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# Samsula Lodge readies for Florida Slovene Days

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY  
 Lodge 603 Vice President

**SAMSULA, Fla.** — Lodge 603 members are busily preparing for the annual Florida Slovene Days at our Lodge hall the weekend of Feb. 20-22.

Friday activity will feature the music of Ron Luznar and the Polka Pals from 5 to 9 p.m. The Lodge will open at 4 p.m. and the kitchen will be ready with your favorite foods. Pauline Lockwood has volunteered as food chairman for Friday, and will have a crew ready to take your

order and serve the food.

Friday night admission will be just \$3 per person. This is an orange-blossom special celebrating our 83rd year in this great fraternal society.

On Saturday, the gates will be open from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. with an admission fee of only \$10 per person. A real treat on Saturday will be the return of Marc Bouchard and his orchestra from Daytona Beach, Fla. The orchestra features Marc, along with Frank Moravcik from Cleveland, Will Shaff on banjo

and Steve Bouchard on drums. Also performing on Saturday will be Joe Novak & Friends from Medina, Ohio, featuring Joe, Bob Ferritto on bass, Brian Zupancic on banjo and guitar, Gary Fisher on saxophone, and Mike Yanek on drums. You will not want to miss these performances!

The Lodge 603 Hall will open for lunch at 11 a.m. and guests will be jamming with your favorite tunes. Ted Perkovich telephoned from Palm Coast, Fla., to say he is looking forward to attending

our festival again this year. Ted performs with Ron Luznar's Polka Pals and does a lot of jamming throughout the weekend. Paulette Smithmeyer will take charge of the kitchen Saturday before Nancy Bass takes over the job at 4 p.m. Bring your appetite; you'll be glad you sampled our food.

We've planned a brief program early Saturday afternoon to welcome Miss SNPJ 2009 Brittney Zemko (643) and SNPJ National

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## Lodge 138 approves a change in meeting time

**STRABANE, Pa.** — During their first meeting of 2009, Strabane Lodge 138 members unanimously approved changing the starting time of regular meetings to 7 p.m. The meeting day will remain the first Monday of each month.

BOB LAWRENCE  
 Lodge 138 Secretary

## East Ohio/Western Pa. Fed reschedules meeting

**BOARDMAN, Ohio** — The Eastern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Federation delegates are reminded of the annual Federation meeting being held Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Olive Garden on State Rt. 224 in Boardman, Ohio. Election of officers and an update of the by-laws will take place at this time. The Jan. 11 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

JOAN PLUNKETT (358)  
 Federation Recording Secretary

## Treat your sweetheart to a day on the lanes

**CLEVELAND** — The Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) reminds all sweethearts to phone (216) 731-2723 or e-mail [lmj1020@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmj1020@roadrunner.com) if you are interested in signing up for the Sweetheart Doubles Bowling Tournament taking place Saturday, Feb. 21, at Freeway Lanes in Wickliffe, Ohio. Bowling begins at 2 p.m. with check-in any time after 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$15 per youth. Pre-registration is a must, and you do not have to be an SNPJ member to enjoy this activity. Grab your sweetie and head to Freeway Lanes for an afternoon of fun.

LINDA GORJUP (158)  
 Cleveland Athletic League President

## Have you recommended a new member lately?

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — Be sure to take advantage of SNPJ's Recommender Program which offers SNPJ members an enhanced benefit for encouraging family, children, friends and acquaintances to join SNPJ. The recommender will receive \$10 for each valid referral submitted. Every valid referral earns the recommender one chance in the quarterly drawing for an opportunity to win \$100 and an additional chance in the year-end drawing for an opportunity to win \$500. See page 7 for the Recommender coupon.

## THE DEADLINE

The next two PROSVETA issue dates are Feb. 11 and Feb. 25. All material must be received by Monday, Feb. 2, for the Feb. 11 issue, and by Monday, Feb. 16, for the Feb. 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](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com).



### One Step Closer to the Grand Prize

SNPJ Home Office employees **BETTY WARD** (left) and **CINDY PLACEK** selected Michael Minella of Lodge 106 in Imperial, Pa., as the winner of the fourth quarter 2008 SNPJ Recommender Program drawing. Michael will receive a check for \$100 and his name will be included in the year-end drawing for \$500! Have you recommended someone for SNPJ membership? The SNPJ Recommender form is available online, in this PROSVETA issue or by phoning the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675. You could be our next winner!

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

# Something to sing about

## Youth Circle 2 members and alumni gather to celebrate

by KATHLEEN TREBETS (604)  
 Youth Circle 2 Director

**EUCLID, Ohio** — Hello and happy New Year to all! I would like to start off by mentioning what a success the 2008 Fall Concert was for the Youth Circle 2 Slovenian Junior Chorus. The Circle celebrated its 70th anniversary Nov. 9 at Recher Hall in Euclid.

Under the direction of Shirley Ivancic Stall, the children performed a concert to remember. With assistance from Kathy Hlad, assistant musical director, and our longtime accompanist Frank Culkar, this year's concert had a few extra highlights that I'm sure both the children and audience enjoyed. Props were added, some of the children played their own instruments, and there was also a dedication to a Cleveland musical great, our own Eddie Kenik.

The highlight of the afternoon came when several Slovenian Junior Chorus alumni joined the current Circle members on stage for a sing-along. I would like to thank the alumni members for joining us and look forward to seeing them

at our future events. I would also like to make special mention of Mary Sterle, the Matas family and Utopians Lodge 604 for their generous donations to Youth Circle 2. Mary has been a longtime supporter of our Circle, and Linda Shaver Matas and her children are all former Circle 2 members. Their donations are appreciated and will be used for future activities for the children.

Circle 2 was honored to have Slovenian Consul General Dr. Zvone Žigon and his wife, Maja, attend the concert. Dr. Žigon presented the chorus with a proclamation from the Republic

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SNPJ Youth Circle 2 Slovenian Junior Chorus members and alumni gathered together on stage during the annual Fall Concert to celebrate the Circle's 70th anniversary.



• **Liam J. DeGraff**  
 Born Nov. 25, 2006  
 Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 749

The members of Johnstown Lodge 749 welcome the newest addition to their Lodge, Liam Justice DeGraff of Sacramento, Calif. Liam is the son of Nicholas DeGraff and Ginger Penebaker, and the grandson of Jerry and Sandra (749) DeGraff. We welcome Liam to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

# Lodge 778 working toward Florida SNPJ Days

by EILEEN HARFMAN  
 Lodge 778 Secretary

**SPRING HILL, Fla.** — Lodge 778 members held their first meeting of the new year Jan. 4. Our Lodge will be hosting several large social events over the course of the next few months, including performances by Walter Ostanek and Bobby Kravos on Jan. 31, Florida SNPJ Days featuring Don Wojtila and Denis Novato the weekend of Feb. 27-28, Steve Juricic and Tropical Squeeze on March 1, Virgil Baker on

March 15, and Bobby Kravos on March 21.

Since we will be hosting so many activities, President Ben Drongosky invited the ticket chairmen of each event and our bar supervisors to join our officers meeting. In my opinion, this was a great idea. Ben gave us all a chance to state our viewpoints and do a little brainstorming. Sometimes an informal setting is a lot less intimidating than a large meeting, and ideas seem to flow more smoothly. Keep up the good work, Ben.

Our Lodge business and social meeting followed. We welcomed a few guests, and celebrated January birthdays and anniversaries. Later we sat down to a delicious meal.

The following Thursday, several members gathered for potica preparation. This year I was able to join in the process. It's quite an undertaking, but our ladies and gentlemen have it down to an art. The recipe we use was handed down

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Lodge/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lodge 274 supports SNPJ scholars

by JOHN MICKO  
Lodge 274 Secretary

**DUNLO, Pa.** — During Labor Day weekend 2008, members of Lodge 274 participated in the Forest Hills Ethnic Festival in Forest Hills, Pa. Several members spent the three-day weekend selling ham, chicken sandwiches and other dishes. The proceeds, totaling \$500, were donated to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund.

For the last 14 years, Lodge 274 has strongly supported the SNPJ Scholarship Fund. The members feel SNPJ youth members are the future, and the Lodge hopes to continue their support for many years to come.



**ANN VOLEJAK** (174), **JOHN MICKO** (274) and **ANDY KRANYC** (274) manned the Dunlo Lodge 274 booth during a Labor Day weekend festival.

## Lodge 786 earns Gold Star status

by JEAN KOCI  
Lodge 786 Secretary

**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.** — The first Lodge 786 meeting of the year was a constructive one, and also very enjoyable. Our hosts, the Bernhards, made the more than 20 members and guests in attendance very welcome. The potluck meal was delicious, and we even had a little music at the very end.

The election of officers took place. Most of our main officers remain the same, except for the position of recording secretary. Our thanks to Connie Swiderski for taking over. We always have a few rotations for our auditors and Federation delegates, which is a good way to get more people involved.

Our six meetings were scheduled for 2009, as were the special events for the year. The first big Lodge event will be our Wine Tasting Party and Picnic. This has been a highlight of our activities since our Lodge was organized in 1999. The date has tentatively been set for

Sunday, June 7; we're waiting for final approval from the winery. We will once again use Keyways Winery in Temecula, Calif., which has been our beautiful location for the past two years.

Other Lodge events include our July Barbecue and Swim Party, a Nov. 7 concert featuring the Slowind Quintet from Slovenia, and our Dec. 6 Christmas party. Other activities will be scheduled throughout the year.

The next Orange Coast Lodge 786 meeting will be held Sunday, March 1, beginning at 1 p.m. here in Laguna Niguel, Calif., at our home, 29476 Vista Plaza Dr. If you need directions or information, give me a call at (949) 495-0097. An RSVP would be helpful so we can plan the food for the day.

Thanks to everyone for the consistent participation in our Lodge meetings and activities. Because of your participation, we can proudly say that we've once again attained Gold Star Status in the SNPJ Lodge Rewards Program.

## Preparations underway for 2009 Florida SNPJ Days

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to Sis. Marge Thomas in 1943 by a Slovenian nun. The original recipe has been altered a bit through the years, but the process has, for the most part, remained unchanged.

I've always loved eating potica,

but I never realized how much work goes into making one. It's a full day process! Tony and Rita Hren arrived before 7 a.m., and a few faithful members — including John and Doris Laurich, and Walt and Wilma Stauffer — stayed late into the evening.

Each member had his or her as-

signed task, like beating the egg whites, preparing the raisins and portioning the ingredients. With Marge's help, I rolled out several portions of dough, spread the nut mixture, sprinkled the raisins and very carefully rolled the loaf to fit into the prepared pan. I really enjoyed the experience, and I hope it is one that will continue for years to come.

We made 38 poticas that day, but we all came away with so much more. We had a chance to reminisce and bond. Perhaps that was the idea behind the barn raisings and quilting bees of the past. When we all work together, the task seems smaller and the rewards are greater... and sweeter and delicious in this case! My thanks to everyone who participated, and to those who showed me the ropes.

The Home Office has informed me that in 2009, six of our members will receive 50- and 60-year awards. They are 50-year member Anna Slapar, and 60-year members Frank Slapar, Elsie Oberson, Dorothy Marie Coughenour, Joyce E. Peterson and Raymond C. Bozich. Congratulations to all!

The next Lodge 778 meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 1, beginning at 1 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome. We encourage you to attend; you won't be disappointed!



Whether they were rolling dough or spreading the filling, everyone had a job to do at the Lodge 778 potica making session.

## Up-and-Coming...

### A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- JAN. 31 ..... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill; 6-10 p.m. Entertainment features Walter Ostanek and Bobby Kravos. For additional information phone Mary Ann Hiltz at (727) 376-8486.
- FEB. 1 ..... Herminie Lodge 87 dance in the Slovenian Crystal Ballroom, 2-7 p.m. Music provided by the Frank Palombi Good Times Band and Sounds of Country. For more information phone Arlene Madden at (724) 446-3251.
- FEB. 1 ..... Midway Lodge 89 Super Bowl party at the Lodge 89 Hall, Midway, Pa. For additional information phone the Lodge 89 Hall at (724) 796-0285.
- FEB. 15 ..... Midway Lodge 89 Open House at the Lodge 89 Hall, Midway, Pa.; 4-7 p.m. Learn about hall rental rates and meet the new Lodge 89 insurance agent. For additional information phone the Lodge 89 Hall at (724) 796-0285.
- FEB. 20-22 ..... Florida Slovene Days hosted by Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla.
- FEB. 21 ..... Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) Sweetheart Doubles bowling beginning at 2 p.m. at Freeway Wickliffe Lanes. To register phone Linda Gorjup at (216) 731-2723 or e-mail [lmg1020@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmg1020@roadrunner.com)
- FEB. 22 ..... Herminie Lodge 87 Presidential Polka, 2-7 p.m. Music by the Mikey Dee Band and Jack Tady & the JTB. For additional information, contact Arlene Madden at (724) 446-3251.
- FEB. 27-MARCH 1 ..... Florida SNPJ Days hosted by Spring Hill Lodge 778. Entertainment features the Don Wojtila Orchestra and Steve Juricic Band. For weekend information contact Rita Hren at (352) 382-3721. For SNPJ Florida Annual Golf Tournament information phone Betty Keber at (352) 686-9579.
- MARCH 15 ..... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 Spring Dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill; 3-6 p.m. Music by Virgil Baker and the Just for Fun Band. For additional information phone Anne Gombocs at (727) 372-0509.
- MARCH 21 ..... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 Spring Dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill; 6-10 p.m. Music by Bobby Kravos. For additional information phone Anne Gombocs at (727) 372-0509.
- MARCH 22 ..... Herminie Lodge 87 "Put Some Spring in Your Step" dance, 2-7 p.m. Music by the Mikey Dee and Jim Rhoades bands. For additional information phone Arlene Madden at (724) 446-3251.
- APRIL 14 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 tribute to 23-year Lodge Recording Secretary Eleanor Kuhar, 1 p.m. at Dickinson House, Oglesby, Ill. For additional information contact Delores Spelich at (815) 223-8650.
- MAY 2-3 ..... SNPJ National Bowling Tournament hosted by the SNPJ Recreation Center. For information phone Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- MAY 12 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 wine tasting, 1 p.m. at Dickinson House, Oglesby, Ill. For details phone Delores Spelich at (815) 223-8650.
- JUNE 7 ..... Spartans Lodge 576 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 2 p.m. Entertainment features Joey Tomsick, Joe Novak and Wayne Tomsic. Phone Lou Novak at (440) 461-6476 for details.
- JUNE 8 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 50-, 60-, 70- and 80-year member luncheon at 4 Star Restaurant, Peru, Ill., beginning at 11:30 a.m. For information phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- JUNE 21-26 ..... SNPJ Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com) for registration forms.
- JUNE 26-28 ..... SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- JULY 10-12 ..... Slovenefest XXVIII and the 53rd Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For weekend information phone the Rec Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 7-9 ..... SNPJ TEL Workshop at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).

## Jolly Allis Lodge ready for a new year

by CHARLES KASSECKERT  
Lodge 686 Secretary

**WEST ALLIS, Wis.** — I hope all Jolly Allis Lodge 686 members are doing well as we begin the new year. We held the election of officers for 2009 during our most recent meeting. All officers were re-elected. Thank you all for accepting another term.

Our next meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. in the meeting room on the lower level of the Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home. Mark your calendar so that you'll remember this meeting date. All members are encouraged to attend so that you're up to date on SNPJ news and events.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [chuckkwi@execpc.com](mailto:chuckkwi@execpc.com) or by phone at (414) 543-4429.

## snpj ...it's about LIFE Producer showcase

Bro. **STAN REPOS**  
Lodge 106



Bro. Stan Repos, president of Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106, is this week's featured Top Producing Agent.

Aside from serving his Lodge as president, Stan also serves on the Supervisory Committee of the SNPJ National Board.

Although recently retired, Bro. Repos is busier than ever. He has four children and eight grandchildren.

Stan can be reached at 1255 McCaslin Road, Imperial, PA 15126; by phone at (724) 695-3768; or by e-mail at [stanrepos@verizon.net](mailto:stanrepos@verizon.net).

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## What will they say about you?

At life's first breath, death begins. While this is a sad statement, it is true. Have you ever wondered what might be said at your eulogy? How will your epitaph read? Certainly you have noticed the granite monuments or markers at cemeteries with these classic lines: loving mother, devoted father, beloved grandparent, dearest friend, veteran, coworker, etc.

What will be said and/or written about your demise one day? One of the nicest stories I've ever heard was about a doctor who practiced medicine in the slums of a major city. His small office was upstairs of a corner drug store. The dilapidated steps had a small sign that read "the doctor is upstairs." For years the doctor treated the poor with no payment or insurance. When the doctor died, the poor people he treated got just enough money together to bury him. Unfortunately, they didn't have enough money for a headstone. And then one of his old patients came up with a solution. So if you ever visited the doctor's grave you would see a makeshift cross with his old sign that says, "The doctor is upstairs."

What will your marker say someday? Well, whatever it is, you had better start working on it today. Actions speak louder than words, so your lifetime example will be the true measure of a person. Gifts of time, talent and treasures are all we have to offer. In the end, time and talent will be gone, leaving only treasures. These might be assets you have accumulated over the years or life insurance proceeds. Will you have just enough insurance to bury your body, or will you be able to make a significant gift to a child, grandchild or charity? With life insurance you can create, preserve, accumulate and distribute wealth. Life insurance is the greatest financial product ever devised.

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- **Thought for the Week** — There is many a good tune played on an old fiddle.

Slovenian proverb

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## Lodge 778 SNPJ DAYS

Feb. 27 - March 1

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Dancing with the Don Wojtilla Orch.  
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6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28 — \$10  
Jam Session  
2 to 6 p.m.

Dancing with the Don Wojtilla Orch.  
and special guest Denis Novato  
6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, March 1 — \$8  
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## Authorization required for Slovenians to enter U.S.

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenians traveling to the United States are now required to apply for travel authorization to enter the country. The visa-waiver program includes 34 countries whose nationals are eligible for visa-free travel to the U.S. for up to 90 days.

According to the U.S., the online application requires personal information, data from the travelers' passport and answers to a few security questions. Travelers were already required to fill in this information on the I-94 forms upon entry to the U.S.

## Türk saves by reducing visits, taking a pay cut

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenian President Danilo Türk announced a series of savings in his office, including a cut in the number of foreign visits he'll make in 2009. According to his office, these measures are a response to the economic and financial crisis. Türk hopes to save as much as 15 percent of his 2009 budget and promises to publish monthly spending reports.

The president, who recently came under fire for renting an expensive jet for a visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina, will pay visits abroad only after coordinating them with a specially-convened foreign policy steering committee. The president's 2009 visits will focus on countries where Slovenian business is looking to strengthen economic ties. No further details were given on which potential visits may be postponed or canceled as a result of the measures.

Business officials flying with Türk on visits abroad will now have to pay for their own tickets. Türk's office also said the president will fly on planes provided through a central government order for aircraft services carried out by the Public Administration Ministry. It again defended the cost of the president's trips abroad in 2008, saying the president made more visits than usual because it was his first year in office. Another reason for the high number of visits in 2008 was the backlog of invitations from the previous term and Slovenia's stint as EU president.

In another planned saving measure, Türk will petition the government to adopt a law which would cut the pay for him and his staff by one salary bracket for the duration of the financial crisis. Until such a law is passed, Türk has promised to donate the difference to charity.

This announcement comes as the cabinet adopted two to three percent pay cuts for ministers and state secretaries before the New Year; parliament has announced a similar plan. Much like Prime Minister Borut Pahor, who has promised to foot the bill for all hospitality expenses in Slovenia, President Türk said that hospitality expenses will be minimized and events grouped together when possible.

## Number of judges will be cut through attrition

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenia has too many judges. In fact, it has the highest number of judges per capita in Europe. However, Justice Minister Aleš Zalar assured the judges that this did not mean the government would be opting for lay-offs, but could resort to natural attrition.

The available data shows there are too many district judges, Zalar said, after 10 new judges were sworn into parliament. The Supreme Court will now make an analysis for other courts, but Zalar expects the results to be similar.

Even if the analysis confirms there are too many judges, it is "far from meaning we'll be opting for redundancies. We may decide for a soft cut in the number of judges, where those who leave due to retirement or a change in profession would not be replaced." Zalar explained that he intends to reduce court backlogs, stating a combination of measures would be necessary, including an overhaul of procedural regulations such as criteria for access to courts.

The minister also pointed out the need to change court management by introducing criteria that measures courts' efficiency and imposing stiffer regulations for accountability of those running the courts. One way to reduce the backlog of court cases is a greater availability of alternative dispute resolution, giving citizens a choice to find a solution to their disputes in a way that is friendlier, cheaper and quicker than litigation.



## New private university suffers a major setback

LJUBLJANA (STA) — On Jan. 15, the Slovenian government decided to annul the November decision of the Higher Education Ministry to register a new private university in the registry of higher education, saying the university did not meet the legal requirements for registration. Nova univerza, based in Brdo pri Kranju, was conceived as Slovenia's second private university.

According to the government, the ministry, led by former minister Mojca Kucler Dolinar at the time, registered an institute which had not received proper endorsement from the Higher Education Council and failed to provide necessary proof of adequate infrastructure for its activities. "The...irregularities constitute a breach of the Higher Education Act and of the rules regulating the registration of higher education institutions, which means the registration needs to be annulled," the government announced.

Following a review of the registration procedures involving the new university in December, Kucler Dolinar maintained that everything had been carried out in line with the law. She said the government's decision to seek a court annulment was an attempt to create a political scandal and prevent higher education liberalization. The ministry responded by saying the problem of registering Nova univerza was of a legal nature, "which is why we handed over the case to the institutions in charge."

Nova univerza sought to bring together the Faculty of Post-graduate State and European Studies at Brdo pri Kranju, the European Law Faculty, and the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences in Nova Gorica, which together have more than 2,000 students.

## Minister promises funds for Fulbright Program

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenian Higher Education and Science Minister Gregor Golobič has promised an increase in the amount of funds earmarked by Slovenia for financing the Fulbright Program in Slovenia.

During a mid-January ceremony marking the 45th anniversary of Slovenia's involvement in the cultural exchange program with the United States, Golobič said Slovenia would move closer to matching the amount earmarked by the U.S. for conducting the program with Slovenia. He said this provision would be included in a new memorandum of understanding with the U.S. on the program.

During the ceremony, Golobič stressed that science and culture were global values, adding that Slovenia financed some 40 scientific projects involving U.S. scientific institutions and scientists. U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia Yousif Ghafari noted that since the Fulbright Program was launched in 1949, over 300,000 people from 144 countries were included in projects sponsored by this prestigious program. Ghafari added that the goal of the program was to improve mutual understanding among the people of the United States and other countries.

## Slovenian pedestrian safety campaign begins

LJUBLJANA (STA) — A national traffic campaign aiming to increase the safety of pedestrians, especially their visibility at night, has been launched across Slovenia. The campaign will run until the end of January, Bojan Žlender of the Slovenian Road Safety Council told the press. The campaign will encourage pedestrians to wear reflectors by distributing 30,000 of them in the four Slovenian regions that recorded the most traffic accidents involving pedestrians.

Žlender said pedestrians on Slovenian streets are at risk, especially at night as many roads outside of towns have no sidewalks and people fail to use reflectors. He explained that at night, a driver traveling at 55 mph can spot a pedestrian wearing dark clothes and no reflector from only 85 feet away. This gives the driver only one second and three feet to react.

On the other hand, if a pedestrian wears a reflector, the driver is able to spot him or her from as far as 445 feet

away. The autumn and winter months are especially dangerous for pedestrians, as nights are longer and visibility is reduced by fog, added Lojze Habič of the Police Administration.

According to statistics, 800 pedestrians were involved in traffic accidents in 2008, resulting in 38 deaths. Last year, 17.8 percent of all traffic casualties in Slovenia were pedestrians, compared to 11.3 percent in 2007. Habič said that during the campaign, police will check pedestrians for reflectors in addition to increasing speed checks.

Žlender also pointed to alcohol as a major issue of road safety in Slovenia. Not only is driving under the influence dangerous for pedestrians, drunk pedestrians are often to blame for accidents.

Gregor Ficko, head of the Transport Ministry's directorate for roads, said Slovenia's road safety was among the worst in the EU. He believes that part of the problem lies in deficient road infrastructure — no sidewalks and insufficient lighting, especially at pedestrian crossings. Ficko said the state will almost double this year's funds (between \$52.6 million and \$65.8 million, compared to over \$32.9 million in 2008) to improve the infrastructure and carry out safety campaigns.

## Work attracts majority of immigrants to Slovenia

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In 2007, some 29,193 people moved to Slovenia; 27,504, or 94 percent, were foreigners and 1,689 were nationals. Some 55.1 percent moved to Slovenia to find a permanent job, while 22.5 percent moved for seasonal work. About 17.4 percent migrated to Slovenia to reunite with family, according to the Statistics Office.

Data on socio-economic characteristics of the Slovenian population shows nearly 20,000 immigrants found work in Slovenia in 2007. Forty-one percent found work in craft and related trades, and 39.2 percent in elementary occupations.

Of the Slovenian nationals who were returning, only 274, or some 16 percent, found a job in the observed year, most in wholesale, retail, motor vehicle repair or manufacturing. As many as 63.9 percent of the employed immigrants who came to Slovenia in 2007 found employment in construction. Some 12.7 percent got a job in manufacturing, mostly in manufacturing metals and fabricated metal products. Since 2005, the construction sector has been the main employer of foreign workers in Slovenia, taking up as much as two-thirds of all foreign labor in Slovenia.

Most of the immigrants who found employment, 54.3 percent, had only completed primary school. Around 40 percent completed secondary school, and only three percent had a higher education. In 2005, the share of employed immigrants with a higher education was 6.3 percent, while in 2006 it dropped to 3.7 percent.

## Music academy honors two anniversaries

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Ljubljana Academy of Music will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its predecessor, the Music Academy, and 90 years since the establishment of the first music conservatory in Slovenia with a number of concerts, seminars, a book and an exhibition.

The academy will hold three series of concerts. The first series is comprised of 12 concerts by the academy's orchestras and choirs, as well as Slovenian professional orchestras and solo performances. The second series will involve nine concerts of chamber music, while the third cycle will feature 11 solo recitals dedicated to former academy professors. The anniversaries will also be marked with a number of seminars involving famous composers from abroad.

The dean of the academy, Pavel Mihelčič, highlighted the opening of an exhibition of drawings by Slovenian musician, composer and painter Sasa Santil; unveiling a plaque; publishing a book on the academy's history; and a hosting a symposium on the same topic.

The conservatory was established in 1919 as part of the Ljubljana Philharmonic Society. In 1939 it became an independent institute and was renamed the Music Academy. In 1948 it was named the Academy of Music and became a member of the Ljubljana University. Currently, 390 students study there, including a number from abroad.

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## Snežno pravljico na Zlati lisici ozaljšala Tina Maze z zmago

**HEADLINE:** The snowy fairy tale on Zlata lisica embellished with a victory by Tina Maze

**TOPIC:** The people of Maribor like to brag about how they beat nature many times in the 45-year history of competition for the Zlata lisica (Gold Fox). This year, nature provided them with a real winter fairy tale. As competition leader Gorazd Bredač said, the most beautiful present didn't fall from the sky. The victory of Tina Maze in the giant slalom was the result of her hard work, as well as that of her coaches. Slovenia now has 52 victories in World Cup competition. Tina celebrated the 30th women's victory and, in terms of number of first-place finishes, she now stands tied with Mateja Svet who is still the most successful Slovenian skier.

Mariborčani se zelo radi pohvalijo, kako so v 45-letni

zgodovini tekmovanj za Zlato lisico velikokrat premagali naravo. Letos jim je namenila pravo zimsko pravljico. Najlepše darilo, ki je, kot je dejal vodja tekmovanja Gorazd Bredač, poplačalo vse vloženo delo, pa jim ni padlo z neba. Zmaga Tine Maze v veleslalomu - najboljša lisicka je bila skupno zmagovalka slaloma. Nemka Maria Riesch - je dar trdega dela Črnjanke ter njenih trenerjev Andreja Perovska in Andree Massija, ki so se letos pogumno podali na tvegan projekt samostojne poti v vrh. Mazejeva je v novi šampionski podobi navdusila s slogom in pristopom, ki je spominjal na njeno zlato leto 2005, ko je na Pohorju tudi prvič zmagala. Slovenija ima tako v svetovnem pokalu že 52 zmag. Tina je slavila 30. jubilejno žensko in po številu prvih mest izenačila z Matejo Svet, se vedno daleč najuspešnejšo slovensko smučarko.

DELO

## Spanje v iglujih kot dodatna turistična ponudba

**HEADLINE:** Sleeping in an igloo as an additional tourist offering

**TOPIC:** The ski center on Rogla recently opened an Eskimo village, a joint project of Zreče Unitor and KorenSports, a private company. Last year an igloo was built as a trial on Krvavec and received an award for the best innovative tourist product.

The village is working as a hotel. A narrow passage connects the sleeping and living quarters in each of the seven igloos, and there is room for 35 beds. The main room is intended for business meetings, conferences and social events, and there is

also a restaurant, a bathroom and a kitchen. The village, which was built in 18 days, is constructed of 12,000 cubic meters of man-made snow. The total cost was \$39,000.

"Last year more than 10,000 people visited the Eskimo village on Krvavec; many foreign tourists slept here, and for this reason we decided to build a similar igloo this year at the hut on Jurgovem (on Rogla)," said Damjan Pintar, director of the Unitor.

The temperature inside the igloo stays between 32 and 40 degrees Fahrenheit, which is a lot higher than the temperatures on the ski slopes. Guests have to wear

warm winter clothes during the night.

V smučarskem središču na Rogli so pred dnevi uradno odprli Eskimsko vas, ki je skupni projekt zreskega Unitorja in zasebnega podjetja Koren Sports. Lani so jo poskusno postavili na Krvavcu in si prisluzili priznanje za najbolj inovacijski turistični produkt. Vas deluje kot hotel. V sedmih z ozkimi hodniki povezanimi spalnimi in dnevnimi iglujmi je prostora za največ 35 ležišč, osrednji prostor je namenjen poslovnim, konferenčnim in družabnim dogodkom, urejeni so gostinski del, sanitarije in kuhinja. Zgradili so jo v 18 dneh, zanjo so porabili 12.000 kubičnih metrov umetnega

snega, stala je 39.000 evrov. "Lani je Eskimsko vas na Krvavcu obiskalo približno deset tisoč ljudi, v njej je prenocilo veliko tujih gostov, zato smo se z lastnikom podjetja Koren sports dogovorili, da jo letos postavimo pri Koci na Jurgovem na Rogli, & je povedal izvršni direktor Unitorja Damjan Pintar. Temperatura v iglujih je med nič in stiriimi stopinjami Celzija, kar je več kot na smučiščih, vendar morajo gostje ponoči ostati v toplih zimskih oblačilih. Vodja smučišča Ales Slapar napoveduje, da bi ob nizkih temperaturah vas lahko goste sprejela še med prvomajskimi prazniki.

DELO

## V Škocjanskih jamah lani sto tisoč obiskovalcev

**HEADLINE:** One hundred thousand visitors in the Škocjanske caves last year

**TOPIC:** On Dec. 29, 2008, the Škocjanske caves welcomed their 100,000th visitor, in one year, for the very first time since they opened to professional visitors in 1819 and to tourists in 1884. The 100,000th visitor was 44-year-old Vanja Radovanović from Zagreb, who said that he was a fan of Slovenia's natural beauty.

Albin Debevec, director of the Škocjanske caves park, and Stane Cenčič, the oldest guide at the Škocjanske caves, presented Radovanović with a book about the caves, a CD with detailed

information, and a model of an acetylene lamp which will soon become a tourist souvenir of these caves.

V Škocjanskih jamah se je v ponedeljek 29. decembra lani, odkar so leta 1819 začeli voditi evidenco strokovnih obiskov, od leta 1884 pa se evidenco turističnega obiska, zgodilo, da se jih je v letu dni ogledalo 100.000 ljubiteljev kraskega podzemlja. Stotisoci obiskovalec je bil 44-letni Zagrebčan Vanja Radovanović; ki je, kot pravi, strastni ljubitelj naravnih lepot Slovenije.

Albin Debevec, direktor Parka Škocjanske jame, in Stane Cenčič, vodja vodniške službe in najstarejši vodnik po Škocjanskih jamah, sta mu

podarila monografijo o jamah oziroma parku, zgostičko s pomembnimi podatki in zanimivostmi ter model karbidovke, ki bo kmalu postala turistični spominček teh jam.

Kot je povedal Debevec, je bil omenjeni ponedeljek eden od tistih prelomnih dni, ki zaznamujejo zgodovino Škocjanskih jam. Po ponovnem odkritju jam, ki po dostopnih virih segajo dve desetletji pred naše stetje, je nedvomno izjemna prelomnica 26. novembra 1986, ko so jih kot dvesto naravno znamenitost zapisali na seznam Unescove svetovne naravne dediščine. Jame so ljudje vedno precej obiskovali, v senci velike Postojnske jame in Lipice. Ko

so v "zlato dobi" množičnega turizma v Istri ljudje dobesedno drli v Postojnsko jamo, je blizhjo Lipico obiskalo tudi po 250.000 obiskovalcev na leto - v Škocjanskih jamah jih je bilo desetkrat manj.

To se je po letu 1999 začelo spreminjati. To leto je bilo v jamah 44.704 obiskovalcev, potem pa se je številka vsako leto povečala za okroglih 10.000 in lani dosegla magicnih 100.000 obiskovalcev. Debevec je prepričan, da zmorejo še precej večji obisk, kot je zdajšnji, zato pripravljajo novosti v jamah in pri promociji. Do konca marca letos bodo jame predstavili na enajstih mednarodnih sejmih.

DELO

## Več kot sto tisoč potnikov na brezplačnem Lokal'cu

**HEADLINE:** More than 100,000 passengers on the free Lokalec

**TOPIC:** At the end of last year, Velenje mayor Srečko Meh and Izletnik Celje Director Darko Safarič signed an agreement concerning transportation in the municipality of Velenje. The agreement allows for the operation of two free local bus lines which will continue through 2009.

The municipality started free city bus transportation on Sept. 1, 2008, which was financed with the help of large Velenje companies and the Velenje school center. The municipality arranged two free routes to allow

students, the elderly and workers easier access to the city center, schools and workplaces, and at the same time decrease the traffic in the city center as well as pollution in the environment.

From September through mid-December, 108,857 passengers took advantage of the free bus rides offered in the city of Velenje.

Konec prejšnjega leta sta mestni župan Srečko Meh in direktor Izletnika Celje Darko Safarič podpisala pogodbo o mestnem prometu v Mestni občini Velenje, tako da se bo lahko delovanje dveh krožnih in brezplačnih prog lokalnih avtobusov nadaljevalo tudi leta

2009. Podjetje Izletnik je bilo izbrano na javnem razpisu.

Brezplačni mestni potniški promet je občina uvedla 1. septembra lani, financirala pa ga je s pomočjo večjih velenjskih podjetij in velenjskega šolskega centra. Občina se je za brezplačni prog, rumeno in rdeče odločila, da bi osnovnosolcem srednjesolcem, studentom, upokojencem in zaposlenim omogočila lažji dostop do mestnega središča, s'ol in delovnih mest, hkrati pa bi zmanjšali motorni promet v mestnem središču ter tako tudi onesnaževanje okolja z izpushimi plini.

Od 1. septembra do 14. decembra se je po podatkih

mestne občine na brezplačnih Izletnikovih avtobusih, ki so jih poimenovali Lokal'ci, prepeljalo 108.857 potnikov.

Od 1. januarja Lokal'ci vozijo po že vzpostavljeni rumeni prog in v obe smeri vozita po dva avtobusa na vsake pol ure.

DELO

**KLJUČ - Poznemu dobrovoljčku, ki se zamenja, da bi odklenil vrata, policaj reče: "Na ta način nikoli ne boste odklenili vrat, saj v ključavnico vtikate cigaro namesto ključa." Pijanček: "Kaj? Cigaro? Potem sem pa najbrž ključ pokadil!"**

## Med 1198 pticami najzanimivejši kanarčki in papige

**HEADLINE:** Among 1,198 birds, canaries and parrots the most attractive

**TOPIC:** A few weeks ago the Association to Protect and Breed Birds in Nova Gorica arranged the 17th national exhibition and competition of Slovenian birds at the Biotechnical School in Šempeter near Nova Gorica. This was the third national exhibition held in the last five years in this part of Slovenia. This is not a coincidence, but a consequence of the fact that the Nova Gorica association is, by number of members and birds, the largest in

Slovenia."

During the exhibition, 1,198 birds, and 124 breeders from 19 associations and 149 groups were introduced. Among them were eight champions whose secured their titles at European competitions, said association president Črtomir Zakrajšek, the proud owner of one of the nicest exotic canaries in all of Europe.

Na Biotehnični šoli v Šempetru je Društvo za varstvo in vzgojo ptic Nova Gorica pred tedni pripravilo 17. državno razstavo in tekmovanje ptic Slovenije, v zadnjih petih letih

je bila to že tretja državna razstava v tem delu Slovenije. "To ni naključje, ampak je posledica tega, da smo po številu članov in ptic največji v Sloveniji. K temu veliko pripomore blizina meje z Italijo, saj je to področje pri naših sosedih zelo razvito. Na razstavi se je predstavilo kar 1198 ptic in 124 gojiteljev iz 19 društev v 149 skupinah. Med njimi je osem šampionov, nekateri so naslove najboljših osvojili tudi na evropskih tekmovanjih. Prav zdaj se pripravljamo na svetovno prvenstvo, osebno sem prepričan, da smo v svetovnem merilu

v vrhu, & pravi predsednik Društva za varstvo in vzgojo ptic Nova Gorica Črtomir Zakrajšek, ponosen lastnik enega najboljših kanarčkov eksotov v Evropi. Na razstavi je bilo največ barvnih kanarčkov, najbolj raznolika je bila kategorija favna Evrope, eksotov in njihovih križancev. Presenetljivo veliko je bilo tudi papig - poleg malih in srednjih so se letos predstavile še velike.

DELO

**BLAZINA - Škot pripoveduje prijatelju: "Lani sem ženi za rojstni dan kupil zračno blazino." - "Pa letos?" - "Letos jo bom napihnil."**

## Življenje pozimi nekoč

**HEADLINE:** Life in the winter in previous times

**TOPIC:** According to the philosophy of older people, life on earth is a walk through a tearful valley. Everything comes and everything passes away; only memories remain and don't fade.

In farm houses there were — and still are even today — large rooms named "hiša," from which many people would make a suitable residence these days. In this large room, mainly in the fall and winter months, a variety of peasant work was done. They peeled husks from the corn, shredded cabbage and turnips, shelled beans... Mother made bread from homegrown wheat on a table that was designed to make bread dough on. The bread was baked in the large ovens

which also heated the large room. During the winter, the peč (stove) was always warm, and many times the children slept on it. Below "God's corner" was a large table where people ate, usually with wooden spoons, without plates, and all from one dish. It wasn't unusual in those days for families to have 14 children.

During the winter, men repaired or made domestic tools: baskets, rakes, different types of handles for shovels, pitch forks... They knew how to make skies for the children and small plows to plow the snow on the paths to the schools and churches. The women knitted sweaters, gloves and socks from wool, and they embroidered tablecloths. Many also made lace, and with the money they

made they were able to buy shoes and clothing. On the weekends the large room had to be cleaned and the entire wood floor had to be scrubbed.

In those fall and winter days, when we used petroleum lamps, there was always plenty of work for both young and old, and there was always plenty of opportunity for social contact. People, families, neighbors — we were all friends.

Stari ljudje so modrovali, da je življenje na zemlji hoja po solzni dolini po velikih ovinkih. Na njej vse pride in vse mine, le spomini ostanejo in ne zbledijo.

Bile so - in so še danes ponekod po kmečkih hišah tolikšne izbe, tako imenovane "hiše" iz katerih bi danesjše čase marsikdo naredil že kar

lepo stanovanje. Tudi v moji rojstni hiši je takšen prostor.

V teh prostorih so se, predvsem v jesenskem in zimskem času, vsrila razna kmečka opravila. Lickala se je koruza, ribalo zelje in repa, robkali koruzni storži, luščil in prebral fizol, pred domačim praznikom & zakolom prašiča, smo morali otroci za krvavice naphati v stopi iz prosa kašo, iz jecemna pa jesprenj. V mentrgi je mama mesila testo iz moke doma pridelanega žita in v krushi peč spekla kruh običajno za teden dni. V zimskih mesecih je bila peč vedno topla in na njej so marsikje otroci tudi spali. Pod bohkovim kotom je bila velika miza, za katero smo obedovali. uživali smo preprosto, vso domaćo, na roke pridelano hrano. Jedli smo z lesenimi zlicami, brez krožnikov, vsi iz ene skleda.

Družina je bila vedno številča, saj se je tedanje čase v družinah rodilo do štirinajst otrok, kar bi bilo za danesjše čase pravi čudes'.

V zimskem času so moski izdelovali ali popravljali domače orodje - koše, kosare, sejalnice, necke, grablje, razne "stile" & za nasajanje lopat, motik, sekir, vil, skafe, čebre, stolčke za molžo, popravljali kravje jasli in svinjska korita.

Znali so izdelovati tudi smuči za otroke in manjše pluge za oranje snega, da je bila odprta pot za v solo in k masi. Ženske pa smo se trudile, da bi čimprej nagradsale in napredle volno - nato smo za družino za mrzle dni spletle nogavice, rokavice, jope, šale. Vezle smo predke, iz licanja pa spletle predpraznike. Za temi deli je prislo na vrsto predenje prediva - iz niti je potem

tkalec stkal platno, domačin pa so iz vsega sesli platnene rjuhe in vreče. Veliko jih je tudi klekljalo in si z lepimi čipkami prisluzilo kar nekaj denarja za obutev in obutev številnih otrok. Ob sobotah in pred prazniki pa je bilo treba temeljito pospraviti po hišo in okoli nje ter poribati lesen pod v hiši. Nedelje in prazniki so bili vedno spostovani, vsi smo hodili k maši. V tistih jesenskih in zimskih dneh, ko smo si svetiili s petrolejkami in laternami, je bilo za staro in mlado vedno dovolj dela, pa tudi priloznosti za družabnost ni manjkalo. Ljudje, družine, sosedje - vsi smo bili prijatelji. Pri tolikšem delu smo drug drugega obiskovali, si pomagali, se znali zabavati in tako prezivljati lepo, preprosto, č' prav včasih trdo kmečko življenje.

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## Official Proceedings

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Nov. 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by President Evanish with Sis. Pintar and Bro. Lawrence in attendance.

Approved the minutes of the Oct. 7, 2008, meeting.

Approved a cultural donation to the Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges in the amount of \$200 for the Slovenian ethnic/cultural program held Oct. 17 featuring The Singing Slovenes.

Received a thank you letter from Sis. Sharon Ujich on behalf of the Association of Slovene Americans for the donation the Society made to the Slovene Radio Hour.

Reported that we received an invitation for an executive and Miss SNPJ to attend Florida SNPJ Days sponsored by Lodge 778, Spring Hill, Fla., Feb. 27-March 1, 2009. Approved to send Sis. Pintar and to invite Miss SNPJ Brittney Zemko to this event.

Approved payments to Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, Society attorney, for legal work in the amounts of \$119 and \$585.

Approved \$100 donation to Chartiers Creek Workcamp which will be participating in a project to repair up to 100 homes for families who physically or financially cannot do the work themselves.

Approved payment of the first installment of the grant for sponsoring the 2008 Eastern Bowling Tournament in the amount of \$250 to SNPJ Lodge 6.

Reported that the Executive Committee attended the October meeting of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress (PFC) and the luncheon meeting with Pennsylvania legislators in Harrisburg, Pa.

Approved payment of \$2,610 to SNPJ Lodge 6 for financial aid for Lodge 6 bowling shirts.

Reported that the Executive Committee approved the following mergers:

- Lodge 124 will merge with Lodge 581 on Nov. 15, 2008
- Lodge 583 will merge with Lodge 87 on Dec. 5, 2008
- Lodge 196 will merge with Lodge 153 on Dec. 8, 2008
- Lodge 244 will merge with Lodge 274 on Dec. 15, 2008
- Lodge 4 members will transfer to Lodge 562 on Dec. 15, 2008
- Lodge 710 will merge into Lodge 800 on Dec. 15, 2008
- Lodge 143 will merge into Lodge 207 on Dec. 15, 2008
- Lodge 537 will merge into Lodge 764 on Dec. 30, 2008

In addition, there are two Lodges pending reactivation and two Lodges whose members are being transferred on an individual bases depending on where they live.

Approved a donation of \$150 to the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh 2008 Children's Hospital drive.

Approved a donation of \$105 to the March of Dimes for their Blue Jeans for Babies fund-raiser.

Approved a payment of \$135 to the Polka Hall of Fame for a full-page ad in the 2008 PHOF program book.

Approved a payment of \$12 to the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

#### Cash Withdrawals:

**Oct. 8** - There were two Juvenile Cash Withdrawals and five Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$9,443.63; insurance, \$93,000.

**Oct. 15** - There were seven Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$7,658.31; insurance, \$50,942.

**Oct. 22** - There were five Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$7,486.95; insurance, \$23,583.

**Oct. 29** - There were two Juvenile Cash Withdrawals, one Matured Endowment and 17 Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$16,855.99; insurance, \$88,877.

**Nov. 5** - There were 14 Adult Cash Withdrawal, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$12,361.48; insurance, \$49,260.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

**JOSEPH C. EVANISH**  
National President

**KAREN A. PINTAR**  
National Secretary



Members and guests of Reveliers Lodge 33 and Excelsiors Lodge 721 joined together to celebrate the season Dec. 7.

## Reveliers and Excelsiors share the Christmas spirit

by NANCY KOUTOULAKIS  
Lodge 721 Secretary

**ALIQUIPPA, Pa.** — Joy filled the air Dec. 7, 2008, as members and guests of Reveliers Lodge 33 of Ambridge, Pa., and Excelsiors Lodge 721 of Aliquippa joined together for a Christmas party held at Franzee's-Javy's in Ambridge.

After an introduction by Lodge 721 Secretary

Nancy Koutoulakis, delicious dinner entrees were served. Everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by Lodge 33 President Dave Pendel on his button box. George Buckley, Andrew Rupnick and Margaret Zakrajsek were honored as 50- and 60-year members.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the children's excitement mounted as Santa

entered the room and greeted each child by name. The children told Santa their Christmas wishes before receiving gifts from the Home Office and the Lodges. Adult members and guests also received items from the Home Office.

The festive afternoon was enjoyed by all. Holiday greetings were extended to one another upon departure.

## Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — This is not the way I like to start my articles. Our hearts are heavy as we say farewell to Sis. Olga (Golob) Bolka. This longtime loyal and active member was always ready to lend a hand at any Badger Lodge 584 function. She rarely missed a meeting until the past few months when she was not feeling well. Sis. Bolka passed away Jan. 11 at the age of 87. The evening before her passing was spent having dinner with her family at her home. Olga was the wife of the late Frank Bolka, and the mother of Frank (Pat), Janice (Ron Pape) and John (Lisa) Bolka. Olga leaves behind sisters Ruth (the late Arthur) Slocum and Eleanor (Paul) Reinke, other relatives and many friends. The Slovenian Retirees, SWU 43 and the balina league will sadly miss Sis. Bolka as she was an active member of these organizations. Sis. Fran Smole, vice president of Badger Lodge 584, conducted the SNPJ services that were held at the Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home.

Good friends and Lodge members Don and Georgene Wene are giving up their "city slicker" status for Wene Ponderosa Estates in Crivitz, Wis. Yes, they're leaving the big city for the Wisconsin north woods. I don't know if this move required any physical or medical exams, or if special inoculations were needed to accomplish this, but they have relocated and can now be reached by carrier pigeon (just kidding, of course). Don and Georgene have been

planning this move for many years and they finally got their wish. Their two daughters, Don Lynn and Eileen, live in Crivitz. We will miss them in the Milwaukee area, but then again, Crivitz is not that far north and I'm sure they'll be visiting their son, Marc, here in town often.

This winter has been brutal so far with all the snow. Now we are experiencing sub-zero temperatures with wind chills of -30 to -40 degrees that makes leaving your home dangerous. Any exposed skin can freeze in minutes. Frostbite cases in local hospitals have risen, as well as hypothermia. Schools have been closed and most other activities have been canceled. The regular Badger Lodge 584 meeting scheduled Jan. 15 was no exception. Warmer times are coming; we're on the downside of winter with only three more months until spring. I can't wait any longer, so I am planning a trip to Melbourne, Fla., to visit and harass my big brother, Rudy. Amalie and I will drive down and spend some time soaking up the warm sunshine. It can't come soon enough.

This is another reminder that the local Lodge assessment is due in January. Please make your checks payable to Badger Lodge 584 in the amount of \$3.60 per each adult Lodge member. Send your check to Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Mlaker at 3809 S. 50th St., Milwaukee, WI 53220. If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please call Bro. Mlaker at (414) 546-0725. Remember, the Lodge does not send out reminders of this assessment but you are required to make the payment in order to be considered a member in good standing. Failure to pay the assessment might effect your participation in future

sporting events. The assessment covers postage, office and mailing supplies, and expenses of the secretary/treasurer.

The Fun-O-Leers will have their annual bowling social this year at Riviera Lanes Sunday, March 15. Once again, it's not too early to start planning your teams. For additional information, contact Fun-O-Leers Event Chairman Craig Frohna at (262) 821-5295. You can also visit the web site [www.funoleers.org](http://www.funoleers.org) and click on the "9 Pin Tap Bowling Social" link for a printable entry form. The deadline for those entry forms is March 9. Bowling begins at noon. A cost of \$12 includes bowling fees, lunch, beer and soda. Past participants look forward to this event each year. It certainly is a day of fun on the planks. Come and join us.

Since our January meeting was canceled, our next regular meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19. We will be electing a recording secretary, and delegates to the Federation and USPEH. These are important positions and should be filled so that the Lodge can be represented. If you are interested, please contact Lodge President Tim Donovan at (414) 817-0192 prior to the Feb. 19 meeting.

The 2009 Tony Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament is history. It took place Jan. 17 at Riviera Lanes under the direction of Sis. Mary Donovan and her staff of able-bodied helpers from KSKJ, CFU and Sloga. From all reports, it was another successful event. Sis. Donovan makes a full report in this issue.

If you have news you'd like to include in "Badger Jabber," e-mail me at [rsmole@sb-cglobal.net](mailto:rsmole@sb-cglobal.net), noting "Badger Jabber" in the subject line, or call me at (262) 242-6204.

## PROSVETA Crossword

Super Bowl (#0209) by StatePoint Media

#### ACROSS

1. Gog and \_\_\_\_\_
6. Half of NFL
9. Hipbones
13. Native of Oman
14. Belonging to you and me
15. New Zealand minority
16. Back of body, pl.
17. Sought at crime scene
18. \_\_\_\_\_ alert
19. Vital part
21. This year's halftime show
23. Through-the-lens
24. Helmsley, a.k.a. "Queen of \_\_\_\_\_"
25. Other half of NFL
28. Where many sit to watch the big game
30. Antagonists in "Dances with Wolves"
35. \_\_\_\_\_, not his
37. Long forearm bone
39. Type of humor
40. Margarine
41. Second T in T&T drink
43. Swear, not as in curse
44. Camel's cousin
46. Popular Italian name
47. Father bear in "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"
48. Patterned table linen
50. Common feeling after visiting dentist
52. Author of "The Star-Spangled Banner"

53. The west \_\_\_\_\_, in D.C.

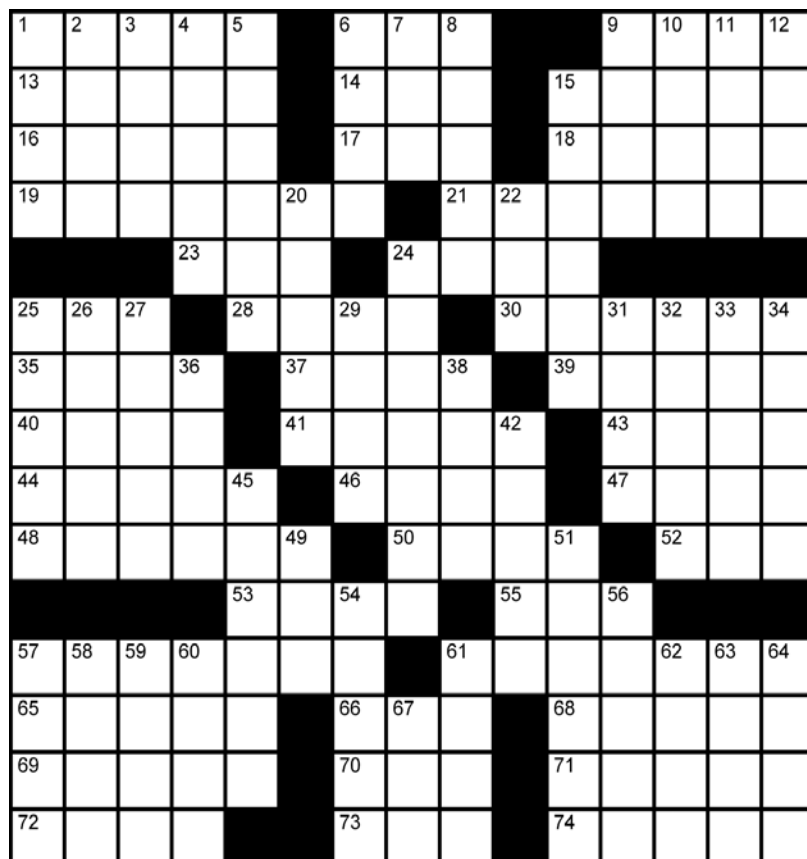
55. The well-heeled sit in a luxury one
57. This year's host
61. Produced by distilling coal
65. Helper
66. Roman sun god
68. Leningrad's problem during World War II
69. The one involving O.J. was infamous
70. 2nd, 3rd or 5th in N.Y.C.
71. Clothes moths
72. Castle material
73. Fall behind
74. Locations

#### DOWN

1. A la \_\_\_\_\_
2. Andy's radio and TV buddy
3. Fish with long jaws and needle-like teeth, pl.
4. The beginning, as with an illness
5. Last year's champs
6. Lymph \_\_\_\_\_
7. "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of it"
8. Used to import and export
9. Stressed-unstressed poetry pattern
10. Member of Los Lobos band
11. Wraths
12. Broadcasts
15. Unnaturally frenzied woman
20. Can come in handy to gain influence

22. As opposed to mishap
24. Either MVP brother
25. Near the wind
26. Chip or gent
27. Best in a group, figurative
29. Severe form of punishment
31. Relatively new kind of sandwich
32. Conservative commentator and columnist Robert
33. Run off together
34. QB with most Super Bowl starts
36. South of Market St. in San Francisco, acr.
38. Indigenous to northernmost islands of Japan
42. Fast food option
45. Adjective form of "swirl"
49. New on the block?
51. What fan of winning team does?
54. Pinched nose sound
56. This year's Super Bowl
57. Saturated, unsaturated ones
58. Italian money
59. Frigg's husband, Norse mythology
60. Literates can do it
61. Horsefly
62. Port city in Belgium
63. "A Death in the Family" author, James \_\_\_\_\_
64. Are there really 7 of these?
67. Female reproductive cell, pl.

The solution to puzzle #0209 will run in the Feb. 11 issue.



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## Warm up your winter at Lodge 603 Florida Slovene Days

**FLORIDA SLOVENE DAYS**  
FROM PAGE 1

Secretary Karen Pintar. Accomplished musicians Tony Klepec and Bob Turcola also plan to attend the festivities. Many of you know the added enjoyment they bring to any festival, especially ours.

On Sunday we will be hosting a bluegrass festival from noon until 5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Barbecue will be on the menu, along with some ethnic foods. Salt Water Bluegrass will play for your enjoyment. This band is popular throughout the county, and you don't want to miss this special performance. As always, apple strudel, cabbage rolls, pierogies, and klobase and sauerkraut will be on the menu throughout the festival weekend.

The Lodge bar will be open all three days. It's always nice to tip a drink or two with many of you. Prizes will be awarded throughout the weekend, and you're welcome to bring a gift or two to share. Mary and Jack Pleterki, and Mary and Lenny Shaw have volunteered once again to serve as hosts and hostesses, and plan to serve a welcome treat again this year.

Make plans to enjoy our Lodge and sample our delicious foods and beverages.

After spending three days at our Lodge, take some leisure time and travel over to Lodge 778 in Spring Hill, Fla., for their Florida SNPJ Days festivities, scheduled Feb. 27 through March 1.

Justin "Jubbe" Hafner turned 30 a few months ago and all he wanted for his birthday was a party at the Lodge 603 Hall here in Samsula. Jubbe's parents, longtime SNPJ members Jane and Jerry Hafner, pulled off the surprise for their son. The Hafners live in Palatka, Fla., but often visit Samsula where Jerry grew up. Jerry's parents, Lillian (Luznar) and Rudy Hafner, helped

pioneer Samsula. Lillian, better known as Babe, was born deep in the woods of our little community to Slovenian parents Jennie and John Luznar, who immigrated here in 1915. Rudy, the son of Elizabeth and Jerry Hafner, arrived in Samsula from Ohio when he was a young lad. Elizabeth served as Lodge 603 secretary until Mary Ann Reichel took over nearly 40 years ago.

Jubbe is known as "chick magnet" at our hall, so Jane had special shirts made for him and his father to mark the occasion. More than 100 guests attended his special birthday celebration.



**DIANA HEILMAN, PAULETTE SMITHEMEYER and RHONDA TESAURO** have been busy making strudel for Florida Slovene Days, scheduled Feb. 20-22 at Samsula Lodge 603.

## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — Have you all recovered from the holidays yet? We've just about cleared all the decorations away, but still have some remnants around. It seems so long in planning, and before you know it the holiday is over, but the memories linger on.

We were hit with a recent snowstorm which we weren't too happy about. Our friends in Florida tell us they are swimming and having a good time basking in the sun. I can't say we're having a good time, but it's nice to stay indoors and get some of things done you always wanted to get done. The days are already getting longer, so

before you know it we'll be enjoying warmer temperatures.

We were sorry to hear that Mary Vrhovnik (559) broke her wrist before the holidays. We wish you a speedy recovery, Mary, and hope to see you back in circulation soon. We were also sorry to hear that Helen Zacharsky (559) hasn't been feeling up to par. Sylvia Ericksen (1) spent a day in the hospital having tests.

The Slovene Cultural Center in Lemont, Ill., held their first dinner of the year. As usual, it was delicious. What else can you say about a good Slovenian meal? It was nice seeing friends we hadn't seen for some time. The Cultural Center hosts their dinners the second Sunday of each month; the next is scheduled Feb. 8.

We don't lack for family gatherings in January; we have six birthdays to celebrate in our family. Our granddaughter Laura is really excited to celebrate her 21st birthday. Oh, to be

young again.

Well, another of our pensioners' meetings was canceled. We've been having a lot of snow and very cold temperatures. Slovene Pensioners' Club members will now meet Feb 11, and hopefully better weather will be on its way. I've heard that Illinois is having record snowfall this season. I don't care about records; most of us are just waiting for better weather.

Just a reminder that the Illinois Polkafest, hosted by Bob Doszak, will be taking place at the Holiday Inn in Naperville Feb. 6 and 7. For more information e-mail [rdoszak@att.net](mailto:rdoszak@att.net). This event should help those of us suffering through these record snowfalls and cold temperatures.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members held their first meeting of the year Jan. 9. President pro-tem Otto Doerk called the meeting to order in the absence of President Jean Cherway. Conrad Ladstatter was selected as vice presi-

dent pro-tem, and Betty Nadvornik as sergeant-at-arms pro-tem. We were glad to welcome Conrad Ladstatter back to the meeting. He's looking good. Absent from the meeting were President Jean Cherway, Sergeant-at-Arms Anne Cretnik, and auditors John Cretnik and Lucille Goste.

Minutes from the Dec. 12 meeting were read and approved as read. Secretary Vitous gave the financial report for December and read a letter from National Secretary Karen Pintar. Our Lodge must send a number of forms to the Home Office to be eligible for Lodge awards. The Election of Officers form is due into the Home Office March 1; the Audit form and Local Unit Activity form are due at the Home Office April 1. Lodge Activity Planner Forms are due into the Fraternal Department by May 1. We are also required to send in records of our Lodge meetings.

Our active membership includes

593 adults and 51 youth members. Robert Arko from Mt. Prospect is our 70-year member for the month, and Joseph Spence from Park Ridge is an 80-year member. Otto Doerk announced that the next Chicago Federation meeting will be held Jan. 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Since there were few members at the meeting because of the bad weather, we postponed discussing our activities for the year until our February meeting, which is scheduled Feb. 13.

Before I close, I would like to extend my best wishes to Lodge 559 President Jean Cherway who will be having hip surgery. We hope to see you back in circulation soon, Jean.

Many people in our area are awaiting the warmer temperatures. It's getting depressing for many. Otto and I continue our regular routine, but for us, spring can't be far away.



Lodge 559 members participated in a gift exchange at their Dec. 12 Christmas party at Czech Plaza Restaurant.

## Pioneers celebrate a traditional holiday

by ANITA VITOUS  
Lodge 559 Secretary

**CHICAGO** — Pioneer Lodge 559 celebrated Christmas the traditional way, with great food, lots of laughter and a gift exchange. Members met at the Czech Plaza Restaurant Dec. 12. Following the business meeting, members were treated to a full meal of soup, an entree and desserts.

The celebration continued with door prizes donated by Conrad Ladstatter, and Grace and Otto Doerk. Santa arrived

bearing gifts for the annual gift exchange. Jean Cherway added to the festivities by bringing a beautifully decorated cake for all to enjoy. By the time the afternoon concluded, everyone left with a touch of Christmas spirit in their hearts.

Come and join our meetings the second Friday of the month at Czech Plaza Restaurant beginning at noon. I hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season, and the New Year brings you much more of the same!

## Santa pays a visit to the Young Americans

by MARION VOLPE  
Lodge 564 Secretary

**WARREN, Mich.** — The Young Americans Lodge 564 Christmas party was held Dec. 20. Santa arrived at his usual time of 5 p.m. Sixteen children were buzzing with anticipation of his arrival. Every child got to sit on Santa's lap while he spoke to them and patiently listened to their wish list.

Santa passed out bags of candy, SNPJ ball paddles and a toy, according to age. The children were delighted with their gifts. Kristin and Jeff Schroeder and a friend acted as elves, helping Santa pass out the gifts and candy. The adults took pictures and video of the children receiving gifts from the white-haired old chap. Some said Santa resembled Don. Hmm...

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal of pork chops, chicken, zucchini, potatoes and salad. Dessert was donated by Young Americans Lodge 564 from what was left over in the freezer after our annual cookie sale and fund-raiser. The crowd gobbled them up in no time. All of the delicious cookies were baked by club members.

We danced to the music of Rob DeBlander's band. Many danced while others socialized and enjoyed the great music. The band played a variety of polkas, Slovenian tunes and even some Christmas music.

Our Slovenian language class, accompanied by Rob DeBlander on accordion,

sang a variety of old Slovenian songs, including "V Dolini Tihi," "Zivijo," "En Hribcek Bom Kupil" and "Silent Night" in both Slovenian and English.

As always, we cannot forget our workers. John Kunz took care of the bar and did a marvelous job. Rudy Zornik decorated and set up the tables. Marlene Zornik and Suzanne Hellner cleaned the club and did a fantastic job. Marion Volpe put out the gifts from the Home Office for the adults and arranged all the cookies on trays. Our new helpers, Kristin and Jeffrey, brought out the cream, sugar and anything else that was needed. As usual, Armando Volpe made the coffee, and took care of the ice and snow outside.

Kristin and Jeffrey, the grandchildren

of J. Robert Adamic, couldn't stay for the entire party, so they offered to sell tickets for our drawing prize, a Christmas money tree. Marlene and Suzanne finished selling the tickets. To our surprise, Lothar Schroeder, Kristin and Jeffrey's father, won the tree. He was gracious enough to donate the money, \$75, back to the club.

We had 61 people for dinner and 16 children in attendance. It was a nice crowd, and it was great to see old and new friends. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rob DeBlander and company for the beautiful music and good cheer.

The members of Young Americans Lodge 564, Youth Circle 29 and the SNPJ Northern Home wish everyone a happy New Year. *Zivijo!*



Young Americans Lodge 564 members **JEFFREY SCHROEDER (left)** and **KRISTIN SCHROEDER (right)**, along with a friend, helped spread holiday cheer during the Dec. 20 Young Americans Lodge 564 Christmas party.

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**BRO. BENJAMIN F. GRILZ**  
• LODGE 225 •

**GIRARD, Kan.** — The members of Lodge 225 and the Grilz family sadly announce the Dec. 11, 2008, passing of Bro. Benjamin Franklyn Grilz, 86, at the Oak View Estates Assisted Living Facility in Frontenac, Kan.

Benjamin was born March 5, 1922, in McCormick, Kan., the son of Frank F. Sr. and Bertha (Clapper) Grilz. He attended schools in McCormick. He has been a resident of Frontenac for the past 61 years.

Bro. Grilz was a veteran of World War II, honorably serving his country in the United States Army as a sergeant in the Airborne Engineers from 1942 through 1945. He married Ann Baima April 5, 1947, in Girard; she survives at the home.

Benjamin was a bulldozer operator for 43 years, working for Mackey Clemons before retiring in 1984. Aside from Lodge 225, he was a member of the American Legion, VFW, United Mine Workers and served two terms on the Frontenac City Council. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and traveling.

Survivors include his wife;

a son, Michael W. (Mary Lou) Grilz of Plano, Texas; a daughter, Linda Kay Grilz of Frontenac; a brother, Frank Grilz Jr. of Frontenac; two sisters, Irene Grilz and Shirley Blansit, both of Kansas City, Kan.; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Ashley Grilz. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeffrey Grilz; and three brothers, Orville, Willard and Robert L. Grilz.

Funeral services were celebrated Dec. 13 at the Friskel Funeral Home in Frontenac with Reverend Dan Muter officiating. Burial followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery where the Pittsburg American Legion provided flag folding ceremonies.

On behalf of Lodge 225 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Grilz's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. HERMINA GLAVACH**  
• LODGE 321 •

**WARREN, Ohio** — The Glavach family and members of Lodge 321 sadly report the Dec. 19, 2008, passing of Sis. Hermina Mary "Min, Mitz" Glavach, 94, at Community



Sis. HERMINA GLAVACH (321)

Skilled Nursing Care Center.

Hermina was born March 29, 1914, in Johnstown, Pa., the daughter of Albin and Mari (Mary) Germadnik. She lived in Johnstown and Sharon, Pa., and attended Sharon schools before moving to Warren in 1942. Hermina and her husband, John G. Glavach, were married Feb. 6, 1937.

Sis. Glavach worked in the Republic Steel Kitchen prior to working at Packard Electric for 28 years, retiring in 1971. She was a faithful member of St. William's Parish in Champion, Ohio. She was also a member of 717 Retirees, and was a part of SNPJ Lodge 321 for over 50 years. Hermina enjoyed crocheting, baking and word search books.

Survivors include her daughter, Hermina Joy (Gail Frederick) Church; a grandson, John Frederick (Kelley Ann) Church; and a granddaughter, Hermina Gail Church, all of Warren; a brother, Leo (Carrrie) Germadnik of Masury, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Sis. Glavach was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Glavach, March 19, 1976; her parents, Albin and Mari

Germadnik; five brothers, Albert, John, Rudy, Otto and Adolph Germadnik; an infant sister in the former Yugoslavia; and a grandson, Frank Earl Church.

On behalf of Lodge 321 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sincere condolences to Sis. Glavach's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. ROSE T. RUPNIK**  
• LODGE 603 •

**SAMSULA, Fla.** — The Rupnik family and members of Lodge 603 sadly report the Dec. 30, 2008, passing of Sis. Rose T. Rupnik, 92, at the Mainland Manor nursing home in New Jersey where she resided for the last five months.

Born in Newark, N.J., Rose lived in Piscataway and Green Brook, N.J., and Deltona, Fla., before moving to Mays Landing, N.J., in 1985.

Sis. Rupnik's desire to help others was evident in her many volunteer activities. She served as a Girl Scout leader, a volunteer with the Ruth Newman Shapiro Hospice Program at Atlantic City Medical Center



Sis. ROSE T. RUPNIK (603)

and was a participant in the Hamilton Township Public Schools Volunteer Program. Aside from SNPJ Lodge 603 in Samsula, she was also a member of the Polish American Association.

Rose is survived by sons Louis (Claudia) Rupnik of Greenwich, Conn., and John (Patsy) Rupnik of Woodbridge, Va.; daughter, Nancy Fiedler of Egg Harbor City, N.J.; and seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Nail, Eric Nail, Jennifer Rupnik, Kristen Rossi, David Fiedler, Jessica Rupnik and Bryson Rupnik. Her smile and happy nature will be missed by all.

Services were celebrated Jan. 2, 2009, at First United Methodist Church of Mays Landing. Burial followed at Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

On behalf of Lodge 603 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our deepest sympathies to Sis. Rupnik's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**BRO. ANTON ZEMLOCK**  
• LODGE 225 •

**GIRARD, Kan.** — The members of Lodge 225 and the Zemlock family sadly report the Dec. 31, 2008, passing of Bro. Anton "Tony" Zemlock Sr., 89, at the Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center in Pittsburg, Kan.

Tony was born April 22, 1919, in Franklin, Kan., the son of Steve and Mollie Goresk Zemlock. Tony was a farmer and raised Santa Gertrudis Cattle in Franklin, where he was a lifelong resident.

Bro. Zemlock married

Ruth McNeil Nov. 3, 1942, in Pittsburg; they recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. She survives of the home.

Tony was a lifetime member of the VFW, the Disabled American Veterans, the Lon Helm Post 182 American Legion in Arma, the Air Capitol Wichita Ex-POWs, and he was a 70-year member of SNPJ Lodge 225.

Bro. Zemlock was a veteran of World War II, serving as a corporal in the U.S. Army. He was captured Dec. 19, 1944, as a POW during the Battle of the Bulge. He received four Bronze Stars and was liberated in April 1945.

Surviving are a daughter, Denise (Don) Kranker of Frontenac; a son, Anton (Beverly) Zemlock Jr. of Independence, Kan.; a nephew, Bob Sayre of Frontenac, and a niece, Geneva Schleicher of Overland Park who were raised in the home; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Tony was preceded in death by five sisters, Mary Azamber, Mollie Markus, Stephina Andreason, Frances Ginardi Losik and Ann Gallagher.

Funeral services were celebrated Jan. 7 at the Bedene Funeral Home in Arma with the Rev. Ken Butts and Rev. Don Foster officiating. Burial followed in the National Cemetery at Ft. Scott, where the Lon Helm Post 182 American Legion conducted graveside flag folding services.

On behalf of Lodge 225 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Bro. Zemlock's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SNPJ Crossword**  
YEAR-IN-REVIEW (#0109) solution

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Sunday, March 1, 2009 (shotgun start at 8 a.m.)

Individual Event — Saturday, Feb. 28

	Name	Lodge No.	Handicap
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**Team Scramble Event — Sunday, March 1**

	Name	Lodge No.	Handicap
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Prize fees for team and individual events are \$7 per person. Prize fees will be collected by the Tournament Committee. Greens fees of \$15 per round are payable at the course. Greens fees include compulsory golf cart.

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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.

*Youth Circle 2 celebrates 70 years*

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of Slovenia. SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards was also in attendance. Bro. Richards presented the Circle with a certificate in appreciation of their 70 years of promoting the Slovenian culture. Finally, the Circle also had the pleasure of having Miss SNPJ 2009 Brittney Zemko (643) in attendance. Brittney spoke briefly to the

audience and stayed after the concert to greet guests.

To end the evening, we tried something different this year and had music for dancing following the concert. Eddie Rodick performed for us; what a wonderful addition to our fall concert lineup. So many people mentioned how pleased they were with the music and the atmosphere it provided. You can't beat an evening of

dancing with the Eddie Rodick Band; they always put on a wonderful show.

Rather than hosting our usual Christmas party, I thought it would be nice to have the children choose an activity of their liking. They decided to take a snow tubing trip. It's a wonderful way to let the children know how much the directors and parents appreciate their hard work all year long.

The children of Youth Circle 2 have a big year set for 2009. In a few months, the Circle will hold its annual Super Button Box Bash at Recher Hall. The date is set for April 5. More information on tickets will be available in a future article.

I would like wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing all of you at future Youth Circle 2 events.

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**DEATHS REPORTED**

For the weeks of Dec. 1-15, 2008

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
6	Louis Bonardi	10-23-08	Bridgeville, Pa.
34	Gloria Jean Miley	11-28-08	Brownsburg, Ind.
89	Gene M. Gastgeb	11-20-08	McDonald, Pa.
113	William Smith	11-18-08	Tooele, Utah
158	Sutton C. Girod	6-24-97	Painesville, Ohio
158	Mary R. Waschura	11-12-08	Naples, Fla.
218	Lorenz G. Freitag	11-15-08	Broomfield, Colo.
314	Steve M. Hecimovich	11-06-08	Buhl, Minn.
497	Robert Tome	11-15-08	Erie, Pa.
559	Julia Sitor	3-21-05	St. Simons Island, Ga.
576	Melvin A. Race	11-21-08	Highland Heights, Ohio
584	Edward M. Bezek	11-27-08	North Chicago, Ill.
584	Frank Dobrovolic	11-09-08	Elkhart, Ill.
604	Stephen Maslar	11-05-08	Las Vegas, Nev.
677	Agnes Klanclnik	11-19-08	Largo, Fla.
686	Eleanor M. Leibold	8-20-02	Saint Paul, Minn.
721	William R. Lise Sr.	11-11-08	South Heights, Pa.
721	Anna Crovosky	11-01-08	Monroeville, Pa.
723	Joel H. Carvajal	11-08-08	Wildomar, Calif.
776	Ernie S. Kalenits	11-22-08	Poland, Ohio
782	William J. Scherer	5-17-08	Pittsburgh, Pa.

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