

Cleveland-area delegates plan convention meeting

CLEVELAND — Cleveland-area SNPJ National Convention delegates and alternates are invited to attend a meeting Wednesday, July 28, to discuss topics for the upcoming convention. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., following the regular Cleveland Federation meeting at 7 p.m., at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland. For information contact Cleveland Federation President Joe Valencic at (216) 481-1439 or e-mail javalencic@yahoo.com.

JOE VALENCIC (5)
Federation President

Westmoreland Fed plans quarterly meeting July 30

EVANSTOWN, Pa. — The Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges will hold a quarterly meeting Friday, July 30, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Evanstown Picnic Grove. All delegates are urged to attend.

MARY ANN BEBAR (41)
Federation President

Join Region 3 for a final "Phantom" performance

IMPERIAL, Pa. — "The Phantom of the Opera" is coming to Pittsburgh, and it may be your last chance to experience this magnificent performance. You do not want to miss the spectacular showing Sunday, Sept. 12, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Benedum Center in downtown Pittsburgh. Tickets are \$51.65 each and can be purchased through the SNPJ Fraternal Department. You may contact me at (724) 375-0983 or e-mail lnkout@comcast.net for more information. I hope to see you Sept. 12.

NANCY KOUTOULAKIS (721)
Region 3 Vice President

Utopians second annual pig and lamb roast slated

CLEVELAND — Utopians Lodge 604 will be hosting its second annual lamb and pig roast Sunday, Aug. 15, at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. Roast beef and sausage dinners will be served at 2 p.m., with lamb and pig served at 3; pre-orders are requested. Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band will perform at 3:30 p.m. For more information or to pre-order, phone Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611.

GERRI TREBETS
Lodge 604 Secretary

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Aug. 11 and Aug. 25. All material must be received by Monday, Aug. 2, for the Aug. 11 issue, and by Friday, Aug. 13, for the Aug. 25 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.



• **Emily A. Craddock**
Born June 9, 2008
St. Mary's, Pa., Lodge 581

The members of Lodge 581 welcome their newest addition, Emily A. Craddock. Emily is the daughter of John and Patricia Craddock, sister of John (581) and Michael (581) Craddock, and granddaughter of Theresa (Mirko) Zaunick (391). We welcome Emily to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend best wishes to her entire family.

Crowning achievement

Slovenefest XXIX opens the reign of the Society's newest Miss SNPJ

by KEVIN RICHARDS
SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Greetings from the SNPJ Fraternal Department. I hope everybody had a great time this year at Slovenefest XXIX and

during the 54th Miss SNPJ Pageant.

On Thursday afternoon, six beautiful young ladies, accompanied by Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak (53), arrived at the hotel for the start of the 54th Miss SNPJ Pageant weekend. The girls represented Lodges from across the country. We completed a rehearsal that evening in the Alpine Room, setting the wheels in motion for a full weekend of pageantry.

Friday's activity started early, with the talent competition beginning at noon in the Alpine Room. The audience was treated to a delightful display of talent, beauty and showmanship. It was an event that you surely didn't want to

miss.

On Saturday evening, the Miss SNPJ Pageant contestants and committee members were treated to a special meet-and-greet session with members of the SNPJ National Board. We also introduced all of our pageant contestants on each of the four Slovenefest stages.

The program on Sunday, featuring the introduction of our Miss SNPJ contestants and Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak, began at noon in the Alpine Room. Sis. Jan Lawrence (158) opened

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[Above] Miss SNPJ 2011 **SELINA PROGAR** (138) receives her tiara from Miss SNPJ 2010 **KARA MARUSZAK** (53).

[Below] The 2011 Miss SNPJ Pageant Court: (left to right) Miss Fraternalism, Miss Talent and Miss SNPJ 2011 **SELINA PROGAR**, co-Miss SNPJ Activity **ASHLEY RUSS** (158) and co-Miss SNPJ Activity **SAMANTHA VOLPE** (158).



PERIODICAL MATERIAL

Get a healthy dose of culture at the SNPJ Heritage Center

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)
SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — Slovenefest XXIX is now history. The weekend was packed with music, dancing, good food, and catching up with old friends and making new ones. The SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center was busy with visitors who enjoyed the new displays and new items that are for sale.

Our T-shirt design contest was a success, drawing 22 entries between the youth and adult divisions. Visitors to the Heritage Center were able to vote for their favorite T-shirt design during Slovenefest weekend. Congratulations to the winners — Cindy Bober, Lodge 138, in the Adult Division; and Alyssa Urban, Lodge 218, in the Youth Division. Finalists in the Adult Division included Joyce Bevc and Karen Urban, (218); and in the Youth Division, Justin Rigler (449) and Jack Evanish (138).

The winning designs will be made into T-shirts that will be available for purchase. Many thanks to Joan Gaspetic for chairing this popular and successful project.

Want to take button box lessons? The SNPJ Heritage Center is hosting Kathy Hlad (158), an accomplished button box player and instructor.

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Lodge 225 extends honors

by JOHNNIE ZIBERT
Lodge 225 President

GIRARD, Kan. — The summer season began with a flurry in southeast Kansas as Lodge 225 held its annual picnic June 13. This was also a special event in that we honored our retiring Lodge secretary, Sis. Ann Hutchcraft. Ann has been secretary of Lodge 225 for more than 30 years, and she has served our Lodge and the Society well. We will miss Ann's involvement very much, but she's continuing to attend Lodge meetings and provide advice.

I opened the picnic by welcoming members and guests, then presented Annie with a plaque from Lodge 225. My wife pinned a red chrysanthemum flower on her lapel and we all shed a few tears. Much can be said about Annie; she's a true SNPJer. Our new secretary is Sis. Linda Scales. We wish Linda much success in the future years.

The meat for our picnic was catered by Schroeder's Custom Butchering of Arma, and many of our guests brought

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Lodge 225 President and Region 7 Vice President **JOHNNIE ZIBERT** presented former Lodge Secretary **ANN HUTCHCRAFT** with a plaque to commemorate her 30-plus years of service to Lodge 225.

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SNPJ fraternal activity coming to a region near you

by KEVIN RICHARDS
SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Region 2 Vice President Jim Curl (6) will once again play host for SNPJ Night at the Washington Wild Things Friday, July 30, as the Wild Things take on the Lake Erie Crushers at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets for this game are only \$7 each and can be purchased directly from the Washington Wild Things ticket office at (724) 250-7953. Be sure to mention SNPJ for our group rate. SNPJ, along with Bro. Curl, will host a tailgate party in the parking

lot prior to the game for all of our members.

Join SNPJ members in the Detroit area for SNPJ Night at the Detroit Tigers Saturday, Aug. 21. Region 5 Vice President Tracey Anderson (677) will serve as hostess for this event. Tickets are only \$20 each and can be purchased by contacting District 5 Athletic Director Ken Anderson (677) at (248) 808-2185. We look forward to seeing everybody at Comerica Park Aug. 21.

Region 3 Vice President Nancy Koutoulakis (721) will be hosting an event in downtown Pittsburgh that will witness the end of an era. Join Nancy

and other SNPJ members on the final tour of "The Phantom of the Opera" for a matinee performance at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. That's right, folks, this will be the last season this production will perform in Pittsburgh. Tickets for this show are \$51.65 and can be purchased through the SNPJ Fraternal Department. Simply send a check, made payable to "SNPJ," in the total amount for the number of tickets purchased.

The Fraternal Department will be looking into hosting events in other SNPJ regions. I'll keep you posted as these develop.

Mirni Raj Lodge 142 ready to celebrate the century mark

by LILLIAN PUGEL
Lodge 142

CLEVELAND — This year is a special year for Mirni Raj Lodge 142 as we mark our 100th anniversary! Here is the brief history of our Lodge as written by the late Louis Kaferle:

"On Aug. 21, 1910, Lodge 142 was organized with 26 people in attendance. The official name 'Mir' was chosen on a motion by Mr. Martin Pogorelec.

"On Dec. 3, 1916, Vipaski Raj Lodge 312 was formed and held their first meeting. In 1974, Vipaski Raj merged with Mir and the name Mirni Raj was adopted."

Lodge 142 has been well represented in SNPJ. The late John Grosel, Louis Kaferle and Jennie Zaman all had the honor of serving on the National Board. We're also the proud Lodge of three Miss SNPJs: Miss SNPJ 1971 Carol Bokal, Miss SNPJ 1982 the late Karen (Kovach) Russ and Miss SNPJ 1995 Jennifer Skrajner.

Our current Lodge officers are President Ed Harbie, Vice President Henry Pugel, Financial Secretary Dolores Dobida, Treasurer Sophia Matuch and Recording Secretary Lillian Pugel. Lodge 142 auditors are Louise Trunkley, Dorothy Kravos and Irene Kompare. We're still active, and continue to hold our meetings at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, the

same location since 1919.

We want to congratulate the following members for their many years of membership in the Society: 50-year members Nada Allender, Carol Kompare, Victoria Kurimski, Cheryl Lekan, Sally Primc, Marlene Sondergard and Ronald Strancar; 60-year members Richard Debalto, Albert Poyhe and Ervin Prileson; 70-year members Justina Erickson, Bertha Ferrante, John Kapel, Mary Ross, John Spilar, Anthony Strazishar and Albert Volk; and 80-year member Jennie Ivec.

We hope that many of those celebrating membership anniversaries, as well as all other members, will come out to the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 29, to celebrate our 100 years of existence. Beginning at 2 p.m. we will be serving roast pork, roast beef and sausage dinners with all the trimmings, and a special treat of apple strudel for dessert, for just \$8. (This does not include admission.) There will also be sandwiches, krofe and liquid refreshments available.

The Jeff Pecon Orchestra will provide music from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Their polkas and waltzes will take you back to the Johnny Pecon-era of music.

Mark your calendar for Aug. 29. We hope to see you at the SNPJ Farm for our 100th anniversary!

Washington Lodges share Fourth of July festivities

by MICKEY BREZNIKAR
Lodge 11 Recording Secretary

AUBURN, Wash. — Members and friends of Greater Northwest Lodge 11, Auburn, celebrated Fourth of July at the home of Vicki Munoz in Auburn. We had a short meeting then visited with members of Lodge 11 as well as members of Enumclaw,

Wash., Lodge 738. Gary Gorsha played several Slovenian polkas on his accordion for our enjoyment.

The members of Lodge 11 would like to congratulate Pioneer Queen Katie Kladnik, a member of Cle Elum, Wash., Lodge 371.

Here's hoping the weather improves so we can enjoy summer!

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- JULY 31-AUG. 6 Detroit Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information phone the Rec Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 1 SNPJ Farm Board picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; dinner served at 2 p.m., music by Wayne Tomsic 3:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information phone Joe Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- AUG. 1 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 Slovenian Luau in the Crystal Ballroom from 2-6 p.m. Music by Silver Sky. For more information or to purchase tickets, phone Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- AUG. 6-8 SNPJ TEL Workshop at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.
- AUG. 8 Golden Eagles Lodge 643 polka dance at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.; 3-7 p.m. Music by the Tony Klepec Orchestra. For more information phone Tony Kren at (330) 545-4981.
- AUG. 8 Polka Revue Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by Bob Kravos and Dick Tady. For details contact Cindy Placek at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 8 Utah Slovenian Day Picnic sponsored by SNPJ Lodges 113, 689 and 757 at Price City Washington Park Pavilion; noon to 5 p.m. For details contact Gene Lessar at (435) 637-6925.
- AUG. 15 Utopians Lodge 604 second annual lamb and pig roast at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Roast beef and sausage dinners at 2 p.m., lamb and pig at 3 p.m. Music by Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band. For more details or to pre-order phone Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611.
- AUG. 21 Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts the Eddie Rodick Orchestra from 4-8 p.m.
- AUG. 22 Westmoreland County Federation Membership Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by Del Sinchak and Joe Grkman. For information phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 29 Cleveland Lodge 142 annual picnic and 100th anniversary dinner dance at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinner served at 2 p.m., dancing to Jeff Pecon at 3:30 p.m. For additional information phone Dolores Dobida at (440) 943-5559.
- AUG. 29 Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by Mikey Dee and the Polka Quads. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 5 SNPJ Farm Board picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; dinner served at 2 p.m., music by Dan Peters 3:30-7:30 p.m. For details phone Joe Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 12 Westmoreland County Federation Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by Jim Rhoads and Larry Placek. For information contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 18 Remezo/Kumer Golf Tournament hosted by Universal Comets Lodge 715 at Mill Creek Golf Course, Boardman, Ohio. For details phone Marty Kumer at (412) 856-8791.
- SEPT. 19 Friends of the Farm picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; dinner service beginning at 2 p.m. with music by Don Wojtila 3:30-7:30 p.m. For information contact Joe Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 19 Annual Grape Festival at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; noon-7 p.m. Music featuring Frank Stanger, Silver Sky and the Herminie Button Box Club. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 26 Grape Festival and parade at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; dinner service beginning at 2 p.m. with music by Joey Tomsick 3:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information contact Joe Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 26 Vlatka Zgonc's Slavic Folk Festival at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; noon-7 p.m. Over 200 entertainers. For details phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- OCT. 16 Universal Comets Lodge 715 annual luncheon banquet at Palmieri's Restaurant, Plum Boro, Pa.; 1-5 p.m. For more details contact Ann Evanish at (724) 693-8739.
- OCT. 24 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; breakfast served 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For information contact Joe Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- OCT. 31 Samsula, Fla., Lodge 603 Halloween party at the Lodge 603 hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. For additional information contact Sheryl Lauck at (386) 846-4479.
- NOV. 4 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 visit with nursing home members following the regular monthly meeting.
- DEC. 4 Chicago District Federation annual childrens' Christmas party at the Slovene Center, Lemont, Ill.; 1 p.m. For details contact Marianne Murray at (773) 582-2632.
- DEC. 13 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 luncheon at 4 Star Restaurant, Hwy 80, Peru, Ill.; 11:30 a.m. For details contact Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.

Slovenefest XXIX Prizes Marketing Booth drawing winners

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Portable Cooler	David Bradwell, Lawrence, Pa.
\$50 Gas Gift Card	Pat Nevar, Euclid, Ohio

(Winning Guess: 3,158; Actual Total: 3,167)

Get in step with Comrades Lodge 566 at the SNPJ Farm

by DOUG ELERSICH
Lodge 566 President

EUCLID, Ohio — Save Sunday, Aug. 8, for the annual Comrades Lodge 566 picnic at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio.

Dinner will start at 2 p.m. Traditional roast beef and klobase dinners will be served with wonderful home fried potatoes, vegetables and salad. And don't forget that delicious, delectable krofe. Come early to make sure you get what you like!

No one can be sad when listening

to polka music, including you. So get out your dancing shoes and bring them along, because the Don Wojtila Orchestra will provide dance music from 3:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Admission with four hours of music is \$6, and our home-cooked Slovenian dinners will be available for \$8. Where can you go for more fun at these prices? Nowhere!

Join us Aug. 8 at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland. For more details call Rose Mary Toth at (440) 358-9141 or Doug Elersich at (440) 257-2540.

Summer balina league continues in West Allis

by CHARLES KASSECKERT
Lodge 686 Secretary

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — Summer-time greetings to all members of Lodge 686. I'm happy to share that Eric Demshar was our delegate to the recent SNPJ Young Adult Conference. I heard he enjoyed his time at the conference. I remember my time at Young Adult Conferences in the late 1990s. It was always nice to catch up with other delegates from one year to the next.

As a reminder, balina will be played Monday nights all summer long at Veteran's Park, 70th and National Ave., West Allis.

The next Jolly Allis Lodge 686 meeting will be held Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Bevssek-Verbick Funeral Home. All members of Lodge 686 are encouraged and welcome to attend. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (414) 543-4429 or by e-mailing chuckkwi@gmail.com.

Have something for Up-and-Coming?

Lodge/Organization _____

Type of Event _____

Site _____

If a concert or dance, who is performing? _____

Date _____

Time _____

Who to contact _____

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DENISE HERRON
SNPJ Marketing Department

Two, maybe 10

Recently I heard a story about a man who was well-known in his hometown for roaming the streets and greeting everyone he saw. If he received a pleasant greeting in return, he would, without fail, ask that person for a loan. In the same upbeat manner as his greeting, he'd ask, "Hey, could you loan me two dollars?" As soon as an accommodating fellow began to pull money from his pocket, he'd quickly add, "Or maybe 10!" The mantra around town soon became "Two, maybe 10!"

Now this was an optimistic guy. When he'd find a willing lender, he'd ask for more. After all, 10 dollars can go a lot further than two dollars. Which would you rather have given to you: two dollars or 10?

Life insurance allows the buyer to also be optimistic. Few people have the funds to confidently say that if they were taken out of the picture right now, their family would be able to carry on. In fact, most of us have just a fraction saved of what is needed for our family to continue paying the bills without our salary.

As it turns out, when you purchase life insurance you only need a fraction of the total amount you want. That's the beauty of life insurance. Give us a little, and we'll give you a lot in return. In fact, if you're a female, age 38, and you give us \$2,000, we'll give you \$10,000 of insurance protection for the remainder of your life. Two turns into 10 overnight when that 38-year-old woman purchases a Single Premium Whole Life policy. It's a lot like our optimistic pal around town watching a friend pull money from his pocket and thinking "Two? I'd rather have 10!"

Contact your local SNPJ agent, your Lodge secretary or the SNPJ Marketing Department at 1-800-843-7675 to find out how you can get a lot for just a little.

• **Thought for the Week** — The quality of our expectations determines the quality of our action.

Andre Godin



The SNPJ Farm 2010 Dance Schedule

SNPJ Farm, 10946 Heath Road, Kirtland, Ohio
off Chardon Road (Route 6), three miles east of Route 306
For information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191

Aug. 1	SNPJ Farm Board Picnic Frank Moravcik Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 8	Comrades Lodge 566 Picnic Don Wojtila Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 15	Utopians Lodge 604 Picnic Bob Kravos Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 16	SNPJ Convention Dinner Dance Don Wojtila Band with Christine Hibbs	6 to 10
Aug. 22	CAL Picnic Don Wojtila Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 25	Cleveland Pensioners Picnic Wayne Tomsic Orchestra	2:30 to 5:30
Aug. 29	Mirni Raj Lodge 142 Picnic Jeff Pecon Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 5	SNPJ Farm Board Picnic Dan Peters	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 6	End of Summer Dance Wayne Tomsic and Frank Stanger orchs.	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 12	Ladies Auxiliary Picnic Joey Tomsick Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 15	Slovenian Sausage Festival TBA	1 to 8

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 \$6. Rent the SNPJ Farm for picnics, anniversaries or other special functions! For more information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191.

NATO has plans for Slovenian embassy

LJUBLJANA (STA) — According to information published on the Slovenian Foreign Ministry web site, the Slovenian Embassy in Podgorica, Montenegro, will be designated a NATO contact point embassy in Montenegro in 2011 and 2012.

In every NATO partner country, an embassy of one of the NATO member-states serves as a contact point and coordinates links between NATO and the host state while providing logistical assistance during NATO visits. NATO maintains contact point embassies in countries that are part of the Partnership for Peace program, the Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative.

Slovenia is taking over a contact point for the third time; previous points were established at the embassy in Austria in 2004-2006 and at the embassy in Macedonia in 2007-2008.

Slovenia opens its first route for electric cars

KRANJ (STA) — As of mid-July, electric car owners are able to tour Slovenia's northwestern Gorenjsko region without having to unexpectedly stop their journey for fear of running short of "fuel" as the local electricity distributor launched an electric car route with five electric charging stations July 3.

Elektro Gorenjska opened the electric charging stations route in an effort to promote environmentally-friendly tourism and to set an example for the remainder of Slovenia. The company considers eco-transportation especially important in the Alpine region of Gorenjsko, where 40 percent of property is protected as a natural reserve.

The project was presented during a July 1 workshop in Preddvor (near the city of Kranj), where one of the charging stations is located. The other four charging stations are located in Jezersko, Bled, Bohinj and Kranjska gora. Until further notice, the charging will be offered for free because the electricity company has not yet established a service payment system.

There are only 20 registered electric vehicles in Slovenia, but their numbers are greater in neighboring Austria. "This is probably one of the future trends," Eva Strays Podlogar, director of Bled Tourism, said of the project.

Bids open as Maribor Airport put up for rent

MARIBOR (STA) — In mid-July, the Slovenian Transportation Ministry published a call for bids on a 30-year lease for management and use of the infrastructure at the state-owned Maribor Airport. The deadline for bids is Sept. 7. The Edvard Rušjan Maribor Airport, Slovenia's second-largest airport, is currently rented by Aerodrom Maribor.

The new lease holder will be selected on the basis of several criteria. The key elements will be the rent the bidders are willing to pay, a business and development plan, the number of potential new jobs, and projections regarding air transportation levels. While bidders will be required to secure roughly \$90,000 in bank guarantees, the Transportation Ministry has reserved the right to reject all offers if it finds them inappropriate.

In addition, the potential new lease holder will have to sign a contract with Aerodrom Maribor, which owns portions of the airport's infrastructure, including the parking lot.

Several Slovenian and foreign investors have reportedly already expressed an interest. The companies mentioned include postal operator Posta Slovenija and Adria Airways, as well as the current lease holder.

Butchers' Bridge links the Ljubljana market

LJUBLJANA (STA) — On July 10, Ljubljana Mayor Zoran Jankovič opened a new footbridge connecting the Ljubljana market with the opposite side of the Ljubljanica River. The construction of Butchers' Bridge completes the nearly 100-year-old plans of Jože Plečnik, the architect who built the Ljubljana market.

Plečnik's market, which includes



two pavilions housing the fish and meat markets, was constructed between 1940 and 1944. Jankovič thanked the people of Ljubljana for their support and expressed his hopes that the bridge would become a place to meet and socialize.

A bridge that would connect the market with the other side of the river was planned to be built between the two pavilions (hence the name), but had to wait until the new millennium since construction was postponed as World War II started. The 108-foot-long and 56-foot-wide bridge was Plečnik's creation, although it was built by Atelier arhitekti following modern plans. The bridge is decorated with numerous sculptures, among them a life-size sculpture of Prometheus.

Butchers' Bridge was supposed to be finished by April 23, but construction was delayed until summer.

Municipalities competing in energy efficiency

LJUBLJANA (STA) — An energy web site, *Energetika.net*, has prepared a competition for the most energy efficient municipality in Slovenia which is aimed at encouraging local officials to engage in projects of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. The call for applications is open until Aug. 25 and the initial awards are slated to be presented in September.

The head of the Slovenian Office for Climate Change, Jernej Štrith, stressed the degree to which such initiatives are welcomed, noting that Slovenia will not meet its greenhouse gas goals only through major producers, and that the country has much to accomplish at the local level. "This [competition] gives municipalities an important role because it is important how they plan their development and their energy supply and sources, and how they introduce energy saving programs," Štrith said.

Climate Change Office representative Jure Leban pointed out that small municipalities in particular have problems with a lack of knowledge and experience in improving energy efficiency and introducing renewable energy sources. Eco Consulting general manager Aleš Šaver agreed, adding that the municipalities have tremendous potential — the state sets the basis and the legislation, but the implementation and projects are in the hands of the local municipalities.

The municipalities, local energy agencies and companies with projects in applicable fields will be graded in three groups: according to size, on the basis of their use, and consumption in 2008 and 2009 compared to the current situation and future goals. The criteria will be based on the local energy concept that must be prepared by all municipalities by 2012 at the latest.

Botanical Gardens celebrate two centuries

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Ljubljana University Botanical Gardens are celebrating their 200th anniversary this year. Despite financial difficulties in recent years, the gardens' director says there are still plenty of fresh ideas for development.

Along with the National and University Library, the gardens are the oldest Slovenian cultural, research and educational institution in Ljubljana, director Jože Bavčon explained to the press.

Despite this fact, the gardens, which feature 4,500 native and foreign plants, were close to ruin. "In 2008 we lost our main source of funding — the Ljubljana municipality — because we were not a Ljubljana city institute. We faced many difficulties resolving this problem, and the gardens still lack the funds for normal operation compared to other gardens," Bavčon said.

But the gardens still manage to operate on the same level as the most developed gardens world-wide. The proof of this is the construction of the tropical plants greenhouse. This project, estimated at roughly \$1.3 million, was financed by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology through Ljubljana University. Another project is the restoration of the 1950s-era greenhouse, Bavčon said.

The gardens were founded by priest and botany expert Franc Hladnik (1773-

1844) in 1810 under Napoleonic rule during Hladnik's stint as a botany teacher. The *Hladnikia pastinacifolia* plant is named after him. Each year around 50,000 people visit the gardens and 8,000 tours are enjoyed by schoolchildren and a variety of groups. The gardens cooperate with over 300 botanical gardens around the world.

In 2007 the Ljubljana University Botanical Gardens were featured in a book titled "Botanic Gardens: a Living History." Among the world's 178 historically significant gardens, they ranked among the upper 10th of the most important.

Mediterranean Plants Center coming to Koper

KOPER (STA) — A Center of Mediterranean Plants will be constructed along the Slovenian coast as part of research activities at the Koper-based University of Primorsko within a Slovenian-Italian cross-border project.

The center will be built along an area of 8,600 square feet inside the university campus above the town of Izola, where researchers will be able to study natural and environmental protection, and biodiversity. The center will be equipped with lecture rooms, laboratories and storage facilities, as well as tasting and exhibition rooms, and a small olive oil mill. Its construction has already begun, said university spokesman Astrid Prasnikar.

The establishment of the center is one of the main goals of the "Cross-Border Network for Sustainable Environmental Management and Biodiversity," or Sigma 2 — a project of the University of Primorsko Science and Research Center and part of the "Slovenia-Italy 2007-2013" program of cross-border cooperation. The program will continue through the end of 2012 and includes three Slovenian regions (the coast and Karst, Gorizia, and central Slovenia), as well as two Italian regions (Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Emilia Romagna).

"The Sigma 2 project focuses on monitoring the olive fruit fly and the downy mildew on vines," project leader Dunja Bandelj explained to the press. Project participants also plan to construct a model for predicting the appearance of the olive fruit fly and set up a register of protected areas, as well as plant several Mediterranean gardens and groves.

Participants will also determine the level of potential contaminants in crops growing in the project areas, attempt to identify the main human factors of pollution and introduce some guidelines for the reduction of contaminants in food.

Eighty-five percent of the Sigma 2 project is funded by the EU; the remaining 15 percent comes from the participating countries, including five percent from the University of Primorsko. Four Slovenian and eight Italian partners are cooperating in the project, including the University of Ljubljana and the University of Udine, Italy.

Marriages down, divorce rate up across Slovenia

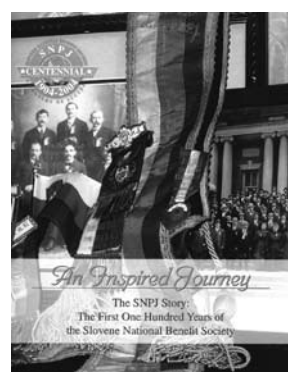
LJUBLJANA (STA) — According to data from the Statistics Office, a total of 6,542 couples were married in Slovenia in 2009, a drop of 2.4 percent compared to 2008, which was the year with the most marriages recorded since 2003. The number of divorces, on the other hand, increased by 2.3 percent in 2009 to 2,297.

Despite the increase in 2008, the number of marriages in Slovenia is still historically low. In the 1970s, there was an average of around 14,000 marriages per year, which made for 8.2 marriages per 1,000 people. In 2009, this figure stood at 3.2 per 1,000 people. And while the number of marriages is declining, the number of divorces is on the rise. According to figures from the Statistics Office, roughly 350 per 1,000 marriages fall apart.

In Slovenia, divorces occur on average after 13.3 years of marriage. Nearly half of the marriages that ended in divorce in 2009 lasted for over 15 years. The average age of men getting divorced is 44.4; women are 41.2.

Among those getting married, 90 percent did so for the first time. The average age of men who were married in 2009 was 33.1 years; women were 30.3 years on average.

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Jure Robič postal ambasador fundacije Vrabček upanja

HEADLINE: Jure Robič became an ambassador of the Sparrow of Hope Foundation

TOPIC: Members of the Stara Gora Invalid Youth administrative committee recently signed an agreement of participation, titled "The Sparrow of Hope," with marathon cyclist Jure Robič. At this event, the Slovenian ultra-marathon cyclist received the honorary title of ambassador from the foundation, which was established a year ago to purchase equipment for the ward of invalid youth in Stara Gora, which they are hoping to transform into a modern rehabilitation center.

"When I received the invitation to participate and help the foundation, I accepted with great pleasure and respect. I have to admit that after my visit to Stara Gora I was very much moved and touched. Helping these children should be our fundamental obligation. These children and the hospital really need help," said Robič, who recently won the

fifth RAAM (Race Across America) competition.

Člani upravnega odbora fundacije za invalidno mladino Stara Gora, ki nosi ime Vrabček upanja, so pred dnevi podpisali dogovor o sodelovanju z ekstremnim kolesarjem Juretom Robičem. Slovenski ultramaratonski kolesar je ob tem prejel častni naziv ambasadorja fundacije, ki je bila ustanovljena pred dobrim letom za nakup opreme in pripomočkov za oddelek invalidne mladine v Stari Gori, ki ga hočejo spremeniti v sodoben rehabilitacijski center.

"Ko sem dobil povabilo za sodelovanje in pomoč fundaciji, sem ga sprejel z velikim veseljem in spoštovanjem. Moram priznati, da sem bil po ogledu Stare gore presunjen in ganjen. Pomoč tem otrokom bi morala biti naša osnovna dolžnost. Dal bom vse od sebe in pomagal. Ti otroci in ta bolnišnica si res zaslužijo pomoč", je povedal Robič, ki je pred kratkim osvojil peto zmago na RAAM-u-dirki čez Združene države Amerike.

DELO

Poseg v zavarovano območje Lovrenških jezer

HEADLINE: Intervention into the protected area of the Lovrenška lakes

TOPIC: A few days ago a group of strangers with chain saws deforested a roughly 546-yard-long path through the dwarf pines in the Lovrenška Lakes area of Pohorje, which is a designated protected area. The destruction was discovered by the members of the Lovrenc Mountain Association, who notified the Establishment to Protect Nature.

This area of the Lovrenški Lakes is protected by a variety of statutes: this is a forest reserve of natural importance, and it is also included in the European Natura 2000 net.

Judging from the size of the destructive path, they are presuming that this was the work of a large group of people who worked for a long time. They

deforested a former mountain path which was intentionally abandoned decades ago because of natural protective reasons. They haven't found the perpetrators yet, but if they are found they can be penalized from \$5,620 to \$56,200 for destroying the plant and animal habitats.

Pred dnevi je skupina neznanecv z motornimi žagami izkrcila približno 600 metrov dolgo pot skozi ruševje na območju Lovrenških jezer na Pohorju, ki je razglašeno za zavarovano območje. Poseg so odkrili člani planinskega društva Lovrenc na Pohorju in o njem obvestili republiški zavod za varstvo narave. Kot je povedal dr. Jurij Gulič iz mariborske enote zavoda, ki si je ogledal prizorišče nedovoljenega posega, je območje Lovrenških jezer zavarovano z različnimi varstvenimi

statusi: to je gozdni rezervat in naravna urednata državnega pomena, območje je vključeno tudi v evropsko mrežo Natura 2000. Glede na velikost posega na zavodu domnevajo, da je poseg izvedla večja skupina ljudi, ki so delali dlje časa. Izkrcili so nekdanjo planinsko pot, ki so jo že pred desetletji iz naravovarstvenih razlogov namerno odpravili, so sporočili iz zavoda za varstvo narave. Storilcev ne poznajo, zadevo pa bodo prijavi inšpektoratu in policiji, je povedal Gulič. Zakon o varstvu narave predvideva kazni od 4166 do 41.666 evrov za nedovoljen poseg v naravo in uničenje habitatov rastlin in živali. Po kazenskem zakoniku pa tistemu, ki protipravno poškoduje ali uniči stvari, ki je naravna vrednota ali zavarovano naravno bogastvo, grozi do pet let zapora.

DELO

Dolga tradicija zborovskega petja v Litiji

HEADLINE: A long tradition of choral singing in Litija

TOPIC: The Lipa Singing Society, the symbol of the city along the Sava River, is celebrating the 125th anniversary of its activities. A festive concert of 11 young men was recently held in the hall of the cultural center in Litija. The Slovenian Octet and Octet Valvasor also performed at this anniversary concert.

In 1885 a group of singers established the Litija Singing Society (it was later renamed Lipa) under the direction of headmaster Capuder. In all these years the Lipa chorus never stopped performing.

Until only a few years ago the core of the association was comprised of older singers, who in 2008 collectively resigned and gave the opportunity to their younger colleagues to lead the group,

among whom the oldest is 29 and the youngest is only 18. In two years they performed 20 concerts. This year, among other events, they are preparing an evening of Slovenian pop songs with instrumental accompaniment.

Pevsko društvo Lipa (PDL), simbol mesta ob Savi, v teh dneh praznuje 125. obletnico svojega delovanja. Slavnostni koncert enajstih mladeničev se je vršil v dvorani Kulturnega centra v Litiji. Visok jubilej so pospremili še pevci Slovenskega okteta in Okteta Valvasor.

"Stati inu obstati," je nekoč rekel Primož Trubar in prav to je storila skupina pevcev, ki so leta 1885 ustanovili PD Litija (pozneje se je preimenovala v Lipo) pod vodstvom nadučitelja Capudra in s pomočjo prepričanega zagovornika slovenske deželne avtonomije Luke Svetca Podgor-

skega. To je bil njihov odgovor na ponemčevanje. Litijski zbor v vseh teh letih ni nikoli prenehel peti.

Še pred nekaj leti so jedro društva sestavljali starejši ljubitelji petja, ki pa so v letu 2008 kolektivno odstopili, se umaknili in dali priložnost svojim mlajšim kolegom, od katerih je najstarejši zdaj star 29 let, najmlajši pa komaj 18. Njihov pevski vodja Darko Vidic je povedal, da jih poleg petja in glasbe povezuje tudi družjenje. V dveh letih so imeli že več kot 20 koncertov, letos med drugim načrtujejo in pripravljajo tudi večer slovenskih popevk in zimzelenih skladb z instrumentalno spremljavo.

"Pevsko društvo Lipa je nastalo v času, ko je bilo biti

Slovenec čast in vrednota. V Evropski uniji pa bo petje slovenskih pesmi zagotovo postalo pomembno za obstoj naroda in jezika," je prepričana predsednica društva Helena Hauptman.

Povedala je še, da se je Lipa ohranila toliko časa zato, ker njeni člani nikoli niso bili politično aktivni in razdvojeni, temveč jim je bila pomembna samo slovenska pesem, ki so jo širili med Litijani in z nastopi tudi po drugih slovenskih krajih. Hauptmanova bi v prihodnje rada obudila plodne čase delovanje PD Lipe iz 20. in 30. let prejšnjega stoletja, ko sta v društvu delovala tudi ženska sekcija in mešani pevski zbor.

DELO

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

ŠOŠTANJ - Pred kratkim so v Šoštanju odprli prenovljeno meščansko vilo Mayerk, ki je pomemben del dediščine tega dela Šaleške doline. Premogovnik Velenje jo je pred osmimi leti s pogodbo o brezplačnem prenosu izročil občini Šoštanj in ta jo je leta 2006 skupaj s pripadajočim vrtom razglasila za kulturni spomenik lokalnega pomena, leto pozneje pa je Zavod za varstvo kulturne dediščine Celje izdelal konservatorski načrt prenove. Obnovljena vila ponazarja arhitekturo s konca 19. stoletja in sodi med najboljše ohranjene meščanske vile tega obdobja. V njej bodo med drugim uredili stalno muzejsko zbirko kiparja Ivana Napotnika, na ogled bo del domoznanske zbirke Zvoneta S. Čebul, v njej bosta tudi infotočka in Mayerjeva soba v spomin na prvotnega lastnika odvetnika Frana Meyerja (1866-1940, ko je bil dolgoletni šoštanjski župan in častni občan, bil je pobudnik ustanovitve meščanske šole, Šoštančanom pa je leta 1931 prisrbel vodovod. Vila je prilagojena gibalno oviranim ljudem, obnovitvena dela so stala 630.000 evrov, od tega sta ministrstvo za kulturo in evropski regionalni razvojni sklad plačala nekaj več kot 386.000.

In Šoštanj they recently opened the newly renovated Villa Mayer, which is an important part of the history in this part of the Šaleška Valley. Eight years ago the Velenje coal mine, through an agreement of free transfer, handed over the villa to the Šoštanj Municipality, which in 2006 proclaimed the site as an important cultural monument. A year later the Celje Establishment to Protect the Cultural Heritage drafted a conservation plan for the villa's renovation. The renovated villa illustrates the style of architecture popular at the end of the 19th century, and it is among the best-kept city villas from that time. In the villa they will arrange a permanent museum collection of sculptor Ivan Napotnik and a "Mayer's Room" in memory of the villa's first owner, lawyer Fran Mayer (1866-1940), a longtime Šoštanj mayor. Mayer helped lead the establishment of the city school, and in 1931 he provided the people of Šoštanj with a waterline. The renovated villa was designed to accommodate handicapped visitors.

DELO

VOŽNJA - Pri vratolomni vožnji okoli 200 kilometrov na uro voznik športnega avtomobila ves začuden vpraša policista, ki ga je ustavil: "Ali sem mogoče vozil prehitro?" - "Ne, leteli ste prenikozno!"

PEVEC - Mlad pop pevec prvič nastopi v sosednjem mestu. Ko vstopi v dvorano, najde tam samo eno žensko bitje. Ne pokaže svojega razočaranja, temveč reče: "Punca, nocoj bom pel samo zate!" - "Potem pa to stori brz! Na koncu moram počistiti to dvorano!"

DELO

Srečanje kočevskih rudarjev

HEADLINE: Gathering of the Kočevje miners

TOPIC: For the miners' holiday, the Kočevje Provincial Museum arranged a gathering for miners in the rooms of the Kočevje Museum. "The Kočevje mine has been closed since 1978, and now it has almost been forgotten that mining in the Kočevje area was at one time a very important economic line and the people in the Kočevje area made their living in this mine," said museum curator Vesna Jerbič Perko. The miners gathering was first organized in 2006, and every year they arrange a short cultural program and a short film about

mining is also shown. "The participants receive half of the miner's supper, they talk about their work and we can hear interesting stories," said Jerbič Perko. "With the miners meetings we would like to preserve the tradition and identity of this area because the mine had a major influence on life in Kočevje," Jerbič Perko added.

Pokrajinski muzej Kočevje je pripravil ob prazniku rudarjev srečanje rudarjev v muzejskih prostorih. "Kočevski rudnik je bil dokončno zaprt leta 1978, zato se pozablja, da je bilo rudarstvo v Kočevju zelo pomembna gospodarka panoga in da se je Kočevje z okolico preživljalo z rud-

nikom," je povedala kustosinja muzeja Vesna Jerbič Perko. Na srečanju rudarjev, ki ga v kočevskem muzeju organizirajo od leta 2006 in se ga je lani udeležilo okoli 70 ljudi, od tega približno 40 rudarjev, je sodelovala Godba Kočevje, ki izhaja iz Rudniške godbe, v krajšem kulturnem programu pa so si ogledali tudi kratke filme o rudniku. "Udeleženci srečanja dobijo pol rudarske večerje in obujajo spomine na tisti čas, mi pa slišimo zanimive zgodbe," je povedala Vesna Jerbič Perko. Še vedno se jim javljajo ljudje, ki so krajši čas delali v rudniku. "S srečanjem rudarjev si želimo ohraniti tradicijo in indentiteto teh krajev, saj je rudnik močno vplival

na življenje v Kočevju. Z rudnikom so bili povezani kulturno življenje, stanovanjska politika in gradnja, železnica, zdravstvena oskrba in tudi šport v teh krajih," je še dodala Vesna Jerbič Perko.

DELO

BALET - Babica in dedek sta si ogledala baletno predstavo. Naslednjega dne je sosedla vprašala babico, kako jima je bila predstava všeč. "Zelo lepo je bilo in plesalke so bile tako obzirne," je odgovorila babica. - "Kako obzirne?" - "Ko je dedek zaspal, so plesale samo še po prstih."

Brezplačne počitnice za 7000 otrok

HEADLINE: Free vacation for 7,000 children

TOPIC: Debeli rtič, the most popular Slovenian youth vacation center and health resort, was filled as soon as the school vacation started. Among the first 700 children there was a group of more than 50 children for whom the Tuš Company offered a free vacation. The company has been organizing vacations for less fortunate children for seven years, and this year they will provide a free vacation for 500 children. In seven years the Tuš company has provided a free vacation for more than 4,100

children.

Majda Struc, general secretary of ZPMS, said that requests for free vacations increased dramatically last year, and this year interest has already increased 20 percent. The response of the donors has been very good, but the amounts which they were able to donate were much lower than in previous years and they collected a tenth less money.

Najbolj priljubljeno slovensko mladinsko počitniško in zdraviliško središče - Debeli rtič se je napolnilo takoj, ko so se začele šolske počitnice. Med 700 otroki, ki tam letujejo,

je tudi prva skupina nekaj več kot 50 otrok, ki jim je brezplačne počitnice omogočil Tuš. Počitnice za otroke organizirajo sedmo leto, letos bodo na morje zastopni peljali 500 otrok, v sedmih letih pa so jih že več kot 4100. Brezplačne počitnice organizirajo še RKS, Karitas ter Zveza prijateljev mladine Slovenije (ZPMS) in vsi ti nameravajo otrokom omogočiti 7000 počitniških tednov ob morju ali v planinah.

Kot ugotavlja Majda Struc, generalna sekretarka ZPMS, se je povpraševanje po brezplačnih letovanjih že lani močno povečalo, letos pa je

zanimanje še za 20 odstotkov večje. Pravkar zaključujejo akcijo Pomežik soncu skupaj s farmacevtsko družbo Lek. Medtem ko je bil odziv donatorjev zelo dober, so zneski, ki so jih pripravljene prispevati, precej nižji kot pretekla leta in tako so zbrali desetino manj denarja. S pomežikom bo tako lahko letovalo 254 otrok. Z ZPMS bo zastopni počitnikovalci še približno 100 otrok s posebnimi potrebami, za kar bo denar zagotovil FIHO, družba Mobitel pa je omogočila brezplačno letovanje 40 otrokom iz severnozgodne Slovenije.

DELO

Prelomnica za škofjeloške čebelarje

HEADLINE: Turning point for the Škofja Loka apiarists

TOPIC: After 10 years of planning and five years of construction, the Škofja Loka Apiary Association in Brode near Škofja Loka built its new home. The new home will be open to all apiarists and visitors.

Construction of the new home started in 2005 during the 100th anniversary of apiculture in Škofja Loka, but the construction dragged on and on. Marjan Novak, the president of the Škofja Loka apiarists, said that many members volunteered 20 hours a year and donated \$70. There were many others who donated a few thousand dollars and

performed thousands of hours of volunteer work. Novak added that they have one of the nicest apiary homes in Slovenia, at which they will arrange professional lectures and nature days for students.

The Škofja Loka Apiary Association is the second largest in Slovenia.

Po desetih letih načrtovanja in petih letih gradnje je Čebelarstvo društvo Škofja Loka v Brodeh pri Škofji Loki zgradilo svoj dom. Predsednik društva Marjan Novak je povedal, da je to za škofjeloške čebelarje prelomnica. Dom bo namenjen predvsem popularizaciji čebelarstva, odprta pa bo za čebelarje in obiskovalce.

Ko so leta 2005, ob stoletnici čebelarstva v Škofji Loki, začeli graditi dom v Brodeh, so optimistično napovedali, da bo zgrajen v letu ali dveh, a se je gradnja zavlekla. Predsednik škofjeloških čebelarjev Marjan Novak je povedal, da so pri gradnji sodelovali tudi čebelarji, vsak je pomagal najmanj 20 ur na leto, člani društva pa so za gradnjo prispevali še najmanj po 50 evrov. Po besedah predsednika jih je veliko premaknilo tudi nekaj tisoč evrov, ni bilo malo tistih, ki so opravili več kot tisoč ur prostovoljnega dela. "Skupaj smo opravili več kot 35.000 ur prostovoljnega dela in zbrali 90.000 evrov prispevkov," je povedal Novak in dodal, da je škofjeloška občina

za gradnjo prispevala 35.000 evrov. "Danes lahko ponosno ugotovimo, da imamo enega najlepših čebelarških domov v Sloveiji," je menil predsednik škofjeloških čebelarjev. V čebelarstem domu, ki so ga slovesno odprli 19. junija bodo pripravljali strokovna predavanja, naravoslovne dneve za šolarje, sprejeli bodo lahko organizirane skupine, namenjen bo tudi dejavnostim društva, ki je največje na Gorenjskem in drugo največje v Sloveniji. Zdaj je 105 njihovih članov vključenih v Čebelarstvo zvezo Slovenije, 16 jih je zgolj članov v škofjeloškem društvu.

"Zanimanje za čebelarstvo je med mladimi v zadnjih treh letih naraslo,

menim da tudi zaradi dobrega dela škofjeloških čebelarjev, saj smo organizirali številne društvene dejavnosti. Žal ugotavljamo, da marsikateremu mlademu začetniku zagon splahni in hitro zapusti naše vrste," je o priljubljenosti čebelarstva med mladimi povedal Novak.

DELO

NEUMNOST - Učitelj vpraša učence: "Če kdo misli, da je neumen, naj vstane." Čez nekaj časa vstane Janezek. Učitelj ga vpraša: "A ti misliš, da si nor?" Janez pa mu odgovori: "Ne. Samo srce me boli, ko vidim, da samo vi stojite!"

Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — The Badger Lodge Family Picnic will take place Sunday, Aug. 8. The picnic will be held in Picnic Area #1 at Root River Parkway. Enter through the park entrance off of S. 92nd St. and W. College Ave., or at the S. 76th St. park entrance.

The day's activities will begin at 11 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. Food and drinks will be available after noon. A donation of \$5 per adult Badger Lodge 584 member in good standing must be paid in advance. Youth members 15 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge. The donation will cover a portion of the park rental fees, and part of the food and drink expenses.

This is a family-style picnic for socializing, acquainting and re-acquainting yourself with other members of the Badger Lodge, and for family fun. The committee is asking for advance reservations and payment in order to get an idea of the number in attendance for food preparations and to avoid monetary exchange at the picnic. After registering at the picnic, you will receive a wristband entitling you to attendance, food and drink.

A flyer has been mailed to all Badger Lodge 584 members. If for some reason you did not receive a flyer, please contact either Sis. Mary or Bro. Tim Donovan at (414) 817-0192. The flyers have a cut-off, mail-in portion for pre-registration and payment. The picnic committee is composed of Brothers Tim Donovan, Bob Smole and Tony Mlinar, and Sis. Mary Donovan.

The Badger Lodge does not want to discourage other SNPJ Lodges or their members from attending this social family picnic; you are all welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining

us, we are asking for an \$8 donation per adult non-Badger Lodge member age 16 and up to cover expenses. Here again, this must be done on an advance registration/payment basis, so please contact Bro. Tim or Sis. Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192.

I would like to extend best wishes to the local SNPJ Lodge delegates who will be traveling to Quail Hollow Resort in Painesville, Ohio, for the 29th Quadrennial SNPJ National Convention scheduled Aug. 16-18. The delegates from Badger Lodge 584 are Brothers Jeff Mlaker and Rudy Papa, and Sis. Kari Mlaker. Jolly Allis Lodge 686 of West Allis, Wis., will be represented by Bro. Bill Demshar, and Lily Lodge 764 of Milwaukee will be represented by Sis. Sophie Bevsek.

May all of the delegates from across the country that are headed for this quadrennial meeting keep in mind that your mission is to adopt the bylaws and resolutions that are in the best interest for the future of SNPJ, and that these bylaws and resolutions will govern our Society for the next four years.

This is a big responsibility and should not be taken lightly. Sure, it's nice to get away for a few days and have a good time, but you must still keep in mind your main objective: the future of SNPJ. Good luck to all, and best wishes for a productive and constructive 29th Quadrennial SNPJ Convention!

Would you enjoy taking part in a Slovenian sing-along? The Slovenian Arts Council, under the direction of Delores Ivanchich, will be conducting such an event in the Constitution Room at the West Allis Public Library, 75th and West National Ave. This sing-along session will be held Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. Please call Delores Ivanchich at (414) 529-2918 if you need additional information. Those who have attended previous sing-alongs this season are reminded to please bring the handouts that they

received.

A fun-filled night of music from the 1950s is planned for your enjoyment. St. John the Evangelist 65 KSKJ will host "Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets" Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 8500 W. Cold-spring Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 and refreshments will be available. Contact Sis. Jan Gehm (584) at (414) 321-1413 for additional information.

Another date to note on your calendar is Friday, Oct. 22, when the Singing Slovenes from Duluth, Minn., will perform in concert, sponsored by the Slovenian Arts Program. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, 8500 W. Cold Spring Road. This is a wonderfully talented group and a "must see" performance.

The Singing Slovenes perform in Slovenian costume, and sing the Slovenian songs that have been brought to this country and become part of Slovenian heritage. They performed here for the former Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges and did a great job; the performance was later televised on the West Allis local access channel. You will certainly enjoy this group! Contact Sis. MaryCay Freiberg at (414) 778-1464 for additional details and tickets.

Don't miss out on the last Triglav picnic for 2010 Sunday, Sept. 19: the Vinska Trgatev. Bro. Grant Kozera and the Brewhaus Polka Kings will be on tap to fill the air with the sounds of their Slovenian-style music. Speaking of "on tap," there is always plenty of drink (*pivo*, *domač vino*) available, as well as delicious barbecue chicken and Slovenian sausage dinners. And, if you are lucky enough to get there early, you can purchase some scrumptious, delectable and mouth-watering homemade Slovenian desserts.

Get well wishes are extended to Sis. Louise Spirewka for a speedy recovery after taking a fall at home and

suffering a few injuries. After many years, Sis. Spirewka attended a Badger Lodge meeting a month or so ago and was re-acquainted with SNPJ and our Badger Lodge. We were sorry to hear of the accident and hope to see you at a meeting in the near future.

As a reminder, the balina league meets each Monday evening starting at 6 p.m. at West Allis Veterans Park, 70th and West National Ave. There are 11 enthusiastic teams competing this year with two shifts of competition taking place each week, one beginning at 6 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. The weather has cooperated thus far, and we haven't had to postpone any games due to rain (knock on wood).

If you decide to come out and watch the sometimes-heated competition, remember to bring a lawn chair as there is limited park bench seating available. It's a nice evening out. After the games, on your way home, you could stop for ice cream to complete an enjoyable evening.

Following the normal reports of officers at the July 15 Badger Lodge 584 meeting, Bro. Bob Smole introduced a guest who was in the United States with the LCI (Lions Club International) as part of their Exchange Youth Program from Slovenia, and who was being hosted in the Milwaukee area by the Rich Steinberg family. Rich was nice enough to share his guest with Bro. Smole for a few days.

Nejc Kunst, age 20, from Bistrica ob Sotli, Slovenia, will be here for six weeks participating in various trips and excursions with the Lions throughout his stay. The Badger Lodge welcomed Nejc to our meeting and wished him well during his stay in Wisconsin and the United States. A letter from SNPJ Young Adult Conference participant Brian Donovan was submitted thanking the Badgers for electing him as a delegate to this year's conference. He also elaborated on his activities and experiences during his stay at the beautiful SNPJ Recreation Center. Courtney

and Connor Grant also attended the conference as delegates from Badger Lodge 584. The Lodge hopes to hear from them as well.

Sis. Judy Price reported on the upcoming July 31 tour of Bro. Frank Morns' home in Mukwonago, Wis., announcing that a few openings remain.

Our Lodge Kitchen Committee was on the "disabled" list this past month. Sis. Marge Alpner was not in attendance at the meeting and was reported as "not feeling well," and Sis. Josephine Manson had fallen and is recuperating from those injuries. We missed you both, and our wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to both of you. Thanks are in order to Sisters Toni Needham and Bernice Poklar for stepping up to the plate and manning the kitchen duties in the absence of the "first string." There were no birthdays to celebrate, so we weren't able to exercise our vocal cords. Sisters Kari Mlaker and Mary Donovan won the attendance awards. The meeting was adjourned, and desserts and coffee were served.

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" Badger Lodge 584 will hold their regular monthly meeting and annual ice cream social Thursday, Aug. 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall, 7929 W. Lincoln Ave. We will be conducting our mandatory regular monthly Lodge business meeting, then it's on to the ice cream eating part and our social hour. This is always a special part of the evening when we can pass on information (gossip), reminisce and just "shoot the bull."

Why not attend and spend an evening with fellow Badger Lodge members to enjoy the ice cream social, homemade desserts and coffee that will be served following the business meeting? You might just have a good idea to bring before the membership or some interesting and juicy gossip to reveal. Just be careful that the "Badger Jabber" doesn't hear it or it might end up in this column!

SNPJ Recreation Center 2010 Dance Schedule



Aug. 1	East Ohio/W. Pa. Federation Dance Jack Vasko Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 8	Lodge 643 Annual Dance Tony Klepec Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 15	Bob Turcola Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 22	Dick Tady Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 29	Summertime Sizzle Dance Frank Stanger Orchestra; "So You Think You Can Polka?" contest	3 to 7
Sept. 5	FREE Labor Day Dance Joe Grkman & Tony Klepec orchestras (new pavilion)	2 to 8
Sept. 12	Lodge 153 Annual Dance Jeff Pecon Orchestra	3 to 7
Sept. 19	Penn Ohio Polka Pals	2 to 8

The SNPJ Recreation Center invites all members, families and friends to the dances and other events planned in 2010. Dances are held in the Alpine Room unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change. For information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732.

Don't miss out, submit your entry now for the Heritage Center Art Exhibition

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)
SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The SNPJ Heritage Center is hosting an art exhibit with work submitted by SNPJ members. With entries already arriving, it promises to be a nice show. The purpose of this exhibition is to showcase visual artwork created by SNPJ members. Sale of art will be encouraged. A 15 percent commission will be charged for any work sold while on display in the SNPJ Heritage Center.

Eligibility

The first-ever SNPJ Heritage Center Art Exhibition is open to all SNPJ members ages 17 and older. Entries must be original works of art. Submitted work must be available from Aug. 8 to Sept. 12.

Entry Requirements

1. Due to limited space, please e-mail LoudonKS@gmail.com with your name and the number of works you would like to submit in order to reserve yourself a space.

2. Artwork must be received by Aug. 8, 2010.
3. Limit of three works of art per participant.
4. A completed art identification tag must be attached to each work.
5. An artist's statement is optional.
6. Fee: A non-refundable \$15 fee must accompany the artist's entry for up to three pieces. The entry fee is payable by check to the SNPJ Heritage Center.
7. Participants are responsible for their own shipping costs or transportation fees. Shipped work will require paid return delivery paperwork and postage.
8. A signed Artists Release must accompany all art work upon delivery.

Restrictions

1. Accepted mediums include painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and mixed media. All work must be wired and ready to hang, matted and framed, or edges gallery wrapped and finished. Works larger than three square

feet will not be accepted.

2. All works must have a properly filled out identification tag attached to the reverse of the piece.
3. The SNPJ Heritage Center reserves the right to exclude any entry that is deemed not to be family friendly, arrives damaged or presents complex installation problems.

Works of art may be dropped off at the SNPJ Heritage Center on any Sunday through Aug. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m., or sent to the SNPJ Heritage Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, PA 16120. Participants are responsible for their own shipping costs or transportation fees. The SNPJ Heritage Center will take every precaution to ensure the safety of your pieces; however, we cannot be held responsible for theft or damage to your work while on the premises.

An opening reception will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

PROSVETA Crossword

Leisure Games (#1510) by StatePoint Media

ACROSS

1. Lambert and Sandler
6. Up to the present time
9. Number one
13. Complicate or tangle
14. Before, old English
15. Drinker
16. "I love you" or "J" _____"
17. School of whales
18. Antonym of bald
19. Pin knocking
21. First President named Franklin
23. Big head
24. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
25. He is
28. Where you're headed in softball
30. It's best not to drive like one of these
35. Singles
37. Do after hide
39. The present occasion
40. State of vexation
41. Spooky
43. Chow _____
44. Ancient Roman's garb
46. You look for it in your poker opponent
47. European sea eagles
48. _____ Madre
50. Includes girls and boys
52. Not a win nor a loss

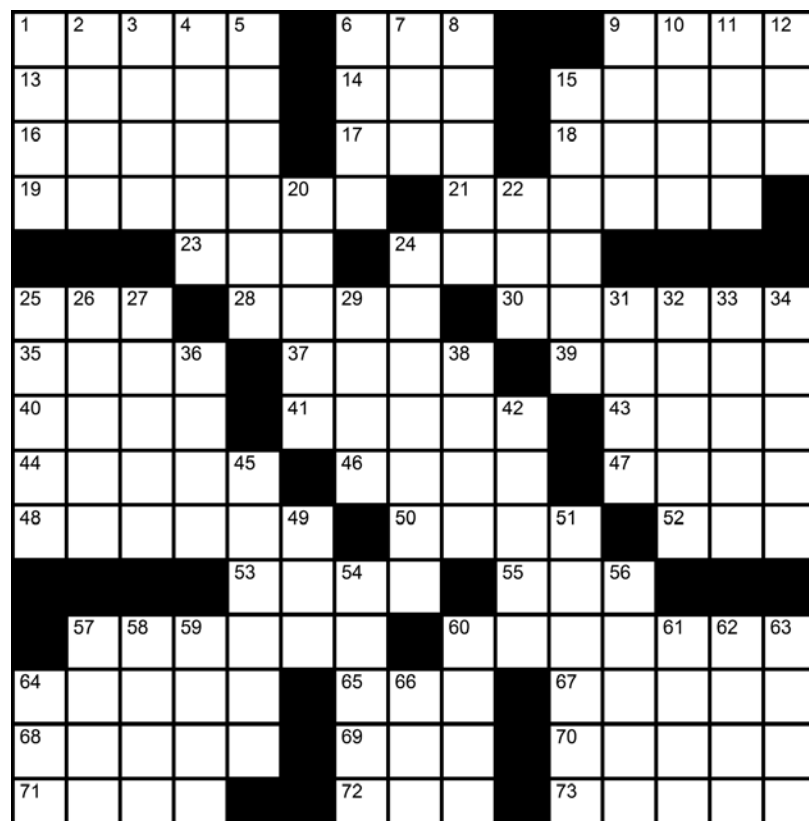
53. Up against
55. Clinton _____ Rodham
57. Where you play croquet
60. Badminton hitter
64. Summation
65. Felt by princess while sleeping?
67. Saints' lights
68. Positive electrode
69. Overnight stop
70. A top Formula One driver
71. Diamonds and rubies, e.g.
72. Volleyball divider
73. Maps of city blocks, e.g.

DOWN

1. Inhabitant of Middle East
2. Type of cabinetry joint
3. Declare as true
4. European blackbird
5. Horses or dogs pull it over snow and ice
6. Slang for safecracker
7. Distinctive period
8. Designated speed for a song, pl.
9. Wild swine
10. Narrative poem of hero's deeds
11. Withered
12. "The old college _____"
15. Kick it!
20. Hangman's knot
22. Communism, e.g.

24. Build anew
25. The 2010 Oscars had two
26. Boredom
27. Between Rive Droite and Rive Gauche
29. Track competition, e.g.
31. End of Iditarod Trail
32. Apathetic
33. Drupelets of blackberry or raspberry
34. Burn incense, e.g.
36. Evoke emotion
38. 1,000 grams
42. "Helen" in Moscow
45. What a lacrosse player does with the ball
49. An honest President?
51. Bolt
54. Unfasten
56. To be identical to
57. "Going, going, _____!"
58. A-bomb particle
59. Short for radians
60. Goes with rave
61. Sky bear
62. Right coast
63. Black brews, e.g.
64. Touch game
66. Between E and NE

The solution to puzzle #1510 will run in the Aug. 11 issue.



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6	Curl, Betty 503 Orchard St. Carnegie, PA 15106 Baselj, Beverly 1001 Grandview Ave., Apt. 903 Bridgeville, PA 15017 Pintar, Kenneth 44 Calvert St. Bridgeville, PA 15017 Wright, Frank Jr. 303 Poplar Ln. Oakdale, PA 15071 Spoeharski, Betty 1594 Collier Ave. Heidelberg, PA 15106	Biondi, Anthony 5206 Forest View Dr. McDonald, PA 15057 Biondi, Evelyn 5206 Forest View Dr. McDonald, PA 15057	126	Sumrada, Edward 2634 River Rd. Willoughby, OH 44094	Marinch, Grace 30133 Oakdale Rd. Willowick, OH 44095	277	Krispinsky, Susan 5478 Kennedy Rd. Lowellville, OH 44436	Krispinsky, Josephine 5498 Kennedy Dr. Lowellville, OH 44436
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31	Robich, Edward 2580 Longview Rd. Hermitage, PA 16148		142	Dobida, Dolores 5275A Franklyn Blvd. Willoughby, OH 44094 Matuch, Sophie 6727 Farmingdale Ln. Mentor, OH 44060 Harbie, Edward 3361 Alla Dr. Seven Hills, OH 44131	Pugel, Lillian 329 East 305 St. Willowick, OH 44095 Kompare, Irene 37383 Ocean Reef Willoughby, OH 44094 Pugel, Henry 329 East 305 St. Willowick, OH 44095	304	Dodic, Ivan 6154 Fairlane Dr. Oakland, CA 94611	Brahney, Diane 1029 Crestview Dr. Millbrae, CA 94030
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53	Barbish, Pauline 281 E. 310 St. Willowick, OH 44095 Meglich, Martha 4602 Redfern Rd. Parma, OH 44134	Petric, Edward 6842 Bellflower Ct. Mentor, OH 44060 Budzilek, Patricia 30120 Meadowbrook Dr. Wickliffe, OH 44092	174	Zakraysek, Kenneth 106 Queens Row, P.O. Box 137 Elton, PA 15934	Zakraysek, Kimberly 106 Queens Row, P.O. Box 137 Elton, PA 15934	419	Pivik, Martha 301 Murryhill Rd. Tarentum, PA 15084	
87	Stefanacci, James P.O. Box 154 Madison, PA 15663 Rich, Ronald P.O. Box 337 Madison, PA 15663 Bregar, Margaret 25 Willow Crossing Rd. Greensburg, PA 15601 Bailley, Shirley 10299 Jefferson Ave. N. Huntingdon, PA 15642 Bregar, Frank 25 Willow Crossing Rd. Greensburg, PA 15601	Klun, Carl 204 Violet St. Lowber, PA 15660	223	Palm, David 912 Georges Station Rd. Greensburg, PA 15601 DiAndreth, Patricia 44 West Glennis Dr. Greensburg, PA 15601		449	Dabrowski, Edward 4013 S. Oak Park Ave. Stickney, IL 60402	Rigler, Vince 1116 Berkley Ln. Lemont, IL 60439
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614	Shaver, Charles 8636 Carmichael Chesterland, OH 44026	Matas, Linda 7248 Hayes Blvd. Mentor, OH 44060		Kumer, Evelyn 320 Richey Dr. Verona, PA 15147			Dombrosky, Richard Box 282 Enon Valley, PA 16120	Tonya, Joseph P.O. Box 221, 9 Foster Dr. New Middletown, OH 44442
626	Dutka, Peter Jr. 283 E. Paige Ave. Barberton, OH 44203		721	Koutoulakis, Louis 4321 Beverly Dr. Aliquippa, PA 15001	Kamicker, Larry 1540 Clark Rd. Enon Valley, PA 16120		Kalenits, Cathy 1506 Brandon Ave. Poland, OH 44514	Dombrosky, Vonnice Box 282 Enon Valley, PA 16120
629	Klasnick, Dawn 360 Foster Rd. N. Versailles, PA 15137	Shirley, Klasnick 175 Central Ave. N. Versailles, PA 15137		Kamicker, Andrea 1540 Clark Rd. Enon Valley, PA 16120	Stedeford, Kristine 2346 McAleer Rd. Sewickley, PA 15143	778	Laurich, John 2118 Meredith Dr. Spring Hill, FL 34608	Drongosky, Ben 2639 SW 20th Cir. Ocala, FL 34471
		Cheripka, Patricia 354 Greensburg Pike N. Versailles, PA 15137	723	Wood, John Eric 9519 Evergreen Ln. Fontana, CA 92335		782	Orlowski, Ruth 330 42nd St. Pittsburgh, PA 15201	Budzinski, Paul 3816 Anderson Rd. Gibsonia, PA 15044
643	Kocjan, Andrew 2689 Oak Forest Dr. Niles, OH 44446	Rezek, Del 993 Gary Ave. Girard, OH 44420		Lopez, Grace 1251 E. Lugonia, Sp. #42 Redlands, CA 92373			Yingling, Jill 104 Marylynn Ln. Valencia, PA 16059	Peroglio, Megan 58 Butler St. Valencia, PA 16059
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665	Ujcich, Sharon 381 F St. Pittsburgh, PA 15209	Lubich, Joe 381 F St. Pittsburgh, PA 15209	729	Krance, Larry Box 114 Yukon, PA 15698	Liptak, Francis Box 122 Yukon, PA 15698		Virant, Joseph Sr. 2003 E. Lakeview Dr. Sebastian, FL 32958	Birk, Frank 6508 Alemendra Fort Pierce, FL 34951
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677	Stachowiak, Gerald P.O. Box 38 South Range, MI 49963	Goodwin, Darlene P.O. Box 38 South Range, MI 49963	749	Dimpfl, Evelyn 549 Highland Ave. Johnstown, PA 15902	Vasilko, James 140 Luna Ln. Johnstown, PA 15904		Orlowski, Betty 918 Hazel Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003	Westfall, Gary 918 Hazel Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003
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A battle of the ages... or not

by JANICE ROCKWELL
Lodge 138

MIDDLETOWN, Md. — “Move over, old timers; it’s time for young blood to take over.” If you’ve been involved in the leadership of an organization, you’ve undoubtedly heard this call for transition at some point. I beg to differ. Since I’m neither an old timer nor a young blood, I’d like to think I’m uniquely qualified to make an unbiased assessment. So, do I favor the old timers running things forever? No. Well, if young blood isn’t taking over and old timers aren’t there for lifetime appointments, who should be in charge?

At a recent meeting, I mentioned research done by Claire Shipman, correspondent for “Good Morning America,” and Katty Kay, correspondent for BBC News, both of whom co-authored the book, “Womenomics: Write your own Rules for Success.” Their research revealed that corporations with at least three women on their board of directors financially out-perform

corporations without women at the top. Their point was not that women outperform men; it was that when women and men work together, they achieve greater success than either gender working alone.

I believe the same concept holds true when it comes to age. Youth can bring fresh ideas and energy; seniority can bring experience and know-how. Packaging the two together in an organizational culture built on mutual respect and open-mindedness can lead to amazing results.

The next time you’re involved in identifying good people to serve on a board of directors or as officers, you might want to consider the present age composition of the leaders and look for candidates to round out the unrepresented generations. Mixing those of the Underwood typewriter age with those of the iPhone age and all ages in between is the perfect recipe for an organization where “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”

Lodge 778 member can serve as your Slovenian connection

by DARIA PERSE
Lodge 778

SPRING HILL, Fla. — This is the first time I write for newspaper *PROSVETA*, and it feels exciting and scary at the same time. For being an active member of Suncoast Lodge 778, some of you might know me and for those who don’t, here’s a short introduction. My name is Daria and I am from Slovenia. That means English is my second language, therefore I’ve been known to invent some unique uses for English language, making some people laugh in the process.

Another thing I’m good at is speaking “Slovenglish,” a crazy mixture of Slovenian and English language. I don’t do that on a daily basis but it happens spontaneously when I have my family members from Slovenia visiting. And let me tell you, that’s more fun than any kind of board game, including Scrabble! The unique ways of expressing things we discover by using two tongues at the same time never ceases to amaze me.

By now I might sound to you like some kind of weirdo, but rest assured that I can usually get my message in English across pretty well. I’ve been managing Spring Hill Lodge 778 web site and blog for a few years. Those who are subscribed to our e-mail newsletter hear from me every once in a while when I have some news to share with you. For others that might

be interested, here’s a short URL to the blog: <http://dld.bz/jHZu>.

Last, some more everyday information about me. I have a teenage son. Sometimes I ask him for explanations that seem to be his area of expertise and he tells me to “Google it.” Most of the time, though, he is nice and responds to my requests with no problem. And what really makes my day is when, first thing in the morning, he comes and asks me what I need him to do that day. A few months ago I overheard him saying to someone, “I don’t even ask my mom anymore why she wants me to do certain things. I just go and do it.” I walked straight up to him and told him that was a very wise decision. But then I had to quickly turn around and walk away so he couldn’t see me laughing.

In short, I could be your Spring Hill Slovenian connection. Translating letters from Slovenia, looking for phone numbers of Slovenian relatives, explaining Slovenian customs, giving advice on places to visit in Slovenia, helping find information on polka events across this country and more; I’ve done it all, several times. If I can help you with something, I will. E-mail me at snpj778@gmail.com.

Most of the time my articles will come with a photo because I mercifully use all three of my cameras anywhere I go. Greetings from Spring Hill from the bottom of my heart.

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Samsula Lodge 603 members travel to Pennsylvania for Slovenefest fun

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY
Lodge 603

SAMSULA, Fla. — The Samsula Woman's Club is busy collecting recipes for the fourth edition of the Samsula Country Cookbook, which will hopefully be printed by October. The deadline is quickly approaching and the time to submit recipes is now! E-mail your recipes to dkholley@cfl.rr.com.

You are also invited to include an ad in the new cookbook. A quarter page ad is \$30, a half page is \$50 and a full page is \$75. You may also purchase one line on our sponsor page for \$10. Send your advertisement and check to Samsula Woman's Club, c/o Grace Daniels, 4117 Budd Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168.

A club social and business session was held at Lodge 603 July 14. Winning the dark secret prize was Kayla Thomas, the door prize went to Marcy Galbreath and Ruth Benedict won the meeting gift. The club voted to have dinner Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. at the old Skyline restaurant, now named McCharacters.

Ruth Benedict shared news that she has retired from Volusia County Schools after a 30-year career. A thank you note from Marcy Galbreath was read. She thanked the club for the scholarship that helped her travel to Wales to present a paper she had written. Marcy is a lifelong SNPJ member and

remains active in the Lodge. Many of you remember her mother, Elsie Galbreath, who served our Lodge for so many years as manager.

Saturday, Aug. 7, is the date for the Jennie, John, Frank and Mary Luznar family reunion at the Lodge 603. The hall will open at 11 a.m. Barbecue chicken is on the menu for lunch, and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or two to share. Bill Tomazin is the chairman for this event. Family photos are scheduled to be taken around noon. Locals are reminded to notify out of town family members about the reunion.

Some special news arrived this week. Barry Samsula of Plano, Texas, the grandson of Lloyd Samsula, will be spending time at the Luznar reunion. Also attending the reunion are Barry's step-mother, Claris Samsula of Nebraska, and his son and family, Aaron, Rosemary, Lucas and Larson Samsula of Texas. Lloyd is the man our community is named after. He was the first World War I soldier to return to our area. The post office thought his last name was different and a good fit for the community.

My mother, a lifelong SNPJ member, said she was the first in her family to be born in 1921 after the community was named Samsula. She is the only survivor of the John and Jennie Luznar union. She has volunteered most of her life at our Lodge and with other orga-

nizations in the community.

Lodge 603 met for a covered dish dinner and business session July 13. Mary Ann Reichel served as hostess for the dinner. Heather and Robert McDonald were introduced into membership.

A group of members including George, Ruth and Ashley Benedict, Bill Tomazin, Mike and Dee Dumas, and yours truly flew to the Borough of SNPJ, Pa., to attend the 29th annual Slovenefest. A special treat came from Ann and Tony Klepec (643) as they invited our group to a Slovenian dinner at their cabin along with Slovenian music and a toast of Tony's *hruska*.

We had such a good time with everyone at Slovenefest! We enjoyed the music of Joe Novak & Friends who played Saturday night in the Gostilna. Nancy Novak sang a few songs with the group. Joe and his friends have played at our Lodge celebrations for many years.

The International Pavilion staged some fantastic bands throughout the weekend, including ensembles Dvojčki, Osminka and Veseli Fantje. Our Florida friend Bob Turcola played in the Alpine Room Friday night and will be performing at our Lodge for Slovene Days in February. There were so many bands that played great music and we appreciate such fine talent.

We'd like to congratulate Miss SNPJ 2011 Selina Progar

(138) and the other contestants in the pageant. These girls did a super job under the direction of Fraternal Director Kevin Richards with assistance by National Secretary Karen Pintar, former Miss SNPJ Anna Marie (Klepec) Hutchinson (643) and others.

We also spent time in the Heritage Center and at the welcome booth. We were so warmly greeted by our "National Trio": National President Joseph Evanish, National Secretary Karen Pintar and National Treasurer Robert

Lawrence. Ruth, Ashley and I took in a side trip to Volant, Pa., and enjoyed some Amish shopping.

George Benedict loves to get up early, and he had breakfast cooked and ready for us each morning. And our Klepec *hruska* morning toasts lasted throughout the weekend. We continue to send get-well wishes to Joe and Bea Cvetas (787), with whom we enjoyed several visits.

We've changed the dates of our 2011 Slovene Days to the weekend of Feb. 25-27 so

that it coincides with Florida SNPJ Days hosted by Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778, which will take place the following weekend. We were happy to make this change in hopes that it helps everyone in their scheduling.

Ruth Benedict and I have been elected to serve as Lodge delegates to the 29th Quadrennial Convention Aug. 16-18 in Ohio. We look forward to working to better our Society and visiting with all the delegates. See you at the convention!



Samsula Lodge 603 members enjoyed Slovenefest weekend at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO — We've had more rain this summer than I can ever remember. Well, I suppose that's better than the tornados and flash floods that inclement weather brings. I can't ever remember a year in my life with so many different weather stories.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Arthur Appleyard (1). Dr. Appleyard was the Society's medical examiner when SNPJ was based in the Burr Ridge, Ill., area. I worked for many years with Dr. Appleyard when he was reviewing questionable medical claims or health problems with new applicants. Everyone loved him. Just recently during one of our Pioneer Lodge outings at Drury Lane, we saw Dr. Appleyard and his wife in attendance.

Bonnie Polis (559) had pneumonia while vacationing in Florida, but thank goodness she is feeling better and enjoying the rest of her vacation with her family. Robert Polis was hospitalized after returning home from Florida. Thank goodness it was nothing serious. On July 10, Bonnie and Robert Polis observed their 25th anniversary with a party hosted by

their children, Holly and Amy. After all this, Bob and Bonnie will be taking a trip to Africa.

This July I've been managing the music store while the store owner and his wife take a tour of Europe. I enjoy working at the store; it's more stimulating to be with younger people. It's also easier to keep up with the times.

We were happy to hear that Frank "Lefty" Michalek (559) is doing very well after quintuple bypass surgery. He even says he'll attend the next Pioneer Lodge meeting. The town of Plainfield, Ill., holds a fete for their senior citizens every July. I was surprised to see Lefty and his wife Carol at the celebration.

Ronnie and Sylvia Ericksen will be taking up new residence in Lincolnshire, Ill. Best wishes to you both in your new home. Best wishes as well to Myra Beniger who has been under doctor's care for some time.

About once a year, my daughter, two granddaughters and I go out for dinner and take in a movie. Well, let me tell you something we'll never forget. We went to buy our theater tickets and were told that tickets were \$25 each. We said we just want to see the movie, but that was the cost of each ticket. You sat in a theater with a choice of 32 lounge chairs and a coffee stand in front. A server comes by, adjusts your seat, hands you a menu and then takes your order. You don't know the price of anything until you

get the final bill. Boy, times are really changing. I remember when we could see a movie for 25 cents.

It was nice talking to Joanne Simpkins, daughter of the late Joe Brinocar. Unfortunately, she will be tearing down the Brinocar home. How sad. I spent many, many summers visiting with Joe and Mary Brinocar. It was nice to hear that Joanne's sister, Myrna, is doing better after spending time in the hospital.

Well, July 4th has come and gone. I wasn't feeling well, but still invited my family over for the day. As the evening came to a close, I was so ill that Otto had to take me to the hospital. Believe me, I was scared to death—the last time this happened, back in 2003, I had surgery, then spent three weeks in intensive care and eight months recovering. I'm home now and will visit all of my doctors in a week to see if surgery will be necessary.

While in the hospital, I had a lot of time to think about how much my family and all of my friends mean to me. I will never let anything bother me again. Not only was it a shock for me, but for Otto as well; he isn't in the best of health either. I would like to thank the many people who sent cards; it was most appreciated.

It was nice talking to Myra (Fisher) Andres who lives in California. We caught up on many items and talked about former Perfect Circle 26 members, including Ed Udovick (1) who is

in a nursing home in Portland, Ore.

On July 14, Slovene Pensioners' Club members enjoyed an indoor picnic. Thank goodness it was an indoor picnic; the temperature was in the 90s. The next Pensioners' Club meeting is planned Aug. 11.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members held their regular monthly meeting July 9 with 13 members and two guests in attendance. All officers were present with the exception of Lucille Goste. After the financial report was presented, a letter from National Secretary Karen Pintar was read concerning the SNPJ National Convention and we reviewed the Star Lodge Bonus program updates.

Otto Doerk announced that the Chicago Federation will host a dinner dance Aug. 22 beginning at noon. Our Lodge purchased 10 tickets at \$7 each and held a drawing at the close of the meeting.

Young adult Kaitlin Chiappetta gave a report on the recent Young Adult Conference. It was reported that Ed and Georgia Podbevsek were residing in a nursing home in Montgomery, Ill., that Marylou Nugent is still ailing, that Myra Fisher has some health problems, and that Clara Cretnik is feeling better.

Lodge President Jean Cherway gave an update on upcoming events in the area. Grace Doerk discussed some issues with the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery. It was

reported that the bus to Slovenefest was canceled. John Cretnik won the attendance award.

Since I work on the senior advisory committee for Congressional Minority Leader Tom Cross, I have been invited to have dinner with him. We will have an opportunity to ask any questions about the status of our Illinois government, which isn't good. This has been a pleasurable experience for me.

The past week or so we've had 90-degree temperatures, and most of us seniors try not to be outdoors too long. This past Sunday I did go to our "Plainfieldfest," where I saw one of the guitar teachers from the music store performing in a rock band. It was great, but being in that hot sun was no fun for anyone.

After the festival, Otto and I ventured out to the Slovenian Catholic Center where SWU Branch 2 members were sponsoring a picnic. Attendance was down, but it was nice seeing our friends and listening to the music of Vince Rigler (449). What a surprise to see Billy Reich playing keyboards. It was nice to see Justina Dabrowski (449). We had an opportunity to talk to Tina Rigler (449) and hear about her busy schedule.

The convention will soon be here. After reviewing the list of delegates, I'm looking forward to meeting the many people I know. Until next issue, *na svidenja!*

Lodge 225 extends honors to former secretary

LODGE 225 HONORS
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side dishes, including Treasurer Steve Lomshek's famous potica... it's the best! We spent the remainder of the afternoon dancing, singing and listening to the accordion music of Johnnie Joe Zibert, George Barberich and myself.

In April we had a sausage making party resulting in about 600 pounds of Slovenian klobase. We enjoyed the klobase and all the trimmings at our April meeting, and the remainder was sold to members and guests. We plan to do this again for our Christmas party.

Young adults Megan Reynolds and Jim Greenwood reported that they really enjoyed the Young Adult Conference

and are ready to participate in next year's event. Megan was chosen as the alternate representative to the National Board meeting. Megan is a descendant of the Baloh family, members of the original Charter Lodge 9 in Yale, Kan.

Young adult Scott Roberts received his doctorate of philosophy in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota and is employed by Sandia National Laboratory. Our granddaughter, Jessi Fields, is completing her third year in medical school at the KU Medical Center. Audra Whetzel is in Ljubljana attending the Slovenian Language School, and Captain Michael Fields is in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army Intelligence Group.

We are very proud of our young adults

and support their endeavors. Many have been recipients of an SNPJ scholarship, and we encourage our members to support this program. Several years ago we discontinued the custom of sending flowers to the families of our deceased and instead donate the money to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund in their honor. We continue to present Christmas gifts to our members in local nursing homes. Sis. Loti Mocnik handles these duties, and has done so for more than 20 years.

We will not hold a meeting in August so that we can participate in the Arma Homecoming/VJ Day celebration. Our next meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 12, at noon at the Arma American Legion facility. Bring a friend; we'll see you there!

Catch all the action at the SNPJ Heritage Center

HERITAGE CENTER
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Kathy will be scheduling button box lessons at the Recreation Center the fourth Saturday of the month. Contact Kathy directly for more information at (216) 299-1934. Bringing lessons to the Recreation Center is a way to encourage young and old alike to brush-up on their

skills or learn to play!

During Youth Roundup this year, SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards asked that a member of the Heritage Center Committee speak to the campers about Christmas in Slovenia. Over 60 well-behaved and appreciative campers listened to a Slovenian Christmas story narrated by Kara Maruszak and

made a craft. It was great to see the interest that the youth had in the Heritage Center and the many questions asked by the campers.

Programs such as these are funded through the generous donations of Lodges and individual members. Our thanks to all who have made donations to the Heritage Center.

The SNPJ Heritage Center is holding its first-ever art show at the Recreation Center, and the response has been very good. Several pieces of art were delivered during Slovenefest. If you would like to display your work of art, do so soon—the deadline is fast approaching. See page 5 for details on the art exhibition.

Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges Picnic Schedule 2010

The Evanstown Picnic Grove
Evanstown, Pa.
The grounds open at noon

Aug. 8	Polka Revue Picnic Bob Kravos & Dick Tady	1 to 7
Aug. 22	Westmoreland Co. Federation Picnic Del Sinchak & Joe Grkman	1 to 7
Aug. 29	Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic Mikey Dee & The Polka Quads	1 to 7

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BRO. ALBIN L. PERNE
• LODGE 41 •

IRWIN, Pa. — The Perne family and members of Lodge 41 sadly announce the Jan. 5, 2010, passing of Bro. Albin L. “Joe” Perne, 77, of Export, Pa.

Bro. Perne was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Pleasant Valley, Pa., a son of the late John and Anna (Kusher) Perne. Prior to retiring, he was employed by Westinghouse Air Brake in Wilmerding, Pa., as a millwright boss.

Albin was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the Army. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Export; White Valley Amvets, Post 85; White Valley Social

Athletic Club; Italian American Club, Export; and SNPJ Lodge 41.

Bro. Perne will be greatly missed. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Irene C. (Cavada) Perne; their children, James (Diane) Perne of Jeannette, David (Stephanie) Perne, Randy Perne, and Jeffrey Perne and his girlfriend, Kristie, all of Export; sisters Mollie Zgonc, Clara Zubaty, Helen Glitsky, Francie Celensnick and Janie Lattrell; and many nieces and nephews. He was the proud grandfather of eight dear grandchildren, Amanda (John), Autumn, Matt, Gabby, Nicole, Josh, Zach and Spencer; and proud great-grandfather of Jacob.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Barbara Wolanski, Matilda Volk, Katherine Koltalo and Annie Kristolawsky; and a brother, John Adamic.

Blessing and committal services were celebrated Jan. 9, officiated by Father James Goldberg. Full military honors were accorded by American Legion Post 981 Honor Guard, South Greensburg, Pa., with interment in Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 41 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend deepest sympathies to Bro. Perne’s family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. DAVID J. ZUPANCIC
• LODGE 715 •

UNIVERSAL, Pa. — With sadness, the Zupancic family and members of Lodge 715 announce the Oct. 12, 2009,

passing of Bro. David J. “Nutt” Zupancic, 49, of Trafford, Pa.

Bro. Zupancic was born Oct. 3, 1960, in Wilkinsburg, Pa., a son of Louis and Kathryn (Leonard) Zupancic of Penn Township, Pa. He was employed as a truck driver for the *Pennysaver* in Cranberry, Pa., and worked part time for his good friends, Jake and Louie, owners of Perfect Industrial Cleaning.

David was a member of the Harley Owners Group - Latrobe Chapter, SNPJ Lodge 715 and the Sutersville Moose Lodge. He loved riding his Harley.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Louis Dale (Harriet) Zupancic of Jeannette, Pa.; a sister, Christine (Joseph) Wells of Jeannette; niece Kai and nephew Brian; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 16 at St. Barbara Church, Harrison City, Pa.,

with the Rev. Kenneth G. Zaccagnini and Rev. Emil Payer as celebrants.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 715 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend sincere condolences to Bro. Zupancic’s family and friends on their loss.

BRO. MAX KOZEL
• LODGE 2 •

LA SALLE, Ill. — The Kozel family and members of Lodge 2 sadly announce the July 5, 2010, passing of Bro. Max Kozel, 89, of Peru, Ill.

Bro. Kozel was born Jan. 27, 1921, to Joseph and Frances (Jerse) Kozel. He married Monica Lindenmier Oct. 16, 1948, in Sacred Heart Church, Dimmick, Ill.

Max served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, retired from Libbey Owens Ford and was a farmer all his life in Dimmick. He was a member of

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a lifelong member of SNPJ Lodge 2.

Survivors include daughters Mary (Paul) Clark of Poplar Grove, Ill., and Barbara (Robert) Greer of Oklahoma; sons Michael (Kay) Kozel of Peru and Daniel (Linda) Kozel of La Salle; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Delphine (Henry) Naleway of Oglesby, Ill.; a brother, Cyril (Lee) Kozel of South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated July 7 at Holy Trinity Church with the Rev. Paul Meismer officiating. Burial followed in St. Vincent’s Cemetery, La Salle.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend deepest sympathies to Bro. Kozel’s family, relatives and friends on their loss.

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Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT
Lodge 107

DEVON, Pa. — We had an impromptu polka party at the home recently. It was on the list of activities for the day, but became impromptu when the director was called away. So, gathered was a group sprinkled with canes, walkers and wheelchairs, but with no music and no one to play it even if it were on hand.

That’s when having a Slovenian-American resident solved the dilemma. Quick as a wink, I volunteered to play excerpts from my small but mighty collection of Croatian, Bohemian and Slovenian polkas and waltzes, the last as played in this country (Yankovic and others) and in Slovenia (Steiermark Quartet).

For the first several minutes, with Yankovic playing, a tenuous comparison of those dancing could be made to Lodge 107 members at the Slovenian Hall in St.

Louis in the late 1930s. Responding to a fiery polka, they’d have the basement ceiling under the dance floor keeping time to their foot stomping.

Soon just listening was enough, so we settled back and enjoyed how music was played in Slovenia with the Steiermark Quartet followed by selections from others. There was foot tamping and humming until too soon it was time to wrap things up.

That was the first polka party we’ve had, and I expect it won’t be the last.

Filling in occasionally for the activity director, as I did, is always is a pleasure for all. Volunteers and activities vary, from the resident in her late 90s leading chair exercises to the women turning out cookies in the resident kitchen. Fewer men than women volunteer, but there are fewer men than women here.

The activity program and director are the keys to entertainment, but I’ve seen a lot of variation in them. I would rate the activity programs I’ve seen under three different retirement chains (at an essentially

equivalent monthly living fee) as follows: excellent (good program with a trained director), acceptable (haphazard program with a director) and poor (no director; poor program). An active, experienced program director is the key.

Activity programs weren’t very high on my list of what to look for in a retirement home, but looking back I’d say they should have been. If I were going into a home today, I’d find out what the home has to offer with their activity program from others who may know, ask to see a monthly list of activities and ask to talk to the activities director.

Activities follow a general pattern: exercises, walks, shopping trips, various board games, Wii games (like bowling and golfing), discussing the news, and movies. Not all activities are for everyone, so idle time does come up. That’s when, like others in the same situation, I follow my interests: crossword puzzles, reading, and yes, even napping. There seems to be more of that as time goes on.

SNPJ National Bean Bag Toss Tournament
Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, starting at 1 p.m.
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Team 1 captain’s name, phone number & e-mail address:	
Team 2 captain’s name, phone number & e-mail address:	

Entry Fee: \$10 per two-man team

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att’n.: National Bean Bag Toss Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

66th SNPJ National Golf Tournament
at Bedford Trails Golf Course
713 Bedford Road, Lowellville, OH 44436
Phone: (330) 536-2234
Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010
9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Individual Event

Name	Lodge No.
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Team Event

Name	Lodge No.
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Entry fees for team and individual events are \$55 per member. For individual event only, entry fee is \$50 per member. Entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, prize fund, lunch at the turn, on-course beverages, a golfer’s meal in the dining room at the SNPJ Recreation Center, and a drawing ticket for give-aways.

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ
ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUG. 20, 2010

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

39th Remezo-Kumer Golf Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010
at Mill Creek Golf Course • Route 224, Boardman, OH
(330) 740-7112

Individual Event Only

Check Entry:
Men Ladies Youth

Name	Lodge No.	Phone
1.		
2.		
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The \$25 per person entry fee includes a full-course dinner in the dining room at the SNPJ Recreation Center following golf.

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Marty Kumer
371 Willow Hedge Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146
Phone: (412) 856-8791
Make checks payable to
Marty Kumer

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

SNPJ National Balina Tournament
Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 4-5, 2010
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge Number
1.	
2.	
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Team name _____
Team captain’s name, phone number & e-mail address: _____

\$20 per team entry fee for men’s and women’s competition.
ENTRY DEADLINE is Aug. 27, 2010

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att’n.: National Balina Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

DEATHS REPORTED
For the month of April 2010

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
1	Johanna Ferraro	03-20-10	Chicago, Ill.
3	Mildred J. Marinkovich	03-31-10	Vista, Calif.
6	Meryl L. Cramer	03-27-10	Cuddy, Pa.
6	Joseph J. Celin	04-14-10	Finleyville, Pa.
34	Dorothy Hayes	02-21-10	Mill Creek, Wash.
106	Nancy J. Hughes	04-08-10	Clinton, Pa.
106	Catherine Stayduhar	04-22-10	McKees Rocks, Pa.
106	Anton A. Leban	03-27-10	McDonald, Pa.
138	Patricia A. Bodnar	03-02-10	Houston, Pa.
142	Raymond L. Hrvatin	04-07-10	Cleveland, Ohio
158	Agnes Henderson	03-29-10	Montrose, Colo.
158	George J. Kraincic	02-27-10	Wickliffe, Ohio
165	Joy Lynn Sabolek	04-05-10	Fayette City, Pa.
165	Frank Krall Sr.	04-23-10	Wickhaven, Pa.
174	Frances V. Yadrich	04-28-10	Sarver, Pa.
198	Sylvia Yurkovich	04-10-10	Willard, Wis.
225	Mary F. Howard	03-29-10	Arma, Kan.
245	Theodore Bioni	04-09-10	Claysville, Pa.
268	Mary Malnar	04-15-10	Oshkosh, Wis.
268	Margaret A. Lenich	03-04-10	Eveleth, Minn.
274	Anne M. Steiner	04-08-10	Boyers, Pa.
274	Margaret M. Borow	04-20-10	South Fork, Pa.
292	Frank J. Marosi	03-15-10	Avella, Pa.
292	Mary A. Dobrich	04-06-10	Bessemer, Pa.
304	John J. Bartulovich	03-23-10	El Cerrito, Calif.
355	Leo Svigel	03-03-10	Fairport Harbor, Ohio
358	Dorothy A. Chamberlin	04-04-10	Lisbon, Ohio
371	Rose C. Danichek	03-29-10	Colville, Wash.
449	Martin Mlekush	04-07-10	Riverside, Ill.
497	James E. Muma	03-31-10	Meadville, Pa.
559	Anna Hotko	04-18-10	N. Riverside, Ill.
559	Teckla I. Zordani	03-26-10	Algonquin, Ill.
562	Earl F. Cline	03-22-10	Parma, Ohio
564	John K. Orlich	01-25-87	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
576	Helen B. Marhefka	03-17-10	Painesville, Ohio
576	Edna J. Kleinhenz	04-02-10	Willowick, Ohio
576	Adolph F. Kapla	04-05-10	Orange Village, Ohio
584	Jennie A. Kouchich	02-27-10	Greendale, Wis.
584	Wanda Obluck	03-27-10	Sturttvant, Wis.
603	Herbert G. Hillenbrand	03-01-10	Blairsville, Ga.
603	Nora B. Meyer	03-17-10	Maggie Valley, N.C.
603	Viola J. Valencic	04-10-10	Athens, Ga.
626	Tony Samsa	04-12-10	Massillon, Ohio
626	Dorothy M. Sabo	03-22-10	Canton, Ohio
626	Alberta M. Frankovich	03-25-10	Canton, Ohio
626	Mary Zeno	11-14-08	Akron, Ohio
677	Mildred M. Bernick	04-11-10	New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
723	Walter Boronich	03-27-10	Alhambra, Calif.
723	Stanley Krasovec	03-28-10	Oak Hills, Calif.
729	Florence M. Sivic	12-07-09	Frostburg, Md.
729	George Topolnak	03-14-10	Yukon, Pa.
776	Carmen Bazzanti Sr	04-13-10	Ellwood City, Pa.
777	Emma J. Bossich	03-31-10	St. Charles, Mo.
777	Mary J. Jaeger	04-14-10	Tamarac, Fla.
778	Frank Mahnic	04-04-10	Dunedin, Fla.
782	Helen O. Weitzel	11-16-09	Glenshaw, Pa.
786	Robert H. Mills	02-14-10	Arcadia, Calif.

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary

2011 Miss SNPJ Titleholders

- Miss SNPJ Selina Progar (138)**
- co-Miss Activity Samantha Volpe (158)**
- co-Miss Activity Ashley Russ (158)**
- Miss Talent Selina Progar (138)**
- Miss Fraternalism Selina Progar (138)**



Miss SNPJ 2011 **SELINA PROGAR** (138) with SNPJ National President Joseph C. Evanish



Miss SNPJ Talent 2011 **SELINA PROGAR** (138) with SNPJ National Treasurer Robert J. Lawrence



co-Miss SNPJ Activity 2011 **ASHLEY RUSS** (158) with SNPJ National Secretary Karen A. Pintar



co-Miss SNPJ Activity 2011 **SAMANTHA VOLPE** (158) with SNPJ National Secretary Karen A. Pintar



Miss SNPJ Fraternalism 2011 **SELINA PROGAR** (138) with SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards

The 54th Miss SNPJ is crowned at Slovenefest XXIX

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the program with the singing of the United States National Anthem. Thank you for sharing your talent with us, Jan.

Mayor of the Borough of SNPJ, Pa., Gerald Sankovich (770), presented a proclamation honoring the Miss SNPJ Pageant. It was at this time that all former Miss SNPJs were invited to the stage by reigning Miss SNPJ Kara Maruszak. It's great to see these ladies return to support the Miss SNPJ program and crowning

ceremony each year.

Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak delivered her farewell address. Kara did a wonderful job representing SNPJ at events across the country. As I said when I introduced her, she should remember that she will always be a Miss SNPJ.

I want to personally thank all of the hard-working ladies, who just happen to be former Miss SNPJs, for serving on the Pageant Committee: Miss SNPJ 2001 Kandace Kocjan (643), Miss SNPJ 2009 Brittney Zemko (643) and Miss SNPJ 1992 Anna Marie

(Klepec) Hutchinson (643). Please know that all of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Following Kara's farewell address, SNPJ National President Joseph C. Evanish addressed the audience, touching on the many benefits of SNPJ membership.

The moment we had all been waiting for the entire weekend had finally arrived: the announcement of our award winners.

I had the honor of announcing that Selina Progar (138) was selected Miss SNPJ Fraternalism 2011. Region

2 Vice President Jim Curl (6) announced that Samantha Volpe (158) was runner-up to Miss SNPJ Talent, and SNPJ National Treasurer Robert Lawrence announced that Selina Progar was selected as Miss SNPJ Talent 2011.

Region 3 Vice President Nancy Koutoulakis (721) announced that Selina Progar was runner-up to Miss SNPJ Activity 2011. SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar opened her envelope and announced that there was a tie for Miss SNPJ Activity 2011 – Ashley Russ (158) and Samantha

Volpe would share the title of Miss SNPJ Activity 2011.

Chairman of the SNPJ Finance Committee Joe Cvetas (787) announced that Samantha Volpe was runner-up for Miss SNPJ 2011. National President Joseph C. Evanish then opened the final envelope to reveal that Miss SNPJ 2011 was Selina Progar, a member of Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa.

I thank all of our members who came out to support the 54th Miss SNPJ Pageant. I'll see you at a fraternal event soon...

Miss SNPJ			Miss Activity			Miss Talent			Miss Fraternalism		
Year	Name	Lodge	Year	Name	Lodge	Year	Name	Lodge	Year	Name	Lodge
1957	Marlynn Turki	138	1957	Marianne Swiderski	137	1957	Valare Gorss	87	1969	Jane Gregorin	14
1958	Janet Snyder	36	1958	Genevieve Masser	564	1958	Anne Marie Galdary	715	1970	Kathy Kovacic	8
1959	Marie Tome	8	1959	Joyce Bence	564	1959	Marlene Lustik	764	1971	Margaret Rosko	643
1960	Nancy Sleber	87	1960	Patricia Urana	87	1960	Sandra Ozonich	288	1972	Margaret Rosko	643
1961	Sandra Ogrin	14	1961	Judith Rebich	758	1961	Margaret Peterlin	53	1973	Susan Stritar	14
1962	Gail Nachtigal	604	1962	Janet Pollock	223	1962	Patricia Schlarb	576	1974	Mary Sierputowski	576
1963	Ruth Butkovich	270	1963	Janet Prevec	643	1963	Peggy Peterlin	53	1975	Kathy Hillman	254
1964	Karen Solomon	87	1964	Elizabeth Highberger	87	1964	Lois Svoboda	715	1976	Susan Marisa	289
1965	Elaine Kwartich	6	1965	Joanne Janiga	769	1965	Charlotte Bokal	142	1977	Lisa Standkowski	6
1966	Nancy Skiba	615	1966	Linda Kozick	615	1966	Judy Ann Rebarich	277	1978	Kathleen Hlad	576
1967	Linda Serro	87	1967	Linda Serro	87	1967	Karen Turkovich	137	1979	Patricia Derner	254
1968	Barbara Turkovich	137	1968	Barbara Turkovich	137	1968	Paula Evans	262	1980	Laurie Belvedere	33
1969	Jane Gregorin	14	1969	Susan Sohacki	87	1969	Margaret Laurash	427	1981	Andrea Zupancic	769
1970	Patricia Hlebak	604	1970	Rosemarie Roginski	33	1970	Pat Hlebak	604	1982	Ann Marie Sternot	139
1971	Carol Bokal	142	1971	Carol Bokal	142	1971	Paula Kertis	87	1983	Christine Ebelacker	782
1972	Denise Lamm	566	1972	Denise Lamm	566	1972	Linnette Lesko	566	1984	Suzanne Chuberko	6
1973	Linda Roginski	33	1973	Donna Wolf	142	1973	Susan Stritar	14	1985	Susan R. Caroll	643
1974	Michelle Volk	117	1974	Michelle Volk	117	1974	Kathy Tokarcik	117	1986	Dawn Tatters	223
1975	Judy Pintar	6	1975	Karen Klobucar	7	1975	Kathy Hillman	254	1987	Mary Ann Racic	723
1976	Joyce Braddock	158	1976	Maryann Morvetz	87	1976	Sharon Krofina	158	1988	Kathy Jo Lajevic	138
1977	Cheri Gottke	26	1977	Justina Dabrowski	1	1977	Annette Gadusek	665	1989	Alicia Franchi	1
1978	Kathy Hlad	576	1978	Kathy Hlad	576	1978	Elaine Soldo	277	1990	Lisa Vidergar	723
1979	Carol Morvetz	87	1979	Carol Morvetz	87	1979	Ann Renée Koval	153	1991	Irene Schulman	8
1980	Valerie Stodolsky	87	1980	Donna Kravanja	117	1980	Valerie Stodolsky	87	1992	Marsha McVay	259
1981	Justina Dabrowski	449	1981	Andrea Zupancic	769	1981	Justina Dabrowski	449	1993	Renae Eorio	769
1982	Tracey Anderson	677	1982	Tracey Anderson	677	1982	Ann Marie Sternot	139	1994	Michelle Smidl	769
1983	Karen Kovach	142	1983	Laura Vercheck	138	1983	LynnMarie Hrovat	576	1995	Kelli Blair	784
1984	Toni Trontel	262	1984	Beth Ann Prost	138	1984	Suzanne Chuberko	6	1996	Dierdre Kocjan	643
1985	Jackie Morvetz	87	1985	Joan Grabner	142	1985	Jackie Morvetz	87	1997	Melissa Ann Snyder	776
1986	Kathy Roginski	33	1986	Julie Ann Podboy	138	1986	Kathy Roginski	33	1998	Shelby Tonti	138
1987	Mary Ann Racic	723	1987	Mary Ann Racic	723	1987	Dawn Meyer	147	1999	Stephanie Topolovec	689
1988	Gretchen Buday	153	1988	Jeanette Marie Hiti	576	1988	Gretchen Buday	153	2000	Kelly Lampel	289
1989	Teresa Mlakar	723	1989	Kelly Vavrek	138	1989	Joni Marie Crotty	115	2001	Jacqueline Elk	391
1990	Lisa Vidergar	723	1990	Teresa Mlakar	723	1990	Irene Schulman	8	2002	Kandace Kocjan	643
1991	Melissa Lawrence	138	1991	Lisa Vidergar	723	1991	Lisa M. Streck	5	2003	Erika Marline	314
1992	Anna Marie Klepec	643	1992	Melissa Lawrence	138	1992	Anna Marie Klepec	643	2004	Caralynn Fejka	153
1993	Stacey Apanaites	158	1993	Lisa M. Streck	5	1993	Stacey Apanaites	158	2005	Lindsay Snak	6
1994	Anna Marie Klepec	643	1994	Anna Marie Klepec	643	1994	Ann Marie Sternot	139	2006	Jacqueline Elk	391
1995	Stacey Apanaites	158	1995	Stacey Apanaites	158	1995	LynnMarie Hrovat	576	2007	Tandy Krajec	147
1996	Deirdre Kocjan	643	1996	Deirdre Kocjan	643	1996	Suzanne Chuberko	6	2008	Monika Vidmar	559
1997	Jennifer Skrajner	142	1997	Jennifer Skrajner	142	1997	Jackie Morvetz	87	2009	Megan Reynolds	225
1998	Allison Engel	138	1998	Allison Engel	138	1998	Kathy Roginski	33	2010	Danielle Brand	6
1999	Jennifer Skrajner	142	1999	Jennifer Skrajner	142	1999	Dawn Meyer	147	2011	Danielle Brand	6
2000	Allison Engel	138	2000	Allison Engel	138	2000	Gretchen Buday	153			
2001	Elizabeth Buchner	576	2001	Ann Dolgan	576	2001	Joni Marie Crotty	115			
2002	Christine Wojtila	158	2002	Carissa Pabian	138	2002	Angela Garzarelli	117			
2003	Kandace Kocjan	643	2003	Christine Wojtila	158	2003	Stephanie Topolovec	689			
2004	Carissa Pabian	138	2004	Christine Wojtila	158	2004	Caralynn Fejka	153			
2005	Amanda Fordyce	5	2005	Kandace Kocjan	643	2005	Melanie Jo Smartnick	729			
2006	Courtney Pabian	138	2006	Veronica Vana	5	2006	Kandace Kocjan	643			
2007	Amanda Fordyce	5	2007	Amanda Fordyce	5	2007	Veronica Vana	53			
2008	Courtney Pabian	138	2008	Courtney Pabian	138	2008	Jessi Fields	225			
2009	Caralynn Fejka	153	2009	Katherine Matas	614	2009	Danica Kane	567			
2010	Shannon Fetcko	138	2010	Ashley Paul	138	2010	Faith Sadar	665			
2011	Kristen Cushman	138	2011	Shannon Fetcko	138	2011	Rebecca Ehalt	715			
	Kristy Zivkovich	158		Kristen Cushman	138		Jacqueline Denning	41			
	Danielle Brand	6		Kristy Zivkovich	158		Kristy Zivkovich	158			
	Colleen Frank	158		Brittney Zemko	643		Brittney Zemko	643			
	Kara Maruszak	53		Kara Maruszak	53		Karalynn Fejka	153			
	Ashley Russ	158		Ashley Russ	158		Selina Progar	138			
	Samantha Volpe	158		Samantha Volpe	158						



Miss SNPJ 2011

Miss SNPJ 2011 Selina Progar is a lifelong member of Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa. She is the daughter of Donald (138) and Eliecia Progar, and the granddaughter of John and the late Mary Progar (138), and Violet and the late John Yukevich.

A 2010 honor graduate of Canon-McMillan High School, Selina was inducted into the National Latin Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She has spent many hours volunteering for programs sponsored by the North Strabane Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Selina is an active member of Youth Circle 19, and has represented her Lodge at TEL Workshops and by participating in the Family Twosome Bowling Tournament. Selina has assisted with the Lodge 138 Lou Progar Scholarship Benefit, the SNPJ International Button Box Blast, and the annual Lodge 138 Duck Race and Family Picnic.

Selina plays the button box and is a member of the South Hills Junior Tamburitzans. She also enjoys baking, which influenced her decision to attend the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., to pursue a degree in baking and pastry arts.

