based on a rate of 1.52 children per woman," Nelka Vertot of the Statistics Office explained.

Life expectancy is predicted to increase from the current 80 to almost 90 years for women by 2060, and from 75 to 84 for men. The current life expectancy for Slovenian women has reached the EU average, while the life expectancy for men is a half year below average.



According to Kidric, the projection shows that the percentage of expenditures for pensions will have to increase in 50 years by about eight percent, but it is impossible to expect that this will be funded from taxes. "One possible solution is to extend the working age and to change life style, which would reduce health care spending," he added.

Janez Malačič of the Ljubljana Faculty of Economics noted that some countries already had regulations capping the percentage of GDP for pensions. According to Malačič, the projections show that the portion of the higher-educated population will increase very rapidly. This aspect could neutralize other elements, such as the aging population.

Police borrowing bullet-proof vests from the army

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Following requests from the Police Trade Union for better equipment for Slovenian police officers in order to improve their safety, the police and the Slovenian army have reached a deal under which the army will lend their bullet-proof vests to the police. The police public relations office told the press that the project would be completed with the signing of a document on the transfer of equipment from the Defense Ministry to the police.

The police are hoping to borrow between 500 and 1,000 bullet-proof vests. When this happens, the police will inform the public what types of vests it received and which officers will use them.

In August, Police Commissioner Janko Goršek announced a complete overhaul of the stock of bullet-proof vests, agreeing with the Police Trade Union that Slovenia's police officers are equipped with inadequate and outdated equipment. The union's request followed an Aug. 7 shooting in Ljubljana in which two police officers were wounded after responding to reports of domestic violence. Both officers survived the shooting, but the incident prompted many questions about why the police were not equipped with bullet-proof vests given that reports had indicated that the man was threatening to use his gun.

Free Slovenian language courses for immigrants

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Interior Ministry will offer foreigners from non-EU countries free courses in the Slovenian language, history, culture and constitutional composition. The courses will be funded by the state and the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, according to a ministry press release.

"For integration to be successful, it is important that immigrants acquire basic language skills and a knowledge of the history and institutions of the host countries," the ministry wrote.

One of the language courses takes up to 180 hours and is intended for third-country citizens who have permanent resident permits. The course can also be attended by members of their families with temporary residency permits. A 60-hour language course is intended for third-country nationals who have been residing in Slovenia for at least two years based on a temporary resident permit, and who have permits valid for a year.

A free primary Slovenian language examination at the elementary level will be available to third-country nationals with permanent residency permits and members of their families. Permanent-resident-permit holders from third countries and those who have been temporarily residing in Slovenia for at least two years are also eligible for courses in Slovenian history and culture.

Slovenian slopes are ready, awaiting the snow

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenian ski slopes are all set for the new ski season, awaiting only colder temperatures to bring snow. Ticket prices remain the same as last year's season; an adult daily pass will cost around \$42 at the major Slovenian ski resorts.

The Kanin ski resort is set to connect its slopes with its Italian neighbor, the Sella Nevea ski resort. For a ticket price

of \$42, skiers will have access to slopes in both Slovenia and Italy. The project took 30 years to complete, according to Aleš Uršič, president of the Ski-lift Operators Association.

The Pohorje ski resort, which traditionally hosts women's Alpine World Cup races, is planning to open its new cable car which has a transportation capacity of 2,400 people per hour. The slopes on Krvavec have received several improvements, including an upgrade of an old two-seater lift, additional parking spaces and safety improvements to the general slope. The Cerklno ski center will boast a new snowpark for snowboarders and freestyle skiers.

Slovenia has 87 ski areas and a total of 186 miles of ski runs, according to Damjan Pintar of the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GZS). Skiers in Slovenia are automatically insured, which gives Slovenian ski resorts an important edge over their foreign competitors, Pintar explained.

Several high-profile ski events take place at Slovenian ski resorts, including the World Cups in biathlon (Pokljuka), cross-country skiing (Rogla), alpine skiing (Pohorje and Kranjska Gora) and ski-flying (Planica).

Slovenian discovers a new giant spider

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In mid-October, Slovenian scientist Matjaž Kuntner announced the discovery of a new and rare species of "giant" orb web spider that lives in Africa and Madagascar. Researchers describe *Nephila komaci* as the largest web spinning spider known to science.

Kuntner, a biologist at the Slovenian Academy of Arts and Sciences, identified the species as he was going through a collection belonging to the Plant Protection Research Institute in Pretoria, South Africa. He checked more than 2,500 samples from 37 museums, but found no match to the giant female, so he presumed the species was extinct. However, when his colleague, Jonathan Coddington from the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., found three more of the spiders in South Africa, it became apparent that they belonged to this same new species.

Kuntner named the species in honor of his best friend and fellow scientist Andrej Komac, who recently died in an accident.

Bled hotel celebrates 10 millionth kremna rezina

BLED (STA) — A hotel with a 56-year tradition of making *kremna rezina*, the world-famous vanilla dessert, in one of Slovenia's most popular tourist destinations is marking a special jubilee: selling the 10 millionth piece of the dessert. The milestone was celebrated Oct. 10 with a free giant dessert.

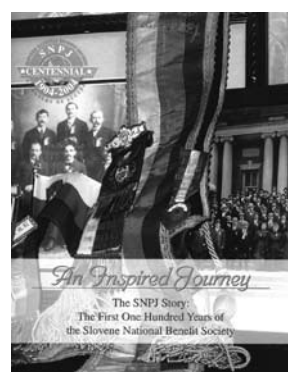
The Park Hotel in Bled made a 108-square-foot celebratory *kremna rezina*, a cake made of vanilla and custard filling sandwiched between two slices of Danish pastry. To further celebrate the occasion, various activities related to the original *kremna rezina* from Bled were organized. The Park Hotel has been making the dessert since 1953, when then-head chef Ištvan Lukacevič came up with the recipe, which has remained unchanged to this day.

Slovenians tune in for over three hours daily

LJUBLJANA (STA) — According to the results of the latest survey on television usage, the average Slovenian spends 3 hours and 22 minutes per day in front of a television screen. The most popular shows with Slovenians are news shows and films, according to Jože Biščak, director of the Giedon polling agency.

The best-known television show is the 24 ur POP TV news show, but RTV Slovenia's news show *Tednik* received the highest ratings. The highest-rated entertainment show is the satirical *Hribar* show broadcast by RTV Slovenia.

The survey, conducted between Oct. 15 and 18, showed that over seven percent of Slovenians watch no television at all, while the remainder of the population watch three to five hours a day. On average, Slovenians spend two hours and 31 minutes watching Slovenian channels. *The articles comprising this feature have been reprinted with permission from the Slovenian Press Agency (STA).*



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Štiri dvigala bodo hitreje pretovarjala zabojnike

HEADLINE: Four cranes will load containers faster

TOPIC: Port Koper recently installed a fourth container crane, with which they will be able to load cargo much faster, especially from bigger ships (with a capacity up to 8,000 containers). The first two cranes were installed in the summer, and the last two recently arrived from the Liebherr Container Cranes factory in Ireland.

The cranes can lift up to 75 tons 118 feet in 30 seconds. This modern equipment will make it possible for Port Koper to accept more modern and larger ships.

V Luki Koper so namestili še četrto kontejnersko dvigalo, ki veliko hitreje pretovarja tovar, predvsem pa lahko to počne z večjih ladij (z nosilnostjo do 8000 kontejnerjev). Prvi dvigali so v pristanišču na podaljšanem prvem pomolu namestili poleti, tretje in četrto pa sta iz irske tovarne Liebherr Container Cranes prišli v

zadnjih dneh. Vrednost vseh štirih je okoli 28 milijonov evrov, prave cene pa v Luki Koper ne izdajo, ker je to menda poslovna skrivnost. Takšna dvigala imajo doseg roke 51 metrov, dvignejo lahko 75 ton do višine 36 metrov in to opravijo v dobre pol minute. Sodobna oprema omogoča prihod sodobnejših in večjih ladij. Na prvem pomolu bodo v kratkem uredili še dodatne tri hektare površin za skladiščenje zabojnikov. Ob prvem pomolu imajo zdaj na voljo 596 metrov operativne obale z osmimi dvigali. Na tej površini lahko hkrati skladiščijo 19.000 kontejnerjev, na leto pa bi jih lahko pretovorili 600.000. Lani, ko je bilo rekordno leto, so jih pretovorili 353.000 (in prehiteli Trst). Skupaj so v devetih mesecih pretovorili 9,5 milijonov ton blaga ali 20 odstotkov manj kot v tem času lani. Najbolj (za polovico) se je zmanjšal pretovor avtomobilov.

DELO

Čedalje več potnikov s križark, terminal pa se ne razvija

HEADLINE: More and more travelers from cruise liners, but the port is not developing

TOPIC: Port Koper has developed a lot in the past few years. Last year they projected completing a passenger terminal this year, but the project was halted because of the economic crisis.

During this season more than 50 cruise liners carrying 31,000 passengers arrived in Port Koper. In September alone, 12 ships carrying 6,800 passengers arrived at Koper. Almost half of the passengers took trips across Slovenia. These are guests that Slovenia did not have before, and for Slovenian tourism they represent a certain "additional value." Janez Maček from the Atlas Express tourist agency in Portorož said that while visiting the Lipica stud farm, one of the guests from the United States

bought a Lippizaner horse which will be delivered to her by plane.

V preteklih letih, predvsem pa letos, se je koprsko pristanišče zelo razvilo. Zdaj je čas, da bi potegnili dve ključni potezi. Ustanoviti bi morali podjetje, ki bo upravljalo pristanišče in skrbelo zanj. V zadnjih dneh se je pojavila za zdaj neuradna pobuda za ustanovitev družbe z delovnim imenom Potniško pristanišče Koper. Poleg tega bodo morali čim prej zgraditi potniški terminal, ki so ga lani zasnovali v Luki Koper in bi moral biti zgrajen še letos, a je projekt zaradi gospodarske krize obstal.

V letošnji sezoni je v koprsko pristanišče prispelo nekaj več kot 50 potniških ladij, ki so skupaj pripeljale 31.000 potnikov. Lani je bilo potnikov več kot 18.000, torej je bila rast približno 70-odstotna. Takšne rasti ni bilo v nobeni drugi turistični dejavnosti v

državi. Samo septembra je v Koper priplulo 12 potniških ladij s skupaj 6800 potniki. Skoraj polovica si je privoščila izlete po Sloveniji. To so gosti, ki jih v preteklosti v Slovenji niso imeli in so za turizem nekakšna "dodatna vrednost". Janez Maček iz portoroške turistične agencije Atlas Expres je povedal, da je, denimo, ena od gostij iz ZDA pred nekaj tedni po ogledu lipiške kobilarne kupila lipicanca, ki ji ga bodo v ZDA poslali z letalom.

Še ne tako dolgo tega - lani pomladi - je država Luki Koper podelila stavbno pravico, da bi letos organizirala gradnjo potniškega terminala. Vendar je gospodarska in kadrovska kriza projekt povsem ustavila. Potniški terminal v Luki Koper je tako na ledu in nova uprava o njem ne razmišlja veliko, čeprav so pričakovali, da bo zagotovo narejen leta 2010.

DELO

Koprski gasilci so dobili novo poveljniško vozilo

HEADLINE: Firemen from Koper received a new commander's vehicle

TOPIC: After 15 years, the Koper professional firemen's retired commander's vehicle will be replaced with a new Jeep, for which the Koper municipality contributed \$75,000. Director and commander of the Koper fire brigade said that for the 60th anniversary of the firemen's brigade, all 54 professional firemen will receive new uniforms estimated at \$120,000. Twenty units from the coast, and eight from Italy, Croatia the Karst and the Ajdovščina area, participated in the anniversary parade.

Utrujeni poveljniški av-

tomobil koprskih poklicnih gasilcev bo po petnajstih letih zamenjal nov jeep, za katerega je MO Koper prispevala 50.000 evrov. Direktor in poveljnik GB Koper Vilij Bržan je povedal, da je ob 60-letnici gasilske brigade vseh 54 poklicnih gasilcev dobilo tudi nove obleke, vredne 80.000 evrov. Slavnostno akademijo so imeli 30. septembra, nato pa so predstavili svoje delo na Tartinijevem trgu v Piranu, na Lonki, za tržnico v Kopru pa je bila zaključna prireditev. Na veliki paradji je sodelovalo 20 enot z obale, osem iz Italije in 16 s Hrvaške ter Kraševci in Ajdovci, s katerimi koprski gasilci veliko sodelujejo.

DELO

To in ono iz Slovenije – This and that from Slovenia –

CELJE, VELENJE – V športni dvorani Gimnazije Celje so dijaki pred tednom dni pripravili tradicionalni jesenski dobrodolni koncert za slepo petletno deklico iz Zidanega mosta, ki bi ji zdravniki iz Nemčije z zahtevno in drago terapijo morda lahko vrnil vid. Predlani so dijaki na koncertu zbrani denar namenili poplavljenim družinam iz celjske regije, lani pa regijski varni hiši. Poleg mladih iz gimnazije, sosednjih celjskih šol in od drugod sta na dobrodelnem koncertu nastopila tudi Zoran Predin in Marko Vozelj. Prav tako je bil dobrodelni koncert tudi v velenjskem Domu culture. Z mestno občino in njenimi ustanovami so ga organizirala nekatera velenjska društva, izkupišek pa je bil namenjen družini Paterniš iz Cirkovc, ki ji je požar uničil domačijo, za nakup avtomobila za družino nepokretnega devetletnega Velenjčana Žige Pintarja. Nastopili so ansambel Spev, Tanja Žagar, Irena Vrčovnik ansambel bratov Avbreht, skupina Pop Design in drugi. Denar so na koncertu zbirali tudi z dražbo likovnih del.

Students at the Celje Center High School recently arranged their annual fall charitable concert in the sports hall to benefit a blind 5 year old girl from Zidani most. With expensive therapy, doctors in Germany could perhaps restore her vision. Two years ago the students donated all the money collected during the concert to families in the Celje region whose homes were damaged or destroyed by flooding, and last year the money was donated to the region's Safe House. Besides high school students and students from neighboring schools in Celje, Zoran Predin and Marko Vozelj also performed at this concert. A charitable concert was also held at the Velenje Cultural Home. All the money collected at this event has been given to the Paterniš family from Cirkovce (whose home was destroyed by fire); to purchase a vehicle for the Velenje Center for Upbringing and Education; and also to purchase a vehicle for the family of paralyzed 9-year-old Žiga Pintar. The money collected included the proceeds from an art auction.

DELO

Ljudi, potrebnih pomoči, je čedalje več

HEADLINE: There are more and more people in need

TOPIC: In Ravne, the most developed Carinthian city, there are more and more people in need because of the economic crisis. The municipality has 12,000 residents, and among them there are now 650 unemployed. From last year, the number of unemployed increased more than 50 percent. At the end of the year the Styria

Vzmeti company in Ravne will dismiss more than 100 workers.

In Ravne, a family of four can receive a total of \$550 in a lump-sum payment from funding to help the unemployed.

V najboljrazvitemkoroškem mestu Ravne je zaradi gospodarske krize v stiski čedalje več ljudi. Zato jim je občinski svet iz proračuna za pomoč namenil dodatnih 20.000 evrov. Občina bo, je povedal župan Tomaž

Rožen, letos za redne in izredne oblike pomoči ljudem, ki so izgubili delo, namenila več kot 70.000 evrov. Na Ravnah - občina ima dobrih 12.000 prebivalcev, je zdaj 650 brezposelnih. Od lani se je število ljudi, ki nimajo dela, povečalo za več kot polovico, val odpuščaj pa še ni končan. Konec leta bodo v družbi Styria Vzmeti na Ravnah odpuščali več kot sto delavcev. Izredne socialne pomoči, ki jih razdelijo iz občinskega

proračuna, so največkrat namenjene družinam, katerih člani so izgubili delo.

Štiričlanska družina na Ravnah je iz proračuna povprečno dobila 400 evrov enkratne pomoči. Da je kriza čedalje globlja in je zelo prizadela tudi gospodarsko zelo razvite Ravne, priča tudi podatek, da je v osmih mesecih lani za izredno socialno pomoč prosilo nekaj manj kot sto ljudi, letos pa že več kot dvesto.

DELO

Blejska velikanka z zlatim nadevom

HEADLINE: Bled's giant with gold filling

TOPIC: The 10 millionth kremna rezina (Cream pastries), in which they placed a small gold piece of kremna rezina, was recently made in the confectionery shop at the Park Hotel in Bled. They still make this well-known pastry using the same recipe that was created in 1953 by pastry chef Ištvan Lukašević.

Irfeta Bitevič came to work at the Park Hotel in 1969 and has been making kremna rezina ever since. The total number of kremna rezina made through the years would cover a third of Lake Bled; if they were lined up, they would stretch to Frankfurt, Germany.

The confectionery shop makes 250,000 of these yellow-white pastries each year, or 3,000 per day. Today, the Bled kremne rezine are exported to Austria, and they are

also available at the Verbot coffee shop in Ljubljana.

V slaščičarski delavnici blejskega hotela Park so spekli desetmilijonsko kremno rezino. Slaščica je bila velika sedemkrat sedem centimetrov, ob okroglem jubileju pa so spekli velikanko, merila je deset milijonov kvadratnih milimetrov, v sladkem nadevu so se bodo skrivale majhne zlate kremne rezine. Znamenito slaščico še danes pripravljajo tako, kot si jo je leta 1953 zamislil slaščičarski mojster Ištvan Lukašević. Po tem receptu jih že od leta 1969. peče Irfeta Bitevič, slaščičarka z najdaljšim stažem v Parkovi delavnici. Če bi jih zložili, bi zapolnili tretjino Blejskega jezera, v vrsti pa bi od Bleda segale do Frankfurta.

Ko boš prišla na Bled, boš moja punčka spet, za naju ves bo svet kot češnjev cvet. Če bi znano pesem peli danes, bi se za srečanje zmenili

v Kavarni Park - zaradi znamenite kremne rezine. V hotelski slaščičarski delavnici naredijo pridne roke okrog 250.000 rumeno-belih slaščic na leto ali 3000 na dan. Pred dvema letoma so izračunali, da bi kremna cesta, če bi sladice zložili v vrsto, od Bleda segale do Prage. Danes bi dosegla Frankfurt, je povedala Alenka Bešter, vodja odnosov z javnostmi pri Sava hotelih Bled. In še so računali: če bi jih zložili drugo poleg druge, bi z njimi prekrili tretjino Blejskega jezera. Tako bi do otočka namesto v pletnjah prišli po priljubljenih kremšnitah.

Sobota 10. oktobra je bilo na Bledu v znamenju desetke: dan je bil deseti v mesecu, deseti je mesec v letu in kremna rezina je bila desetmilijont! Za to priložnost so naredili eno ogromno, veliko deset milijonov kvadratnih milimetrov. V velikanko so skrili mala zlata presenečenja, vsak, ki je dobil majceno zlato kremšnito,

je dobil tudi nagrado. Velika kremna rezina je bila prav tako kot manjše različice, ki jih delajo vsak dan; od dne ko so jih začeli delati vsak dan in ne le ob koncih tedna, jih še niso nehali peči, pravi Bešterjeva.

Slaščičarka z najdaljšim stažem v slaščičarski delavnici Hotela Prk Irfeta Bitevič se še dobro spominja začetkov: "V Park sem se za slaščičarko prišla učiti 21. decembra 1969. Ostala sem, bilo mi je lepo. In mi je še zdaj. To je lep poklic. Če bi še enkrat izbirala, bi se odločila enako."

Razlike med takrat in danes so pravi Bitevičeva: "V delu. Nekoč je bil štedilnik na drva, potem smo dobili plinskega in bili vsi veseli. Nekoč sta bila mleko in smetana v stekleničkah, ki jih je bilo treba pomiti in zložiti v lesene zabojčke. Spremembe na bolje so se dogajale v delavnici, kremšnita se ni spremenila. Recept

je vsa ta leta ostal enak, ker je dober in preiskušev."

Bitevičeva pravi, da doma ne uspevajo tako dobro. In hitro postreže z nekaj številkami: "Delo, od odvijanja masla, ubijanja jajc in kuhanja do skladorjem posute kremšnite, traja 82 minut. Eno testo dvigneš približno osemkrat, če delaš z desetimi, čez roke vržeš toni in pol!" V delavnici dela vse, pravi, tudi kremne rezine: "A ne več kot nekdanj, saj sem že starejša dama, delati sem naučila mlajše." Slaščici se ni povsem odpovedala:

"Ko sem prišla v hotel, sem rada jedla obrezke, bila sem še otrok, lačna sladkega. Zdaj jih ne jem več, kremšnito pa rade volje." Kot številni Slovenci in tujci: blejske kremne rezine (ki bi jo radi zaščitili) od letos ne dobite več le na Bledu, izvažajo jo v Avstrijo, pot pa je našla tudi do ljubljanske kavarne Verbot.

LJUBLJANSKE NOVICE

Jahta na sončni pogon

HEADLINE: Yacht on solar power

TOPIC: The world nautical industry is in a bad crisis. According to some information, the production of tourist and recreational boats has dropped 50 percent; 66 percent according to other sources. The Slovenian Seaway Company, the world's largest nautical development company, responded to the crisis with innovation – the hybrid Greenline 33 boat.

The most important aspect of the Greenline is that this 32-foot boat (which offers a sleeping capacity of five beds) can be powered by electricity. With a full battery it can travel up to 20 miles. Japac Jakopin and his brother created this boat for a surprising

price (the base price is \$120,000). Next year they are planning to sell more than 200 boats, and at present they have 25 orders.

To date, the Seaway Company has made 55,000 vessels and yachts. Seaway has already received 32 "Boat of the Year" titles, and the Greenline 33 is already in the running for next year's title.

Svetovna navtična industrija je v hudi krizi. Ponekaterih podatkih se je proizvodnja turističnih plovil zmanjšala za 50 odstotkov, po drugih pa celo za 66 odstotkov. Slovensko podjetje Seaway, največje razvojno navtično podjetje na svetu, ki je nastalo iz oblikovalnega studija J&J Design, se je na krizo odzvalo z inovacijo - s hibridno barko

Greenline 33.

Svetovno premiero je doživela prvega septembra v Amsterdamu, pred dnevi slovensko v Marini Portorož, sedaj pa je na rastavi Izola Boat Show. Najpomembnejše pri Greenline 33 je, da 10 metrov dolgo jahto, ki ima pet ležišč, poleg motorja s klasičnimi pogonom poganja tudi električni tok.

S polno baterijo lahko prevozi 20 milj dolgo pot. "Trenutek terja razmislike o vrednotah," pravi Japac Jakopin, ki je z bratom zasnoval plovilo za dostopno ceno (osnovni model stane 80.000 evrov), dobro počutje in skrb do okolja. Prihodnje leto nameravajo prodati več kot 200 plovil, doslej imajo 25 naročil.

Seaway namerava obstati kljub hudemu "orkanu", ki

uničuje navtično industrijo. Doslej je to podjetje izdelalo 250 projektov, po katerih so v 60 ladjedelnih v 28 državah izdelali več kot 55.000 jadrnic in motornih jaht. Doslej so prejeli 32 naslovov "Barka leta", Greenline 33 pa se je v izboru za prihodnje leto uvrstila med tri finaliste. Lani je 250 zaposlenih v Seaweyu ustvarilo 38 milijonov evrov prometa, letošnja navtična žetev pa bo skromnejša.

DELO

IZVRŠENA NALOGA - Mati naroča Janezku: "Ko me nekaj dni ne bo doma, je tvoja naloga, da vsak dan pobereš jajca iz gnezd in nanje napišeš, kdaj so bila izvaljena." Ko se mati vrne domov, je bilo na vsakem jajcu napisano: DANES.

The Ethnic Kitchen

RAISIN PUFFS

1 cup dark raisins
½ cup golden raisins
1 cup water
1 cup oleo
1½ cups sugar
2 eggs
3½ cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
Granulated sugar

Cook raisins in water over moderate heat until all the water is absorbed. Set aside until cool. Cream oleo, sugar and eggs until fluffy. Sift flour with soda and salt; add to creamed mixture with cooked raisins and vanilla. Mix well. Shape dough into small balls the size of a walnut. Roll each in granulated sugar. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Check after 12 minutes

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Badger Jabber

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MILWAUKEE—I'm back! After three weeks in Bavaria, Germany, enjoying their customs, it was difficult to return to reality. Molly and I spent the entire trip with her relatives, visiting a different one each day and seldom repeating a visit twice. Needless to say, Molly has quite a few relatives in Grafenwöhr, Germany. Practically the whole town is related in one way or another!

With a population of 7,000, the town isn't very big so we were in walking distance of everywhere. That was a good thing; with all the eating we did we needed to work off the good food or the plane would have been unable to take off for our return trip home! It was a great trip, but it's good to be back home.

One of the first things I learned upon our return was that Milwaukee SNPJs had lost a longtime supporter and activist. Bro. William P. "Bill" Demshar passed away Oct. 1 at the age of 81. Bro. Demshar was the president and a very active member of Jolly Allis Lodge 686 for as many years as I can remember. Bill, with his signature handlebar mustache, was present and involved in every SNPJ and Slovenian function in the Milwaukee area for many years. I could probably fill this page with all the attributes associated with Bro. Demshar: golf outings, picnics, balina leagues, concerts, baseball, bowling, pull-tab drawings. These activities and others, many SNPJ-related, were all part of Bill's life.

Bill was the beloved husband of Rosemary (Baraga), and loving father of Judy Demshar, Charles (Diane), Barbara (James) Fisher and

William A. (Kathleen) Demshar. He is also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends. Badger Lodge 584 Vice President Fannie Smole delivered the SNPJ ritual and eulogy at the Bevssek-Verbick Funeral Home.

Bro. Demshar represented Lodge 686 in the former Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges. His support and the support of his family will be difficult to replace. Even though the Milwaukee Federation had disbanded, Bill remained loyal. He did not take pleasure in the disbanding, but could see the difficulty the Federation was facing. He wasn't afraid to voice his opinion and argue his points at our meetings. We all admire a person like Bro. Demshar, and I am better off having known and worked with him for many years. I will miss our discussions regarding the making of Slovenian sausage, sharing our recipes and smoking techniques. Farewell, Bro. Demshar. Our memories of you will last forever. *Adijo!*

Another good Slovenian and active member of the balina league, John Skusek, passed away suddenly Oct. 5 at the age of 82. John was the loving husband of Tillie (Butchar), and the dear father of Dennis (Melody), David (Carol) and Gary Skusek. John had three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was the brother of Angeline Yanke and brother-in-law of John Butchar. Nieces, nephews and many friends in Milwaukee and Slovenia survive. Rest in peace, John.

The Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame will have their annual awards ceremony Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Richfield Chalet, at Hwy 175 and Hubertus Rd., in Richfield, Wis. The day will begin at 1 p.m. and will feature the music of Milwaukee's Steve Meisner and his orchestra. Steve Meisner is known to entertain as well as make you head for the dance floor.

The awards ceremony will take place at 2:30

p.m. followed by additional music and dancing. There is plenty of free parking, and food and refreshments will be available all afternoon. Come help celebrate the Wisconsin Hall of Fame's 2009 inductees.

On Oct. 17, a group of about 130 gathered at the K.C. Hall, S. 92nd St. in West Allis, Wis., to celebrate the 90th birthday of Rose Zupancic. Rose has been an active member of the USPEH Slovenian Chorus for many years and has been involved in many other Slovenian functions. Rose is the mother of Rudy Pugel and Dolly Malmarowski. Good food and good friends were a good way to celebrate a special 90th birthday.

Sunday, Nov. 29, is the date for the USPEH Slovenian Chorus' annual Christmas concert. The concert will begin at 2 p.m. at St. John's Evangelist Church, 8500 W. Coldspring Rd. in Greenfield, Wis. Mark your calendars and save the date! For more information or tickets, contact Mici Bregant at (414) 543-6695.

Badger Lodge 584 held its regular meeting Oct. 15. President Tim Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. All officers were present. After the regular reports were read and accepted, Sis. Mary Donovan requested that the Lodge sponsor the upcoming Family Two-some Bowling and youth Christmas party. The Milwaukee Federation sponsored these events in the past. Other arrangements were needed so as not to eliminate any events from our area. Sis. Donovan proposed that all SNPJ youths in the area be included. Badger Lodge agreed to sponsor these events.

If any youth members from other Lodges in the area would like to attend, it is with the understanding that the youth's respective Lodge must request funds from the Home Office to reimburse Badger Lodge for the cost of gifts. If any guests attend, there will be a \$5 charge to help defray

the cost of the food and refreshments.

With that said, the date for the Family Two-some Bowling Tournament is Sunday, Nov. 21, at Riviera Lanes, 85th and W. Greenfield Ave. in West Allis. The tournament will start at noon and will cost \$20 per twosome which includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. Contact Sis. Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192 for details.

The youth Christmas party is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall, 7929 W. Lincoln Ave. Members from Lodges other than Badger Lodge must contact Sis. Donovan to make arrangements. If you would like to help at this event or would like additional information, please contact Sis. Donovan at (414) 817-0192.

This is a very busy time of the year for Sis. Donovan. She has already made the arrangements for the annual Verbick Fraternal Memorial Bowling Tournament. The tournament will be held at Rivera Lanes Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at noon. You must be a member of SNPJ, KSKJ, CFU or SLOGA to participate in this event. A cost has not yet been determined. Watch for entry forms and further information in future PROSVETA issues.

Celebrating birthdays at the October meeting were John Poklar and Don Lesar. The harmonious sounds of Lodge 584 singing "Happy Birthday" could be heard through out the building. Kitchen Committee members Marge Alper and Josephine Manson, and coffee master Bob Alper, arranged the usual fine assortment of donated homemade desserts and coffee. Thanks again to this committee for there continued efforts.

Prior to adjournment, two \$10 attendance awards were drawn. The lucky winners were Sis. Marge Alper and Bro. Tim Donovan. With that business concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

From Ptujaska Klet, Pullus now available to American wine lovers

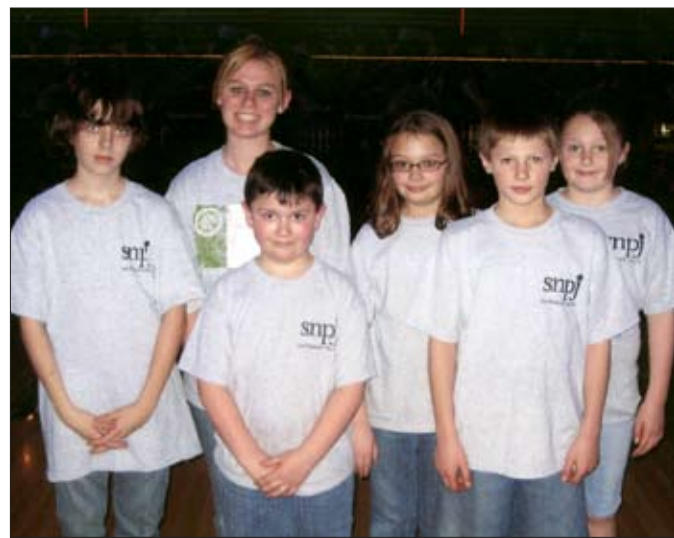


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Photos submitted by Ryan Klasnick (629).

Youth Bowlers Strike It Big!

[Above] Lodge 629 youth members **THEODORE KLASNICK, LACIE KLASNICK, TYLER SCHWER, ALEXIS SCHWER, NOAH CHERIPKA** and **MADISON CHERIPKA** took part in the SNPJ Youth Telegraphic Bowling Tournament at Lokay Lanes in Monroeville, Pa., in March. [Below] Cheering them on were members **GARY CHERIPKA, PAT CHERIPKA, MARYANN SCHWER**, Treasurer **SHIRLEY KLASNICK** and Vice President **DAWN KLASNICK**.



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CORRECTION

In the SNPJ Scholarship Donations for the months of June through September 2009 which appeared in the Oct. 21 issue, Pioneer Lodge 559, Chicago, donated \$175 in memory of Mayme Fabian, Ellen Carroll, Helen K. Malambri, Louis Tomazic, Audrey D. Kramer, Ciro P. Vuolo and Bertha J. Hofer. Our apologies for the error and any confusion it may have created.

Slavija Lodge 1 readies for the holiday season

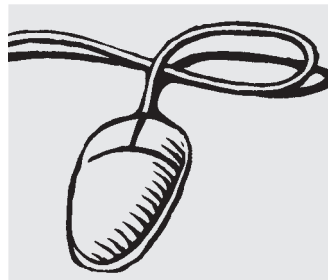
LODGE 1 HOLIDAY
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contact Secretary Janina Hribar at (708) 598-2570. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Lodge 1 welcomes new members Bro. Justin Seever and Sis. Lillian Bacon. On

behalf of the Lodge, we extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late Sis. Agnes Kerhlikar. Get well wishes are extended to Sis. Helen Simon, Sis. Bertha Vlcek and Bro. Frank Gradisek.

Lodge 1 wishes all of you healthy and happy holidays!



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PROSVETA Crossword

World Cities (#2209) by StatePoint Media

ACROSS

- BBQ necessity
- Fond du _____, in WI
- Shredded cabbage
- Not together
- Big head
- Above the queen
- Leper
- Wedding symbol
- In the '70s the _____ city sometimes was gritty
- Sears Tower location
- Capital of Iraq
- Estimated arrival
- Hooded robe
- ____ de deux
- "Mr." in Germany
- Home to Downing Street
- Caricatured
- The heart of Chicago's downtown, "The _____"
- Found at the Gallows
- Key component of a loan
- Seeded, as in garden
- Cleveland, Buffalo & Toledo are on this lake's shores
- Slipperier
- Ski lift
- Told an untruth
- Tina Fey's impersonation of Palin, e.g.
- Particle in A-bomb
- "____, the Beloved Country"

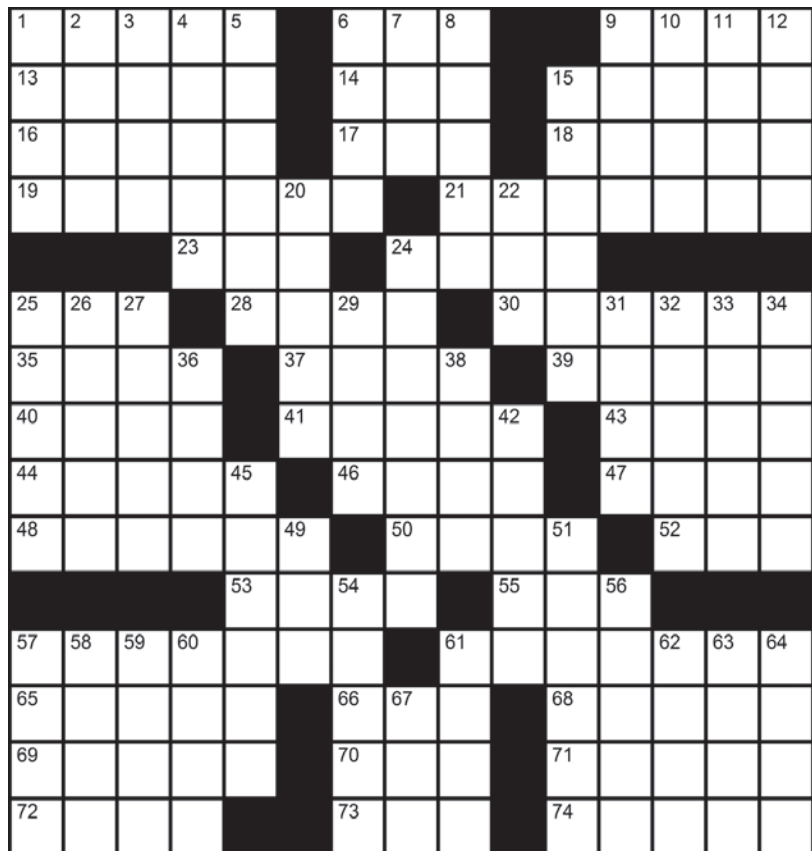
DOWN

- Ingredient in talcum powder
- Moonfish
- Found in Berlin in World War II
- Often goes with beauty
- Valley in Scotland
- Kids can build cities with this building block
- Bartender's concern
- Popular type of meal
- Hyperbolic sine
- It "was made for you and me"
- Domain
- Shield from danger, often used with "off"
- Offspring of tiger and lion
- Gaelic-speaking Celts
- Hole punching tool

DOWN

- Used for wedging things open
- Situated on the Seine
- Speedily
- Kick in
- Plant anchor
- Yuletide
- Oldest of three orders of classical Greek architecture
- Twig of willow tree
- Always demanding attention
- Legal right to a property
- Lives in a bog
- It drips from a baby
- Exhaust the supply
- p in mph
- Location of "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Heart of U.S. rubber industry, in Ohio
- Police searches
- Indian flatbread
- Dame _____ Everage
- Necessity for flying
- Opposite of #73 Across, pl.
- Sailor's call
- Victim of nervous biter
- Medicinal house plant
- Abnormal body growth
- Populous city in CA's Orange County, Santa _____

The solution to puzzle #2209 will run in the Nov. 18 issue.



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News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO — Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Where does the time go? All the Christmas decorations are out, and it really irks me that the stores can't wait until the first of December. I do believe, in this area anyway, that the Halloween decorations far outweigh the Christmas decorations. I haven't figured that one out.

The Kovacks – Carmella Smidl, Judy and John Kovack, and Dom and Anelle Eorio – have left for a cruise on the Atlantic Ocean up to Canada. The autumn sites are fantastic at this time of year. We made a similar trip a year ago. Ed Kovack, son of Ed and Sharon Kovack, recently enjoyed a surprise 40th birthday party.

Slovene Pensioners' Club members met Oct. 14. We missed seeing

Martha Janezic who had fallen and cracked a few ribs. We also missed Florence Rogel and Lillian Petrovich. Lillian is vacationing in New York. We enjoyed an informative meeting, discussing the catered Christmas party, which is planned Dec. 9. Tickets are \$10 per person, and donations of baked goods and door prizes will be accepted. Everyone planning to attend should bring a \$5 grab bag gift. We also celebrated John and Ann Cretnik's 55th wedding anniversary.

Grace Doerk announced some updates for senior bills that are up for adoption in the Illinois Congress. She also explained some issues pertinent to Illinois senior citizens.

At the Nov. 11 meeting we will welcome a guest speaker who will discuss shingles. Don't forget that we always accept new members to join this senior club.

There were several SNPJ members attending the 100th anniversary of Croatian Lodge #202 Oct. 18. It was so nice to talk with Marion Kieras (1) who I hadn't seen for some time. Known to me as "Mother Mary," I will forever cherish her friendship with

wonderful memories we made while working at the SNPJ Home Office. I also ran into Elizabeth "Betty" Morgavan (8) from Crown Point, Ind. CFU National President Bernard Luketich was the guest speaker. We were surprised to learn that Mr. Luketich is a 50-year member of SNPJ Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa.

Helen Gross, secretary of the celebrating lodge, thanked the late Bob Soso and his wife, Jennie, who were instrumental in making their lodge what it is today. Jennie served as vice president of the local PSWA Circle at one time, and Bob was a member of the Prešeren Chorus.

Otto and I would have liked to have attended the Fantje na vasi concert in Milwaukee at the Zelazo Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, but it's just too hard for us to drive at night. I guess we don't realize how many restrictions we'll have as we get older. I know I never gave it a thought.

My thanks to Trudy Schulz (449) who always sends me such nice notes. I also thank Betty Keber (778) for her words of sympathy on the loss of our

Uncle Charlie. Betty and her husband attended several Army reunions with Uncle Charlie.

Uncle Charlie was buried at the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. I'd never visited there, and I found that it is similar to the layout of Arlington National Cemetery. The Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery lies in the northwestern section of the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, approximately 50 miles south of Chicago. It was dedicated and opened for burials in October 1999.

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery is named after the 16th President of the United States and founder of the National Cemetery system. Early in the Civil War, on July 17, 1862, President Lincoln enacted the law authorizing the establishment of national cemeteries for soldiers who die in the service to the country. I was surprised to learn that the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery is the second largest National Cemetery in terms of acreage.

Doctors, doctors and more doctors to see. At one time we saw the family doctor for everything, but today it's

very different – there's a doctor for each health problem.

It was so nice to see our grandson Michael. This was the first time we'd seen him since he returned to Northern Illinois University for his sophomore year. Our granddaughter Laura is attending Northern Illinois University as well. Both students (as well as us!) are so happy they are considering offering the MAP grant for the second semester of this school year. There were many students who wouldn't be able to continue their schooling had this grant not been approved.

The Slovene Women's Union hosts many events in this area. We recently attended the Branch #99 bunco party, and Branch #2 will soon be holding their card party. The SWU Illinois-Indiana Convention will be held in Lemont at the Slovene Catholic Center Nov. 14. I'll be representing Branch #20 from Joliet.

October is over, and we're really enjoying the fall foliage. Our only hope now is that the winter will not live up to its expectations. For many of us, snow and cold are a no-no. Until next issue, stay well.

Lodge 53 has plans to honor Miss SNPJ 2010

by PAULINE BARBISH
Lodge 53 President

CLEVELAND — V-Boj Lodge 53 is getting ready to celebrate! We invite Lodge members to join us at our annual Christmas party, during which we will honor Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak, the first Lodge 53 member to receive this honor.

The party will be held at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road

in Cleveland, Sunday, Nov. 29, beginning at 1 p.m. A delicious meal is planned, and Santa will make an appearance to distribute gifts to the Lodge's youth members.

Please mark this event on your social calendar. Reservations are a must. For more details phone Lodge Secretary Martha Meglich at (440) 884-5043.

We hope to see many of you Nov. 29.



Miss SNPJ 2010 **KARA MARUSZAK** [center], pictured with co-Miss Talent 2010 **CYNTHIA BOBER** (138) [left] and Miss Fraternalism 2010 **DANIELLE BRAND** [right], will be honored by Lodge 53 during their Nov. 29 holiday party.

ANNOUNCE IT

Lodge 218 member celebrates 91 years

DENVER — Sis. Martha Navtoft, a member of Lodge 218, recently celebrated her 91st birthday.

Sis. Navtoft was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Winton, Wyo. She moved with her family to Westminster, Colo., where they settled in the 1920s.

In 1951 Martha married Pete Navtoft. Soon after they bought the home where she still resides today.

Martha enjoys tending to her gardens and taking rides to the mountains. She is an avid sports fan and rarely misses a Colorado Rockies or Denver Broncos game. She also enjoys word puzzles and reading.

Sis. Navtoft has three children, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Her entire family gathered Oct. 23 to celebrate her 91st birthday.

On behalf of the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend best wishes to Sis. Navtoft on this milestone.



Sis. **MARTHA NAVTOFT** (218) celebrated her 91st birthday on Oct. 23.

Glasbena Matica offers an evening of wine and song

submitted by CECILIA DOLGAN (576)
Glasbena Matica Chorus

CLEVELAND — Opera, Slovenian folk songs, polkas and all that jazz will be part of an evening of "Wine and Song with Glasbena Matica and Guests" Nov. 21 at the Slovenian National Home, East 65th and St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

The wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., the spotlight will be on the Glasbena Matica Slovenian chorus and their guest performers. The chorus will sing many favorite songs praising grapes and wine under the direction of Angie Perrine with piano accompanist Michael Cercek.

Soprano Andrea Anelli, co-founder and director of Opera per Tutti, will be joined by tenor Tim Culver and the Glasbena

singers in an excerpt from "La Traviata." Andrea has had some very favorable stories written about her in Cleveland publications *The Plain Dealer* and *The News-Herald*. She is of Slovenian and Italian descent. Her mother, Virginia Telich, grandparents and uncle owned the former Telich Tavern on Groveswood Ave. This will be her first performance at the Slovenian National Home and she is looking forward to performing at the auditorium.

To add to the tribute of fine wine, the Fantje Na Vasi men's chorus will lend their voices in spirited songs, under the direction of John Srsen.

The wine tasting will be the first course of the evening, and will feature a variety of wines from the Debevc family's Chalet Debonne, with Ed Trebets (604) on hand

to discuss the various wines they produce in Harpersfield, Ohio.

During the wine sampling, a jazz trio, led by saxophonist John Perrine, will entertain. Dessert and more music will follow the concert with accordionist Anthony Culkar (5) and The Culkar Trio. In addition to the wine tasting, a full bar will be available.

Join the Glasbena Matica Chorus in a gala evening of *vino in pesmi* (wine and song). An advance donation of \$20 per person includes a souvenir wine glass, six wine tickets, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment and music for dancing. Admission at the door is \$22, and children 16 and under are free. To reserve a table or to order individual tickets, call Lori at (440) 449-5643.

Petkovsek's Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend readies its 20th year

by TONY PETKOVSEK
Lodge 604

CLEVELAND — This year, America's longest running daily polka and Slovenian radio program marks 48 years on air. In conjunction, the

longest running Thanksgiving holiday polka event will mark 20 years Nov. 26-28 in downtown Cleveland at the Marriott Hotel in Public Square at St. Clair Avenue.

In addition to celebrating

the many years Tony Petkovsek (604) has been broadcasting, The Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame will be staging Awards Show XXII at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., at 2 p.m.

the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. The show was a big success last year at this venue, which provides both liquid refreshments and Slovenian-style food. Groups can pre-order food at (216) 361-5115.

Following the big show, the event will move three miles west to the Marriott for a 6 p.m. polka Mass with Bishop A. Edward Pevec and Minnesota's Father Frank Perkovich in the hotel ballroom.

Plenty of free parking is available underground at the hotel. Over 15 leading bands will perform, including Frank Bucar along with the Singing Slovenes of Minnesota.

The Thursday and Friday events will support Tony Petkovsek's radio program with assistance from the Cleveland Slovenian Radio Club. The two Saturday events will be sponsored by the American Slovenian Polka Foundation.

The attendance of several bus groups is anticipated, including Dan Coppens' two buses from Michigan and

Canada, Dan Andresen from Wisconsin, and Jerry Ponikvar and Kathy Vogt from Canada, as well as the new group from Minnesota.

Full color brochures are available from Kollander Travel by calling 1-800-800-5981. Your \$105 per night tax inclusive room reservations can also be made through Kollander. Admission is \$15 for each event. Tickets are available at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222 St., Euclid, Ohio, or by phoning (216) 261-3263. Plan now for a first class, affordable Cleveland polka experience!

Tony Petkovsek can be heard Monday-Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. on WELW 1330 AM or 247polkaheaven.com. Tune in!

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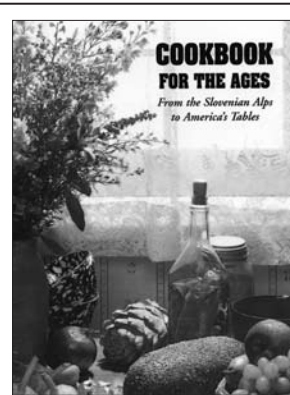
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A TREASURED VISIT

A tale of family & friends in Slovenia

by BILL DEBONE
Lodge 6

SYGAN, Pa. — My first trip to Slovenia this past August presented me with quite a surprise. Longtime friends of mine, Lou and Audrey O'Korn, and I had been planning a trip to Slovenia for quite a few years. Lou and I are lifelong members of Sygan Lodge 6, although we now reside in the Columbus and Cincinnati areas of Ohio. We have wanted to visit the villages where our grandparents lived prior to their immigration to America in the early 1900s. To the best of my knowledge, this would be the first trip to Slovenian by anyone on my mother's side of the family since the 1950s. My mother's maiden name was Pletersek and my grandmother's maiden name was Zurman.

From my research on the Ellis Island web site, e-mail correspondence with the archdioceses of both Ljubljana and Maribor, and paintings of both grandparents' homes, I was reasonably certain that my grandparents came from the villages of Skale and Pesje, near the larger city of Velenje, Slovenia. I also have a commemorative wooden box from Skale with a church painted on the cover.

We booked a seven day tour in Slovenia. I planned on staying a few extra days in the town of Velenje to visit the villages that I researched, but Lou and I rented a car at the beginning of our trip to take an early look at these villages. We also wanted to find a small village called Leskovka, where Lou believed his grandparents once lived.

On the day before our tour began, we left our hotel in Ljubljana and headed out to find Leskovka, Skale and Pesje. Heading toward Skale, we passed a bus stop with Pesje written on it. We asked a young lady working on a highway crew about this town and she directed us up a nearby hill. We set out, not exactly sure what we were looking for. I had digital pictures of the paintings of my grandparents' homes and the church in Skale, although I remembered my mother telling me that at least one of the homes was now under water due to a mine shaft collapse.

While driving through a maze of streets, we stopped and asked a man working outside his home if he spoke English. His name was Jani. He spoke some English, but luckily for us, his 16-year-old daughter Anja was nearby to translate. I noticed the last name "Hrovat" was on their mailbox, an interesting coincidence since my great Aunt Malka ("Amelia") was married to a Horvat in Sygan many years ago.

I showed Jani and his father, Ivan, who also joined in the conversation, the pictures I had of my grandparents' homes and the church. To my amazement, Ivan pointed to the picture of my grandmother's home and said he had been in that house many years ago. He even pointed out where the kitchen and living room had been. Sadly, Ivan confirmed what I had heard; both homes and the church were now underwater due to mine collapses under the villages. The area where they once stood was now a part of three beautiful lakes. By this time there were cell phone calls made around the village. We made a quick trip to see another neighbor who knew somebody with the maiden name of Zurman, my grandmother's maiden name.

Now for the big surprise during my visit to Slovenia. Less than a few hours after leaving our hotel, a lovely lady arrived after receiving a phone call from one of the neighbors. It turns out that she is my third cousin and her name is Ana Oberc. When my grandmother, Francis Zurman, her sister Mary and their brother Josef left the Pesje area for America in the early 1900s, their brother Tony remained. The lady I met, Ana Oberc, is the granddaughter of Tony Zurman. What a small world! I have since found out that she has one brother, Franc, who is a doctor in Germany. I was so pleased to find a Slovenian connection to my family. I never expected this to happen on my trip. I have since e-mailed Anja for more information on Ana Oberc and her family.

The wonderful Hrovat family we met by coincidence invited Lou, Audrey and me, along with Ana, my newly found third cousin, to sit on their back porch and enjoy drinks and a beautifully prepared lunch by Ivan's wife, Mira. Despite the language difference, the conversation was flowing freely thanks to the language talents of Anja, Jani and Danica Horvat's daughter. Prior to leaving that day, I was invited back to the Hrovat home for dinner the following Saturday.

Lou, Audrey and I proceeded to try and find the village of Leskovka. It was amazing how many people we asked that genuinely tried to help us. At one point, Lou walked up into a farm field to speak with a family working on a sweltering day. They stopped their work and made cell phone calls to try and find some help for Lou. After more stops and more directions we found Leskovka, but unfortunately it was not the one we needed to find Lou's family roots. Time did not permit us to continue the search on this trip.

When I returned to the Velenje area the following Saturday to visit the Hrovats, there was more enlightening discussion about where my grandparents came from in the villages of Skale and Pesje. We were also joined by more family for dinner. Jani's sister-law, Darja, and her



[From left] LOU (6) and AUDREY O'KORN, and BILL DEBONE (6) spent 13 days searching for their family roots in Slovenia.

family also joined us. Darja speaks English quite well, so this added a lot to the conversation. Their mother, Mira Hrovat, served a wonderful dinner with a main dish of goulash that tasted exactly as what I fondly remember my mother preparing at home.

Following dinner, two car loads of the Hrovats and I drove to the area where my grandparents' homes and the church I had in the painting once stood. Beyond the land mass are three beautiful lakes. I honestly think my grandparents would be pleased at the beauty of the area and the new church that now is in close proximity. I felt peacefully calm and a sense of belonging here.

My challenge now is to figure out if I am related to the Hrovat family through marriage. Perhaps I am, since my grandfather, Johan Pletersek's, sister Amelia (Aunt Malka) was married to Josef Horvat. The spelling is a little different, but I learned in my research that the spelling of names was changed more often than not when one came to America. I've been back on the Ellis Island web site but still must learn more about the American Horvat family in Slovenia prior to their departure. Either way, my Hrovat family in Slovenia could not have treated me and my friends any better had we been blood relatives. They are truly a remarkable family. I shall remember their kindness always. How blessed I feel.

Our tour of Slovenia was a great experience. Our personal tour guide, Andrej Bandelj (vandrej.zmano@gmail.com) was amazing. With his geographical and historical knowledge of Slovenia, I would recommend him to anyone wanting a "real" look at Slovenia.

Our tour had just four people in it: Lou and Audrey O'Korn, Julie Nagode (786) from Los Angeles and me. Following our trip, Julie e-mailed us a poem she wrote about her experience in Slovenia. She asked me to include it in my article when I told her I was writing to PROSVETA. Here is her poem:

*A tour,
Traveling in a foreign land,
With tote bag and purse in hand.
Appreciation for each day,
Was more that you could ever say.
V(Andrej) was our guide and friend.
A truly humble guy,
Whose love for his country
would really make you cry.
The beauty of each passing day,
The roads... The views...
The food... The stories...
The people... The love... The wine...
All... would make you feel just fine!
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the feelings which dwell inside,
About a country with true beauty,
And each person's sincerest
feelings of duty.
Bought a tee which says it all...
"I'm In LOVE...
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Hopefully I will get an opportunity to return someday. If I don't, I have a lifetime of great memories. In my entire 13 days in Slovenia, there wasn't one person that I met that I would not invite into my home. Maybe that is all I need to say!



EMIL KOTAR, RAY MIKLAVCIC, ELMER SPELICH, CONNIE KOTAR, MARY RUDZINSKI and ROSE PREY took in the sights – and tastes – of the 40th annual Burgoo Festival in Utica, Ill.

Lodge 2 members warm up to annual Burgoo Festival

by DELORES SPELICH
Lodge 2 Secretary

LASALLE, Ill. — Burgoo, anyone? Burgoo is a pioneer-like stew cooked all night with "secret" ingredients and seasonings. Originally, recipes consisted of wild game, veggies and local herbs. It was a chilly autumn day for Utica's 40th annual Burgoo Festival, so the stew really hit the spot. Visitors were offered prairie crafts, and a market replicated the pioneer gatherings of long ago. A blacksmith and women spinning cloth demonstrated their arts, along with dancers and musicians along the streets.

Farther down Main St., in Utica's historical museum, is the carriage that transported Lincoln to the first Lincoln-Douglas debates in Ottawa, Ill., on Aug. 2, 1858. The final debate for the U.S. senator was in Alton, Ill., Oct. 15, 1858.

We were saddened to hear that Joe Brinocar, the longtime secretary of the former Lodge 567, passed away. He would have been 103 in October. We were also notified of the passing of Louise Fox and Eugene Kozuk. I often read the obituaries wherever we travel, and I was surprised to read about Bill Demshar in the Milwaukee paper. We often saw him at picnics. Our sincere condolences to all the families.

Locally, Ismet Purelku, who owns the restaurant where we hold our Lodge luncheons, lost his dad in Macedonia. Fortunately, Ismet visited with his family for two months during the summer.

As I started this article, I ran across Margaret Becker's birthday in October. An hour later I was surprised to see her obituary in our local paper. Her Pohar family had a farm near Ottawa and several of our SNPJ families held picnics there every summer. In the fall, we'd pick mushrooms in their pasture and squash hulls of black walnuts. We'd go to school with our hands stained brown for a week even though we wore cotton gloves as we gathered

the nuts.

Margaret and Vida Kernz worked as secretaries in Washington, DC, during the war. Marge lent me a blue flowered dirndl jumper for my national dancing class during sophomore year. Because there were many Polish in La Salle and many Germans in Peru, I was lucky to find a Slovenian outfit. Marge's family were all SNPJ members, and the Pohars were good singers around the bar at Dom events.

On a brighter note, my husband and I had a wonderful weekend in Milwaukee celebrating Diane and Don Kamin's 50th wedding anniversary. The Kamins attended a lot of local SNPJ picnics as well as events at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Each February they fly in from Arizona for the three-day dance in Naperville, Ill. For their anniversary celebration, they welcomed 100 out of town guests at their lovely home. George Stadihur and his group played. On Sunday his group played again, and after dinner Hank Thunander and his foursome played until 9 p.m. About 250 folks from 15 states attended, so we enjoyed visiting with so many we hadn't seen for awhile.

We want to wish a great big happy birthday wish to our "golden girl," Barbara Sitar of Oglesby, who will turn 107 Nov. 23. Barbara recently fell and spent some time in rehab, but nothing was broken and she's anxious to return home. Upon visiting her, she again told me that she still has a mop and brush she bought from my dad when he sold fuller brushes. My dad passed away in 1951, so you see how sharp Barbara is! Good luck to you, Barbara. SNPJ is so proud to have you as a member! What an extraordinary lady she is.

Other November birthdays are Felix and Marion Borisek, Gene and Joe Jakse, Steve Nemeth, Stan and Mike Mirtich, Marge Bartov, Don Spayer, and Rudy Kovacevic. We hope to see you at our meeting Monday, Nov. 9, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Dickinson house.

Lodge 643 members set the agenda for adult and youth holiday parties

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no charge for the Circle 7 party. Your check will be your reservation for the adult gathering and should be sent to Tony Kren, 1550 Oak St., Girard, no later than Nov. 30.

Remember your Emmanuel Center donations for Make a Difference

Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The center is located at the corner of Liberty and State in Girard. If you need assistance in the delivery of your donation, contact Tony Kren at (330) 545-4981.

Our next Lodge meeting is planned Nov. 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

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BILL DEBONE
[second from left] was thankful for the hospitality and knowledge of the Hrovat family during his trip.



SNPJ fraternal sympathies

BRO. LUDVIK GERMOVSEK • LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa.—The Germovsek family and members of Lodge 138 sadly report the Oct. 6, 2009, passing of Bro. Ludvik "Jock" Germovsek in Cleveland.

Born Oct. 14, 1924, in Strabane, Bro. Germovsek resided in Euclid, Ohio, since 1955. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of the VFW, SNPJ Lodge 138 and KSKJ Lodge 153. He retired from Eaton Axle in 1983 after 30 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Hilda Germovsek; his loving children, Donna (Harley) Rudersdorf, Dennis (Cathy) Germovsek and Larry (Kathi) Germovsek; grandchildren Kim (Ted) Crow, Shannon (Chris) Ulery, Dawn (Mark) Thornton, Bryan (Leslie) Rudersdorf, Tracy, Larry Jr. and Patrick Germovsek; great-grandchildren Owen, Brady, Evie and Noelle; brother-in-law Fred Schurr; sisters-in-law Roberta Tomsic, Kathy Schurr, Marge Germovsek and Millie Schurr; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Bro. Germovsek was preceded in death by his parents, John and Josephine; brothers John, Louis and Joseph; and a sister, Josephine Cargnoni.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to the family, relatives and friends of Bro. Germovsek on their loss.

Sis. HELEN FORTUN • LODGE 665 •

PITTSBURGH—The Fortun family and members of Lodge 665 sadly report the Oct. 7, 2009, passing of Sis. Helen (Miklavic) Fortun, 90, of Troy Hill, Pa.

Helen was born and raised on Spring Hill, then married her beloved late husband, Anthony F. Fortun of Troy Hill, where they resided and raised their family.

Sis. Fortun was the loving mother of Karen (Anthony) Baumgartner, Daniel J. (Joanne) Fortun and Laura (Anthony) Schubert. She is also

survived by 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a brother, Albert Miklavic. She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Oct. 12 in Most Holy Name Church, Troy Hill.

On behalf of the members Lodge 665 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Sis. Fortun's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. OTIS V. ZAVERTNIK • LODGE 800 •

IMPERIAL, Pa.—The Zavertnik family sadly announces the Oct. 12, 2009, passing of Bro. Otis Vernon Zavertnik, 79, of Chester, Va.

Otis was born in Harrington Park, N.J., to the late Joseph and Pauline Zettek Zavertnik. He was a graduate of Duke University and served in the United States Marine Corps as a naval aviator. He retired from Allied Signal as a superintendent of quality control after approximately 34 years of service.

Bro. Zavertnik had been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Chester since 1974, where he served on the vestry. He was also a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America, a national swimming official and a volunteer in the children's unit at Massey Cancer Center.

Otis is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Betty Trentman Zavertnik; children William O. (Bobbie Jo Violet) Zavertnik, Richard O. (Jean Ellen) Zavertnik, Phillip O. (Debra) Zavertnik, Timothy O. (Mary Zajac) Zavertnik, Jean Marie (Bret) Holden and Pauline Anne (Neal Young) Zavertnik; grandchildren Brad, Leigh Anne, South Alison, Morgan, Mary Anne, Trent, Andrew, Piper, Chase, Sarah, Nathan and Berit; great-grandchild Nathan Young Jr.; brother Dr. Joseph J. (Helen) Zavertnik; and sister LaVerne Z. (John) Waterstreet.

A celebration of his life was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Chester, Oct. 15. Interment will take place at the yard at St. Michael and All Angels

Episcopal Church, Columbia, S.C., Nov. 7.

On behalf of the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Zavertnik's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Sis. MARGARET P. BECKER • LODGE 2 •

LA SALLE, Ill.—The Becker family and members of Lodge 2 sadly announce the Oct. 11,

2009, passing of Sis. Margaret P. Becker, 86, of Chicago, formerly of Rockford and Ladd, Ill.

Sis. Becker was born Oct. 26, 1922, in Forme, Slovenia, to John and Josephine (Satina) Pohar. She married James L. Higgins Aug. 30, 1943, in St. Benedict Church. He died in 1958. She married Bill Becker in 1972; he died in 1986.

Sis. Becker was an English teacher at Auburn High School

in Rockford, Ill., until retiring. She was a member of St. James Church in Rockford and was active in the church choir.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Stewart of Tacoma, Wash., and Mary (Sidney) Brow of Chicago; a son, James (Sara) Higgins of Alexandria, Va.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Lee Pohar of Rockford and John Pohar of Peru, Ill. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husbands and one sister.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Oct. 16 in Holy Trinity Church, Cherry, Ill. The Rev. Joe Ekpo, a close friend of the family, officiated. Burial followed at Ladd Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Becker's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held June 10, 2009, at the Home Office, Imperial, Pa.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Bro. Evanish for absent Chairman Cvetas, with Brothers Anderson, Clifford and Lawrence in attendance.

A motion was made by Bro. Anderson, second by Bro. Clifford, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2009, meeting. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Bro. Clifford, second by Bro. Anderson, to approve the secretary's (National Treasurer's) report of bond purchases and disposals for the first quarter 2009. Motion approved.

The committee held a phone conference on May 12, 2009, with Asset Allocation and Management, LLC, between meetings to discuss the market and any updates on issues in the portfolio.

Reaffirmed prior approval, via phone conference, to tender Rabobank and Weingarten

Realty holdings and sale of a portion of Capital One holding per recommendation of AAM.

Reviewed the portfolio and transactions for the period.

Joined by phone conference at 9:20 a.m. with AAM representatives Marco Bravo, Reed Nuttall and Mike Kelch.

Discussion and questions on economic commentary by Marco.

The committee reviewed in detail all residential and commercial mortgage-backed holdings actual performance versus expected performance at the time of purchase. Reviewed the security credit watch list, investment guideline compliance report, portfolio risk analysis report and expected cash flow schedule.

Discussed prior period transactions and portfolio holdings.

The committee thanked the AAM representa-

tives for the presentation and ended the phone conference at 10:50 a.m.

Bro. Cvetas joins the committee via phone conference.

Discussion on the Detroit Northern Home and possible leasing options. Motion by Bro. Evanish, second by Bro. Clifford, to recommend that the Northern Home pursue a lease option and if lessor is approved, the committee will move forward with considerations and conditions on advice of our legal counsel.

Discussion on an offer for the Northern Home.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. by Bro. Lawrence, second by Bro. Clifford. Motion approved.

JOSEPH P. CVETAS Chairman
ROBERT J. LAWRENCE Secretary

Report of the Secretary for the period Jan. 1 through March 31, 2009

Purchases:

Trade Date	Security Description	Coupon Rate	Par Value	Cost	Maturity Date
1/7/2009	Nabors Industries Inc.	9.250	250,000	249,995	1/15/2019
2/4/2009	Novartis Secs Invest LTD	5.125	150,000	149,733	2/10/2019
2/10/2009	LBUBS 2001-C3 A2	6.365	300,000	299,297	12/15/2028
2/18/2009	Canadian National Railway	5.550	200,000	197,762	3/1/2019
2/26/2009	Abbott Laboratories	5.125	260,000	258,874	4/1/2019
2/27/2009	Abbott Laboratories	5.125	200,000	199,490	4/1/2019
3/2/2009	FPL Group Capital Inc.	6.000	300,000	299,871	3/1/2019
3/10/2009	FNMA Pool 986216	4.500	497,633	509,063	7/1/2023
3/12/2009	Sysco Corporation	5.375	200,000	198,642	3/17/2019
3/17/2009	Pfizer Inc.	6.200	500,000	499,495	3/15/2019
3/18/2009	Connecticut St	5.460	370,000	370,000	3/1/2019
3/30/2009	BACM 2002-2 A3	5.118	705,000	689,138	7/11/2043

Sales or Full Calls:

Disposal Date	Security Description	Coupon Rate	Par Value	Consideration	Gain/Loss	Maturity Date
1/15/2009	JP Morgan Chase	6.500	250,000	250,000	0	1/15/2009
2/23/2009	British Sky Broadcasting Group	6.875	500,000	500,000	0	2/23/2009
3/1/2009	Banque Paribas-NY	6.875	545,000	545,000	0	3/1/2009
3/1/2009	Israel Electric MTN	7.750	600,000	600,000	0	3/1/2009
3/17/2009	Firstbank PR	5.500	100,000	100,000	0	3/17/2023
3/21/2009	Dairy Farmers Amer Inc	4.320	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	3/21/2009

ROBERT J. LAWRENCE
Secretary, Finance Committee

2009 SNPJ Family Twosome Bowling Tournament
Bowl anytime during the month of November
Submit all entries to SNPJ Fraternal Director,
247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126
ENTRY DEADLINE is Dec. 11, 2009

TEAM 1: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2009

Divisions	Entry Class
<input type="checkbox"/> MAJORS (ages 15-18)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-SON
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIORS (ages 12-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-DAUGHTER
<input type="checkbox"/> PREPS (ages 9-11)	<input type="checkbox"/> FATHER-SON
<input type="checkbox"/> BANTAMS (age 8 and under)	<input type="checkbox"/> FATHER-DAUGHTER
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Youth Bowler's Lodge No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> GR'MOTHER-GR'DAUGHTER
	<input type="checkbox"/> GR'FATHER-GR'SON
	<input type="checkbox"/> GR'FATHER-GR'DAUGHTER

REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 1

	Avg.	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series Total
Adult					
Youth					

TEAM 2: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2009

Divisions	Entry Class
<input type="checkbox"/> MAJORS (ages 15-18)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-SON
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIORS (ages 12-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-DAUGHTER
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REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 2

	Avg.	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series Total
Adult					
Youth					

TEAM 3: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2009

Divisions	Entry Class
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<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIORS (ages 12-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-DAUGHTER
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REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 3

	Avg.	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series Total
Adult					
Youth					

2009 SNPJ Las Vegas Invitational Bowling Tournament Results

Tournament held Oct. 5-6 at the Gold Coast Casino & Bowling Center

Men's Doubles Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*J. Wucinski/S. Sanicola	584	1,119	\$90
**N. Bernhardt/S. Reisner	786/626	1,295	\$90
W. Robideau/E. Guy Johnson	786	1,244	\$38

Men's Singles Event

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Jerry Wucinski	584	660	\$50
**Steve Reisner	626	683	\$50
Wes Robideau	786	660	\$40
E. Guy Johnson	786	652	\$31
Joe Steimla	559	632	\$26
Arnold Koci	786	630	\$20

Men's Team Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Badger 584 Studs	584	2,185	\$108
**Mixed Up	6/626/786	2,402	\$108

Men's All Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Jerry Wucinski	584	1,787	\$37
**Steve Reisner	626	2,039	\$37

Women's Doubles Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*R. Wright/C. Placek	6	851	\$68
**J. Reisner/J. Koci	626/786	1,135	\$68

Women's Singles Event

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Jean Koci	786	477	\$43
**Cindy Placek	6	639	\$43
Ruth Wright	6	623	\$30
Christin Nelson	559	611	\$20

Women's Team Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*4 Queens	6/559	1,557	\$54
**Orange Blossoms	786/723	2,282	\$54

Women's All Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Cindy Placek	6	1,353	\$17
**Ruth Wright	6	1,861	\$17

*Indicates Actual Champion
**Indicates Handicap Champion

Have a ball this fall at the annual Zarja concert

by KATHERINE MATAS
Lodge 614

CLEVELAND — As the temperatures begin to drop, the days grow shorter and the news continues to throw stories out about one crisis after another, it's easy to lose focus on the things that make us smile. Soon, snow will need shoveled and roads will be too icy to go out and meet a friend. Barbecues and pool parties are foreign concepts, and "summer fun in the sun" sounds like a line from a history book. It almost seems unfair to the other seasons that summer is associated with everything good, while fall and winter are just left to clean up the mess from the party.

So why can't fall be a ball? And who says snow and ice can't be

friendly and nice? Why not join the Zarja Singing Society this fall and celebrate happiness? Spend an evening with Zarja members as they serenade you with upbeat tunes that will put a tap in your feet and warmth in your heart.

Zarja's fall concert, "Veselo! Happy!," is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave. The doors will open at 2 p.m. and the program will begin at 3 p.m. Dancing to the Ray Polantz Orchestra will follow at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more information phone Vicky at (216) 531-5542 or Barbara at (440) 357-2540. Tickets are also available at the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame, (216) 261-3263.

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